

Recent promotions indicate that the Army is playing 'parlor politics,' reports Drew Pearson in today's Herald-Examiner. Turn to the editorial page.

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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## Power To Ration Meat And Gasoline Proposed In Bill

### ABC DENIES CHARITABLE 50 IN LIQUOR

### Price Control Plan Offered To Congress

Legislation Would Also Permit Government To Buy Wheat Crop

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Administration today submitted proposed legislation to Congress which would permit the rationing of meat, gasoline and other commodities.

Undersecretary of Commerce William C. Foster told a Senate judiciary subcommittee that a bill handed by the group by Secretary Hartman would permit the Government to buy up the entire crop of wheat and certain other commodities.

Foster explained these rationing and crop-buying powers were contained in a bill designed to give President Truman authority to allocate and fix priorities on scarce items, including livestock and poultry, steel, grain and grain products, freight cars and other products and materials.

### Strike Off In France

PARIS — (AP) — The Communist-dominated French Government today announced that it had ordered laborers to work to a job.

The order met a Government ultimatum that strikers to go back to their jobs.

Communist leaders had indicated previously they would defy the Government, which had set tomorrow as the deadline for the return to work.

As the end of the proposed, Communist-ruled labor control measures, the Government announced that it had ordered laborers to work to a job.

When President Truman presented his ten-point anti-Communism program to Congress he emphasized—and Cabinet members agreed—that the Administration does not propose to use any of the powers in the program to control the economy.

Senator Cooper (R-N.Y.) said that it should have the power so that it can be used if necessary to help the economy.

The measure presented to the committee was designed to control the allocation and priorities of power through March 31, 1950.

Wherry said this in expressing his opposition to the bill.

Previously, both Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and Senator McClellan (D-Md.) had expressed their opposition to the bill.

The note referred angrily to the expulsion from France of the Soviet citizens Nov 28 and to the French decision to seize a Russian reparations company at the end of the year.

France had hoped to get grain from the Soviet Union in exchange for manufactured goods. Diplomatic sources re-

ported that the Soviet Government had refused to supply the grain.

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### Arabs Talk Plans For 'Holy War'

Volunteer Army Is Discussed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arab leaders, talking of a holy war, were reported yesterday in their Cairo conference tonight to support of a "volunteer people's army" to fight creation of a Jewish state in Palestine in August.

Regular Arab armies would be held on leash until they could be used against Jewish reinforcements and supplies, an informed Arab source said.

Chairman Husain Khalidi of the Arab Higher Executive in Palestine, said "any invasion of the Holy Land by Jewish displaced persons would be met by a counter-invasion from neighboring Arab countries. He charged that "corruption and wrongdoings" marred the handling of the Palestine problem and said "the sooner the U.N. disappears, the better."

It was over the United Nations decision to carve Palestine into Jewish and Arab states that the Arab leaders in the Near East were enraged. Shank Abud, chief of the Arab League, was also mentioned in Cairo.

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New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

**FACE CHARGES**—The first batch of alleged bootleggers caught in today's dragnet laid by ABC law enforcement authorities in conjunction with City and County police, are shown here headed into County police headquarters on charges of violating the liquor laws. The raids began at 6 o'clock this morning and by noon 50 persons had been rounded up.

### Soviet May Compromise

LONDON — (AP) — After two weeks of indecisive argument the Foreign Ministers Council came today to a tentative agreement with German reparations and other matters.

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### Arrested Again

It's Old, Old Story To Jim Massey, 76

By TOM FEFERMAN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

A poly - police agent Negro, who walked slowly down the second-floor offices of the alcoholic Beverage Control Board across E. Fourth St. from police headquarters this morning.

"Well, Jim," said Mr. Sims, "I've been expecting you."

"Yeah, I'm right here," Jim Massey said. He flashed a toothless grin.

The "dean" of Mecklenburg's alleged bootleggers had been caught in the big round-up. It wasn't a new experience to him; he's been brought into police stations more times than he can recall. He probably knows as many policemen by name as anyone else in town.

But the arrest still wasn't anything to be taken lightly. Jim Massey, listed at 76 years old and resident of 330 N. Long St. (an address known well by older officers), displayed a grin, but it didn't come easily. He smiled for a photographer,

but he let everyone know it was forced.

Jim Massey was booked at Rural Police Headquarters, and then he was let out under bond for trial later.

Later Chief Littlejohn did some reminiscing.

"I remember one time I went down to Jim's place. Somebody had bought some liquor from him—some liquor. I went down there and Jim was just sitting there, in that big chair of his. 'I said to Jim, 'Jim, you must have some liquor around that that one bottle.'"

"Jim kept sitting in that chair, and he said, 'You air, it doesn't look so good. You air, it doesn't look so good. You air, it doesn't look so good.'"

"Well, I told Jim to get up a minute, and I looked in that

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### Bootleggers In This Area Are Hit Big Blow

Flying Squadrons Of Law Enforcement Officers Go Into Action

By TOM WATKINS

Charlotte News Staff Writer

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### Police List 50 Suspects

Names and addresses of these men and women arrested in the roundup of suspected bootleggers were listed in official lists as follows:

Names for trial in Charlotte's Recorder's Court:

Ilia Mae (Angel) Broome, 40, 1011 S. Tryon St.

John Martin Bullard, 31, 222 W. 10th St.

Charles Hilda Dickson, 50, Edna Douglas, 27, Negro, 2108 W. Trade St.

John Houston Fustin, 28, 608 N. Palmont St.

Eugene Richard Gardner, 29, 2013 S. Blvd.

John T. Green, 24, YMCA, 210 North St.

James William Tagler, 35, 221 N. Graham St.

Willie Estelle Hasler, 46, 221 N. Graham St.

Harrison Victor Herron, 40, Negro, 207 Hill Rd.

Frym Holtz, 44, Negro, 116 N. W. 10th St.

Nathan Long, 37, Negro, 1816 Edwin St.

Walter McVickers, 54, 400 1/2 W. Trade St.

William Edward McQuay, 44, 340 Bradford Dr. Thomasboro.

James H. Moore, 63, Negro, 1801 Park St.

Homar Moore, 24, Negro, 1118 Palmont St.

Eric E. Templeton, 23, 400 1/2 W. Trade St.

Jack Lewis Templeton, 22, 400 1/2 W. Trade St.

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