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Parole Denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Parole Board announced today it has denied a new parole application by David Greenglass, confessed atomic spy. Greenglass is serving a 15-year sentence in the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa.

Secret Session

PARIS (AP) — The French Cabinet met in secret session today to decide on the next step toward settling the Tunisian crisis. Signs increased that a compromise may be possible.

Ike Cancels Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower cancelled his scheduled flight to West Point today because of stormy weather. The President had planned to go to West Point to take part in the 100th anniversary ceremonies and to join in honoring an atomic scientist.

Obstinacy Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) said his Senate Rackets Committee today both the union and the company have been "pretty obstinate" in the Kohler strike. He said this shows there is need for some new labor relations laws.

Form Bill Cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today rushed to President Eisenhower a farm price support freeze bill which he is considered likely to veto.

Leader Trapped

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The Army commander who rebelled Sunday and held the North Sumatran port of Medan for 27 hours before it was recaptured is now trapped, the Indonesian Army claimed today.

35,000 Walk Out

TOKYO (AP) — Thirty-five thousand Japanese coal miners walked off their jobs today at 15 major mines for an indefinite period as labor's spring offensive for higher pay rolled into its 18th day. The miners union said the latest strike would cut production of high-quality coal 38,700 tons a day.

Drill Postponed

MONCTON, N. B. (AP) — Exercise Snowhaze, last winter training maneuver for the New Brunswick southeastern Civil Defense zone, has been rescheduled for this week-end. Snow is blocking the road to the training area.

Light Rider Enthusiasm Grows Dim

By JIM LAXSON
The Associated Press

Two hooded, white-robed figures met on a barren, windswept field on the outskirts of a Southern town.

"Avak!" asks one. "Avak!" replies the other. This traditional Ku Klux Klan sign — "Are you a Klansman?" and counterclaim. — A Klansman!

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am" has been repeated countless times, usually amid burning crosses and burning oratory. But the Klan as a potent or influential force is disappearing from the Southern scene.

It is, in fact, non-existent in many areas where its might riding sorties once brought terror to the hearts of white persons and Negroes alike.

SOME UNDERGROUND

Some chapters, or Klaverns, have disbanded or have gone underground under pressure from the courts and public opinion. Anti-mask laws have forced Klansmen into the open.

Except for isolated incidents of serious violence in a few areas, their activities are on the wane.

Following the U. S. Supreme Court school desegregation decision in 1954, the Knights of the Invisible Empire enjoyed a brief surge, but they may have seen their best days. Their political influence is practically nil. In scattered areas recently, the Klan has raised its hooded head.

LEADER CONVICTED

A Negro was castrated in Alabama by Klansmen to prove "worthiness" for promotion. Normally peaceful Lumber Indians broke up a Klan rally in North Carolina with pistol and rifle shots — and a Klan leader was convicted for inciting a riot.

There have been a few beatings, numerous cross burnings — some attributed to pranksters by police — and a lot of oratory usually directed against the Negro or other minority groups.

The old theme emphasized pa-

triotism. The modern emphasis is on segregation. There is no way to estimate numbers in the hooded orders. Klansmen refuse to discuss membership details; they say they are sworn to secrecy.

Actually, there is no such thing as THE Klan. It has been split, assumed, Klansmen disband, reorganize, form splinter groups, affiliate and reaffiliate.

A worried dragon in Tampa, Fla., says there are so many Klans operating in his area that the old countermeasures and pass words don't work any more.

"Klan organizations multiply like rats and rabbits these days," said W. J. Griffin, grand dragon of the Asa of Florida Ku Klux Klan. Six groups in addition to his own are trying to operate in the area.

Later Griffin said his group was folding its sheets and getting out of business.

Eldon L. Edwards is the imperial wizard of the U. S. Klans. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc. probably the largest of all the Klan outfits.

Edwards, 43-year-old spray painter at an Atlanta auto assembly plant, claims his group is descended from the original Klan and that the numerous other groups are illegal.

Edwards said the theme of his group is protection. "Protection of the quality of the blood, of the flag, the home, women and children of this country. And charity. We do more charity in some areas than the Red Cross but we never get credit for it."

RECONSTRUCTION CHILD was spawned in the dark days of the Reconstruction — days of tumult and lawlessness following the civil war. The Klan helped bring order out of chaos. Its methods were brutal and sometimes illegal but it attracted many influential political and business leaders.

After order was restored and home rule re-established, the Klan disbanded and left law enforcement to elected officials. The Klan rose again after World War I but it was recked

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Sanford Man Dies In Collision Here

A 23-year-old Sanford man met instant death six miles west of Charlotte a few minutes after midnight when the car he was driving toward Gastonia struck a Charlotte-bound truck near the truck weighing station on Wilkinson Blvd.

The accident — which brought death to William Melvin Stewart, 19, 1, Sanford — also seriously injured his companion, 34-year-old John William Wall of Gastonia, owner of the car.

Mr. Wall was rushed to Charlotte Memorial Hospital by ambulance. A nurse said this morning he is suffering a head injury and his condition remains serious.

NOT HURT

Driver of the east-bound truck Jerry Norman Thomas, 21, of Gastonia, was not injured. State Highway Patrolman Thomas McSwain said a coroner's in-

quest will be held at an unannounced date. Patrolman McSwain said the automobile, a 1948 Chevrolet, was a total loss. "The whole top of the car was peeled back, like opening a can," the patrolman said.

The wreck occurred on a slight curve, and Patrolman McSwain said tire marks showed the car had crossed the center line into the first of the two west-bound lanes, striking the side of the stake-bed truck.

LEFT STATION

The truck had just pulled out of the weighing station, which is a few hundred yards east of the Catawba River.

A wrist watch, torn off either the driver of the car or the injured passenger, was found on the highway, stopped at 12:05. Patrolman McSwain said.

The dead man was pinned beneath the steering wheel.

Food Prices Push Living To New Top

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new high for food costs sent the nation's living cost level to still another peak mark in mid-February.

In reporting this today, Labor Statistics Commissioner E. W. Clegg said he could see little hope for a living cost downturn in the next few months. He said it depends largely on crop conditions and food supply.

The official index rose two tenths of 1 per cent between January and February, reaching 122.5 per cent of the 1947 average. This is 3.2 per cent higher than a year ago.

FOOD SOARED

Food alone soared to a 4.5 per cent above a year ago, a new record.

The new over-all living cost peak is the 16th time in the past 18 months that the index has broken over the top to a new high.

Clegg said the reason living costs are not responding to the general business decline, but continuing upward on their own, is that most consumer cost items don't respond quickly to general economic conditions.

He said farmers suffered their recession two years ago with a result that farm prices have since strengthened. Food plays a major part in living costs.

Clegg said durables, such as autos, appliances and so on, and soft goods, such as gasoline, fuels and clothing, are responding somewhat to the general downturn.

Lincolnton Man

Clark joins race for Congress seat

By JULIAN SCHER
News Staff Writer

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Today's Weather

Clear to partly cloudy and continued cold today, tonight and Saturday.	
Low this morning	28
Low tomorrow morning	30
High today	32
High tomorrow	32
High yesterday	35
Sunrise today 6:28 a.m.; sunset today 6:35 p.m.	

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34 Killed; Electric, Telephone Lines Out

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A winter's-end snowstorm slammed the northeastern seaboard today with a fury which at times eclipsed the devastating hurricanes of recent years. Life, property and services received shuddering blows.

From Virginia to New England, sale force winds flung mountainside leaps of snow onto the landscape and sent high tides lashing at the shorelines as the first hours of spring arrived.

At least 34 lives were lost. Transportation was badly snarled. Hundreds of thousands of homes, stores and offices were without electricity and telephone service. Thousands of persons in homeless homes were evacuated. Schools by the hundreds were closed.

THREE FEET DEEP

The snow reached a crippling depth of three feet in southeastern Pennsylvania, but stinging hard winds piled up much heavier drifts at many places.

Even Washington, D. C., had 20 inches; New York City had 11, the Baltimore area nearly 24, and other points varying amounts.

Ferocious winds actually reached hurricane velocity of 75 miles an hour at times in New England.

Weather men predicted that the center of the storm would be just east of Boston this afternoon, and that there would be diminishing punishment as the tempest moved northward during the ensuing hours.

TOLL MOUNTS

The death toll mounted hourly, with at least 34 lives lost up to noon today. The totals by state: Pennsylvania 12; Maryland 7; New Jersey 5; Virginia 2; New York 5; Massachusetts 2; Rhode Island 1.

The storm played havoc with almost every kind of activity. President Eisenhower, who had planned to fly to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point for a luncheon, canceled his trip because of the weather.

At Morgantown, Pa., more than 800 people were marooned all night in a small restaurant on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Food supplies had to be rationed to the giant group of motorists, truckers, entertainers, babies and others.

One man died after fighting his way out of a car.

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City Tagged Anti-Labor Center Of U. S.

By ANN SAWYER
News Staff Writer

Charlotte today was called "the seat of more vicious anti-union propaganda than any city in the United States" by the director of organization for AFL-CIO.

John Livingston of Washington led the cause at the first of some national trade and manufacturers associations located here.

Speaking to the AFL-CIO convention, he accused the associations of "pouring out propaganda" through employers and business organizations.

"Make no mistake about it," he said. "They are past masters."

LAST SPEAKER

Mr. Livingston was the last scheduled speaker in the three-day first annual convention of the merged labor organizations closing this afternoon at Park Center.

Speculation among delegates was that W. M. Ladd, Jr., president of the Tobacco Workers Union, would be elected.

Five vice presidents at large were to be elected from among seven nominees: Andrew S. Hill, Durham; Richard Haman, Wilmington; Sam H. Scott, Winston-Salem; Jordon Shapiro, Greensboro; John Lovett, Charlotte; J. F. Henderson, Charlotte; and Leroy Mitchell, Plymouth.

Re-elected by acclamation yesterday were first vice president, John Henderson; second vice president, John Jervis, Asheville; third vice president, Carlo Drey, Batin; and Lewis Price, Plymouth, executive secretary-treasurer. J. W. Holder, Raleigh.

REMARKS TO DELEGATES

In his remarks to delegates, Director of Organization Livingston:

1. Reminded them there are 14 million white collar workers unorganized and six million non-white collar workers in the "Southern Belt" who are not in the American labor movement.

2. Attacked the National Labor Relations Board as accepting many more union labor charges against unions than employers.

3. Censured national investigating committees for investigating labor, but having "skimmed over management every way possible."

4. Said that once unions break into the textile field, they have "opened the gate" to further unionism.

5. Told them to stand up and be counted as union members.

6. Attached "so-called right-to-work laws."

Elaborating, Mr. Livingston said he does not criticize the functions of investigating committees that go into such questions as racketeering.

"There's no place for racketeers or Communists in the labor movement. One is just as bad as another. But when did strikes become such tea parties?"

On future organization of labor, Mr. Livingston told delegates, "We owe the responsibility to ourselves and to people unorganized to carry the trade union story to them."

"If we work together united we will stand and the job will be done."

SHE'S KEEPING NO. 6 HONOLULU (AP) — Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton said here last night she has no plans to divorce Baron Gottfried von Cramm, her sixth husband.

Evening Prayer

Great God of wonders, we thank Thee for the reality of Thy pardoning grace. Thou hast told us of Thy willingness to pardon all our sin. We confess our sins that we may receive Thy miracle of Thy forgiving love, through Christ. — Amen.



Smashed Remains Of Car In Fatal Accident On Wilkinson Blvd. Today