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Fair, colder tonight, low temperature near 26; Friday fair and continued cold.
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Groves Says He Withheld Atom Data From Wallace

MOST OF CHINA FALLS TO COMMUNISTS

No Known Risk Taken, He States

General Wants Probe Continued

NEW YORK —(AP)— Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, retired, said today he had withheld from former Vice President Henry A. Wallace secret reports on atomic developments which normally would have gone to Wallace.

Asked whether there was any special reason for not showing the reports to Wallace, the wartime head of the nation's atomic bomb project said "I preferred not to."

Groves made the statements in a telephone interview from Norwalk, Conn. He is a vice-president of Remington Rand.

Groves said he showed Wallace one of the reports in the Fall of 1945 but none thereafter.

Groves testified yesterday before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities that neither Wallace nor the late Harry Hopkins used pressure on him to get atomic secrets for shipment to Russia.

REDS GOT SECRETS

The general was asked whether he knew if the Russians had obtained secret information from any sources.

"Yes, of course, they did," he replied. "How much they obtained nobody knows."

Groves said he was "very anxious to see the committee continue its probe as I'm sure it has every intention of doing."

"I hope then the public will be concerned with the truly vital [illegible] enormous [illegible] shipments to Russia."

Groves gave these answers to questions asked him by an Associated Press reporter.

Q. Did you withhold secret reports on atomic developments from Mr. Wallace?

A. Yes. I didn't show them to him after showing him one in the Fall of 1945.

Q. Would they normally have been shown to Mr. Wallace in his position as a member of the President's special committee on atomic energy?

A. Normally they would have gone to him but they didn't.

Q. Was there any special reason for not showing them to him?

A. I preferred not to.

Q. Could you consider this a deliberate withholding of information to Mr. Wallace?

A. Some people might think so.

Q. Was there any special reason for not showing Mr. Wallace the secret reports?

A. We took a number of deliberate risks on security matters in an effort to bring the war to a quicker end, but we took no unnecessary, recognizable risks.

Groves' statements today were in elaboration of those made yesterday in Washington. There he explained that the secret reports were made available to the President, certain high military leaders and scientists, and, on one occasion, to Wallace.

Groves said that he took the report to Wallace's office and was kept waiting for some time. He said that after showing the report to the Vice-President "I made up my mind that this would be the

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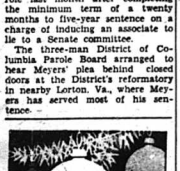
General Meyers Pleads For Parole

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Former Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, wartime Air Force purchasing chief, goes before a parole board today to plead for his release from prison.

Meyers became eligible for parole last month after completing the minimum term of a twenty months to five-year sentence on a charge of inducing an associate to lie to a Senate committee.

The three-man District of Columbia Parole Board arranged to hear Meyers' plea behind closed doors at the District's reformatory in nearby Lorton, Va., where Meyers has served most of his sentence.



14 Shopping Days till Christmas

FOUNDLING CAPTURES POLICEMAN'S HEART

Teresa, a baby girl about two months old, turns on the charm for Policeman Anthony Scheid after she was found in the doorway of St. Bernard's Hospital at Chicago. A note attached to the baby's blanket gave her first name and said the mother had gone in search of work and would be back to claim the infant. Teresa was taken to St. Vincent's Orphanage pending developments. (AP Wirephoto).

Miners Observe 3-Day Week

Lewis Awaits More Signers

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON—(AP)—With mines producing 7,340,000 tons of coal a year under contract, John L. Lewis awaited fresh signers today as most of his miners took their first day off under the new three-day work week.

The United Mine Workers' leader is trying to use the short work period as a lever against operators still holding fast against his contract demands.

[illegible] Pennsylvania operators have accepted his terms since Tuesday have returned to a full five-day week, and Lewis said yesterday that "additional tonnage will sign."

BIG OPERATORS FIRM

But major coal operators, producing nearly all the 550,000,000 tons mined in a year, still held fast. Lewis would have to crack their solid front before he could claim an important, major gain in the months-old dispute.

Lewis and his UMW policy committee decided a week ago on the limited work week in preference to a complete shutdown of pits which Lewis felt time is to be made the hard and soft coal operators yield to his new contract terms. The old contracts expired last July.

The mines are now operating only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. During the rest of the week Lewis is allowing only the "irreducible minimum" of maintenance men to enter the pits.

Otherwise, terms and working conditions of the old contracts are being continued indefinitely.

The agreements Lewis signed yesterday extending with one [illegible] to Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio call for a 15-cent increase in the welfare royalty, which means 2 cents more every ton of coal produced, and a 95-cent a day pay increase which gives the miner a basic daily wage of $15.

The welfare fund finances pensions, disability payments and the like for UMW members. Lewis' demand for a boost in the royalty which operators pay into the fund has been one of the main stumbling blocks to any agreement with owners of big mines.

Negotiations between the union and hard coal operators employing 80,000 miners in Eastern Pennsylvania resumed in New York this week, but with little progress to date.

Anthracite, used almost exclusively for domestic heating, is at the peak marketing season and hard coal operators would like to work their mines at high speed. The short work week hurts them especially at this time of year.

The major pooling for breaks in the operators' firm resistance, however, was being concentrated in the soft coal field.

AMA Votes To Collect $25 Dues From Members

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The American Medical Association today voted $25-a-year compulsory dues for its members.

The fund from the dues will finance the AMA's campaign against "socialized medicine" as well as provide financing for other AMA activities.

Dr. George Lull, general manager of the AMA, told reporters the assessment would probably apply to about 85 per cent of the organization's total membership of 142,000.

$3 MILLION TOTAL

On that basis, it would provide annual funds of about $3,000,000.

Lull said retired physicians and honorary and associate members of AMA's state medical societies probably would be exempt. Exemptions will be determined by the state societies themselves.

Officials said the AMA had never before had compulsory dues although its constitution permits them.

They pointed out that when the AMA called for a "one-shot" $25 "voluntary" assessment of the membership a year ago to finance an "educational" program against compulsory sickness insurance, contributions were not expected from retired doctors, interns, residents and those not having full-time jobs.

That assessment drew a blast from some doctors.

Dr. Francis Borzell of Philadelphia, speaker of the House of Delegates, told a reporter last night that he had heard only minor opposition to the proposal which he himself favors.

Another AMA member who asked to be anonymous said he had heard some opposition to the proposal but that his estimate was that the sentiment of doctors is "ten to one in favor."

A reporter's poll of about ten doctors — buttonholed at random in the lobby of the hotel where the AMA is headquartering for its third annual clinical session — showed that all ten were in favor of dues. Among the ten were the heads of four different state medical societies.

Cash Prizes Offered For Crowd Pictures

We want some good pictures of crowds.

In this case, there's not a crowd.

The News announces today a contest for all photographers, amateur or professional, and invites them to aim their cameras at the shopping crowds around Independence Square.

That's all you've got to do; take a picture of a crowd of shoppers.

Anybody with a camera—except newspaper photographers—is eligible for the contest, which begins immediately.

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Here's what we want:

Glossy prints showing the shopping crowd at the Square, or somewhere in the first blocks of Trade or Tryon. The prints must be at least four by five inches, and The News prefers them eight by ten.

The picture that best illustrates a big, thick crowd will win. If, in addition to many people, there is an added touch of human interest, so much the better. But it's not necessary.

What we want to see is crowds. Crowds. CROWDS.

The News hopes to publish a crowd picture each day next week, beginning Monday. The photographer will be paid $3 for each picture published.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, we will publish the prize winner and award $10 to the photographer. This big winner need not be one of the photos we publish earlier in the week.

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Photographers should print on the back of their photos the time and date the picture was snapped, and the location. You may submit any number of different pictures you wish.

All pictures entered, of course, must be ones taken sometime this week or next. Deadline for entries is next Thursday at noon.

However, photographers would do well to take their pictures as soon as possible and rush prints to The News. The earlier they get here, the better chance they have for publication on Monday or Tuesday.

Saturday probably offers the biggest crowds and thus the best opportunity for mob pictures. But the throngs are big every day now with Christmas buying, so choose your own time, and shoot.

Entries should be mailed, or delivered in person, to the City Editor, The Charlotte News.

U. N. Body Urges Hands Off China

Assembly Adopts U. S. Proposal

NEW YORK—(AP)—The United Nations assembly today called on all the world to keep hands off China and to respect her treaties. The assembly also decided to keep a continuing watch over the Chinese problem — and Nationalist charges of Soviet intrusion—by referring it to the year-round little assembly.

The hands-off policy was initiated by the United States with four other powers as co-sponsors.

Nationalist China had urged strong action condemning Russia as an aggressor and urging all nations to refrain from diplomatic recognition of the Chinese Communists. The Chinese delegation, however, agreed to shunt the problem to the little assembly after it became apparent it faced certain defeat on its own resolution.

The quick disposition of the Chinese problem came as a surprise. Most delegates had expected the debate to continue throughout the day. This made adjournment of the 1949 assembly by tomorrow virtually certain.

JERUSALEM ACTION

The assembly put over until tomorrow its final action on a committee-approved plan to make Jerusalem an international city, a project that has failed in the last two years and is opposed by the occupying powers, Israel and Hashemite Jordan.

The assembly adjourned at 11:23 A. M. (EST) after meeting only 37 minutes. It will meet again at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow when it hopes to clear its calendar.

The American plan—also sponsored by Australia, Mexico, Pakistan and the Philippines — made no specific mention of Russia.

The five-power resolution was approved first by a vote of 22-4, with three abstaining, and many of the 59 national delegations absent. Chile challenged the vote on the ground that no quorum was present. On the second ballot the proposal was approved by a vote of 45-5 with no abstentions.

The negative votes were cast by the Soviet bloc.

The five-power resolution appealed to the world:

1. To respect the political independence of China.

2. To respect the right of the people of China to choose — and in future to choose freely their political institutions and to maintain a government independent of foreign control.

3. To respect existing treaties relating to China.

4. To refrain from (A) seeking to acquire a sphere of influence or to create foreign controlled regimes within the territory of China, and (B) seeking to obtain special rights or privileges within China.

Gray Top Man For UNC Post

CHAPEL HILL—(AP)—Army Secretary Gordon Gray is gaining support among members of a special committee charged with recommending a new president for the University of North Carolina.

That was reported today by sources close to the University and to the committee.

One source said flatly that if the committee were to make its choice now, it would vote for Gray. A university alumnus, Gray is publisher of The Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel.

This source said that other leading contenders are: Dr. William Clyde DeVane, professor of English and dean of Yale College, Yale University; Undersecretary of State James E. Webb; and W. D. Carmichael Jr., now serving as acting president of the university.

Victor Bryant of Durham, chairman of the nine-member committee, would make no comment on the situation except to say that the committee is at work and that it probably will hold several meetings in the next few weeks.

Other persons being considered by the committee are believed to include: Dr. W. H. Stope, president of Louisiana State University; Henry Brandis, dean of the University of North Carolina Law School; and Prof. F. W. Hanft of the law school faculty.

—AND GLOOMY NEW YEAR—

LONDON—(AP)—The Christmases are not so merry today.

A burglar entered the flat of Mrs. Phyllis Christmas and stole the fourteen pounds sterling ($39.20) she had saved to buy Christmas presents for Diana, eight, and Richard Christmas, seven. He also took three pounds sterling ($8.40) that Diana and Richard had saved to buy presents for their mother.

Bodies Of 9 Found In Plane Wreckage

VALLEJO, Calif.—(AP)—Bodies of six adults and three children have been recovered from the wreckage of an airliner, a ground party radioed today.

The radio was intercepted by the Benicia police department. Chief of Police Vincent Warren of Benicia said. The ground crew said the plane had not burned but the wreckage was spread over a wide area.

The California Arrow Airways plane crashed last night in hilly country shortly after a take-off from the Oakland Airport.

The scene was placed at six miles from here and about two to four miles from Benicia.

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Wreckage of a missing commercial airliner with seven aboard was sighted from the air today by a U. S. Coast Guard search plane.

The pilot, Lt. Jerry Rea, reported by radio that the wreckage was four miles southeast of Napa and about ten miles from Fairfield on a direct line between the two cities, this is 40 miles northeast of San Francisco.

It first has been reported that the plane was down near Pacheco, considerably to the south in Contra Costa County.

Hamilton Field air-rescue in Marin County said a helicopter and ground crews were being rushed to the area.

A search for the missing California Arrow Airlines plane began last night after it failed to reach its destination. Participating were sheriff's deputies, highway patrolmen, the Air Force and U. S. Coast Guard.

An earlier report that ranchers near Franklin Canyon and the control tower at the Fairfield-Suisun Air Base had seen flares from the plane was discounted by the Contra Costa County sheriff's office.

The flares were from the Shell Chemical Co. plant at Pittsburg, a deputy sheriff said. He explained the company released excess gas periodically, which produced flares.

Kiwanians Listen To Story Of Fund

The origin of The News Empty Stocking Fund in the dismal depression year of 1930, and its development and growth through the years to the present community-wide program administered by the Charlotte Christmas Bureau, were described to members of the Kiwanis Club today by C. A. McKnight, editor of The News.

Expressing his appreciation at the opportunity to interpret the work of the Bureau to the Kiwanians, Mr. McKnight turned back to the dark Winter of 1930 and told how the late W. Caney Dowd Jr., publisher of The News, Commander William Gilks of the Salvation Army, and Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer conceived the Empty Stocking Fund.

Cash contributions were small at first, for few people could afford to give. Thus the program that first year consisted primarily of collecting and distributing used clothing and toys, the latter being repaired by members of the Fire Dept. in their leisure time.

The program grew through the years, Mr. McKnight said. Gradually community parties for children, food baskets and later food orders, new toys and gifts were added. Money contributions continued to rise slowly but steadily.

During the war, the Charlotte firemen were forced to discontinue their participation because of the manpower shortage. And in 1945, the Christmas Bureau was formed as the administration agency.

The News editor explained in detail the operation of the Bureau, which represents private and public social agencies, religious and civic groups of the community, and The News. He emphasized that the main objective of the present administrative group is to assure the people who contribute to the Empty Stocking Fund that their money will be distributed as wisely as humanly possible, without overlooking any deserving families or individuals, and without duplicating and overlapping the work of other groups.

The basic purpose of the cash for Christmas idea, he said, is to permit families to get the joy of planning, and anticipating, their own Christmas.

"The people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have shown from year to year their earnest desire that no one — no child and no family in this community — may doubt the miracle of Christmas. And we are certain that they are going to be just as generous this year, as a sort of prerequisite to their own appreciation of the great occasion," Mr. McKnight told the Kiwanians.

Hiss Witness Disowns Papers

NEW YORK — (AP — Henry Julian Wadleigh denied today at the Alger Hiss perjury trial that he supplied to a Russian spy ring any of the Government papers Whittaker Chambers said he got from Hiss.

The defense in the second Hiss trial has said it will try to show that the papers came from Wadleigh, an economist who once worked for the State Department.

Wadleigh, a prosecution witness, also denied that he took any papers from Hiss' office when the defendant was a State Department official.

He said freely, however, that he did give other Government papers to a pre-war Russian Spy ring.

Prosecutor Thomas F. Murphy handed to the economist the 47 key papers, all Government exhibits, which Chambers, a one-time Communist courier, testified came to him from Hiss. The 47 documents, four handwritten and 43 typewritten, are copies of Government papers.

Wadleigh said some of the original documents from which copies were made might have crossed his desk.

But, he said, he had no recollection that he gave any of the documents to Chambers or any other courier.

Wadleigh, who worked in the State Department's trade agreements section from 1936 to 1943, took the stand to repeat his story about his involvement with the Soviet ring which was a sensation of the first Hiss trial last Summer.

Strike Is Ending

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—(AP)—R. W. Cook, manager of Oak Ridge operations for the Atomic Energy Commission, said today a four-day wildcat strike of construction workers on this giant atomic project site has ended.

It's Still Okay To Take A Bath

New York Acts To Conserve Water

NEW YORK—(AP)—The world's biggest city doesn't have enough water today to let its residents wash their cars.

As authorities worked to plug the holes in New York's fast-emptying water barrel, new restrictions were ordered to conserve remaining supplies.

For the first time, the pinch really was being felt directly by the public.

All "non-essential" use of water were out, by order of Water Commissioner Stephen J. Carney.

He has directed:

"That all automobile be "completely stopped."

That there be no flooding of tennis courts or filling of pools for Winter ice skating.

That the cleaning of tiled walls in subway stations be halted for the duration of the shortage.

"ARMY" MOBILIZED

At the same time, the Police Dept. was mobilizing an army of several thousand civilian "water wardens" to canvass homes and urge dwellers to save water.

Wearing armbands marked "police," some of the wardens already were on the job.

If they find leaky faucets or residents who are wasting water, they are to report the conditions to authorities.

Coupled with this, the City has raised the fine for leaky plumbing from $2 to $5 for each day of the violation.

But the penalty for other water wasters could be more. A Brooklyn magistrate collected a $10 fine from a man for washing his car in front of his home.

The new restrictions stemmed from what Carney called an "increasingly acute situation."

The City's upstate and Westchester County reservoirs, sapped by unusually heavy consumption combined with a season of light rainfall, were down to about 88,658,000,000 gallons, about one-third of capacity.

New York could become a "ghost city," says Chief Water Engineer Edward J. Clark, if the needed rains don't come.

Joining with the City in its conservation efforts, the American Dental Association told its members to turn off taps in mouth-washing bowls, except when in use by patients.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals began modifying control valves to check the flow of water in horse watering troughs.

The Board of Education ordered indoor swimming pools, which require frequent refillings, left empty.

In banning car washing, Carney said:

"I regret this step, but it is an absolute necessary in the overall interest of more than eight million citizens of New York City."

The directive applies to owners of private cars, taxi fleet operators, bus companies, garages and auto laundries.

John W. Creedon, president of the Metropolitan Garage Board of Trade, said the jobs of some 2,500 AFL car washers employed by garages could be affected.

The save-water campaign, being pressed by newspaper and radio, was apparently having its effect. One woman called City Hall, and asked:

"Is it all right to take a shower?"

Nationalists Shift Capital To Formosa

Only Guerrilla Forces Left Behind

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHENGTU — (AP) — The Nationalists shifted their capital to Formosa today and virtually abandoned most of the mother country to the Reds.

The sweeping move was decreed by the Cabinet. It could mean the end of large scale warfare in China after 22 hectic years.

Guerrilla forces were left behind to keep pecking at the Reds. But the main Chinese force was in or headed for Sichang, behind Sikang's snow covered mountains, on Formosa, or Hainan Island, 200 miles southwest of British Hong Kong.

Formosa is Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's stronghold which has been armed and equipped for a last ditch stand against victorious Chinese Communists.

The emergency cabinet session also decided to make Sichang, in Sikang Province west of Chengtu, general headquarters for operations on the mainland.

The cabinet accepted the resignation of Gen. Chang Chun from the post of director of China headquarters. Gen. Ku Chu Tung was given this job in addition to his present duties as chief of staff.

Generals Hu Tsung-Nan and Ya Sen were named deputy directors.

Two guerrilla forces to operate under southwest headquarters were established. The commander of the first force is Gen. Wang Tsung-Shu. The commander of the second is Gen. Tung Ssu-Ming.

This would indicate guerrilla operations on the mainland will be resolved into organized guerrilla warfare. Such a step virtually is a nationalist admission they have lost completely the great war against the Reds which has been going on since 1927.

The Nationalists evidently hope they will be able to consolidate their remaining forces and conquer the Communists in the same way as the Reds beat them.

Premier Yen Hsi-Shan flew immediately to Taipeh, which thus becomes China's fifth capital this year.

(A Taipeh dispatch received in the San Francisco office of the Associated Press said Yen had arrived there from Chengtu.

(Only yesterday he stripped down his Government from the thousands of officeholders who were in Nanking, Canton and chungking to a bare 107 men. He said he was making it mobile to get to another mainland seat of Government from threatened Chengtu, which now has the record of being the shortest capital of China in all her history.

(Chiang Kai-Shek was reported by Chinese newspapers in British Hong Kong to be flying to Hainan Island, 200 miles southwest of here. Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, acting commander-in-chief and close friend of Acting President Li Tsung Jen, is there. Li is in the United States for his health.

(A Taipeh dispatch said it had been learned reliably Chiang was not going to take over the presidency immediately. His advisers were said to be urging him to wait and watch the United States' attitude toward China. They also suggested that Chiang observe Li's three months constitutional right to be absent from the country as head of the state.

(Shortly after his arrival in Taipeh, Yen said his cabinet would begin functioning today. The premier said Chiang was concentrating on military affairs now and was not considering resuming the presidential post from which he retired in January just before the fall of Nanking.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

Most anybody could tell some people's fortune. Some times you look around it's easy to see why somebody thought we descended from the monkeys.