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The 47 cent average was reported by Howard Griffin who sold 25 piles of leaf at the Habra, Ga., market. The first row of 51 piles at Habra averaged \$42.50. At Valdosta, the first two rows were sold at an average of 44 cents a pound. This was several cents above last year's opening average. Warehouse floors were filled at Valdosta and prices generally were between 42 and 47 cents with much of the leaf going at 46 cents. The first row at Moultrie brought from 39 to 59 cents a pound with the average near 44 cents. Poorer grades brought from 20 cents to 23 but one pile "hot" leaf sold for 40 cents a pound.

The Statesboro market opened strong with the average price for the first row at 40 cents. Three-quarters of a million pounds were on warehouse floors and quality was described as good. Georgia and Florida tobacco warehouses reported their floors were filled to capacity as sales opened on the 1946 bright leaf crop.

Growers looked to higher prices resulting from removal of OPA regulations and a better quality of leaf to offset the smaller crop. Blue mold struck early this year to curb production.

Senator George (D) of Georgia forecast in Washington that the crop would be sold without price ceilings. The pending OPA bill permits price ceilings only upon recommendation of a proposed decontrol board after August 20, George said regulations also required board action to be preceded by full hearings.

The labor shortage was described as acute in some areas and in some areas and in many instances growers were assisted by their entire families in hurrying the leaf to the barns for drying.

New Conduct Code For Yank Troops In Europe Issued

Frankfurt, July 24.—(AP)—General Joseph McNarney's headquarters has issued a strict code of behavior for American soldiers entering Russian occupied territory in Europe to prevent "embarrassment" to the United States.

Eight controls, have been ordered to avoid "prolonged detention" of American army personnel in "eastern, central and southeastern European countries."

A directive from headquarters said that certain instances of misconduct on the part of Americans in eastern Europe had "resulted not only in embarrassment to this headquarters, but also in the prolonged detention of individuals involved in incidents caused by this misconduct."

Two Americans were released by Russia last week after 15 days detention and two others are missing from Berlin.

Jewelled Ensemble



NAME IT and Hollywood has it. Here screen actress Yvonne De Carlo is shown wearing a \$12,000 jewelled ensemble. Gold, diamonds and rubies make up the crown, necklace and earring. The crown makes Yvonne five inches taller. (International)

Reparations Spat Looms With Russia

Pauley Reports America May Halt Delivery To Reds

Washington, July 24.—(AP)—A two continent diplomatic clash between Russia and the United States appeared to be sharpening up today over German and Japanese war booty.

At the root of the impending trouble are these factors:

1—Reparations Commissioner Edwin Pauley's announcement that his country is considering a permanent halt to German reparations deliveries to Russia to offset more than two billion dollars worth of Manchurian industry "impaired" by Soviet removals from that country.

2—Dislosure by other officials that the United States will support an expected Russian demand for a share in reparations from the Japanese mainland.

Reporting at a news conference last night on his findings during a 16-country survey, Pauley charged that Russian action in Manchuria has cost the "lives and welfare of 500,000,000 people throughout the Far East for at least a generation."

In the light of this, he said it is his "personal opinion" that the United States could extend its own reparations on deliveries of German industrial equipment to Russia without violating the four-power Potsdam agreement on reparations.

Cotton Falls \$5 Per Bale

New York, July 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 75 cents a bale lower, October 34.10, December 34.51, and March 34.00.

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Sweeping War Frauds Inquiry Looms; Truman To Act Quickly On OPA Bill

Senate Vote On Revival Bill Nearing

Washington, July 24.—(AP)—Quick presidential action was promised today as soon as Congress sends an OPA revival bill to the White House.

Charles G. Ross, press secretary, told reporters President Truman will act "very promptly" and send Congress a message or memorandum "whether his action be veto or approval."

Ross would not forecast Mr. Truman's action which he termed as likely to come tomorrow. However, House Democratic Leader McCormack has said Mr. Truman will approve the next version of a trimmed down OPA.

The President's message, Ross added, would be a written one, and not a speech.

Senate Nears Vote.

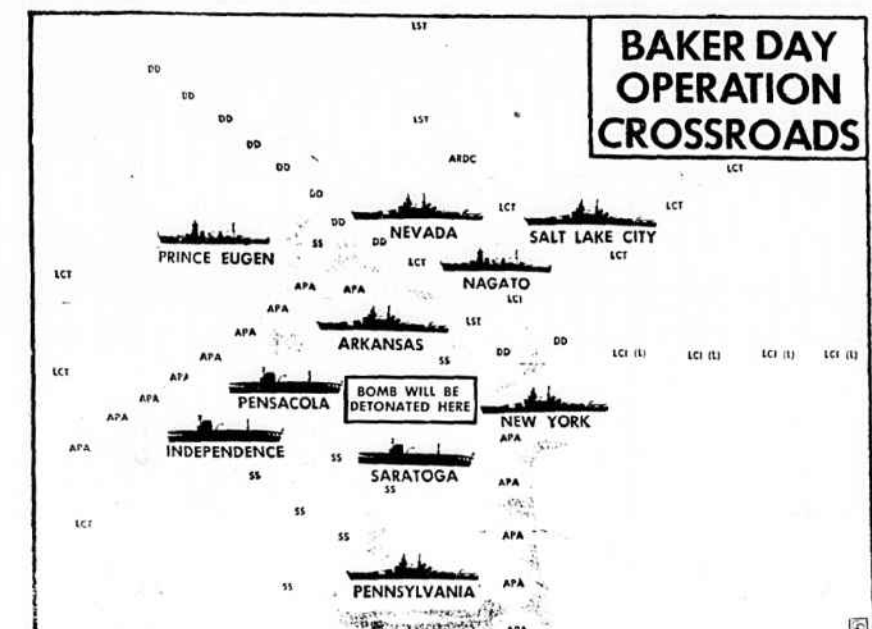
Asked whether the President, in the event he signs the bill, will appoint his price control board tomorrow, he said he thought it unlikely.

The Senate slowly inched the compromise revival bill toward the White House.

Supporters backed back to listen while critics recited again their record of dissatisfaction with OPA, as it was—and as it may be—before a vote next members doubted would come before midnight.

There was an air of certainty on both sides that this vote would complete congressional action on the compromise measure.

The House passed the measure on a 218 to 142 vote yesterday after defeating 220 to 125 a move to strike out all but rent controls.



THIS DIAGRAM shows the target array of ships in Bikini Lagoon, in readiness for the "Baker Day" underwater atomic bomb test. The No. 5 atomic bomb will be centered between the old battleship *Arkansas* and the gallant carrier *Saratoga*. The *Arkansas* will be the nearest target vessel to the large barge which the bomb will be exploded. Just ahead of the *Arkansas* and behind the *Saratoga* are submarines which will be submerged at various depths to about fifty feet. The over-all layout, including the placing of the double-hulled sub *Pilotfish* and the spacing of other underseas craft, indicates the Navy is most interested in learning how they react to the explosion. The ships marked DD are destroyers; SS (submarine); APA (attack transport); LST (landing ship tank); LCI (landing craft infantry); and ARDC (floating drydock). (International)

Weather Is Key Factor In Test Of Atomic Bomb Number Five

Bomb To Be Seen Only By Scientists; 25 Combat Ships, 46 Others Ready

Aboard The U. S. S. *Appalachian*, July 24.—(AP)—The historic test of an underwater atomic bomb against a fleet stronger than most navies of the world will be started tomorrow (today, United States time, weather permitting).

Early today a small craft believed to be the one from which the earth's first subsurface atomic bomb was suspended was towed into Bikini lagoon past the 29 combat ships and 46 other vessels awaiting their possible doom.

From his flagship, the U. S. S. *McKinley*, Vice Adm. William H. P. Blandy looked the worst that the test was on, while he kept an eye on the quickly changing weather, ready to postpone everything if necessary.

Eratic Weather Front.

An erratic tropical weather front moved back over Bikini lagoon and the rest of the Marshalls bringing clouds and rain, but weather men hoped a menacing high pressure area would shove it off to the west.

The semi-dramatic act of this second atomic drama in Bikini lagoon will be in a month was performed with all the elaborate secrecy of war time.

The mysterious small craft entered the lagoon in tow of a tug early in the day and past the line of target ships, many seared and blasted by the aerial atomic bomb of July 1.

If moved on to the central location from which lines of target ships radiated outward as much as two miles like the spokes of a giant wheel. A canvas will conceal the bomb from the eyes of the crew that submerges it.

Scientists To See Bomb.

Only Dr. Marshall Holloway, Cornell physicist, and other scientists from Los Alamos, N. Mex., will see it. Holloway will leap tonight upon the craft from which the bomb will ride submerged.

If all goes well with the weather, sometime before the detonation hour of 8:35 a. m. Thursday (4:35 p. m. EST today), he will set the mechanism that will prepare the bomb for explosion.

Then he and his crew of nine will board a small but powerful boat and speed away several miles to the waiting trigger ship, the *Cumberland Sound*. There Holloway will unhook the door leading to the remote control trigger.

This trigger will send out radio impulses which will set the detonating mechanism of the atomic bomb in operation.

Thereafter, no one is certain what will happen. Although scientists are fairly sure a monstrous water spout will rocket into the sky to a height of two or three miles.

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Whole Show Of Influence To Be Bared

Washington, July 24.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (D) of Maine today termed the Senate War Investigating Committee study of a mid-west combine "only a peek under the tent" in its plans to scrutinize the "whole war-time show of corruption and influence."

The statement to newsmen came as the committee:

1—Called upon the White House for income tax records of undisclosed persons in the combine.

2—Asked the War Department for help in its investigation of defective shells from an unidentified source which killed American soldiers, and

3—Drafted a budget of \$65,000 in new funds to widen the exposure of war-time frauds.

"We've only scratched the surface," said Brewster, a member of the committee which has been examining the war-time activities of the combine in which the Garsson, Henry and Murray were active.

"We've seen seven \$1,000 bills in the case," he said. "And there were two million of them floating around during the war. They weren't used for playing pinocchio."

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Drinking Alcohol Fatal To Sailor At Bikini Lagoon

Aboard The U. S. S. *McKinley*, July 24.—(AP)—One crew man of this ship, flagship of the atomic bomb test operation, died and six were seriously ill today from what officers believed were the effects of drinking alcohol.

Capt. Warren Gornet, skipper of this vessel, said a preliminary investigation indicated that a crew man prepared fluid used for duplicating machines and which contained methyl alcohol. The container was labeled "spirit."

One of the seriously ill was identified as Floyd W. Dale, 28, of Waltham, N. C., a chief gunner's mate.

Kitchen Queenlet



AN ORIGINAL recipe for making cookies without flour won for Dorothea Fagmann, 19, Yonkers, N. Y., first prize in a cooking contest which attracted teen-age contestants from 512 cities. An ambitious experimenter, Dorothea is now working on a method for baking bread with potato flour, thus helping to conserve flour for Europe's starving people. (International)

FOR HIM—A SWEEPING VICTORY



IT'S A TOUGH JOB for this youngster to handle a large broom, but his heart is in his work. He has watched his father on his rounds, trying to keep London's streets spic and span, and this is the day he's waited for—the chance to give his father a helping hand. (International)

Reds Reject U. S. Atomic Control Plan

Development Body, Ending Of Veto Are Turned Down

New York, July 24.—(AP)—Andrei Gromyko, Russian representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, today flatly rejected major United States proposals for control of atomic energy.

Gromyko, speaking at a session of committee No. 2, specifically turned down the U. S. proposal for setting up an atomic development authority and for ruling out the veto on atomic matters.

In making his statement, the Soviet delegate made it clear that his government was rejecting "as a whole or any part" of the third memorandum submitted by Bernard Baruch, U. S. delegate. This memorandum had summed up all main points of the U. S. plan.

Meanwhile the controversial Palestine question was stated for a place on the crowded agenda of the United Nations General Assembly which meets in New York September 25.

Arkady Sokolov, acting secretary general, disclosed that Egypt and Iraq, acting in concert with five other Arab states, had asked assembly action to help bring the stricken British mandate under U. N. trusteeship.

The Palestine question came in the midst of these developments:

Russian circles said the Palestine question might be raised by Russia during the discussion of Transjordan's application for membership in the U. N., scheduled to be held within the next few days before a committee of the security council.

The Security Council was scheduled to meet at 3 p. m. for what was expected to be a brief session on routine matters.

A Russian informant declined to amplify his statement that the Palestine question might be injected into discussions of membership applications. He also refused to disclose the nature of remarks which he said the Soviet representative would make on Transjordan's application.

Anti-Incumbent Sentiment Hits Oklahoma Voters

Oklahoma City, July 24.—(AP)—A wave of anti-incumbent sentiment swept out three veteran Democratic congressmen and three long-time state officials in yesterday's Oklahoma run-off primary election.

Personalities were the only issues in the races. No outstanding state or national questions were raised.

In addition to voting the veteran office holders out, the state's demagogues picked Roy Turner, wealthy Oklahoma City oil and cattle man, as their gubernatorial nominee for the November 5 general election.

Jailed for Theft



LEAVING the judge's chambers in San Francisco after being sentenced to three years in jail for theft is Theresa Ann Briston, 16, who stayed away aboard a ship from Honolulu to the U. S., while in search of oil heir Jimmy Ochser. She was charged with stealing \$2,000 from a passenger on the boat. (International Soundphoto)

\$7,194,000 Fund For Yadkin-Pee Dec Basin Is Included

Washington, July 24.—(AP)—President Truman signed today two bills authorizing flood control, navigation, hydroelectric power and other water projects to cost ultimately two billion dollars.

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SELECTIVE RECOVERY ENJOYED BY STOCKS

New York, July 24.—(AP)—Stocks enjoyed a quiet and selective rally in today's market with a number of yesterday's weak industrials and rails retrieving fractions to a point or more.

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Arabs Urge British Act In Palestine

Jerusalem, July 24.—(AP)—Tension in Palestine, scene of a vast march for extremists who bombed the King David hotel Monday, was heightened today by an Arab warning that if the British failed to halt terrorism in the Holy Land, the Arabs would be forced to take a hand.

While rescue workers continued to dig through the debris of the hotel in hope of finding additional persons still alive, British troops and Palestine police combed Jerusalem for members of the Jewish underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi.

An announcement purportedly from that organization, received last night, said that Irgun Zvai Leumi "soldiers" staged the bombing, which resulted in at least 49 persons killed, 55 injured and 43 missing.

Six persons have been taken from the debris alive.

A military engineer in charge of the working parties said delicate sifting of the rubble would go on "until the medical people are there is no chance any body else is alive; then we'll bring Sherman tanks and tear it to pieces."

Many documents marked "top secret" from the wrecked British military headquarters were found scattered about. Chief Secretary John Shaw, observing one of them, remarked "if these were top secret documents in the world there would be less destruction like this."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and rather warm tonight and tomorrow. Afternoon showers Thursday.