

Pauley Denies Truman Knew Of Market Operations

Royal Aide Says He Lost \$100,000 In Liquidating

Testifies Before Senate Committee... WASHINGTON—(AP)—Edwin W. Pauley testified today that neither President Truman nor Secretary of Agriculture Anderson could have known when they criticized speculators that Pauley was operating on the commodities market.

Pauley, a special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal, made the statement before the Senate Appropriations Committee... He testified he lost \$100,000 worth of commodities when he liquidated the account after the post last Sept. 3.

Pauley testified he had "something less than a million dollars' worth of commodities when he took the Army post... He said he had liquidated approximately 80 per cent of those commodities... He said he had liquidated approximately 80 per cent of those commodities...

Truman Speaks Of Re-Election

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today said for the first time in speaking of re-election... He said he was "not at all sure" he would be re-elected, saying he would like to see the people's choice.

9 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Newcomers Vote 105 To 13 Friendly City

By TOM FEFERMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer... CHARLOTTE has an overwhelming endorsement as "The Friendly City" today in a survey conducted by The News, when 105 newcomers answered "yes" to the question, "Here you found Charlotte a friendly city" and only thirteen voted "No."

The News wrote postcards to 275 people who have been living here only a short time and asked them to give their opinions of the city and to make any comment they wished... The comments written by the newcomers contained some fine constructive criticisms...

Most liked their names... All but five of those who replied have lived here less than one year... The most common criticism was the number of railroad crossings... The most common praise was the friendliness of the people.

Housing Major Problem

A new survey said the people are friendly but will not rent apartments or houses to people with children, which I can't understand in such a religious-minded city... Another, "We're living in a new development which has no sidewalks or paved streets, and mud is our main problem."

"I told him I'm going down to Panama to run for President and he said, 'I'm glad to hear that, but I'm not sure you'll win.'"

Agreement Reached On Foreign Aid

RFC Authorized To Act Quickly... WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Senate-House conference committee approved today to authorize a \$150,000,000 advance by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to begin stopgap relief operations in France, Italy and Austria...

The Senate voted to authorize up to \$297,000,000 for the three countries... The conference agreed, Eaton said, to a compromise by which the total funds could be used to purchase abroad...

Specific Proposals... WASHINGTON—(AP)—Specific proposals for price ceilings and roll backs under President Truman's request for standby anti-inflation powers were submitted to Congress today by Secretary of Labor Schwechenbach.

Replying to Republican demands that the Administration spell out its anti-inflation program, Schwechenbach said price controls would be limited to commodities... 1. That basically affect the cost of living and which are essential to the national health...

21 Killed In Palestine

By JOSEPH C. GOODWIN JERUSALEM—(AP)—The Jewish underground forces in Palestine today announced the killing of 21 persons and the wounding of 104 since partition was announced.

At least 16 of the dead were Arab, the Jewish underground said... The bodies were found buried in a British Overseas Import area, set off by Arabs to night at Lydda Village. At least 40 Arabs were wounded.

"We warned the Arabs repeatedly before we struck, Rezaulahi said in his confession... He said he was a man of good reputation, neither drinking or gambling and active in his community."

Rome Police Car Scatters Crowd

A fully-manned police jeep mounts the sidewalk in Rome's Piazza Colonna, forcing the crowd to jump back or be run down during the general strike directed by leftists. The Chamber of Labor, which called the strike in protest against unemployment, estimated 500,000 workers were made idle...

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Russia May Compromise

LONDON—(AP)—Soviet sources reported today Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov might offer to defer Russia's \$100,000,000 reparation claim against Germany if the Foreign Ministers' conference would agree to immediate establishment of all-German economic and administrative agencies in the Reich.

These sources, close to the Russian delegation at the conference, said Molotov might propose a modification of the terms of reparations from current production... Whether such a concession would open the way for an all-German administration remains questionable.

Secretary of State Marshall had demanded that Russia call on the Italian Government to make reparations deliveries from its current production, which he estimated at \$100 million... It is considered likely that Marshall will stand firm against any such reparations delivery from current production, deferred or otherwise.

Belmont Man's Disappearance Deep And Perplexing Mystery

By TOM SCHLESINGER CHARLOTTE NEWS STAFF WRITER... BELMONT—Hearts beat a little faster in the small Sterling Hotel in New York City today when John Sumners and Christmas are linked in the past several years.

For the past several years of some 200 mill families are intimately wrapped up in the mystery... The local and rural police had dragged the mud from the phone that had been received by the police... John Sumners was reported to have said on the phone that he would be back in five days to straighten up things.

Chief of Police Hoover has his hands on the back of his neck... He has read several of the charges to John Sumners with something. No one has as yet been charged with anything.

Squads Use Clubs To Clear Mob From Square

Through Chants Communist Song... ROME—(AP)—Jeepborne police riot squads, swinging clubs, charged burning crowds today in the heart of strike-bound Rome, as throngs chanted the Communist anthem "Red Flag."

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Trucks Protected

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Weather

Clear and continued cool today... Temperature at 2 P. M. today—38... High and low last 24 hours—51/32... Sunrise tomorrow—6:11... More Weather Data on page 5-B