Film News

Charlotte's gift to the movies, Virginia Dale, is planning a comeback in Hollywood. Movie Editor Emery Wister tells you about it in his column, "Between Takes," in the theater section. Turn to Page 5-B.

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WALLACE THROWS DOWN CHALLENGE

Vann's Disappearance Worries Wife And Authorities

Mrs. Vann Says Spouse Simply Left

Couldn't Face 'Those People'

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The whereabouts of Carl Vann, the State's chief witness against the butter and egg lottery racketeers, was still a mystery to local officials today, but City Solicitor Mercer Blankenship declared, "We are doing everything we can to find him."

Meanwhile, Vann's wife told newspapermen she did not know where he is, or when he would come back home.

"Early one morning Carl said, 'I can't stand to face those people down there again,' and he packed a suitcase and left," Mrs. Vann said. "I don't know where he went. He didn't tell me anything about where he would be."

Mrs. Vann said she hadn't heard from Vann since he left.

It was learned today that Vann left a few hours before dawn one morning last week.

Whether Vann had fled in fear of his life, or whether he had decided voluntarily not to go through with the cases against the lottery racket, was not clear today. It was known, however, that Vann was threatened with death a few weeks ago if he continued to act against the racket leaders.

KEY WITNESS

Vann testified against Dick Smith and George Ferguson, alleged racket bosses, in City Recorder's Court two weeks ago. Vann testified that he, Smith and Ferguson had made deals to operate the lottery "games" there, and he told in Court of differences which arose among the leaders. Smith, Ferguson, and Vann were convicted of conspiracy, and Smith and Ferguson were given $5,000 fines and two-year sentences. Vann was given a suspended sentence. Smith and Ferguson appealed to Superior Court.

Vann's testimony was the State's strongest evidence in the cases against Smith and Ferguson. When he did not appear in City Court yesterday for the remaining lottery trials, Solicitor Blankenship proceeded to try the cases anyway, and cleared the docket of the butter and eggs cases.

Actually, the lottery trials are now out of the jurisdiction of Solicitor Blankenship, but he said today that he was doing everything he could to locate Vann so that Vann will be here when the appealed cases are called for trial in Superior Court.

"I don't mind telling you," the Solicitor said, **"I've been worried about Vann's disappearance, and have been trying to find him. I haven't been sitting back and doing nothing."**

Mrs. Vann talked to a reporter at her home on Westwood Ave. in the Wilmore section this morning, but emphasized several times that she knew nothing about her husband's whereabouts now.

WORRIED

"When Carl left," she said, "he told me not to worry. But of course I couldn't help being upset by this. He didn't even tell me when he would be back."

If Vann does not show up again for the trials in Superior Court, the State's cases may be dealt a hard blow, but Solicitor Blankenship said that he believes that the State's case will hold up well in the higher court. Another important witness for the State is Mrs. Carl Lippard, and Mr. Blankenship said he was confident she will be available to testify.

TRIAL DELAYED

Meanwhile, Superior Court Solicitor Basil Whitener said the cases against Ferguson and Smith will not be tried during next week's criminal term because of the disappearance of Vann.

Vester McLaughlin, Superior Court Clerk, received the appeal cases today and promptly communicated with the Solicitor to determine if they should be docketed for trial during the coming week when Judge Frank M. Armstrong will preside.

In view of the fact that the City Police Department has been unable to locate Vann, the Solicitor said he felt it necessary to delay the trial temporarily.

Gen. Eisenhower To Visit Germany

BERLIN —(AP)— Gen. Eisenhower is expected in Germany Sept. 27 for a tour of American installations, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney said today.

McNarney declined to give the itinerary for the Chief of Staff's tour, saying he had just received it. It was marked confidential and he had not had time to request the War Department to release it.

Call For Proof

Aviation Committee Says EAL Service Inadequate

By PETE McKNIGHT
News Editor of The News

The Charlotte Aviation Committee said today it was "amazed" at a statement by an Eastern Air Lines official that Charlotte is getting adequate air service, and challenged the air line to prove the statement by filling postcard requests by local citizens.

Simultaneously the committee released a letter from Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia to James M. Landis, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, saying that Charlotte and North Carolina have been "slighted" and urging the CAB to grant the city "at least two or more carriers" so that it might get additional service.

The committee's statement, made by Chairman John L. Wilkinson, was prompted by remarks made to the press here this week by Leslie P. Arnold, EAL vice president. The EAL official was quoted as saying:

"I cannot understand how anybody can say that Eastern isn't giving Charlotte adequate service. Since the first of the year, we've increased the number of flights to and through Charlotte from 12 to 22, and the local passenger load from 600 to 2,400 a month. Last month alone we flew out of here with 2,175 empty seats that were available to Charlotte passengers if they had wanted them."

Mr. Wilkinson emphasized that the committee "is not carrying on any fight with Eastern Air Lines. We appreciate the service Eastern Air Lines gives the city. Our only objective is to try to get Eastern Air Lines and other air lines to give Charlotte adequate service. We do not think we have adequate service today."

Continuing, the committee's official statement said:

"This committe is amazed at the statement attributed to

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Found In Bedroom

Investigate Death Of Reynolds' Wife

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Evalyn McLean Reynolds, 24, daughter of Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean and wife of former U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, was found dead in her bedroom late yesterday.

The body was found beside a switched-on radio by the family physician, Dr. B. W. Leonard, who told investigators that death may have been caused by an accidental overdose of sleeping pills.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald deferred issuing a death certificate, however, until he has made a further examination.

In a temporary finding, the coroner attributed death to "acute congestive heart failure." He said a broad chemical test will be made to determine if a bottle of sleeping pills found near the body had any connection with the case.

Dr. Leonard had called at the family home, "Friendship," to treat Mrs. McLean, owner of the famous Hope Diamond who was operated on recently for a knee injury.

The physician went to Mrs. Reynolds' room when her mother was unable to raise her on the mansion's interphone system.

IN ILL HEALTH

The dead heiress, who had been in ill health for some time, was the daughter of the late Edward Beale McLean, Washington publisher, and a granddaughter of Thomas F. Walsh, Colorado millionaire.

She married Reynolds, then 57 year old chairman of the Senate Military Committee, in 1941. They have a daughter, Mamie Spears Reynolds, who will be four on Sept. 30.

Reynolds, who dropped out of the Senate in 1944, was at his farm at La Plata, Md., when his wife's body was found.

Mrs. McLean has always discounted the popular belief that ill fortune stems from the $2,000,000 blue-white Hope Diamond, once owned by Catherine the Great of Russia.

Although reared in luxury, Mrs. Reynolds shunned ostentation. When she came of age, she announced she would dispense with the formal debut which the Capital had been waiting.

U. N. Urges Aid Program

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. —(AP)— The United Nations sub-commission on the economic reconstruction of devastated areas proposed today a broad program designed to put western Europe back on its feet and help formulate a long-range European economic plan unprecedented in scope.

The proposals were contained in a 450-page report which detailed economic conditions in Europe and pointed out problems which require an immediate solution before recovery can be complete. A similar report on Asia will be ready next Spring.

The sub-commission found that Europe is emerging rapidly from the period of devastation, largely due to the help of UNRRA, but that most countries still are faced with serious shortages of food, fuel, housing, manpower and raw materials and that financial assistance is badly needed to restore industry and international trade to a normal level.

Chief proposal of the 21-nation group was that the Economic and Social Council at once to create an economic commission for Europe to foster co-operation in the expansion and integration of European economic activity.

It was pointed out that almost every country in Europe now has an economic plan, which was drafted without regard to what other nations were doing and which might easily raise difficult international economic problems. One of the tasks of the commission would be to assemble and exchange information to enable the individual countries to plan more efficiently for the future.

Other recommendations included:

1. Creation of a permanent international housing organization.

2. Establishment of an agency described as an international TVA, to study and prepare plans for the co-ordinated development of European power resources and the construction of hydro - electric plants.

3. Approval of an UNRRA suggestion to establish or designate an agency to review the needs in 1947 for financing urgent imports and make recommendations for financial assistance required to meet foreign exchange difficulties.

The report said the restoration of coal production to the pre-war level was the most important single factor necessary for European recovery. It pointed out that present production of coal is about 25 per cent below the pre-war output, largely because of man-power problems and a shortage of mining machinery.

Ship Moving To Port After Striking Reef

NEW YORK—(AP)—The 3,805-ton freighter Half Hitch, which previously radioed she was in "immediate danger of loss" after running aground on a reef in the Pacific, is proceeding under her own power to the Honduran port of Ampala, the Coast Guard reported today.

The ship radioed to her agents in Cristobal, Canal Zone, early today that she was afloat and had suffered "apparently no damage," except a "small curve in the rudder," when she struck the reef yesterday 20 miles off the coast of El Salvador.

Tie Vote Snags Parley

PARIS—(AP)—British demands for specific treaty safeguards for foreign petroleum interests in Romania snagged on a tie vote, 7 to 7, in the Peace Conference's Balkan economic commission today.

The resulting parliamentary tangle caused the American delegate, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, to declare "this procedure has been fantastic."

TYROL AGREEMENT

Earlier, the Italian Political and Territorial Commission approved the separate agreement between Italy and Austria for considerable autonomy rights in the Tyrol, and ordered it inserted in the Italian peace treaty over the objections of the Slav bloc.

The revised British annex to the Romanian treaty which ran into a parliamentary snarl would require Romania to restore or replace the losses of Allied nationals in the oil fields, annul discriminatory legislation and admit key administrative officials and technical experts into the country to operate the wells.

The first three paragraphs were adopted in a series of close votes. A tie vote came on the fourth and last paragraph concerning admission of key personnel, and again on the projected annex as a whole.

The British empire countries—Britain, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa—plus Greece carried the first two paragraphs 7 to 6 against the United States and the Slav block—Russia, White Russia, the Ukraine, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

The United States took the position that special provisions for petroleum properties were unnecessary because they were covered by general clauses on property rights of Allied nationals.

France, which abstained on the first two ballots, joined the British bloc in passing the third paragraph 8 to 6, then switched to the other side on the fourth paragraph, tying the count.

The same lineup caused a tie on the annex as a whole.

Tokyo Police Seek Kidnaper

TOKYO—(AP)—Tokyo police today identified the kidnaper of twelve-year-old Kiyoko Shimizu as Sumitomo as an escaped convict and confidently predicted his quick capture although admitting he eluded them only a few days ago.

They said the suspect, who fled a penitentiary in January after conviction on another kidnap charge, also was the abductor of thirteen-year-old Kiyoko Shimizu, ransomed a few days ago for 15,000 yen ($1,000). Although police had set a trap for Kiyoko's kidnaper, he escaped in the excitement of her reunion with her mother in a dark temple yard.

11 Killed In English Storm

LONDON — (AP)—At least eleven persons were killed, English Channel shipping was battered and thousands of acres of harvest crops in Leicestershire and North Hampshire were leveled in yesterday's 100-mile-an-hour wind which struck England's southern coast.

The Air Ministry's Weather Bureau said that a second gale which had been expected had not developed by late this afternoon.

Farmers said yesterday's storm left their position "the most serious in memory." H. R. Overman, who farms more than 1,000 acres in the area, said "the losses now run into millions of pounds, and many farmers will be facing bankruptcy before the end of the year."

Yesterday's storm finished off the 7,176-ton American cargo vessel Helena Modjeska, which had been stranded on Goodwin Sands off Deal since Sept. 12.

Spain To Open Manila Legation

MADRID —(AP)— Gen. Francisco Franco's cabinet, meeting for the first time since the Summer recess, announced today its decision to establish a Spanish legation in Manila and named Teodomiro De Aguilar Salas as minister to the Philippine Republic.

Aguilar Salas served until October, 1944, as minister to Uruguay and was consul general to Mexico in 1931.

Newfoundland Drama

Helicopter Begins Rescue Of 18 Survivors Of Airliner's Crash

GANDER AIRPORT, Nfld.—(AP)—A U. S. Coast Guard helicopter swooped down upon the scene of the Sabena airliner crash today and began the rescue of the eighteen survivors.

Lt. August Kleisch piloted the helicopter, one of two dismantled and flown here from the United States in Army transport planes.

Kleisch took off from Gander at 1:42 P. M. after mechanics assembled his flying machine in 6 1/2 hours, and at 2:30 P. M. (Eastern Daylight Time) a plane circling the scene said the first of the surviving victims had been picked up.

The survivor was flown to a small lake five miles distant and transferred to a Catalina flying boat for the journey to the Gander Hospital.

Kleisch started back for another survivor. Fourteen of the survivors were reported injured, two critically.

Most of the survivors of 44 passengers and crewmen of the crashed airliner were reported already transported to a small plateau a quarter of a mile from the wreckage. A U. S. Army ground rescue team and 30 Newfoundland woodsmen moved them.

The Army team arrived at the scene Thursday night, while the party of Newfoundland woodsmen reached there only today.

Splints, crutches, tents and medical supplies were dropped at the temporary rescue camp today. Plans to parachute a small power plant and flood lights were abandoned.

CIO Sailors Work Again At New York

Others Vote To End Strike

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIO mariners filed back to work on ships in New York Harbor today after membership meetings there and in other East and Gulf ports voted an end to their maritime strike on the basis of an arbitration award establishing an industry-wide principle of wage parity.

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, said that the nation's costliest sea stoppage was "officially over," but actual end of the strike elsewhere depended on acceptance of the settlement by all seamen involved.

The NMU said members in New York, Philadelphia, Houston, Newport News, New Orleans and Providence had voted to accept the new agreement which also must be concurred in by NMU members in other ports, the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, and the Independent Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Watertenders — West Coast unions — before the nation-wide strike would be ended.

WAGE RAISE ORDERED

The U. S. Maritime Commission last night ordered its agents in all ports to pay all seamen the same rates as had been awardec AFL mariners, meaning wage increases of $5 to $10 monthly.

Establishment of the wage parity principle was contained in an arbitration award made Thursday in New York by Federal Arbitrator James L. Fly.

On the West Coast, meantime, where the shipping tieup extended into the 16th straight day, representatives of the Marine Cooks and Marine Firemen said they would accept the Fly award but that picket lines would be continued until operators gave written guarantees that wage increases would be paid.

They also accused the shipowners last night of "stalling" after the Pacific American Shipowners Association, taking the position that actual wage cuts would be involved in acceptance of the award, asked for clarification.

There still was the possibility of strikes by the CIO International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, led by Harry Bridges, and the CIO Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. Their contract with employers expire Sept. 30.

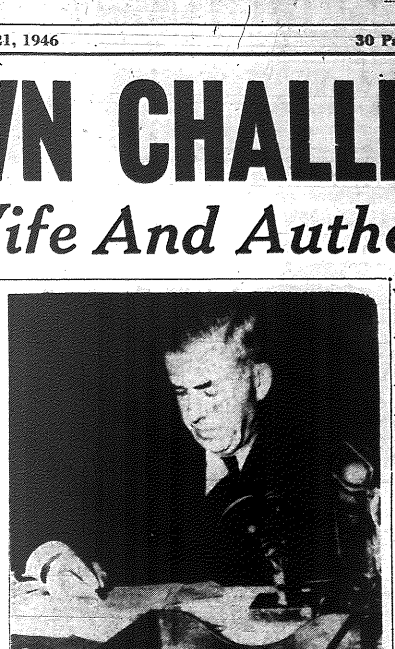
CIO President Philip Murray said in Washington last night he feared a breakdown of negotiations between the unions and the Waterfront Employers' Association.

But Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach said he felt there was good prospect of his department averting a walkout in these cases, given "a reasonable amount of co-operation."

Settlement of the NMU strike against Atlantic and Gulf Coast operators was announced late yesterday by Curran, Frank Taylor, chairman of the operators negotiating committee, and Fred Livingston, Federal conciliator. The announcement was followed by unanimous acceptance by the New York membership of the union and by affirmative votes in other ports.

HAILED BY CURRAN

Curran told his members that the agreement with the operators "means $25,000,000 in wage increases," and hailed the settlement as "the greatest victory achieved for seamen in our history."



SO IS HENRY—The mail box on the desk of Henry A. Wallace tells the entire story in one word as the Secretary of Commerce signs his resignation which President Truman asked Sept. 20. (NEA Telephoto).

Warning Given, However

Dairy Products' Prices Left Free

WASHINGTON — (AP) —Dairy products went their way in a free market today but with butter and cheese prices under the wary eye of the Price Decontrol Board.

In announcing a decision not to reimpose ceilings now, the board declared it would maintain vigilance over the dairy price trend and stay ready for any action which might be necessary.

A board official told reporters cheese and butter are the "sore spots" Chairman Roy L. Thompson had in mind last night when he said prices are "approaching the critical point."

The board nevertheless repeated its decision of a month earlier that milk, cream, butter, cheese, ice cream and other dairy items should remain free from OPA controls because there has been no "unreasonable price increase over June 30 ceilings plus subsidy."

PORTER SILENT

Paul Porter, OPA administrator, who expressed disappointment at failure of the Board to restore these controls a month ago, told newsmen he had nothing to say this time.

Along with its dairy decision the three-member Board took public notice of protests against the meat scarcity which followed return of price lids ordered by the board.

Thompson pointed out that the situation now is this:

"Any request for decontrol of meat must be made by an Industry Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture. Only if the Secretary of Agriculture denies the petition, or fails to act on it within prescribed time limits, could this petition be appealed to the board." The board cannot, under the new OPA law, initiate a move for decontrol.

Meanwhile OPA agreed to further discussion next week of protests by restaurant men against returning to June 30 price levels for meat meals despite increases permitted all other meat sellers.

Wage Board To Continue

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman in a statement today said the Wage Stabilization Board "will continue to administer the wage stabilization program."

Reports were current in Washington earlier this week that there was a possibility that a new wage stabilization set-up might be in the making as a result of a Presidential request for a study of the whole wage stabilization program by the Advisory Board of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

STATEMENT ISSUED

The President, apparently taking note of these reports, issued this statement today:

"The National Wage Stabilization Board will continue to administer the wage stabilization program.

"I asked the Advisory Board of OWMR, this week to add to its agenda a study of the wage stabilization program. This board has been studying problems of Government expenditures, the shortage of certain materials, and the over-all inflationary program.

"The Advisory Board will, of course, consult in detail with the Wage Stabilization Board on this new topic as it has been doing from time to time in the past.

"The Advisory Board, as the name implies, is not an administrative agency. It was established by the Congress to advise the President and the director of OWMR on broad problems of national reconversion policy."

Willow Run Pickets Leave

DETROIT —(AP)— Pickets of AFL construction workers were withdrawn from the big Willow Run plant of Kaiser-Frazer Corp. today after settlement of a short-lived dispute.

A company spokesman said the pickets departed following a conference between Edgar Kaiser, vice-president and general manager, and Louis Mackbarth, business agent of the Washtenaw County Building and Trades Council (AFL).

Threats Mailed To Tojo's Son

TOKYO—(AP)—Police said today three threatening letters, the last demanding 50,000 yen (more than $3,000) had been sent Teruo Tojo, second son of the fallen war-time Premier of Japan.

All letters bore the same signature. The last letter demaded that the money be wrapped in a white cloth, marked "Tojo," and be left in the waiting room of Tokyo's central station.

Will Keep Up Fight For His Foreign Policy Ideas

Bitter Party Struggle Looms

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace, private citizen, threw down the gauntlet to the Truman Administration today for a continuing battle over foreign policy.

The ousted Secretary of Commerce told the department's employees in a farewell message he was resigning "in order that I may be free as a private citizen to continue to fight for world peace."

ADDRESS MADE

And in a nation-wide radio address last night he declared that "winning the peace is more important than high public office. It is more important than any consideration of party politics."

He removed any doubt that he would battle on for his "go-easy-with-Russia" ideas which brought him into conflict with the State Department and led President Truman to dismiss him from his official family.

"The success of any policy," Wallace said, "rests ultimately upon the confidence and the will of the people.

"There can be no basis for such success unless the people know and understand the issues—unless they are given all the facts—and unless they enjoy the opportunity to take part in the framing of foreign policy through full and open debate.

As the Iowan stepped out he left Congress members and others asking two major questions:

1. Would the President's action end the uncertainty over American policy caused by Wallace's New York address ten days ago which contradicted Secretary of State Byrnes' position at many points?

Some said it would. Others doubted it. Mr. Truman himself made clear he intended the dismissal as emphatic notice that he is standing four-square behind Byrnes.

2. What would be the effect within the Democratic Party and particularly on its chances in November's elections and in 1948?

A frequently expressed Republican view was that the dispute emphasized the differences within the Democratic Party and enhanced Republican prospects of winning control of the next Congress.

Some Democrats contended their party's ranks had now been closed and its chances improved.

UP TO PAC

One Democratic Senator, talking with the understanding that his name would not be reported, said he thought it was largely a matter of what the CIO Political Action Committee does.

He said that no votes were going to be changed by the foreign policy row. But if the CIO-PAC makes only indifferent efforts to get out its votes, he declared, then the Democratic Party may lose some Congressional districts which it can be required to pass over its candidates.

Many politicians agreed that the developments presage a bitter struggle during the next two years for control of the Democratic Party.

The issue is what group will name the 1948 Presidential nominee and write the policies to which the party will be committed in that election year.

What is often called the party's left wing includes Wallace, Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, the CIO-PAC and other elements which would go farther in social legislation than the remainder of the party.

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt held the factions together sufficiently to win one victory after another at the polls.

Mr. Truman had tried to do the same with some success up to now. Last May, Wallace had openly publicly he would support Mr. Truman for re-election in 1948.

POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS

Among those mentioned in speculation over Mr. Truman

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, slightly warmer tonight, generally fair Sunday and Monday.

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Sunrise tomorrow [illegible]