

## Cease Fire Decree For China Issued

### Chiang Tells His Forces To Halt All Advances, Attacks

Nanking, June 6.—(AP)—Chiang Kai-shek today issued a cease fire order calling a 15-day halt in the long, bloody conflict in Manchuria. The truce, effective tomorrow, is expected to clear the way to permanent settlement of differences between the Chinese government and the Communists.

"I am issuing orders to my armies to hold all advances, attacks and pursuits for a period of 15 days from noon Friday, June 7," the generalissimo announced in a message to newspaper men through a Minister of Information Peng Hsueh-wei.

"Doing this gives the Communist party an opportunity to demonstrate its good faith and intentions to carry out the agreements previously signed. In taking this action, the government in no way prejudices its right under the Sino-Soviet treaty to recover Manchurian sovereignty."

The previous agreement was a January political-military truce, since violated by both sides.

## FLAGPOLE SITTING CAN BE FUN, TOO



TAKEN FROM AN ARMY HELICOPTER, these pictures show flagpole sitters, Marshal Jacobs, squatted atop the 176-foot pole he ascended on Memorial Day in Coshocton, O. He plans to stay up until July 4. He is listening to his portable radio (left). At right, Jacobs came half-way down the pole to meet his fiancée, Connie Casmer, who was hoisted to the half-way mark on a bosun's chair. (International Soundphoto)

## Sen. Austin Chosen For Council Post

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—President Truman's choice of Senator Warren Austin as American representative on the United Nations Security Council prompted official hopes today of encouraging a new Russian attitude in that body.

The Vermont Republican said only that as the successor to Edward R. Stettinius, he considered himself the President's deputy to carry out politics Mr. Truman formulates.

But Senate colleagues noted that the 61-year-old New Englander will take into his new post a publicly-recorded understanding of what he has termed the "security conscious" position of Russia.

As American representative, Austin will deal directly with Andrei Gromyko, Russian member, who on more than one occasion has failed to see eye to eye with the United States on world disputes called to the council's attention.

## People Of France Hail GI Liberators

Treves, France, June 6.—(AP)—The people of Normandy paid tribute today to a memorable morning two years ago when Allied troops in the greatest invasion in history, surged over their beaches to begin the long bloody attack against Hitler's invincible defenses.

The commemoration was held for the most part without fanfare or revelry, but with a dignity befitting an occasion when men fought and died to liberate other men from the voice of oppression.

In St. Mere Eglise there was an all-day observance honoring the men of the 82nd Airborne Division which floated out of the sky two years ago to begin the invasion. But in most of the villages and along most of the dusty roads the people of Normandy regarded the day quietly, grieved over their beaches to begin the long bloody attack against Hitler's invincible defenses.

They prayed for the men who came to liberate them and who stayed under the white crosses of David in one of Normandy's ancient American military cemeteries.

Many of them told once again stories they have been telling for two years—personal stories of heroism and sacrifice by the men who came to free them. They all recall many anecdotes which lent a touch of humor to the grim day.

## Senate Gets Slashed OPA Legislation

### Would End Controls On Livestock, Eggs And Dairy Products

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—An OPA bill taken with great for the administration began its journey to the Senate floor today.

Over thirty members of the Senate Banking Committee drafted a formal recommendation to the chamber that it vote to extend price control one year beyond June 30 but in a sharply curtailed form.

Chairman Wagner, (D) of New York, who led a long administration fight against drastic revision of the present law, announced he would issue a report denouncing the legislation.

Members Rank Chairman

Also, half a dozen members of the 19-man committee signified their intention to side with the chairman. The effect on the Senate during next week's debate was highly problematical.

The House already has passed an extension bill which administration spokesmen say would be the end of price control next month unless the Senate took a different track.

Here are some of the major features of the Senate bill, condemned as "monstrous" by Stabilization Director Chester Bowles even before its completion:

- 1—Price control over livestock, meats, poultry, eggs and dairy products would end June 30.
- 2—The Secretary of Agriculture rather than the price administrator would set what other farm products could be kept under price ceilings.
- 3—A de-control board, independent of OPA, would be established with power to override the price administrator's refusal to lift controls on any specific commodity.
- 4—The \$2,000,000,000 in subsidies, requested by OPA would be cut to \$1,500,000,000, with a provision that no food subsidies could be paid after May 1, 1947. If the de-control of meat and dairy products stands any in the Senate, the food subsidies probably will be cut to about \$800,000,000 for the ten months. The subsidies are paid to growers and processors to make up for higher production costs not passed onto the public in the form of increased ceiling prices.

## AFL Seafarers Call Surprise Walkout Of Men On All Coasts

### THEIR HEARTS BELONG TO TEXAS



WAVING GOODBYE to Boston from the back of their father's truck, the Ingram children, Jimmy, 4, Sherrell, 3, and Shirley, 7, start back to Texas after doctors successfully performed a rare heart operation on Shirley. The child's father, Marion Ingram, sold his chicken farm at Wichita Falls to finance the operation. (International Soundphoto)

## Committee Of Congress Opens Probe

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—AFL seafarers called a surprise walkout on all coasts today as a congressional committee decided to try to avert a CIO maritime strike set for June 15.

Thousands of AFL seamen at Atlantic, Gulf, Pacific and Hawaiian ports made ready to quit their ships and hold simultaneous meetings at 2 p. m. to discuss "matters of great importance."

The call for the sudden walkout—of uncertain duration—crashed into the already tense labor situation.

The House Labor Committee empowered a sub-committee, headed by Rep. A. B. Kelley (D) of Pennsylvania to step into the picture in an effort to prevent a shipping strike.

To Open Hearings

Kelley said he would open hearings "as soon as possible"—maybe tomorrow. He said "key figures" in the disputes between employers and CIO seamen and dock workers would be called to testify.

The AFL action would seriously will halt activity aboard ships for as many hours as the discussions continue. Seamen on the Great Lakes are not affected.

New York, a union spokesman said a work stoppage on AFL-manned ships in the port of New York, which started at noon "was a 100 per cent stoppage."

Contacts 75 Ships

Jack Dwyer, New York agent for the sailors union of the Pacific (AFL) said he based his statement on "contact with 75 ships" in the port.

"Nobody is working," he added. This applied, he said, to his own union as well as the members of the Seafarers International Union, (also AFL) with which his union was scheduled to meet at 2 p. m. EST.

Dwyer said he had received word from Baltimore that Maryland port was also completely tied up as far as AFL ships are concerned.

Sixty-two thousand members of the two AFL unions were instructed to take part in the work stoppage.

Union leaders have said they expected 5,000 men to quit work in the New York port.

The AFL "stop work meeting"—halt activities aboard ships for as many hours as the discussions continue.

Involved are members of the AFL Seafarers International Union and its west coast affiliate, the Seafarers Union of the Pacific.

The purpose apparently was to protest the presence of Pacific ship operators in Washington for the CIO talks.

But there was evidence that the AFL seafarers—especially at Atlantic and Gulf ports—intended to discuss as well their course of action if next week's strike of CIO seamen and dock workers materializes.

As maritime labor troubles spread, the views in Washington included:

1. Eastern ship operators rejected the latest undisclosed offer of the CIO Maritime Union.
2. The House Labor Committee scheduled a meeting to discuss the whole maritime situation. This will be the first official action on Capitol Hill with respect to threatened strikes.
3. President Truman called on the CIO Maritime Union and the employers to "buckle down and settle this matter through collective bargaining."
4. The CIO union published full page advertisements in several newspapers asserting that "the threat of a strike will disappear overnight if the ship operators offer something reasonable" for a shorter work-week aboard ships and higher wages.

## Hotel Fire Inquiry Starts In Chicago

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It appeared likely, however, that Orlando would face powerful opposition from the Communists, third strongest party in the week-end election. Palmiro Togliatti, minister of justice and a Communist leader, declared in a final campaign speech that the Communists "never" would collaborate with Orlando, whose National Democratic Union ran fourth in the balloting.

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## House And Senate Might Compromise On Draft Measure

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—House and Senate braced today for a tug-of-war over resuming the 19-year-old draft, but there were hints of a compromise making 19-year-olds eligible and exempting those of 18.

The two chambers found themselves poles apart on the "two-age" issue in their efforts to decide how to continue the draft. The Senate is overwhelmingly for continued use of 19-year-olds in the service, the House just as overwhelmingly against it.

## India Independence Offer Is Reported O. K.'d By Moslems

London, June 6.—(AP)—The All-India radio, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters, reported today that the Muslim League council has voted by a large majority to support the British cabinet mission's proposal for India's independence.

Dispatches from New Delhi had reported considerable sentiment in the council in favor of accepting the British plan, despite the insistence of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, league president on a separate Muslim state.

The council, composed of 473 representatives from 31 provinces, assembled in New Delhi to pass upon the British plan.

## Chicago Hotel Phone Operator May Get Award

Chicago, June 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Julia C. Barry, heroic telephone operator who remained at her switchboard in the LaSalle hotel warning guests of the fire which swept the building until she died from smoke, will be considered for the Theodore Vail award, Bell telephone officials said today.

The Vail award, established by the late president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is given annually to those engaged in telephone work who have performed outstanding acts of public service.

## New York Cotton

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher.

Non prices were unchanged to 75 cents a bale lower.

July 28.11 October 29.33 and December 28.49

	Close	Open
July	28.25	28.25
Oct.	28.45	28.45
Dec.	28.58	28.59
Mar. (1947)	28.65	28.67
May (1947)	28.63	28.66
July (1947)	28.55	28.53

## Ground Hog Changes Colors

College Station, Raleigh, June 6.—The ground hog, legendary weather prophet, has assumed a Jekyll-Hyde personality in Western North Carolina.

Assistant Watauga County Agent W. C. Richardson of the State College Extension Service, reported today that the purportedly amiable woodchuck "now constitutes a considerable menace to agriculture" in this section of the state and that farmers are going to war against the burrowing bums.

H. C. Perry of Cove Creek is using gas cartridges to rock the destructive creatures to permanent sleep, dropping the deadly little grenades into the animals' holes. Other farmers are using carbon dioxide fumes from tractor and automobile exhausts—piped into the woodchuck's underground home by flexible hoses—to kill or capture the pest.

Richardson declared that the woodchuck is "not only damaging grasses and legumes but is also destroying row crops." The animal burrows so easily and extensively that frequently large sections of a field are undermined. His holes leave an open menace to grazing livestock. Many cows and horses have suffered broken legs by stepping into the openings.

## Document Shows How Germany Was Able To Re-arm

Nuernberg, June 6.—(AP)—Confiscated records of the Krupp dynasty laid bare today the secret origin of German rearmament in the supposedly beaten and bankrupt Weimar Republic barely a year after the Treaty of Versailles was signed and 13 years before Hitler came to power.

Documents in Allied hands provide evidence that a hush-hush \$48,000,000,000 loan was made available to Krupp in 1920 by a man who was renaissance-actor three years before Hitler even marched in his 1923 beer hall putsch.

In 1940, when Germany had invaded France and was poised to invade England, the ex-chancellor wrote proudly from exile in Switzerland to old gun maker Gustav Krupp in his stone palace in the Ruhr. The letter, signed "Joseph Wirth" and recovered from the Krupp files in Essen, is regarded by Allied investigators as typifying brazenly the hidden partnership of industrial leaders and democratic politicians to restore German military might.

## Security Council Nears Show-down Over Franco Case

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Russia and the big western powers in the United Nations Security Council all three armed with the knock-out punch of the veto—headed for a showdown today over a sub-committee's appraisal of Franco Spain as a menace to peace.

As the council prepared to assemble at 3 p. m. after a 15-day lay-off, the spokesman for a delegation represented on the sub-committee said he understood one of the big three might invoke the veto unless the report is modified, but he expressed hope that the committee's adoption of Spain would be adopted "without too much cutting or watering down."

The report called for a collective United Nations diplomatic break with Madrid by the General Assembly next September if Spain is not rid of Francisco Franco by then.

## -Around Capital Square-

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Raleigh, June 6.—Now that the nominating primary is ten days behind and political analysts have caught their breath and obtained some perspective on it, many of them around capital square have concluded that the GIs have been accorded more credit than real facts warrant. That GI ticket fronted campaigns in several counties which resulted in upsetting the applicants of numerous political organizations cannot be denied; it is written boldly in the record.

TOOLS—In a few instances the World War II veterans probably deserve full credit for achievements, but in most cases they were the tools of the vehicle through which long standing opposition to the status quo was first brought to the attention of a dozen or so men around the square interviewed this week. The fact that these men, or the higher ups who appoint them, are now in office and will come up for re-election in 1948 may have influenced them to seek comfort in the idea expressed, but they cited specific cases to prove the point.

BUNCOMBE—The Buncombe county upset in the GI place in state interest. There a GI candidate, Eugene Parker, defeated Bertion Hodges for the senate, and the GI's claim full credit. Fact is, the organization which sponsored Hodges has been seriously threatened before and the same forces that opposed the "machine" before the war joined hands to support the opposition candidate sponsored by the GI group. Then, too, the organization itself split on candidates for congress and there was some first in other races. With the recognized leader of the organization seriously ill in a hospital throughout the campaign, there are many who think it could not have survived this year even without the GI ticket against it. In other words, powerful opposition from any source would have been successful. Furthermore the organization itself backed the GI candidate for solicitor and only indifferently supported some other candidates ostensibly "on the ticket."

WAKE—In Wake county Numa F. Turner, sheriff since 1926, was defeated by a recently discharged service man, Robert Pleasant. Also Senator Wiley G. Barnes was ousted by Robert N. Simms, Jr., who featured his war record in his campaign. Here also other factors were deeply involved, and many observers early in the campaign doubted that either of the incumbents could survive opposition by a strong candidate, GI or other. In fact, they resented a good while about entering the race this year. This is another way of saying it was inherent weakness in the record or the incumbents rather than strength on part of their opponents that produced the results. Further supporting this contention is that the fact that the only candidate for the house of representatives who emphasized his war record was beaten by two Non-service men, one of whom was attacked for dodging military service.

SENATORS—Three other state senatorial races are cited. In Edge-

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## Market Drifting To Lower Levels

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Stocks generally drifted to further lower levels in today's market although declines were among the lightest of the past month.

Ahead at intervals were Southern Pacific, Bethlehem, duPont and American Telephone. Backward were U. S. Steel, Chrysler, Goodrich, U. S. Rubber and Montgomery Ward.

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair and warmer tonight and Friday.