

Fighting Goes On In Suchow Section



Weather: Bright And Crisp

Chapel Crowded

By RAY HOWE
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CHAPLAIN HILL—Many Charlotteans and thousands of other football fans who thought they were in for a wet well-end at the annual Duke-Charlotte game were greeted by cool, sunny weather this morning as they packed into this village.

A strong wind was blowing, drying out the ground after last night's rain, but the men who keep Kean Stadium's field mowed had already seen to it that the turf would be ready for the big tussle in the gridiron was covered by canvas.

The last two days have been unusually quiet, considering the yearly excitement over this big game, but things became more lively last night as more fans poured into town.

RAY ON ISLAND
Among them were Orchestra Leader Kay Kyser and his beautiful wife, Georgia Kay, who first

led a band in his student days at Carolina, has been back home to see several of the Duke-Charlotte games but he's never seen his team win.

This time, he told the students, he thought the Georgia along to break the jinx.

The student whistled—but then they would whistle at Georgia anyhow.

The Kyers went around to the home of Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, Charlotte's All-American football star, to have a few words with the halfback and his infant son.

Kay also spoke at a UNC pep rally—while another big rally was being staged by Duke students in Durham.

There was much talk of passes when the Kyers visited the Monogram Club. Kay commented that the Carolina boys could handle a lot of passes, and Coach Carl Snavely had something to say on the subject, too. The way

Nationalists' Claims Are Inconclusive

Battle Continues On All Fronts

NANKING — (AP) — Although Government dispatches claim that the Battle of Suchow is considered closed and a "complete victory" for Nationalist forces, it is evident that fighting is still in progress.

In fact the battle apparently is continuing on all fronts of the Northern Kiangsu bastion and the decisive action may be yet to be fought.

Ho Yung-Chin, national defense minister, reported to the executive Yuan (legislature), said stiff fighting still is continuing in the vicinity of Nienhsang, 33 miles east of Suchow, where a Red force recently was sent back. He said that government troops south of Suchow, on the Yangtze River, will be reinforced.

A report on the Kiangsu situation to the Nanking Evening Post said four Communist units along the riverfront had been driven back. Chen Yi has not yet been able to capture the Yangtze-Minghsiang line, where troops under Chen Yi and two formerly were trapped in a Red position. The Nationalist air again was effective in preventing the assault, the report said.

Root Of Berlin Stalemate

Reds Reply To Currency Quiz

By EDWARD CURTIS
PARIS — (AP) — Russia replied today to the Berlin currency questionnaire submitted to the four big powers by American Foreign Minister Acheson.

The Russian reply was not easy to comment on whether the answer was satisfactory because it was so evasively translated. He expressed the hope the West-

Germany To Be Rebuilt

French Plea Spurned

By ARTHUR GAYSON
PARIS — (AP) — The United States and Britain were reported today to have turned down French pleas against rebuilding Germany's industrial power.

tern powers would have their answer in all Berlin before the end of the year.

Experts of the United States, Britain and France met to study the questionnaire. It is part of a new effort by the six neutral nations in the United Nations Security Council to mediate the Berlin deadlock. Russia continues that currency control questions are at the root of the stalemate.

Thinks It Can Be Averted

Truman Expects No Depression

KEY WEST, Fla. — (AP) — President Truman felt it is known to him that the country is not in danger of depression, he believes his administration can avert any other depression.

Rep. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, said the Administration press for passage of the bill before flying back to Texas after spending engagement at Dallas tonight.

"If a major recession or depression should occur, it will not be expected," he said, "but I am justified by our economic situation, but will be man-made."

CIO Slated To Launch Wage Drive

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — One of the hottest issues before the CIO exploded into the open today, the question of pushing left-wing CIO councils that refuse to follow CIO policy.

Walkout Delays Sailing Of Liner

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. — (AP) — A liner company today announced that the presentation of the award to the President, himself a Legionnaire, was set for the 10:00 P.M. (6:40 A.M., EST.) 70 minutes after the scheduled sailing time.

Plan Watch-Dog Groups

AFL To Push Legislation

CINCINNATI — (AP) — The American Federation of Labor Executive Council planned today to set up watch-dog committees of top union leaders to press for passage of its legislative proposals in the 81st Congress.

Charlotte Girl Is Singing Hit

By EARL WILSON
The New York Broadway Columnist
NEW YORK — I've been hearing so much about the South—and about Charlotte in particular—that I feel I should apologize for having been born so far north as I do.

President Truman Awarded Medal By American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS — (AP) — The American Legion's national executive committee today announced that it had distinguished service medal to President Truman.

Youngster's Last Christmas Comes A Little Early

BEAUFORT, N.C. — (AP) — It was Christmas Day today for little Leo "Lucky" Jones, who died last night after a long illness. He was only two months old.

Strikers Give Up Docks In France

DUNKERQUE, France — (AP) — Troops sealed the port area of Dunkerque today and striking dockworkers retreated from their work without organized resistance.

Pre-Christmas Warnings Issued

City and County police today issued a joint statement which made it clear that any violation of the state law outlawing fireworks will be dealt with severely.

Police Poised To Enforce Fireworks Ban

While police in chemicals which are known as "pyrotechnics," Skyrockets, Roman candles, progress crackers, "spit darts" caps for cap pistols, and all other pyrotechnics are prohibited by law.

U. S. Vessels To Stay At Tsingtau

TSINGTAO, China — (AP) — The U.S. Navy is keeping Task Force 38 in China waters indefinitely because of the civil war.

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