

Showdown Near Human Program

Historic Ceremony Held in Washington

SECTION OF NEW CROSTOWN BLVD.

Charlotte's Crosstown Blvd. was today opened for traffic on the stretch between E. 7th St. and McDowell St. and the remainder of the highway between McDowell and Morehead St. is expected to be opened Wednesday. The wide sweep of the 82-foot boulevard is shown in the picture, looking from Baxter St. across the meadow lands of the Thompson Orphanage.

One Stretch Remains Closed

Crosstown Blvd. Open To Traffic

By DICK YOUNG

Charlotte's Crosstown Blvd. was opened for traffic between E. 7th St. and McDowell St. at 3 P. M. today. Herman J. House, City traffic engineer, announced completion of installation of traffic signals at all major intersections except at South Blvd. and Morehead St. and disclosed plans for opening the stretch between McDowell and Morehead St. until Wednesday, Mr. House said.

Russian-Iran Battle Reported

TEHRAN, Iran—(AP)—A reliable military informant said today a Russian regiment attacked an Iranian Army post in Northeastern Iran within a few days ago and an "important battle" was fought.

Soviet troops, supported by tanks and armored cars, crossed the border into the Iranian State of Azerbaijan near the Caspian Sea and opened fire on Iranian positions at Qazvin Province. An Iranian battleship returned the fire and the ensuing fighting lasted until last night.

The Russians were reported killed and a considerable number of Iranian soldiers. There has been no official confirmation, but it is believed Iran handed Russia a stiff note of protest.

Special Congress Session Possible

WASHINGTON (AP)—The possibility of a special session of Congress starting after July 31 was said today by a Mackay-Beardman spokesman.

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Once Over Lightly

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President To Tread Softly In New Plan

Little Is Done By Congress To Date

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's legislative program nears its now-or-never test today as Congress begins its fourth month with show-downs approaching on a half dozen major issues.

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Graham Feeling Better After Pneumonia Siege

WASHINGTON (AP)—Aldo to Senator Graham (D-N.C.) said today his condition is good.

The Senator was taken to Emergency Hospital Saturday after a cold developed into pneumonia.

N.Y. Taxi Union Makes Offer For Ending Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer said today a striking cab drivers' union had made an offer for settling a citywide taxi strike.

The mayor did not disclose details of the proposal submitted to him.

George Fears U. S. Troops To Be Asked

any excess surplus military supplies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator George (D-CA) said today he fears American troops may be asked to help in the first year of the treaty's operation.

"Our financial burdens are going to be tremendous," he told a reporter. "We are going to have to increase our military aid to Greece and Turkey. Congress is going to have to provide some kind of program to help non-Communist China."

Budget Surplus Over Billion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government counted up a budget surplus of \$1,048,000,000 at the close of the three-quarter mark of the current fiscal year March 31, the Treasury reported today.

The surplus since last July 1 totaled \$30,130,000, or better than three-fourths of the President's estimate of \$39,580,000,000 for the full twelve months.

Dozen Arrested For Picketing

COLUMBUS O.—(AP)—Twelve persons, including the state director of the Progressive Party, were arrested today at the American Zinc Oxide Co. plant for violation of a court order prohibiting picketing.

The arrests were made by Capt. Hugh E. Leggett of the sheriff's office upon order of Sheriff Ralph J. Paul. Leggett said the group was picketing the plant's main entrance.

Anti-Trust Suits Dropped Against 24 Eye Doctors

CHICAGO (AP)—Twenty-four eye doctors were dismissed today as defendants in the Federal Government's anti-trust suit against 24 large eye doctors nationwide.

Six other doctors agreed to accept the suit's terms and were dismissed for a variety of reasons, principally that the defendants are not members of the American Optometric Association.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Britain, France and nine non-Communist western nations join today in signing their historic North Atlantic Security Treaty.

Pact Called Warning To Aggressors

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

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Clubs Swing In Strike

CLEVELAND (AP)—Deputy sheriff and policemen swung clubs today in a fight with 200 marching strikers and sympathizers at the Cleveland Club.

Four pickets were arrested and several others were injured slightly. The march was broken up by police.

WEATHER

Fair, partly cloudy and a little wind today and Tuesday. Cool again tonight.

Temperature at 5:00 today... 62
High and low last 24 hours... 62
Sunrise tomorrow... 6:37
Sunset tomorrow... 6:28