

World Ruler Can't Take Daily Bath

By Bruce Barton NEW YORK (AP)—Times carried two dramatic first-page stories. One was headed: 'U.S. Wants New Unit To Set U.S. World Policy. And the other: 'No Bath! No Shave on Friday! "Warless Day" In New York.' To the analytical reader, the stories meant this: 1. The Economic Co-operation Administration, facing a Congress, many of whose members have been to Europe and seen things for themselves, is in for embarrassing questions in the State Dept. to set up a committee of great names, headed by Gen. Marshall. These names, signed in a ringing report on how to reorganize, not only the world but the whole world, are counted on to overawe the little Congress and to start new economic billions in a spirit of revolutionary acquiescence.

2. The United States has neglected its responsibilities at home. This fact is painfully forced on our attention by the plight of the people of the world's richest city, New York, who have miserably been deprived of life's cheapest luxury—the daily bath and shave. To be sure, the eastern seaboard has been subjected to a severe drought. But this should have been prevented by the government's failure to control the water supply. The danger should have been averted, and no one should have been so miserably deprived of life's cheapest luxury—the daily bath and shave.

3. The annual drives for Community Chest and Red Cross have so far failed because people are less kind-hearted. But because taxes take so much that there is no margin left. I am no "isolationist." The world is silly in the age of the airplane, the radio, and the atom bomb. I am only honestly and unashamedly for keeping the United States strong. First, because a strong United States is the only hope for a peaceful world. And second, because I still want to live in a world where I can make my own money and my own decisions. When our politicians tell us, "You people are so powerful and so rich that we will make you rulers of the world, but we are sorry to tell you that there isn't any more money to give you a bath—that to me just doesn't make sense."

Russian Christmas Celebrated At -22

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Soviet capital observed the Christmas of the Russian Church with well-attended religious services and weather slightly warmer than elsewhere. The cold had little effect on life in Moscow, where the temperature was in the low 20s below zero. The cold had little effect on life in Moscow, where the temperature was in the low 20s below zero.

Once Over Lightly



Flood Dangers Rise in Middle West

FLOODS AND ICE STORM MAKE WEATHER-NEWS



Debris litter the streets and trees are bent and broken in the worst ice storm to strike Memphis, Tenn., in 17 years. Electric power and telephone services have been knocked out for thousands of residents and transportation is curtailed severely. (AP Wirephoto.)

The weather this week caused millions of dollars damage to crops in Southern California and caused a forest in the abnormally severe cold was expected. Meanwhile, as a sharp ice-cold wave swept over the area and icy winds surged over farm lands and into the mountains, most of the Eastern and Southern states enjoyed Summer-like weather. Temperatures climbed to record maxima. But the warmer weather was ended by a sharp cold wave which is expected to replace drizzle in the New York City to Boston region today.

WARMER SUNDAY Low tonight is 15 to 23 degrees were predicted for extreme Southern Indiana. However, some warmer weather was expected, with a high of 30 forecast for the lower Ohio River area.

Hears Appeal From Lucas

By NORMAN WALKER WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today weighed an appeal from his son, Senator J. Allen Lucas, for a full coal production. Senate Democratic Leader Lucas carried that plea to the White House yesterday and got a promise that Mr. Truman would review the situation today. Earlier, a number of Republican lawmakers had scolded the Administration for not doing more things to force an end to the present three-day work week in the mines ordered by Little Coal John L. Lewis.

Britain's China Action Criticized In Congress

By JACK BELL House Appropriations Committee wouldn't comment on the effect the British recognition of the Chinese Communist regime had on aid to Communist nations. He called Britain's action "a compromise with evil."

Chinese Claim Mines Planted

TAIPEI, Formosa—(AP)—Nationalists today announced that they had planted mines in the area around the Yangtze River estuary was announced formally by Adm. Kwei Tung-ching. He is the Nationalist navy commander in chief and guiding spirit behind the blockade of Red ports. Kwei conferred this afternoon with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. They were believed to have discussed the mines which were planted on the mainland.

State Of Emergency Is Declared

Hundreds Homeless In Stricken Areas By ASSOCIATED PRESS Flood waters rose to new danger points in the Midwest and ice storms crippled parts of Middle Dixie today as a protracted and crop damage from this week's weather soared into the millions.

The floods and ice storms inflicted severe damage on thousands. Hundreds were made temporarily homeless. In some areas, power and telephone services were disrupted. Travel was impeded. Some of highways were under water or ice-blocked. There have been several deaths and thousands of livestock in the flood-stricken areas.

By MARVIN L. ARROWWORTH WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today signed a bill to amend Federal loan terms to business closed today with a proposal by the Federal Reserve Board to increase Government lending.

Formosa's Fall To Reds Seen

By RUSSELL BRINES TOKYO—(AP)—The consensus of U.S. military officials is that Formosa is doomed to Red conquest. It is expected to remain aloof. They say Communist occupation would bring about the end of the China coast as a free area.

Wind Warnings Raised Along Carolina Coast

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Small craft warnings were ordered today for the Florida coast from Jacksonville to Charleston, S. C. today for 25 to 35 miles an hour northwest gale.

Mr. Sims' Rude Awakening

By DONALD MACDONALD Charlotte News Staff Writer When James A. Sims, Negro, was told he was not in Nevada, he found he was not in Nevada, neither was he in the Pine Bluff, Ark., where he had been. Last thing he remembered, he was in a building at 623 E. 4th St. Sims looked at each other. Presently one of the men nodded. "You're in the building."

Defense Plan Waits President's Approval

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Official word awaited President Truman's approval of a new Atlantic Pact defense plan as the signal to start a full \$1,000,000,000 in armaments to Western Europe within a month. The official word from the White House—expected promptly—was that the "needed now to make available the full amount appropriated by Congress last Summer to rearm America's European allies."

Taft Asks Curb On Government Loans

By MARVIN L. ARROWWORTH WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress to curb Government lending. He said that the Federal Reserve Board's proposal to increase Government lending would lead to the overturn of the present credit system.

28 Bodies Recovered; 31 Injured

By WILLIAM EBERLINE & FRANCIS McWANE DAVENPORT, Iowa—(AP)—Twenty-eight women were known to have perished early today in a fire at a mental hospital and the coroner said the toll undoubtedly would climb to 37. Nearly ten hours after the fire started, Coroner C. H. Wildman said the bodies of 28 women had been recovered.

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