

## Special Reports New Atomic Developments

### Experts Hold Conference In Secrecy Mystery Surrounds Hush-Hush Confab

By OLIVER W. DE WOLF  
WASHINGTON (AP)—A White House shield of secrecy today threw a tight cover over a super-mysterious conference which brought President Truman together with top military, atomic, diplomatic and Congressional leaders.  
For two hours and 33 minutes today the lid was held tight—were together behind closed doors last night in historic Blair House.

There was no announcement whatever of what went on. However, the identity of the participants...

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### Nasty Habit Revived Africa Speaks Again

LONDON (AP)—Throbbing Africa has revived a nasty habit of chopping each other up to make "good luck" money.  
An alarmed British Government is sending Cambridge Professor James H. Hunt back to study the problem. He is chief lecturer on native tribes and their ancient customs at the university.

The spokesman gave this explanation:  
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### Treaty Vote On Thursday Senate Confident Pact Will Be Passed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate agreed today to vote at 4 P. M. (EST) next Thursday on the North Atlantic Security Treaty.  
Sen. Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, obtained the agreement. Sen. Donnell (R-Mo.) representing opponents, objected when Lucas sought an earlier vote.

Senate leaders are confident the treaty will be approved. They think there is no chance of a filibuster. The problem has been to get the debate shut off quickly.

Democratic leaders looked with disapproval on a Republican plan to hold a hearing on the Atlantic pact as a substitute for the pact.

President Truman was asked about it at his news conference yesterday. He said he had no comment on anything Sen. Taft had to say about the pact.

The resolution would require that the Atlantic pact should be approved without reservations.

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### Truman Signs Housing Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed the long-range housing bill today and said it must be put into operation quickly.  
The President called in more than a score of sponsors of the legislation for the signing ceremony.

Passage of the bill by Congress last week gave Mr. Truman his major victory in his "fair deal" legislative program.

In a statement, Mr. Truman said the measure "equips the Federal Government for the first time, with effective means for aiding cities in the vital task of clearing slums and rebuilding blighted areas."

He said he is submitting to Congress "immediately" a request for additional appropriations necessary to finance the program.

The most controversial provision of the act authorized the construction of 400,000 public housing units during the next six years.

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### City High in Number Of Manufacturers

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Charlotte has the highest number of manufacturing establishments with a total of 233, though Charlotte ranked second, under Winston-Salem, in number of production workers, said a Chamber of Commerce report today.

The statistical analysis was based on newly compiled data obtained by the Census Bureau in the 1947 census.

Charlotte had in 1947 a total of 12,849 production workers, while Winston-Salem's total was 21,207.

The Chamber of Commerce committee also reported that the city's manufacturing output was valued at \$187,000,000 in 1947.

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### Companies' Opposition Collapses Big Three Accepts President's Terms

By HAROLD WARD  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel industry's giants bowed to President Truman's insistence today and accepted his plan for dealing with their labor dispute.

Most of the smaller companies already had agreed to Mr. Truman's plan. The big three—Bethlehem, Republic and Inland Steel—were the last to give in.

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### Anti-Depression Bill Introduced in Senate

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today took a bill aimed at President Truman's target of boosting the nation's output of goods and services to \$300,000,000,000 annually.

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### Farm Bill Foes Urged to Rally

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### Beran Called State Traitor

By RICHARD KASICHKE  
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—Czechoslovakia's Communist minister of justice yesterday called Joseph Beran today a traitor to his country.

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### Big Strike Fund Sought By UAW

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—The United Auto Workers today turned out to means of raising up to \$100,000 in a hurry for any big strike.

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