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America's Gate Is Closing to Reimpose Blockade

Trucks Held At Russian Zone Border

Frontier Guards Demand Permits By DANIEL DE LUCE BERLIN — (AP) — American officials charged today that Russia is seeking to reimpose a "subtle blockade" of Berlin.

C. A. Dix, American Military Government transport expert, hurriedly left here by car to investigate why 150 West German trucks are now held at Helmstedt on the Soviet zone frontier.

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Father Burns; Children Safe

LANCASTER, S. C. — A Lancaster man was burned to death in his garage apartment last night at 3 A. M. but his wife and two infant children escaped when the mother threw the child out the window.

Once Over Lightly BY WALTER SEGENTHALER



Mecklenburg Will Spend \$2 Million In 1949-50 To Help Needy In County

TRUE AMOUNT of money paid by the Mecklenburg County Government to help the needy almost tripled in the past ten years, and gives every indication of continuing a relentless rise.

In 1939-40, on the basis of Mecklenburg's 150,000 population, the welfare bill amounted to an average of \$4.30 for every man, woman and child in the county.

In 1949-50, on the basis of an estimated 175,000 population, the welfare bill will amount to an average of \$11 for every man, woman and child in the county.

During this coming fiscal year, 43 cents out of every dollar spent by the County Government will go to help the needy.

The County will be given a big assist in this service by the State and Federal Governments, which are chipmunking in more generously than ever before.

A STUDY of County records shows that \$1,913,324 will be spent next year to do the following: Feed and clothe aged persons who can no longer earn money.

Support entire families who have no breadwinners. Pay the doctor and hospital bills for indigent women who will give birth to babies.

Pay the hospital bills for hundreds of other poor patients. Operate the Mecklenburg Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Tammany Given Blow By Roosevelt

FDR Jr. Rings Up Resounding Victory BY JOE HALL NEW YORK — (AP) Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., first of the late President's five children to seek elective office, has launched his political career by giving Tammany Hall a smashing victory.

The 34-year-old lawyer, bearing one of the most potent political names in this nation's history, captured 70 per cent of the vote in his district in winning yesterday's Congressional District special election.

Roosevelt collected 41,146 votes, 31.6 per cent of the total vote of 130,109 under the four Freedoms Party banner.

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Congressmen Hear Freistadt UNC Red Defends Politics

BY OLIVER W. DEWOLF WASHINGTON — A Republican House committee today heard testimony from Freistadt, the Austrian-born student who defended the Communist beliefs but as the same time asserted he is loyal to the United States. He said he would quit the party if he were elected to Congress.

GENERAL CLAY WELCOMED



Gen. Lucius D. Clay (left), retiring American military commander in Germany, is greeted by Acting Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem, N.C., upon his arrival yesterday morning.

Acheson Intends To Keep Liberty Of Action At Meet

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson declared today that he intends to reserve his freedom at the Paris big four conference to make clear to the world at any time the policies and positions of the United States on issues arising there.

He indicated to a news conference that his preference would be for a policy to keep the world informed of what goes on behind the closed doors of the conference but that special arrangements would have to be discussed with Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinskiy, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman.

Before this subject came up, Acheson had confirmed reports that he expects to confer with the British Labor Party's Winston Churchill in Paris before they sit down together with Vishinskiy. The big four report is expected to start May 23.

A reporter pointed out that after Acheson's own experiences with public relations problems at GPMF meetings, former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at a session in Paris in 1946 declared he would like to see the world sit down together with Vishinskiy. The big four report is expected to start May 23.

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World Bank Head Picked By Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John J. McCloy, now president of the World Bank, took on the job of representing the United States in the delicate shift of Western Germany from military to civilian control.

The White House announced President Truman has selected McCloy to be the first United States high commissioner to Berlin. He will leave for Berlin "within the near future."

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Economy Bloc Continues Fight

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Senators trying to whittle Federal spending refused today to give up, despite another setback.

The latest reverse — a victory for Administration budget plans — came late yesterday when the Senate rejected the House bill for a 5 per cent cut in the operation of the Bureau of the Federal Reserve Agency. The reduction would have amounted to \$100 million.

After killing that economy order, the Senate passed by voice vote and sent back to the House a bill carrying \$2,409,000,000 for the two fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1950.

CIO-AFL Merger Possibility Seen

CLEVELAND — (AP)—Leaders today reported merger of the AFL and CIO as a new and definite possibility if the CIO carries out its plan to purge its left-wing unions.

The report that servicemen are paying "penthouse rents for chicken coop homes in the arm area that has sprung up near military installations in recent years."

The program call for housing for servicemen and their families both at home and abroad is being pushed by the War Relocation Authority and other military establishments. It also includes \$14,500,000 for "service conversions" project.

Tornadoes Snow Hit At Country

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS The three-day death toll from floods and tornadoes in hard-hit North Carolina today was boosted to thirteen today. The two states today had 12,500 persons were homeless, and 100 injured.

The latest of the tornadoes which struck today was a severe one which hit both states last night. At Spurter, N.C., one woman was killed and eight persons injured. A farmer was killed by a twister which skipped over into Oklahoma from Stratford, Va. and a tornado in Johnston killed a crowd who were watching a football game at Meeker, Okla.

The death toll included five killed in Sunday night's tornado at Amarillo, and six drownings at a camp where a large group of people were flooded and thousands of persons forced to evacuate their homes.

The Trinity River at Dallas was expected to reach a crest of 48 feet today, twenty feet above flood stage. The river, however, still was within 100 feet of crest.

Meanwhile, a drastic chill that dropped temperatures 30 to 40 degrees in the North Carolina mountains was expected to reach the Upper Plains states today.

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Goat Owners Organize In Rutherford County Flood-Stricken Ft. Worth Orders Health Controls

PORT WORTH, Tex. — This flood-stricken area is being urged to fight for health controls.

Health Director W. V. Bradburn has ordered that all animals sold until all facilities have been checked and approved by health and sanitation workers.

The Health Department indicated big stocks of food, clothing and other necessities will be condemned.

Typical sanitation stations were operating throughout Fort Worth today—the penalty for a crippled water supply.

Residents of flood areas and citizens who had drunk questionable water were urged to report for typhoid immunization.

At least 1,500 persons have had their shots.

Air Force has listed their building needs in a program proposed for family and troop housing in the area.

The proposed spending \$132,000,000 of this, \$97,600,000 would be spent in the area.

The project includes: Fort Jackson, North Carolina: Family quarters and utilities, \$6,666,000.

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Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina: Family quarters and utilities; \$10,000,000.

Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina: Family quarters and utilities; \$12,700,000.

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WEATHER

Fair and continued warm today, tonight and Thursday.

Temperature at 3 P. M., today, 84. High today, 90. Low today, 69. Sun rises today, 6:57. A.M. Sun sets tomorrow, 8:17. A.M.

More Weather data on page 4-A