Weather
Partly cloudy through tomorrow. Warmer today and tonight. Not much change in temperature tomorrow.
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TODAY'S BIG STORY

No Successor In Sight For Lilienthal's Job

ARGENTINA SEIZES AP, UP OFFICES

State Dept. Eager To Hear Ward's Story

WASHINGTON—(AP)—State Department officials expressed hope today that American Consul General Angus Ward would shortly be able to begin his long delayed departure from Communist-ruled Mukden, China.

They are anxious to have him safely home and they want to ask him some detailed questions about his imprisonment by the Chinese Reds.

The fact that a Communist court ordered Ward and four staff members deported gave rise to the belief here that the Communists would no longer place any obstacles in the way of closing the consulate at Mukden and removing all the personnel.

For the moment, however, the State Department was without any specific word as to Ward's plans or how rapidly the Chinese Communist authorities will permit him to act.

News of his release was announced by the department yesterday after Ward himself had sent word of it through Consul General O. Edmund Clubb at Peiping.

Ward said that he and four of his staff members had been convicted of various charges revolving around the alleged beating of a Chinese employee last Oct. 11. He reported they had been given prison sentences ranging from three to six months. All

ANGUS WARD

the sentences, however, were commuted to deportation.

Ward drew the six months sentence; Ralph C. Rehberg, an American citizen, and Alfred Kristan, a European employed by

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ACE Chief Will Leave On Dec. 31

Truman Accepts 'With Regrets'

By OLIVER W. DE WOLF

WASHINGTON— (AP)—David E. Lilienthal's resignation as U. S. atomic chief left wide open today the question of who will succeed him in one of the most important jobs in the world.

Lilienthal will quit as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Dec. 31. President Truman announced yesterday that he was accepting the resignation "reluctantly and with the utmost regret."

The 50-year-old former attorney became the first civilian head of the multi-billion dollars atomic program on Oct. 28, 1946. His term normally would have expired next June 30, along with those of the other four commissioners.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters he had no idea whom Mr. Truman would name to the $17,500 a year post.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE

Lilienthal, a controversial figure throughout most of his twenty years of public life and particularly in recent months as AEC chairman, submitted his resignation Nov. 21, saying he wished to return to private life.

In a radio interview last night, he said "there is only one time when a fellow can quit this kind of job — and that's when it is going well."

He added that he thought the secrecy shrouded program had "come a long way" in the three years he has directed it, adding:

"I will say this, and say it without any qualifications — I'm satisfied that a good beginning has been made."

He may elaborate at a news conference Monday.

Lilienthal's resignation was not totally unexpected. There have been periodic reports that he was weary of the post and that he planned to step out once he felt he had been cleared of the "incredible mismanagement" charges made against him and the AEC by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa).

A majority of the Senate-House atomic committee reported last month that its hearings into the Hickenlooper charges had been "fruitless".

But a minority report was submitted by Republican committee members headed by the Iowa Senator — sharply disagreeing.

Hickenlooper, former committee chairman and now its ranking Republican member, recalled yesterday that he had demanded Lilienthal's resignation at the outset of the investigation last May.

"I look forward to a new stimulation in our atomic program," he said in a statement issued in Des Moines. "This resignation has now been submitted and that phase of the matter is ended."

REGRET EXPRESSED

Senator McMahon (D-Conn), joint committee chairman, expressed regret at "losing a great public servant." He said Lilienthal had defended the commission ably.

One White House intimate told a reporter:

"Make no mistake, the President hates to lose Lilienthal."

Lilienthal's resignation followed by two months Mr. Truman's announcement of Sept. 23 that there had been an atomic explosion in Soviet Russia.

Since that time the commission has embarked on an accelerated expansion program, the cost of which is expected to exceed $300,000,000.

START THE CARVING, POP

Karen DeWolfe isn't much larger than that turkey, but she's not afraid of it. She'd worked up quite a Thanksgiving appetite and was perfectly willing to feast on the gobbler without any trimmings. Karen is the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim DeWolfe. The turkey was only one of thousands of birds devoured in Charlotte restaurants and homes today. (News Staff Photo by Jeep Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Anti-Peron Newspapers Also Entered

1946 Campaign Fund Investigated

BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—An Argentine Congressional committee today seized the business offices of the United Press and the Associated Press.

Business offices of the four newspapers in Buenos Aires opposing the regime of President Juan D. Peron were seized yesterday. While Federal police stood guard today Government auditors examined the financial records of the newspapers.

The committee said it would investigate the source of the funds of the newspapers and the two news agencies.

It said it was probing for possible connections between the press and the money spent by "Union Democratica," left-wing liberal coalition which opposed Peron for president in February, 1946.

Led by the two-man Congressional committee, Government forces took over the business offices of the newspapers yesterday.

The two Congressional committeemen arrived unannounced at the United Press office at 9:25 A. M. They were accompanied by reporters and photographers and armed Federal police.

Deputy Emilio Visca, assistant leader of the Peronist Party in Congress, informed William H. McCall, United Press director for South America, that his bookkeeping department had been taken over. Visca posted two Federal police in the United Press office and left an auditor in charge.

ACCOUNTANT LEFT

Fifteen minutes later Visca and his delegation arrived at the Associated Press office—this time without the police. Visca informed the Associated Press chief of bureau, Paul L. Stroiter, that bookkeeping department was taken over. Visca left a public accountant in charge.

The Associated Press office is on the third floor of the building which houses the independent newspaper La Nacion, already under police guard. The Congressmen apparently thought they needed no additional guards.

The four newspapers taken over—the Independiente, La Nacion and La Prensa, the Communist La Hora and the tabloid Clarin—were allowed to continue publishing and the press associations to continue filing while their books were examined.

The Congressmen ordered seizure of all books dating back to Aug. 1, 1945, when the anti-Peron coalition was formed. The newspaper Democracia, owned by Peron's wife, Eva Ruarte, has charged that a huge slush fund had been established during the 1946 presidential campaign and that the opposition had been in contact with Spruille Braden, former U. S. ambassador here and an outspoken critic of Peron.

Shortly afterward, two uniformed Federal police arrived at the Associated Press office and placed themselves at the disposal of the accountant. They were posted outside the business office.

News operations continued normally, meanwhile, in both the United Press and Associated Press offices. Stories about the committee's visit started moving out before the visitors left the offices. The committee said specifically it was interested only in business office functions, and not in the editorial news.

Both news agencies placed all their financial records at the disposition of the visitors. At first the accountant at the AP office asked to see all cables filed since Aug. 1, 1945. He was reminded that these cables were not a part of the business office operations. He then consulted the committee headquarters by telephone and then withdrew the request to see the stories.

Coal Talks May Be Resumed Next Week

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A report that John L. Lewis will meet with his United Mine Workers policy committee Monday spurred speculation today that Lewis and mine owners may resume coal peace talks next week.

Plans for the meeting of the 200-man policy group, in New York, were reported last night by a source who asked to remain anonymous. Lewis followed the policy committee's last meeting held earlier this month in Chicago, by ordering a truce in the 52-day old coal strike.

Even before this new indication that the UMW leader may be planning a surprise move, there were reports that he would meet with coal operators soon.

These reports persisted despite denials from some top representatives of the mine owners. It was said the operators plan a meeting Friday to decide if they will talk peace with Lewis.

For a week since President Truman announced a temporary hands-off policy in the coal dispute neither side has made a move. Each was waiting for the other to invite negotiations.

But neither side has budged. Mr. Truman, leaving Monday for a long vacation in Florida, has given no indication that he will step into the dispute before parting.

The most recent word from the White House was the President's promise last Thursday that he is ready to invoke the injunction provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law when and if he decides a coal shortage has created a national emergency.

Miners presently are mining coal during a truce called by Lewis. The president of the United Mine Workers ended a 52-day strike on Nov. 9 but said it would expire Dec. 1. A new strike could develop then.

If union-operator peace talks are resumed, Lewis may extend his truce.

There is pressure on both Lewis and the mine owners to continue mining coal. The miners are unhappy over so many payless workdays this year because of strike idleness, and now that the steel strike is about over and cold weather is at hand, the demand for coal as fuel is considerable.

Besides Lewis' demands for more wages, bigger welfare fund royalties and shorter hours for miners, the dispute involves some counter-demands from the operators. They want safeguards against frequent strikes and safeguards on welfare expenditures.

Mine owners have paid twenty cents a ton on coal production toward the welfare fund's payments of pensions and other benefits to miners and their families.

The fund now is about broke and payments have been all but stopped. Lewis wants it replenished. The operators want the welfare money spent less liberally.

Mine sides have been stuck on this point for six months. But the issue has been aired enough so that a compromise appears about due.

13 Youngsters Get Best Dinner Of Their Young Lives

AUGUSTA, Ga. — (AP) — A Thanksgiving dinner such as they never saw before was spread today for thirteen youngsters from poor families.

It was set for them partly because it would have cost their host, Harold C. Youngs, $165.50 to fly to his home at Highland Park, Ill. for a turkey day feed and return.

Youngs, here on business, decided to use the money otherwise. He called the Welfare Dept. and asked it to round up a baker's dozen of youngsters to be his guests.

"I don't care who they are," he said. "I'm the one who will get the biggest kick out of it."

He told the hotel manager to spare no cost to "fix the kids up with all the trimmings" in the main dining room.

The kids were free also to make all the noise they wanted to.

After the dinner, tickets to a show were waiting for them.

BEGGAR SENTENCED

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The court found Miss Louise Schmidt, 81, guilty of begging and sentenced her to 15 days in jail.

Policewomen testified yesterday they found $2.133 sewn in her under-clothing. She claimed she inherited the money from a brother a year ago.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

I know how these boys feel when they join these fraternities. I tried to join the Elks once. . . . It's always my luck to have to break in the new bar of bath soap.

'Third Strike' Proves Life-Saver

Man Acquitted In Third Murder Trial

NEW YORK — (AP) — A long, death-house ordeal was over today for a tense, little Brooklyn druggist, finally freed from a murder charge of which he had been twice convicted.

An all-male Kings County jury yesterday found 41-year-old Benjamin Feldman innocent of the strychnine poisoning of his young wife.

Two times before Feldman had been convicted and sentenced to the electric chair, only to be saved by reversals in the State Court of Appeals.

The jury at the third trial deliberated nearly 20 hours before reaching a verdict.

The small, chubby defendant, pale from two years in Sing Sing prison's death house, rushed into the corridor outside the courtroom with tears in his eyes.

"I never lost faith," he said, hugging relatives and friends.

Then he dropped to his knees, kissing the shoes of his defense attorney, Hyman Barshay.

The embarrassed lawyer helped Feldman to his feet, whereupon the druggist kissed Barshay on the cheek.

"I thank the judge for a just and fair trial," Feldman said to newsmen. "I thank the jury for the verdict."

Feldman married his wife, Harriett, in 1940, after a marriage broker arranged their meeting. A year later, the bride's mother died in agony, screaming, "don't touch my feet."

Feldman's wife got half of the $50,000 insurance left by her mother.

Two years later, Feldman's 23-year-old wife, then pregnant, was stricken with convulsions and was taken to a hospital. Like her mother, she died screaming of pain in her feet.

Her aunt, Mrs. Beatrice Hoffberg, became suspicious. She learned that foot pains are a symptom of strychnine poisoning. She persuaded authorities to investigate. The bodies of the two women eventually were exhumed and their organs were found to contain strychnine.

The state charged that Druggist Feldman murdered his wife to obtain possession of her share of her mother's insurance.

In 1946, a jury found him guilty after deliberating 58 min-

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Americans In Far Places Mark Holiday

Nation Observes Thanksgiving

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans everywhere observe Thanksgiving Day today.

Like the folks back home, U. S. troops and Naval personnel all over the world were to sit down to the traditional turkey-and-fixin's dinner, and give thanks for the good things that have come their way.

President and Mrs. Truman arranged a quiet observance of the holiday with members of their families at Blair House at Washington.

Generally good weather was promised over most of the nation.

Some Federal workers had a preview of Thanksgiving dinner yesterday when the 42 Government cafeterias in Washington offered a special turkey meal for 50 cents.

The cafeterias prepared 33,000 helpings of turkey. Some 37,000 Federal employees showed up.

"Apparently," said a Government announcement later, "individuals who ate early passed the word around, with the result that many Government workers who normally eat elsewhere or limit themselves to light meals at noontime decided to enjoy a low-cost turkey dinner prior to Thanksgiving Day."

The disappointed 4,000 ate beef stew.

Mr. Truman issued the annual Presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation this year earlier than is customary. The President was visited at the White House Nov. 10 by school children bearing a piece of the Plimouth Rock; he chose that occasion to issue the proclamation.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said in a Thanksgiving Day statement:

"This Thanksgiving we Americans have a great deal to be thankful for. I have just completed a nationwide trip surveying our economy and I can report that business is on a firm footing.

"Today, as in the past, America is thriving because of the faith, the vision and the hard work of our people. Our blessings flow from the self-reliance and confidence which are the keys to our national well-being."

High School Students And Panama Police In Battle

PANAMA, Panama —(AP) —Police laid siege to high school students in a national university building last night after fighting a gun battle with the youths in which seven persons were wounded.

The police, Panama's only armed force, said the students opened fire on a patrol car that was dispersing groups gathering to demonstrate in support of efforts by Daniel Chanis Jr., to regain Panama's presidency.

The students claimed the police opened fire on them without provocation.

The firing, around a university building on the boundary between Panama and the U. S.-controlled canal zone, lasted twenty minutes. Stray bullets reportedly fell in the canal zone and armed Panama police patrolled along the boundary.

The students had tried first to demonstrate in a downtown plaza, but were prevented by police patrols. They were reassembling at the university when the shooting started.

Many of the students fled into the building adjoining. Others were arrested. Police tear gas forced still more out and into custody.

A 41-year-old woman was critically wounded, but police said she suffered gunshot wounds while walking on a street far away from the University area. Two policemen were among the injured.

An hour after the firing a university professor entering the building with a medical team said about 100 students were inside, though many had escaped. The professor said the youths were not armed but were pelting the police with broken flower pots and tiles.

Other witnesses said the police fire had been returned from the university building.

The medical team said there were no casualties inside the building.

By midnight only 30 students, described as "high school boys," still were inside the building.

The police surrounded the site throughout the night but made no further attempt to force their way in. Though eyewitnesses said the police had picked up "carloads" of students, officers said only six were being held.

It was uneasy Panama's second successive night of violence since Chanis resigned the presidency last Sunday under police pressure and was succeeded by Vice-president Roberto Chiari. A child was killed and eleven persons wounded Tuesday night when police gunfire halted a march by thousands on the presidential palace held by Chiari.

Extension Of Draft Is Considered As Unlikely

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON— (AP)—An emphatic "no" is expected to be Congress' answer to any request for extension of the draft law next year.

Congressional leaders believe Administration will make such a request, probably early in 1950. They are confident Congress will turn it down.

They have in effect so notified President Truman and Secretary of Defense Johnson.

In a letter to the President and Johnson discussing medical benefits for servicemen's dependents, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the House Armed Services Committee and Rep. Kilday (D-Tex) of the same committee said "it is exceedingly unlikely that the extension will be approved."

Draft law extension, they said, may be the "number one legislative item of the Defense Dept. in the second session of this Congress."

The present draft law, enacted in 1948, expires next June 24. It has been used only sparingly to meet manpower requirements of the armed forces, most of which have come from voluntary enlistments.

The argument that the draft has not been over-worked is expected to be cited by the armed forces as a strong reason for its continuance. It has, their Congressional spokesmen claim, been a strong factor in heavy enlistments of youths who otherwise might have been drafted.

Since the law is used only in emergencies, they contend, it would be wise to keep it on the statute books rather than let it die and then re-enact it after the administrative machinery had been junked.

Rep. Price (D-Ill), a member of the Armed Services Committee, said he does not think Congress will take kindly to a proposal to keep the law on the books. But, he added, "It can not be charged that the armed forces did not act in good faith in administering it, since they promised it would be use only if needed, and that is what has happened."

Vinson told newsmen there isn't "a chance in the world of getting Congress to extend the plant" and "there is no justification for it, military or otherwise."

He thinks the Administration will ask for it anyhow.

Turkeys Aren't Called Turkeys In Turkey

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The armed forces noted today that turkeys aren't called turkeys in Turkey.

The Dept. of Defense said members of the American military mission at Ankara were to eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal today. The main dish: Hindi.

It means "Indian bird."

German Peace Terms Eased

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—The Western Allies agreed today to stop the dismantling of eighteen big Western German factories in return for German pledges to help keep the peace in Europe.

The plants to be removed from the dismantling list include the August Thyssen steel works, one of the largest in Europe.

All dismantling in divided Berlin will stop under the agreement announced today by the Allied high commission with the West German Government at Bonn.