

The Census Starts Saturday — You Don't Count, Until You Are Counted

Weather

Partly cloudy and rather cold tonight and tomorrow. Low to night 29 degrees.

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Line Patients Lie in Hospital Fire

By ORLO ROBERTSON
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Ninety patients—some strapped in their beds—died last night in a fire that spread from a basement fire-filled room of a private sanatorium.

A fireman and at least 30 other patients, both men and women, were killed by flames in a wing of the Belle Vista Sanatorium for convalescent, senile, nervous and mental cases.

Rescuers tore apart wreath-covered windows to lead scores of others to safety.

The three-story, stone sanatorium is located in suburban Springfield Township on Philadelphia's northern border.

Fire Marshal Edward H. Ches said the blaze apparently started in the basement laundry from an unknown cause. It spread to the first

floor where the men were housed but was held in check by a restraining strap, Ches said.

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at the opening of his trial was a dramatic retatement of his "I am alone an irresponsible" admission to the court. He said he was ordered to sail for the coast of Mexico, the general court martial for the captain and two of his lieutenants.

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Foreign Textile Threat Is Cited

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute warned today that the industry faces a virtual loss of low-wage foreign textile markets.

"We are confronted with an alarming situation in the threat of goods coming into this country from nations whose textile industries are virtually subsidized by the American taxpayer," said E. L. Eason, S. McKissick of Zalesky, S. C.

He made his report at the opening session of the first annual convention of ACMI, a central trade association formed last October after the dissolution of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute.

parading the jobs of any of the half-million textile workers who depend directly on the mills in this country.

"When we realize that the average Japanese textile worker makes ten cents an hour, we can understand how far it is possible for countries of living to fall," he said.

The ACMI president cited that in 1947 the United States exported nearly a billion and a half square yards of textile cloth, but that by 1948 this figure had been cut about half and now stands at figures for the first month of 1950.

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Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SCHEIDTMANER

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The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

CHAPTER 3
ON TRIAL

At the top of the great pillars the figure of the prisoner appeared between two vast marble statues. The guards stood back and let the prisoner walk to the front of the hall. Seeing him this second time, Anna was jolted harder than before.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES COMPARE NOTES AT RALLY

Three Senatorial candidates who will probably be saying all sorts of things about each other in coming weeks, met in a moment of rare congeniality at the Asheville Democratic meeting last week-end. Left to right, Robert Rice Reynolds, Senator Frank P. Graham, and Willis Smith, all of whom are seeking the Democratic nomination for the remaining four years of the late J. Melville Broughton's Senate term.



By AP Wirephoto from the Asheville (N.C.) Times

Youth Describes 15-Point Platform

By KNOX CRAIG
IOWA CITY, Ia. (AP)—Robert E. Bednarik said today that the girl who was killed accidentally by a car he had kicked her and she playfully put their hands on each other's throat.

In a low, trembling voice, the 24-year-old University of Iowa Senator gave the version of the way he met and died in the "Empty Arms" rooming house last Dec. 11.

This was his story of her tragic strangulation at the end of "a wonderful evening" when they returned to the rooming house for a night cap after dining on seafood and wine and attending a fraternity dance.

Former French Premier Dies

By HARVEY HUBSON
PARIS (AP)—Leon Blum, 77, three times premier of France, died unexpectedly today. He had long been a leader of the Socialist Party in France and was recognized in recent years as a statesman.

Blum, a veteran of France's turbulent interwar politics, would have been 78 April 9.

He was active in France's Government to the end. He was vice-premier under Andre Marie in 1944 and was a leader in the European Union movement.

Acheson Urges Point 4 Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told Congress today that any cut in the \$45,000,000 program would be "unfortunate results on efforts to check Communism in Asia."

"It would undoubtedly be interpreted as a lack of interest in the free countries of Asia, the Middle East and other underdeveloped areas as indicated by a lack of interest in a program upon which they have been putting very great hopes," he said.

Acheson went before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to argue for the proposed program of American technical aid to raise production methods and living standards in backward areas of the world.

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