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War-Free Fourth Of July Blesses Nation Again



"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"—Patrick Henry.

Senators Drafting OPA Bill

Tar Heels Are Flocking To Resorts

Local Celebrations Planned In State; Gavin Will Speak

By The Associated Press
North Carolina's first peace time July 4th celebration in five years found holiday crowds flocking to resort areas today for long deferred outings, although it was not altogether a get-away-from-home observance.

Prices-At-A-Glance

By The Associated Press
The price picture as the July 4th holiday began:
Livestock: Markets swamped with animals but record \$22.50 cattle top of Tuesday not exceeded.
Hogs: \$1 under Monday's \$18.50.
Food: Generally stable except meats, milk and butter increases.
Rents: Tenants' complaints dropped off but landlords' demands began asking higher prices where emergency controls applied.
Clothing: No essential change.
Wall Street: Sales smallest in nearly a year.
Consumer Buying: Relatively unchanged.
Government: New price control measure may reach the Senate Friday, prospects for some kind of legislation apparently growing.

Holiday Is Disregarded By Chamber

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—Disregarding the Independence day holiday, senators hopefully fitted together a price control extension bill today taking the piece of the measure vetoed by President Truman.
Democratic Leader Barkley said he expected to have the new legislation ready for the Senate Friday, and there was an unaccustomed optimism that it might prove acceptable at the White House.
The legislation apparently was going to vary only slightly from the vetoed bill, but both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate Banking Committee were confident it would not be rejected by Mr. Truman.

1,300 Accidental Deaths Over 4th Being Predicted

By The Associated Press
The nation today counted only 21 deaths, including traffic accidents, drownings and miscellaneous fatalities from 6 p. m. last night until this morning.
The National Safety Council had forecast 800 immediate deaths, but expected another 500 to die later as a result of injuries received during the holiday, or for a total of 1,300.
The highest holiday death toll since 1928 occurred in 1941 when 623 were recorded. That was a three-day period, since the Fourth came on a Friday. Last years mark was 159.

PLEASANT WEATHER GREET'S CELEBRATORS

Pleasant weather greeted holiday celebrators throughout most of the country today as the Chicago weather bureau forecast a sunny, fairly cool day and tomorrow.
The weather was good, the bureau said, in the north east and north central states from Wisconsin and central Iowa eastward to the Atlantic.
Pleasantly cool temperatures prevailed in the eastern part of the Nation except for a shower area in the South Atlantic and east Gulf coast areas. Scattered thunder storms were predicted for late today in Florida, the west Gulf coast and the west coast.
Tomorrow will bring little change in temperature, the bureau said. Sunny weather will continue except for showers in the Rocky Mountain area.

Jews Release One Hostage

Jerusalem, July 4.—(AP)—A Palestine Government officer announced today that Capt. Charles Warburton, one of the three British officers held as hostages by the Jewish underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi had been released.
There was no further word about the other two officers, who were seized from an officers club in Tel Aviv.

Tobacco Dealers Win China Import Fight

Approval For March-September Period Given By Government, Royster Advised

American tobacco dealers in Shanghai have secured approval in full on their applications for leaf imports into China for the seven-month period from March to September, inclusive. Fred S. Royster, of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, today received that information in a letter from Representative S. J. Ervin, Jr., quoting a letter from Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Rep. Cooley Says U. S. In Need Of More Fertilizer

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—North Carolina and the rest of the country need "more, better and cheaper fertilizer," Rep. Cooley (D) of North Carolina told the House.
"North Carolina uses more commercial fertilizer than any other state in the union," he said. "Our need is great and fertilizer is new in short supply in North Carolina and the nation."
Cooley opposed a Senate amendment authorizing the Tennessee Valley Authority to build a phosphate fertilizer plant at Mobile, Ala. The House voted to knock out this amendment.
"If I were satisfied," Cooley said, "that the short supply is due to a lack of efficiency or effort on the part of the fertilizer industry which is now operated by private capital, or if I were satisfied that the short supply is due to any kind of monopoly or combination, I would be among the first to vote for a bill authorizing an expenditure of Federal funds for the purpose of enabling some agency of the government to go in the business of making fertilizer."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Considerable cloudiness and little change in temperature tonight and Friday. Scattered showers Friday.

Grain Elevator Swept By Blaze; Mystery Hinted

Quannah, Texas, July 4.—(AP)—Fires swept through a wheat filled elevator here today a few hours after Santa Fe Railroad officials had sent out warnings to grain dealers in the south west that they had uncovered rumors of "an organized effort to damage wheat in storage."
Origin of the fire was a mystery. Homer McCraery, manager of the elevator, said he had no idea how it started except that it broke out in the top of the shaft. The mill was destroyed along with 25,000 bushels of wheat.

WILLING TO HELP AT ALL TIMES



WHETHER THE PROBLEM is of world importance or purely local, elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch is equally expert at handling it. While relaxing in New York's Central Park, the U. S. delegate on the Atomic Energy Commission helps a youngster in need of a cool drink during the current heat wave blanketing the city. (International Exclusive)

Acheson pointed out that, although stated negatively, "this is in line with the resolutions drawn up by representatives of American tobacco growers, warehousemen and exporters, the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, the United States Tariff Commission and the Congress of the United States in April, which proposed that import licenses be issued to cover imports for each year rather than for a quarter of each year, but if licenses cannot be made on a yearly basis, then any import license unused during a quarter should be carried forward to a succeeding quarter, not deducted from the total amount."

Royster also had a letter written by Acting Secretary N. E. Dodd to Senator Richard B. Russell, of Georgia, quoting the following official cable from Shanghai: "All American dealers leaf tobacco here have received authorization to import quantities and values of American leaf tobacco as applied for covering March-September seven-months period."

Royster said the Chinese import question had been threshed out at a meeting of representatives of all branches of the tobacco industry held in Washington in the spring with Federal officials, and the State Department was requested to protest restrictions imposed by the Chinese government. He said the Chinese ruling was not aimed at barring tobacco imports, but rather to give priorities to essential foods, and that tobacco had been accorded a status along with kerosene and other high priority semi-necessities.

Famed Washington Editor, 88, Is Dead

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—Theodore W. Noyes, editor of The Washington Star since 1908, died early today at his home after a long illness. He was 88.
Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press from 1900 to 1937 and now is honorary president as well as head of The Evening Star Newspaper Company, is the younger brother of the veteran editor.

Blaze Destroys Big Textile Mill

Augusta, Ga., July 4.—(AP)—The Langley Manufacturing Company's huge textile mill at nearby Langley, S. C. was destroyed by fire today. Official of the company said it would require some time to assess the damage but The Augusta Herald said the loss would run into millions of dollars.

Child Strangled



CHOKED to death with a piece of clothes line and stabbed by a paring knife, the body of 6-year-old Nancy Crowell, of Patton, Pa., was found in a wooded area near her home. Police are holding her 15-year-old cousin, Eugene Domonosko, for questioning. (International)

Truman, Family Taking It Easy

Thurmont, Md., July 4.—(AP)—President Truman tried his hand at loafing today in the lazy land of Shantigri La.
He looked forward to a long Fourth of July week-end with Mrs. Truman with nothing to do except swim, hike along the trails of the Catoctin mountains, and sit around reading from the strain of Washington.
The Presidential party arrived at this secluded mountain retreat late last night after a 70-mile drive from the Capital.

Tension Remains High In Trieste

Trieste, July 4.—(AP)—Tension remained high in this strife-ravaged city today after a night punctuated by two bomb explosions which caused one casualty. Allied troops continued to maintain an armed vigil over the Giacomo workers district and Garibaldi Square, trouble center in early riots.
One woman was slightly injured last night when one of the bombs went off under a street car. The other exploded at the Savoia bath houses, without causing any injuries.

LOST COLONY WRITER RESUMES MOVIE WORK

Manteo.—Paul Green, Chapel Hill playwright who wrote the Lost Colony symphonic drama now playing its sixth season on Roanoke Island, has returned to Hollywood to complete work on a moving picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.
He said he planned to stop at Williamsburg, Va., and confer with officials of the Jamestown Drama Corporation on plans for the Jamestown drama, which he will write during the next few months.
The Green spent several days on Roanoke Island assisting with preparations for the postwar revival of his drama and left after the season's premiere performance.

MONEY TO BURN IN HUNGARY



HERE'S AN IDEA of what inflation has done to the value of paper money in Hungary. The young lady is lighting her cigarette in Budapest with a note worth \$210,000,000 at the pre-war exchange rate. (International)