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Contract Practices Blasted By Warren Before Committee

De-Control Board Okeh Is Expected

Senate Banking Committee Ready To Approve Men

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—The Senate Banking Committee today unanimously approved President Truman's three nominees for the new de-control board. The committee's action sent to the Senate the names for its consideration, possibly today, but more likely tomorrow.

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—President Truman's nominee for the powerful new price de-control board seemed headed for quick Senate confirmation.

Even as the Senate Banking Committee prepared to pass on the nominations, Roy L. Thompson, chairman-designate of the three-man board, announced plans to meet tomorrow with the other two appointees.

Thompson, president of the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, said he expected to leave today for the capital to get things lined up and ready to go at the earliest possible time.

Bell On Board

Along with Thompson, Mr. Truman named:

Daniel W. Bell, former acting director of the budget, and undersecretary of the treasury, now president of a Washington bank.

George H. Mead, board chairman of the Mead Paper and Pulp Co., Dayton, Ohio, and member of the advisory board of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

In creating the board with top authority over removal and restoration of price controls, Congress stipulated that no more than two members should be members of the same political party. Mead is a Republican and Thompson a Democrat. Bell said he has no party affiliation.

They will paid at the rate of \$12,000 a year.

Violence Causes Some Six Deaths In North Carolina

By The Associated Press

At least six persons died by violence over the week-end in North Carolina, three in one highway accident alone.

Three youths listed as Kenneth H. Collins, 19, of Greensboro; Pfc. Donald McKell Black, 18, of Greensboro; and Garland Lee Swinney, 24, of Burlington, were killed early Sunday when their car crashed through a bridge railing into a creek near Greensboro. Three other occupants of the car were injured.

WATER RATIONED IN OREGON CITIES



A GROUP OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS at Gladstone, Ore., are shown getting their daily ration of water. Citizens in this community have become dependent on water brought from Portland in street-cleaning trucks for drinking and cooking purposes. Recent hot weather caused a severe water shortage in many Oregon communities. (International)

Government Official Says Millions Lost During World War

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren today denounced as "damnable" what he termed the "widespread" practice of army officers obtaining lucrative jobs from the war producers whose government contracts they helped draft and settle while in the service.

He laid before the Senate War Investigating Committee three specific cases and declared that—as a result of their discovery—the General Accounting Office has thrown "very searchlight" on contractors held by the companies employing them.

Warren volunteered the names of the men after making these points during his testimony before the committee, which branched out today from its inquiry into the wartime operations of a mid-west munitions combine:

Millions Lost.

1.—The Government lost "unfathomable" by not allowing the accounting office to "police" the contractors.

2.—Some high government officials made it a practice to accept cocktail parties, hotel and travel expenses from contractors.

3.—"From my seat, it has looked as if everybody and his brother were out to get the government during the high war years."

Chairman Mead (D) of New York termed acceptance and offer of jobs by army officers by companies on whose contracts they have worked an indefensible practice and said the committee will "dig into it deeper."

Rule Not Exception.

It was a "rule rather than an exception," Warren said, for some government officials to accept favors from contractors.

"I got so bad in the Maritime Commission, for instance," Warren said, "that I called personally on Adm. Land" (Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman)—whose name was not mentioned in any of the reports—"and also wrote him officially. He issued an order condemning such practices."

Warren declared that legislation liberalizing government contract practices during the war had greatly weakened the power of the GAO to prevent extravagance or misuse of public funds.

Denouncing "abuse of the vastly broadened authority given to the procurement agencies, all under the guise of war, as well as the degeneration of moral standards," Warren said that "cost plus" procurement "is the greatest device ever invented for pumping out the treasury."

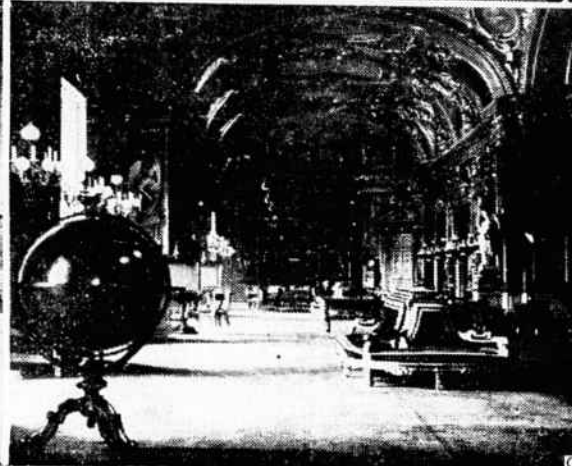
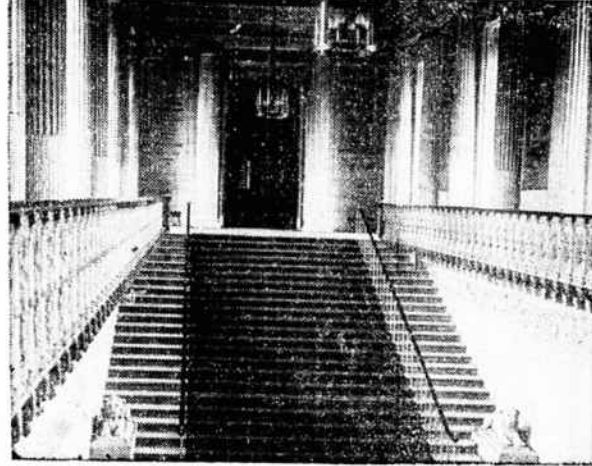
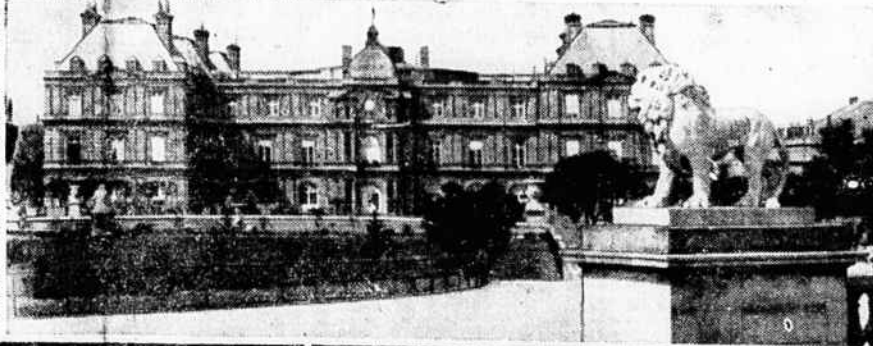
New York Cotton

New York, July 29.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened \$1.40 a bale lower to \$1.60 higher. Noon prices were \$2.50 to \$7.60 a bale higher. October 33.26, December 33.39 and March 32.90.

Historic Paris Peace Parley Opens; Bidault: 'Abolish The Plague Of War'

Where 21-Nation Peace Parley Convenes to Write Treaties

ON JULY 29, in Luxembourg palace at Paris a 21-nation peace conference will be called to order, and delegates from the Allied nations will draft peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland. The Big Four foreign ministers have been convening in the luxurious palace, laying the groundwork for the all-important peace parley. At the right is an exterior view of the palace, while at left below is the grand staircase up which delegates will pass to gain the great conference hall, lower right, where the formal signing will take place. (International)



President Of France Named Chairman Of 21-Nation Meeting

Paris, July 29.—(AP)—The 21-nation peace conference, convened formally in Luxembourg Palace more than a year after the end of the Second World War in Europe, was summoned by President Georges Bidault of France today to abolish "the plague of war."

Addressing the 1,500 delegates of the victorious Allies on behalf of the host nation, he pleaded: "The long suffering peoples of the world today look to you. If we can get complete peace solution, I hope that at least we will get reasonable ones."

Reference To U. S., Russia

In an apparent reference to the United States and Russia, Bidault said that whatever blame could be attached to the failure to keep the peace after the first world war, "a fundamental cause of that failure was that the two great powers who had taken a decided part in the conquest of arms remained on the side lines during the solution of peace."

"The hopes of plain men are turned toward us today," he said, concluding his 15-minute, slowly spoken speech. Bidault was then named provisional chairman of the conference on the motion of U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

For more than 36 hours the deputy foreign ministers of the four main powers—Britain, France, Russia and the U. S.—had argued before agreeing even upon publication of the five treaty drafts prepared by the four powers for submission to the conference. It finally was agreed to release the five treaty texts, along with statements on disagreements at 11:00 Greenwich Mean time (6 p. m. EST) Tuesday.

Attlee Replaces Bevin

United States Secretary of State James Byrnes, who arrived here yesterday, conferred with Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee of Britain in an attempt to break the publication deadlock. The two also discussed various aspects of the Palestine problem.

Attlee is here in the place of his foreign secretary, Ernest Bevin, who is ill.

This peace conference is not scheduled to consider the future of Germany or Japan, or to take up such matters as atomic energy.

The question of freedom of navigation on the Danube was shaping up as one of the major issues, with eastern powers favoring such freedom over the protest of Russia.

Hungary Also Problem

Likewise, Hungary, gateway to the Balkans, appeared to be looming as the principle bargaining point for American efforts to obtain an open door economic policy in Russian dominated Europe.

Lt. Gen. W. Bedford Smith, ambassador to Russia and crack State Department trouble shooter, was appointed to the subcommittee considering the Hungarian treaty. It was learned that the draft of the Hungarian treaty contains a strong protest by Russia against consideration of the question of navigation on the Danube. An informed source said the protest was contained in a reservation clause, and similar clauses apparently were included in treaty drafts with Bulgaria and Romania.

Countries attending the conference are: English speaking: Australia, Canada, Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, United States. Slavic: White Russia, Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Yugoslavia. Other European: Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Greece, Asiatic: China, India. Other: Brazil, Ethiopia.

LITTLE CHANGE IN EGG PRICES

Raleigh, July 29.—Egg prices are approximately "eggactly" where they were one year ago, according to R. B. Kelly, Poultry Marketing Specialist with the Department of Agriculture, who released the following local figures.

Wholesale prices to farmers July 6, 1945, for Grade A large were 44 cents, and on July 20, 1945, same grade, 46 cents a dozen.

Eggs of the same size and grade on July 6, 1946, brought farmers 42 to 43 cents and July 19, 1946, 45 cents per dozen.

Retail egg prices in Raleigh, Kelly disclosed, were 54 to 60 cents a dozen for large Grade A eggs on July 20, 1945, and on July 19, 1946, eggs of similar size and grade were 61 cents per dozen, depending on where purchased.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers Tuesday afternoon.

State Police Minus Clues In Lynching

State Authorities Report Residents Won't Cooperate

Monroe, Ga., July 29.—(AP)—State police reported today they had run into a "stone wall" in tracking down every lead in the investigation of the multiple negro lynching near here.

"We have talked to a lot of people and gotten nowhere," said Maj. William Spence, head of the state police. "We think we know who some of the members of the mob are, but we can't prove it."

Meanwhile, the congregation of the First Methodist church here yesterday by resolution called on local and Walton county officials to cooperate with the state authorities.

The resolution brought a prompt report from Sheriff E. S. Gordon who said: "We are ready to cooperate with the State. We've always been ready. It didn't take any resolution for that."

Spence said the "good people" of Walton county wouldn't talk about the slaying even though some of them "know who members of the gang are."

Moslem League In India Won't Back Independence Plan

Bombay, July 29.—(AP)—The Moslem League's policy forming Council of Action today withdrew its acceptance of the British cabinet mission's proposal for granting India independence and in bitterly phrased instructions told the league's working committee to evolve a program of "direct action" to achieve an independent Moslem state.

The Council of Action declared in a resolution that "Moslem India has exhausted without success all the avenues for peaceful settlement of demands for safe-guards in writing a constitution. It accused Britain of collaborating in a "breach of faith" to the league.

INDIA LINT CROP DOWN 2 PER CENT

Calcutta, July 29.—(AP)—India will have two per cent less cotton, both in yield and in area under cultivation this year than in 1945.

In its final forecast for 1945-46, the department of commercial intelligence said the area under cotton cultivation during the year is expected to be 114,439,000 acres and production 3,442,000 bales.

FLIER SENTENCED.

Boston, July 29.—(AP)—Army Lt. Thomas Farrell today was sentenced to three to five years in state prison for branding 19-year-old Helen Stavrou, but sentence was stayed after defense counsel announced he would appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Britain Accepts U. S. Plan For Unification Of Reich

Diplomatic Sources Expect France To Agree Also, With Russia Refusing

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—The State Department announced today Britain has accepted "in principle" this government's proposal to unify occupation zones in Germany.

The department's announcement reflected the hope that Russia and France will also accept.

Despite this hope, the expectation among diplomats here is that the U. S. and Britain at once will work out details for unifying their own zones

economically, that France will probably join promptly and that Russia will refuse to cooperate.

The announcement, which may mark a step in the hardening of the great power split in Germany came as Secretary of State James Byrnes met with Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov and Georges Bidault in the first day of the Paris peace conference.

Young Man Asks For Room In Jail In Order To Study At University

Chapel Hill, July 29.—When a young man wants to go to college but not enough to go to jail, he may have what you might call "re-entraining ambition."

Here in Chapel Hill, home of the University of North Carolina, the Mayor of the town, R. W. Masley, has been called upon to help this determined youngster who says he can't enter the jail because he has a room. So he wants to take over a cell in the jail here, where, he says, there seems to be very little crime.

This unique request was made by Sigbee Miller, Jr., a reporter for the Elizabeth City Advance, who wishes to enter Carolina in September.

"I have been advised that the town of Chapel Hill is remarkably free of crime and that perhaps the

jail, or at least one cell, may be surplus to our needs this fall," he wrote Mayor Masley. "This hardly seems fair with 9,449 others like me trying to find rooming space at the University. I would expect, of course, to pay the usual dormitory rental fee. A good friend, Edwin Long, Jr., of Statesville, will be glad to share the cell with me."

"I am B. was graduated from Miss Hill College in May of this year and at the present time am a newspaper reporter. I hope to take my journalism at Carolina. I am fairly sober and my only bad habits are occasional smoking and Forever Amber, which I find inexpressibly vulgar, thoroughly unwholesome and altogether delightful."

"P. S. If a jail cell is unavailable at the moment, is there any chance of my being admitted to the county home? Just temporarily, of course."

TEST FARM GRAINS YIELD NEW RECORD

Raleigh, July 29.—While the State as a whole was averaging 32.5 bushels of soy to the acre this year, the Piedmont Test Farm at Statesville had an average yield of 54 bushels to the acre. J. W. Hendricks, assistant director, notified Fred E. Miller, head of the Test Farms Division of the State Agriculture Department, recently.

With wheat, Hendricks had a yield of 31 bushels to the acre, and the State average was 18 bushels.

'DEAD' NAZI CHIEF REPORTED IN MUNICH

Nuremberg, July 29.—(AP)—American intelligence officers reported today that Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy party leader, who has been missing since the fall of Berlin, was seen in Munich only a week ago and that a house-to-house search for him is going on.

Bormann long ago was believed dead. He is being tried in absentia as one of 22 Nazi defendants by the international military tribunal.

House Given GI Furlough Pay Measure

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—A \$2,431,708,000 allotment for GI furlough pay and a \$26,000,000 fund for the return OPA topped a \$2,479,663,210 deficiency bill approved today by the House Appropriations Committee.

Last scheduled money measure of the 79th Congress, the bill also provides: \$20,000,000 for overtime, and holiday pay of government workers; \$250,000 for the new price de-control board under OPA;

Provision for use of Manhattan Engineering District (atom bomb project) funds by the atomic energy commission; and \$19,750,000 of War Department money for military aid to the Philippines.

The bill was rushed to the House floor after two days of committee hearings, and House leaders urged immediate passage.