

## STATE AWARDS CAMPBELL \$115,000



CONVICTED UNJUSTLY in 1933 of forging and sent to prison, Bertram Campbell, L. I. N. Y. is shown at his home with his daughter, Joan and son, Bertram, Jr., as he learns that New York State has awarded him \$115,000 for the humiliation and loss of liberty. Campbell was pardoned when another confessed the crime. (International)

## Reparations Dropped By Paris Meet

Foreign Ministers Turn Temporarily To Other Problems

Paris, June 19.—(AP)—The big four foreign ministers, still deadlocked on the tough problem of Italian reparations, moved today to less difficult phases of the Italian peace treaty, with several minor economic clauses and the French-Italian border question on the agenda.

Today's session was scheduled for an hour earlier than usual at 9 a. m. to permit French foreign Minister Georges Bidault to attend a session of the Chamber of Deputies, at which he might be called upon to form France's new government.

As usual, the deputy foreign ministers were directed to meet before the session of their chiefs to finish French treaties. The deputies' reports on the Italian and Romanian parts already have been submitted.

The pessimism which has enveloped the current session of the British, French, Russian and United States foreign ministers since they reconvened last Saturday deepened today following yesterday's deadlock on reparations, which saw the same negotiators repeating virtually the same argument which led them into blind alleys a month ago.

The deadlock was eased only slightly by Russia's offer yesterday to put the question of Yugo-Slav, Albanian and Greek reparations claims—which Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov set at \$200 million—up to a full 21-nation European peace conference, which French sources said might be about July 15. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said this Soviet offer solved two-thirds of the reparations problems.

# Open Investigation Sought Into Supreme Court's Feud

WILL DROP ATOM BOMB ON BIKINI ATOLL TARGET



MOST COVETED ASSIGNMENT IN THE U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES, piloting of the plane that will drop the atomic bomb over the assembled vessels at Bikini Atoll, went to Maj. Woodrow Swanscott, 30, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Here he is shown as he posed with members of his crew at Kwajalein. Rear (l. to r.): Capt. William C. Harrison, co-pilot, Odessa, Tex.; Maj. W. B. Adams, navigator, San Bernardino, Calif.; Maj. W. P. Swanscott, pilot; Maj. Harold H. Wood, bombardier, Bordentown, N. J.; and Paul Chemnar, Jr., radar operator, Rock Springs, Wyo. Front, (l. to r.): Lt. Robert M. Glenn, flight engineer, Anderson, S. C.; Sgt. Jack W. Coltran, radio operator, Gadsden, Ala.; Cpl. Herbert B. Lyons, scanner, Decatur, Ill.; and Cpl. Roland B. Modlin, scanner, Franklin, Va. This is an official Joint Army-Navy Task Force photo. (International Soundphoto)

## Testimony By Justices Is Proposed

Ouster Not Likely Of Four Selections Roosevelt Picked

Washington, June 19.—(AP)—Demand that four Roosevelt appointees be swept from the Supreme Court were coupled today with a proposal that all eight justices tell the full story of the tribunal's feud.

Senator Eastland, (D, Mississippi), announced his intention to push for an open investigation of discord between the justices which he claimed has produced "inexcusable chaos" in the high court.

The suggestion that all present justices be called on for public testimony came as a follow-up to the move by Eastland and Senator Bridges (R) New Hampshire, aimed at virtual dismissal of half of the present court.

Eastman told a reporter he will ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to question the justices at hearings he insists be held on the constitutional amendment he and Bridges introduced.

The amendment would force retirement of four of the present justices by limiting to three the number of court members who could hold appointments by any one President. The pieces of those retiring would be filled temporarily by House election of lower court judges until a new President chose successors.

The amendment is so admittedly hard road. To become effective, it must win two-thirds approval by Congress, then ratification by three-fourths of the State legislators. Most senators doubted it could make the grade.

If it did, however, it would leave on the court Justices Hugo Black, Stanley F. Reed, Felix Frankfurter and Harold H. Burton, the latter appointed by President Truman. It would remove Justices William O. Douglas, Frank Murphy, Robert H. Jackson and Wm. Rutledge as the final four appointees of the late President Roosevelt.

It would not affect President Truman's appointment of Fred M. Vinson as chief justice, a nomination expected to receive early Senate confirmation.

Eastland formed a reporter he is not interested in the fact that his amendment would leave Hugo Black on the court, while retiring Jackson, who recently asserted publicly that Black declined to disqualify himself in a case in which his former law partner was interested.

## Poland To Offer Simple, Startling Atomic Plan

## Marshall Is Urging Small China Army

Meanwhile, Action Sought Quickly On Problem Of Spain

New York, June 19.—(AP)—Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the United Nations atomic energy commission, will offer Poland's plan for atomic energy control at an early date, it was reported authoritatively today.

An informant who would not permit use of his name said Poland had a plan which the informant regarded as "somewhat simple and startling." He would not hint as to details of the Polish proposal, however.

It was said Lange might offer his views this afternoon, after the commission meets for its second session, but that the course of the meeting today would determine when he would offer his plan.

It was expected that the members of the atomic energy commission would settle on rules of procedure this afternoon, and then plunge into a discussion of the United States plan put before the commission at its opening meeting last Friday.

Meanwhile, the Polish delegation marshaled its force for a new showdown on Franco Spain after Soviet Russia had vetoed a proposal to refer the Spanish problem to the general assembly.

Lange declared he would "come forward with other proposals designed to obtain and promote unambiguous action against Franco's fascist regime" when the council reconvenes next Sunday afternoon.

Lange, who brought the Spanish question to the attention of the security council last April by charging that Franco was a threat to world peace, followed up the Russian vote yesterday by seeking an immediate vote on his original resolution calling for a break with Franco Spain by all members of the United Nations.

## 100 Feared Dead In Big Munitions Blast In Germany

Hannover, Germany, June 19.—More than 100 Germans and displaced persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion which followed a fire in an ammunition dump at Haensgen, fifteen miles north-east of Hannover, yesterday.

All types of German ammunition had been stored in an old salt mine on three levels at 40, 70 and 100 feet below the surface.

The ammunition was being removed but it was estimated that 10,000 tons of explosives were still in the mine at the time of the blast. At the time, 80 Germans and 25 displaced persons were working underground. All were believed to have been lost.

The actual showdown on the issue is not scheduled until tomorrow, when the seven Senate and House conferees—Andrews and the seventh reassembly for their third try at adjusting differences in separate draft extension bills. The Monday to Thursday debate was set to allow the contact with Andrews aboard the Panamint.

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No date has been set yet, however, for the official proclamation of the government.

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## Showdown On Thursday For Draft

Washington, June 19.—(AP)—Representative Walter G. Andrews' dramatic vote rained from a ship far out in the Pacific, appeared today to have broken the Senate-House committee deadlock over the teen-age draft.

The New York Republican's revised proxy—declaring in favor of the traditional moratorium on the induction of 18-year-olds—was sent from the U. S. S. Panamint, carrying Andrews and other observers to the Bikini atom bomb test.

Andrews thus swung over to the Senate compromise offer to make 18-year-olds subject to the draft only as a last resort. His proxy called for no restrictions on inducting teen-agers, with the result that the House group first rejected the compromise, four to three.

Washington, June 19.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace pleaded today against "letting down our guard against inflation" as Senate-House OPA conferees met for their first session to chart the future of price control.

Wallace said in a statement that business can enjoy unprecedented prosperity in the years just ahead "if we can avoid rocking the economic boat right now."

But, he added, "to weaken or destroy price and rent control would be to ask for the same kind of boom and bust that began just about this time after the last war."

The cabinet officer's statement was issued without explanation, but its timing coincided with the initial meeting of the Capitol Hill conference committee named to compose differences in OPA extension bills that have drawn sharp criticism from stabilization officials.

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## Another British Officer Is Missing In Palestine

Recover Her Jewels

Jerusalem, June 19.—(AP)—Palestine police said today that another British officer was missing, possibly bringing to six the number of Britons kidnaped in a wave of disorder sweeping the country.

The officer, Maj. H. B. Chadwick, failed to appear at a general command meeting at the King David hotel late yesterday, the police announcement said. Previously, five British officers were kidnaped by an armed band from a club at Tel Aviv.

Police said Chadwick may be a hostage of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, an outlaw resistance organization reputedly attempting to force a demand for commutation of death sentences of two of their British comrades.

A large force of troops and police began scouring several Jewish settlements along the Lebanese frontier today. Troops also started a systematic search for the modern Jewish city of Tel Aviv at dawn for traces of the kidnaped officers.

The Tel Aviv municipal council passed a resolution at an emergency meeting calling on the kidnapers to release the British captives immediately. Mayor Israel Reikach asserted he did not believe the officers were in the city.

The British sixth airborne division erected road blocks at every street corner in Tel Aviv and established posts to check identities every 200 to 300 yards.

Residents of the Jewish settlement near Acre resisted a military search of the town yesterday, blocking gates to the town with an iron water tank and releasing a hive of bees, an army spokesman said.

Entering the area after removing the blocks, the soldiers searched the town, detained several persons for questioning and confiscated signaling operators.

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Paris, June 19.—(AP)—Georges Bidault was elected president of France's interim government by the constituent assembly today.

Election tabulators said an unofficial tally showed he received 383 votes. The new president had been serving as foreign minister.

Bidault's election had been virtually assured when the socialists pledged their 125 votes to him. He already commanded the 136 ballots of his Popular Republican Movement party, Edgar a. Herriot, radical socialist leader, and Deputy Jacques Baumeil of the republicans, assured him another 48 votes. This made certain that 342 votes would be cast for Bidault, and only a simple majority of 294 was needed.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thundershowers tonight and Thursday; not quite so hot tonight and Thursday.

## Highway Disagreements Becoming More Serious

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau  
Raleigh, June 19.—The North Carolina State Highway and Public Works commission, quietly called into special session behind closed doors yesterday afternoon, had before it one of the most important matters of policy yet to be considered.

Boiled down to essentials the two issues are these: Can the chairman and chief engineer award a construction contract over protest of the division commissioner, who thinks the bid too high? and, Does North Carolina have a real State Highway and Public Works Commission or does it have two separate and independent superintendents ruled over by a division commissioner?

The background story is briefly as follows: At the latest contract letting all bids were accepted and contracts let except for one four-way project in John Goode's tenth tenth division. The jobs included resurfacing of sections of streets in Waynesville and Canton, and some 15 miles on two roads in Buncombe county. As has been the custom in the past, the chairman, the chief engineer and the commissioner were empowered to act on this bid. Low bid was by the Dickerson firm of Monroe, next low by Asheville Pavement Company, and third low by the Stewart Company. They range from \$126,000 to \$145,000, or thereabouts.

Commissioner Goode insisted all bids were too high and objected to awarding the contract. Chairman Sandy Graham and Chief Engineer Vance Baise insisted that the low bid was within their own estimates, that it was by a responsible contractor who has done a lot of work for the commission, and under these conditions they were bound to award the contract. There has been a lot of telephoning and waiting. Graham and Goode had a conference at Hickory about the matter, but the tenth division man stood pat. He said at the time the bid was made the coal and railroad strikes had large influence upon it, and he felt sure if the project were re-advertised a lower figure could be obtained.

It hasn't come into the open but there is evidently some ill feeling in the making. Some believe that Commissioner Goode is determined to get the job for the Asheville firm, while others feel just as strongly that Engineer Baise is trying to force the award to a competitive contractor. The issue is important enough without any of this personal feeling.

Several commissioners have cherished the grievance that Graham and Baise are trying to run everything from Raleigh, too often by-passing them in their own divisions. If the local commissioner is to be ignored, why have one? On the other hand, if the local commissioner is to be the supreme authority, what is the sense in a statewide organization?

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## 22 SERVICE WIVES WILL REACH JAPAN

Yokosuka, Japan, June 19.—(AP)—A welcome was being prepared today for 22 Navy and Marine Corps wives, the first American service men's dependents to come to Japan.

They are expected Friday aboard the U. S. S. Charles Carroll.

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