

Hot today, tonight, and Saturday except for a few isolated showers in the afternoon and early evening.

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## Maroon in Berlin Operations State Dept. Headed Oct. 31

**By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH**—(AP)—Senators investigating the Berlin airlift are looking for a man who has been identified as the man who helped the Soviet Government to get into the White House. The man is a black who gets into the White House, spent more than an hour with investigators in a busy session yesterday. Afterward, his name was given to a "plenty hot" source.

Maroon showed up this morning at a basement room in the Senate office building and immediately was escorted to the Senate office building and immediately was escorted to the Senate office building and immediately was escorted to the Senate office building.

Maroon was out in about 15 minutes. Maroon called cheerfully to newsmen. A Senate official said he would not say more.

Maroon called many top Government officials and Congress members in their private homes. Maroon called Truman's military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, as one of his good friends.

"I got some plenty hot stuff from Maroon. It was interesting. I said a person thoroughly familiar with what went on at the White House. Maroon himself said that 'Honest, there is nothing in it yet.' He added: 'There may be in a couple of weeks.'"

At first Maroon flatly denied that he had been before the Senate special investigations Subcommittee. An hour and a half later he acknowledged that he had testified. He dictated this statement to reporters at the Capitol last night.

"When on July 20 I read Drew Pearson's column accusing me of being a five percenter, I proceeded immediately to the office of Sen. James D. Byrd of South Dakota (a member of the investigations subcommittee) and asked the senator to read the charge contained in the column. He read it to me and said: 'I then requested of Sen. Mundt that in view of the charge, I be given their private files on this subject.'"

"Today the committee received my testimony in executive session."

"I am a five percenter has been applied to person who charge a fee for help in getting Government contracts for others. The practice in itself is not illegal. The subcommittee wants to find out whether any Communist mission may have attempted to influence Government officials in the awarding of contracts, as has been alleged."

Reporter asked: "Mr. Maroon, are you a five percenter or a 30 percenter?"

"He asked: 'I have never been a five percenter, certainly never a 30 percenter or any other kind of a percenter.'"

Maroon also was asked whether he is a good friend of Gen. Vaughan, the President's aide.

"Undoubtedly Gen. Vaughan has thousands of good friends," Maroon said. "I am a good friend of one of them."

He refused to say whether Vaughan had any fortune at the secret session. Vaughan has said he knows about 300 persons in New York.

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## Most Senators Favor Appointments Clark, McGrath Choice Liked

**By JACK BELL**—(AP)—President Truman's surprise choice of Attorney General Tom Clark for the second year of his term and McGrath for Attorney General last year, after approval of Senators today.

Although the President had his name mounted today, with Clark and McGrath finally going to the shift, there seemed to be a strong feeling to announce their formal acceptance.

Clark, 45-year-old Texas lawyer, was named to the post by the Senate last week. McGrath, 46-year-old chairman of the Democratic National Committee, former solicitor general and former Governor of Rhode Island.

Mr. Clark's nomination was made this week-end for appointment of his Senate successor. McGrath is expected to agree to accept the nomination.

**PARTY POST CHANGE**

Friends said that once he is confirmed, McGrath will resign Democratic chairman, that will leave post open for William M. Boyle Jr. of Kansas City, who has been serving as executive assistant at a \$30,000 yearly salary.

Clark indicated in a statement that he is ready to take the court post.

Observing that the President had before him a choice between Clark and McGrath, Clark said:

"It is with humility that I appreciate the honor which has been placed upon me. It is the greatest challenge that can be placed before a lawyer. I hope I am worthy of the honor the President has paid me."

McGrath said he wants to talk to Clark and friends in Rhode Island before he decides finally.

The 82d reading in New York City yesterday was the second time that the Senate has considered his nomination.

Whether Clark would get by without some harsh words directed at the Senator, it is not clear. Carran (D-Nev.) of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which will handle both nominations, has had some recent brushes with the Senator.

Senator Kern (R-Mo.) criticized Clark in a speech last week. What he said was the Attorney General's failure to prosecute vigorously Kansas City vote fraud cases.

Kern wouldn't comment on the possibility that he would renew his attack on the present cabinet member.

In any case, indications were the Senate will confirm the appointment of the new Attorney General before they are sent to it officially.

## Heat Fatalities Rise To 22 In Eastern Centers

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**—Deaths from effects of a late July heat wave mounted today, with at least 22 fatalities in Eastern cities. No immediate break in the hot and humid weather was in sight for the area.

At least some relief came to parts of the Midwest. A mass of fresh Canadian cool air moving southward toward the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys. It headed eastward into Michigan and the northern parts of Illinois and Indiana.

But the outlook for further moderate cooling is not so promising. Eastern and Southern sections of the country.

Temperatures in the 90's were recorded in several cities yesterday. Readings of 100 were recorded throughout New England. Boston's 99.

Two deaths were reported in the current heat wave at Baltimore. In Portland, Maine, heat prostration was reported. Heat prostrations were reported in other parts of the Northeast. In Washington one in Kearny, N. J.

## July 29 'Sure Thing' Rain Date Cloudy Skies Cheer Pennsylvania Town

**WAYNESBURG, Pa.**—(AP)—A week of rain over Waynesburg today, cheering raincloud-clad citizens hoping for their first rain in three weeks.

It nearly always rains in this western Pennsylvania community on this date. The town of 8,200 puts on a celebration when the rain clouds gather.

Citizens began collecting wet weather gear early in the day and gathered in front of the courthouse for the festivities.

Blue skies and a brassy sun hung over the country during the morning as residents reported that the clouds had broken to bring on even the slightest drizzle.

"I am glad now and then, I would reassure his fellow Waynesburgers. He's the official 'rainmaker' of the town, and he's a good one of folks take the stick in what John Daily, he says it'll rain on July 29."

"They'll be more than the hot July which John wagers each year."

## Reduction By Stages Announced Supply Stockpile Is Given Credit

**By THOMAS A. REEDY**—(AP)—American and British military governments announced today the combined Berlin airlift will be reduced by gradual stages starting next Monday.

A joint statement said:

"In view of the favorable stock position in Berlin, it has been decided to reduce the airlift by stages commencing on Monday, August 1st. The airlift operation is to end, under present plans and barring unforeseen war pressure, on Oct. 31.

"The city has upwards of five months' stockpile of essential supplies, built up since the Russians had an existing stockpile of 8,000 tons on as little as 2,000 tons but need between 12,000 and 15,000 for normal life.

"Road, rail and barge traffic now are being almost 100 per cent daily."

The joint announcement made it clear that the framework of the airlift would be maintained in such a way as to permit the use of any new blockade tactics were attempted.

After the cutback, the statement said, a reduced force of American and British planes will remain in Germany and each air force will maintain a sufficient force to meet the needs of a "cold war."

"Stocks of essential commodities are now considered to be adequate in Berlin and will shortly reach the maximum practicable level from the point of view of storage and finance. Rail, barge and road capacity will be increased to meet the needs of the country."

The airlift was started by Gen. Lucius D. Clay on June 28, 1948. It was the first time since the lifting of the Berlin blockade in May 1949. In addition, seven German military planes were authorized.

Specially designed radio systems enabled four-engine C-54s, work of the airlift, to be used in the weather. When the Russians indicated a willingness to call off the dogs and let the airlift go, it was generally credited with being successful.

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## Peron Is Named For New Term

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The Administration today named Juan Peron for a second term as Governor of Buenos Aires.

The House Labor Committee approved FEPC by a reported vote of 10-7. The committee also approved a bill for possible action at this session.

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## Charles Chaplin Jr. Nabbed On Drunk Count

**HOLLYWOOD (AP)**—Charles Chaplin Jr., 24-year-old son of the comedian, was arrested today for a drunken driving charge in Los Angeles.

Officers at the Hollywood sheriff's substation said that young Chaplin was creating a disturbance at the substation, the officers added, when news photographers tried to take his picture.

Young Chaplin, son of the movie comedian by his second wife, Lita Stoll, was arrested on July 28, 1949, on a similar charge after a minor automobile accident. He was fined \$50 and a 30-day suspended sentence at that time.

## John L. Is Taken To Task By Tar Heel Tyre Taylor

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The committee is investigating coal operations, the activities of the UMW and the three-day work week which Lewis ordered in the Eastern coal fields last June 30.

## Judge Sharp Is 'Appalled' Lady Judge Raps Prison Head

**ROCKINGHAM**—A Richmond Circuit Court judge today expressed his "appalled" punishment last August of 28-year-old Clarence Lett, sentenced to prison for 30 months on the roads for handcuffing a woman in his cell bars for 30 hours. He has been fined \$20.

Before passing sentence on Ned Carpenter, Judge Steve Sharp, North Carolina's first woman judge, said she was "appalled" by the punishment of Lett.

"I wish I had a case of beer," Lett said.

Judge Sharp, continuing her denunciation of Carpenter, said: "The sentence was not the State's sentence, but your sentence. And after inflicting the punishment you apparently received rubber-stamp approval."

"This form of punishment," she said, "is degrading to the prisoner and to the State itself. Flogging, which is permitted under some conditions, would have been better."

"How you or any other human being could walk by another human being who was left in a standing position with his hands cuffed around bars for 30 hours without food and without sleep with ankles and legs swollen and not immediately cut him down is beyond me."

The purpose of a prison sentence is to deter a man from further crime and to prevent others in the state from committing crime. It is not for revenge.

"I am appalled, as I am sure many people here by the knowledge that the state permit such a punishment."

"I might send you to the roads, but I am not going to do it because you followed the rule of higher authority and custom."

Judge Sharp suspended Carpenter's sentence on the conditions that he pay \$200 fine and the court costs, remain on good behavior for two years and "behave as a punishment prisoner by handcuffing to bars, notwithstanding any rule of the State Highway Department."

"In testimony in defense of Carpenter by Kyle Matthews, State Prison Inspector, revealed yesterday that he paid \$200 fine and an accepted custom and that prison camp officials were not required to get automobile license for Lett before the punishment is administered."

Carpenter testified that he received punishment from Raleigh on Saturday afternoon. He had been "strung-up" without food for Wednesday afternoon until Saturday morning.

**PREVIOUS AFFAIR**

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## FEPC Measure Gets House Group's Okay

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## Johnson Backs Truman Proposal

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Secretary of Defense Johnson today told Congress today that U.S. arms aid for friendly nations may have to be frozen for four or five years, at diminishing annual costs.

Johnson emphasized that he emphasized was only a personal estimate before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He set the pitch before that group for a chorus of backing for Truman's request for a one-year \$1,550,000,000 program to help European nations arm themselves.

Johnson said that "50 man can give you an answer" when asked by Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont) for an estimate of the overall cost.

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**PARIS (AP)**—The upper house of the French Parliament ratified the Atlantic Pact today.

The lower house had previously ratified it. The President Vincent Auriol for France today.

The motion of approval also called on the United States to back the pact.

It asked the French Government to "use all its authority to demand the General De Gaulle brother, Pierre, that would have been the result of an American guarantee of arms."

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman said this would have been the result of an American guarantee of arms.