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SINCE THEY ARE RECEIVING only half pay now that the OPA has been discontinued, Ruth M. Hurn (left) and Marguerite Hollenbeck, workers for the defunct agency, cut down expenses by sharing a sandwich and a soda in Washington. Thousands of OPA workers are still on the job while awaiting congressional action on price controls. (International)

Marshall's China Trip Held Failure

Chinese Preparing All-Out Assault On The Communists

Shanghai, July 20.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources privately agreed today that United States General George C. Marshall's peace mission to China had failed.

Seemingly confirming the opinion, the Nationalist government began moving more men toward the fighting fronts and the communists were reported reinforcing their positions.

General Marshall was believed unlikely to have the opportunity to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in the summer capital at Kailash, where the general went with U. S. Ambassador Dr. John Leighton Stuart.

Nothing To Talk About

A similar pessimistic attitude was expressed at the communist headquarters in Nanking when a check was made on whether or not communist chief negotiator General Chou En-lai would visit Kuling to talk with Chiang. The official asked the question countered with the comment: "There's nothing left to talk about."

Meanwhile, quarters professing to be "in the know" predicted Marshall would return home around the middle of August after making a final effort to retrieve the steadily worsening situation.

This view coincided with persistent reports that the government has abandoned all hope of a peaceful settlement and intends to launch an all-out attack against the communists in September.

Gem Ring Suspects To Face Charges In Germany Soon

Frankfurt, July 20.—(AP)—United States Army headquarters announced today that charges probably will be filed early next week against WAC Capt. Kathleen Nash Durant and Maj. David Watson, the two of the three principals in the \$1,500,000 Hesse family jewel theft.

The announcement did not mention Col. J. W. Durant, Capt. Durant's husband, also held in the investigation of the theft of the jewels from Kronberg castle.

Army officers said the Durant were separated recently and placed in different hotel floors "because they probably will be tried individually."

American Traitor Of Radio Berlin Is Reported Dead

Berlin, July 20.—(AP)—The Russians informed United States Army headquarters today that Ted W. Kaltenbach, 51-year-old Iowa long sought by the Americans as a traitor for broadcasting Nazi war propaganda from Germany, died last October in a Soviet detention camp.

A Red army major general transmitted the information in a letter to the American intelligence section, which had tried in vain to learn his fate after his arrest by the Russians more than a year ago.

Kaltenbach, the Lord Haw Haw of Radio Berlin, died of a natural cause, in the Russian occupation zone of Germany, the letter said.

Inventor Of Life Prolonging Serum, 64, Dies In Russia

London, July 20.—(AP)—The Moscow radio reported the death last night of Dr. Alexander A. Bogomolets, Soviet scientist and politician who said last month that his A. C. serum might prolong human life to 150 years. He was 64.

Bogomolets, deputy chairman of the supreme soviet of the Ukrainian S.S.R. and a member of the presidium of the academy of sciences of the U.S.S.R., had been ill for some time, the radio said.

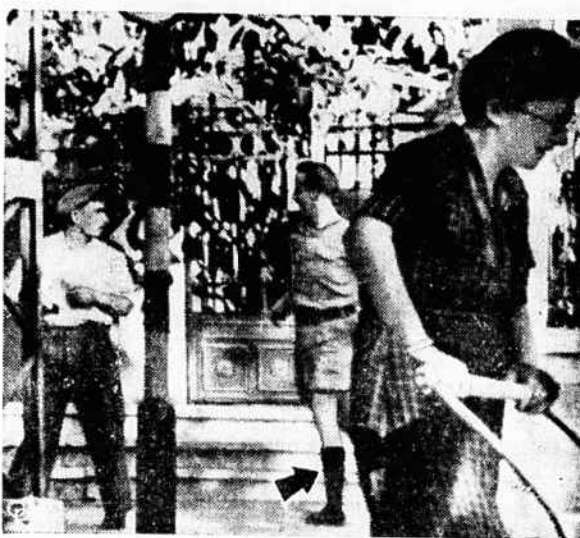
Michigan Bribery Conspiracy Takes On A New Twist

Lansing, Mich., July 20.—(AP)—A bribery conspiracy to defeat banking legislation in Michigan in 1941 was charged today in grand jury warrants against two Detroit industrialists and 19 present and former state legislators.

Circuit Judge Louis E. Coseh, sitting as a one-man grand jury, signed warrants accusing 28 persons in all of a conspiracy to defeat a bill designed for regulation of chain banking. Four were named co-conspirators but not defendants.

Great Fire Ruins Elizabeth City Building

EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF RELEASE OF BRITISH HOSTAGES



BRITISH OFFICER, FREED BY EXTREMISTS, CHASES HIS CAPTORS



AN ALERT PHOTOGRAPHER caught these photos in Tel Aviv, Palestine, of the dramatic release of three kidnapped British army officers who had been held as hostages for 16 days by a band of extremists. At top, a startled passerby turns around as Capt. C. G. Warburton (arrow) escapes vainly after his captors. At bottom, the other captives, Capt. A. E. Taylor and Capt. E. H. Spencer, climb from the packing case in which the trio had been dumped from a truck. The woman pushing the baby carriage seems entirely unaware of the excitement. (International)

Night Blaze Damage Set At \$300,000

Elizabeth City, July 20.—(AP)—Firemen mounted a watchful vigil here today over the smoldering remains of the Kramer building, which burned late last night and early today with a loss estimated at \$250,000.

The three-story building—the second largest in the city and in the heart of the business district—was a complete loss, according to Fire Chief Jerome B. Flora, who said that about all that remains was "four walls."

The blaze, first seen breaking through the roof near an elevator shaft at about 10:15 last night, was brought under control three hours later by the Elizabeth City fire department, assisted by two trucks of the coast guard air station one from the naval air station and one from Edenton.

Flames Still Burn

Small flames still burned into the day and firemen continued to spray water into the charred debris.

Both the roof and third floor gave way, as did parts of the second floor. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

One result of the fire may be a confusion in the draft situation, because the local draft board had offices in the building and it has not been determined whether its records were destroyed.

Other offices were occupied by rental and insurance agents, two physicians, the OPA, the Veterans Administration, the State Department of Conservation and Development, and the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Four stores located in the building were Woolworth, Huddles, ladies ready to wear, Sawyer and Company men's store, and the Albemarle Drug store. Some of the stores maintained storage space on the third floor where it is thought the fire originated.

Party Too Rough?



FORMER model Doris Platt (above) is suing William Leeds and Irwin (Dick) Kramer, both heirs to large fortunes, for \$100,000 for injuries she says were inflicted during a V-J day "roughhouse" in a New York hotel. A jiu-jitsu demonstration which landed her on the floor was among the indignities she says she suffered. (International)

Atomic Control Bill Is Passed By House

Military Will Be Represented On Five Man Board

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The House passed a much amended atomic energy control bill today sending it to a Senate-House conference for adjustment of differences between the two chambers.

Passage was on a vote of 265 to 79.

Passage followed almost five days of debate during which the Senate control bill was changed by a long list of amendments.

Major House changes provided for military representation on the proposed five-member atomic energy control commission; for a military man at the head of the military application division; for authority for the armed forces to make atomic bombs under certain conditions and for the death penalty for most serious violations.

A short time before the House rejected a move to pigeon hole the control bill until next year.

A vote that turned down a motion to send the bill back to the military committee, which would have had the effect of putting the bill on the shelf for this session—pre-saged passage of the much amended measure later today.

Contribution To Coffee Questioned

Congressman Will Be Asked To Tell Why He Got Money

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (R) of Maine, a member of the Senate War Investigating Committee said today that Rep. Coffee (D) of Washington would be asked to "explain" a five-year old \$2,500 "campaign" contribution from a Tacoma, Wash., war contractor.

At Tacoma, Coffee declared: "I welcome an investigation on the entire matter."

Brewster said that the committee has already asked the Department of Justice for its file on an investigation which Coffee has said it made of the contribution.

"Belated ABBI," He bluntly called Coffee's definition of the \$2,500 as a campaign contribution a "belated ABBI."

Brewster said of Coffee's willingness for an investigation: "He certainly will be welcome. The more quickly he appears, the better."

At Tacoma, Coffee said that the circumstances had been widely published in the state and that the Justice Department after its inquiry found "no basis for action."

Also at Tacoma, Coffee for Elvord Anderson told a reporter: "No Evil Purpose."

"There was no evil purpose in the payment of this money. I was merely trying to achieve something that was highly honorable at the time—remove handicaps as it was urgent to get something done."

Anderson explained he had a big building project then underway at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and "things were not moving fast enough."

The check went to Coffee's secretary at the time, Paul A. Olson.

Coffee remarked that Olson and Anderson ran for mayor of Tacoma in the primary this year and that Anderson was eliminated.

"For a defeated candidate, five years after making a campaign contribution, to attempt to alter the entire complexion of the transaction, can only be construed as stooping to the lowest form of unscrupulous tactics."

THREE GI'S, WOMAN DIE IN BUS WRECK

Freeport, Fla., July 20.—(AP)—Three soldiers and one woman were killed and an undetermined number of other persons were injured in a crash between a National Trailways bus and a private auto near here last night. Sheriff Curtis Miller of Walton county said the woman, who was burned to death, has been identified as Mrs. Francis Ballard of Dothan, Ala. The bodies of the woman and two of the soldiers who were passengers on the bus, were taken to Panama City, while the body of the third soldier, driver of the private car, was carried to Eglin Field, Fla.

4 DIE IN TURKEY

Istanbul, July 20.—(AP)—Four persons were reported shot to death today on the eve of Turkey's general election to determine the fate of Ismet Inguil's government.

Three men were reported slain while sitting in a coffee house at the village of Izmir. One of them was president of the village branch of Jalel Bayar's opposition democratic party.

Brief Revolt Is Reported In La Paz

Buenos Aires, July 2.—(AP)—Rebel students fired in Bolivian cabinet ministers, wounding one and narrowly missing President Gualberto Villarroel, in a fit of disturbance at La Paz yesterday, said reports from Chile today.

Earlier reports said 100 persons were killed in an uprising Thursday which had for its aim the overthrow of Villarroel.

The Associated Press correspondent at Arica, a northern Chile, only about 200 miles from La Paz, said the new disturbance yesterday took place in the Bolivian capital in front of the government palace when President Villarroel and his ministers were making speeches from the balcony. One policeman was killed.

TONY MARTIN ILL

Hollywood, July 20.—(AP)—Tony Martin of the films underwent an emergency appendectomy at a hospital yesterday.

Arnold Forecasts Blow Against U. S. Via Polar Areas

Los Angeles, July 20.—Gen. H. H. Arnold, war-time chief of the Army Air Forces, says he believes any future blow against the United States "will come from across the Polar regions, not by way of the seas." Predicting future atomic bombs "may well be on thousands times destructive" as those exploded over Japan, Arnold countered an inquiry as to whether the United States could know if any other nation were secretly building atomic bombs with this question: "Who knows what's going on deep inside Russia?" Later, in a speech before the Institute of Aeronautical Scientists, he predicted "invasion of the stratosphere" by "true space ships capable of one or more trips around the world."

Struggle Over OPA Bill In Life Or Death Stage

Porter Asserts Some Of Damage Can't Be Mended

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—OPA Administrator Paul Porter said today that even if price controls are restored "perhaps some of the damage of the last three weeks can't be repaired."

Porter declared that while OPA is "hard at work on plans to recover some of the ground that has been lost, even with the best of price control bills it isn't going to be an easy job putting the eggs back in the basket."

Asserting it won't be a case of "Humpty-Dumpty, whom all the horses and all the men couldn't put back together again" Porter added:

Some Eggs Smashed

"Some of the eggs are smashed and perhaps some of the damage of the last three weeks can't be repaired, but I feel confident that with effective authority from Congress, that we can recover a lot of eggs that have rolled out of the price control basket—and put a stop to other price increases."

Porter's doubt about whether "ground lost" can be recovered raised the question whether he still feels that all June 30 price ceilings can be reestablished if controls are revived.

Who they expired on July 1, Porter said flatly that if Congress did not specifically provide for previous ceilings in any revival bill, OPA would restore them by a general order.

CONGRESSMEN ARE RECEIVED BY POPE

Vatican City, July 20.—(AP)—Pope Pius urged a group of American senators and representatives whom he received today in private audience to share the experiences acquired on their around the world journey, so that men will understand more fully "the havoc wrought by war and the tremendous difficulty of reconstruction."

Nation To Start On Fourth Week Of Rampant Prices

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The OPA entered the life or death stage in Capitol Hill today.

With Congress deadlocked, it became certain the nation will start on a fourth week of uncontrolled prices, with one knowing in what form, if any, OPA might be revived.

The House-Senate conference committee seeking a compromise was stalemated as House members refused steadfastly to accept Senate bans against any further price ceilings on milk, meat, eggs and other basic foods.

Senate Democratic Leader Barkley called the conference to one more meeting today.

If the talks, the OPA will be thrown open again in a House-Senate battle over whether to approve the Senate bill. President Truman, indicating a veto has described the Senate measure as "terrible."

The conference, after four days of wrangling, were tied in knots on the question of allowing OPA certain discretionary powers in raising prices on manufactured articles as prescribed by a new pricing formula in the Senate bill.

Columbia Sailor Found Guilty Of Killing Housewife

Princeton, W. Va., July 20.—(AP)—William Gordon, 21-year-old sailor from Columbia, S. C., was convicted of first degree murder today in the shot gun slaying of a 38-year-old Bluefield housewife.

The verdict, if permitted to stand, carries with it a mandatory death sentence.

Defense Attorney Hartley Sanders of Princeton immediately moved to set the verdict aside and Criminal Court Judge F. Morton Wagner set August 9 to hear arguments on the motion.

Gromyko Says Nobody Wants Atomic Secrets

New York, July 20.—(AP)—Russian Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko, playing a stand-in role among the scientific advisors to the United Nations Atomic Commission, was reported today as saying that "nobody is asking for secret" of atomic knowledge at this stage of the atomic control discussion.

The remark was given emphasis by the fact that the five quoted words were the only ones given in direct quotations in a 700 word official United Nations report of yesterday's secret meeting of the new 12-nation scientific and technical advisory committee on atomic energy.

The only reported point of conflict yesterday arose over Gromyko's proposal that the scientific committee chairmanship should pass back and forth between the representatives of the Netherlands and Poland.

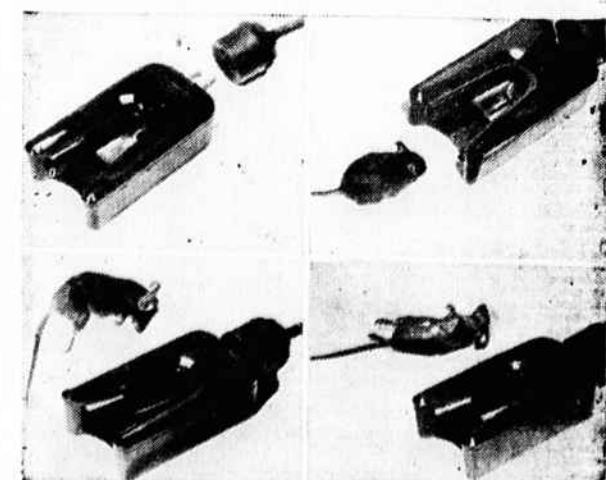
Dr. Hendrick Kramers of the Netherlands was named temporary chairman.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clear to partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Sunday. Scattered showers in mountains Sunday.

AT LAST—THAT 'BETTER MOUSETRAP'



IT'S VERY SHOCKING, as Mr. Modern Mouse discovers when he takes part in "Test Cheese," as this experiment with an A-bomb mousetrap was called. The gadget, conceived by H. L. and R. C. Hatchford, is shown (top, left) ready for attachment to an ordinary electric plug. Next (top, right) the mouse is attracted by the aroma of free lunch; is tossed up (bottom) by the electric shock and falls dead. (International)