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Indiscriminate Awards
For Meritorious Service
Criticized By Soldiers

THE conferring of decorations for war services ought to follow some rule of reason. Men have been decorated ad libitum on a whim by some officers, and some even a greater number of these decorations have been awarded for no reason at all. It is not surprising that the "distinctions" awarded for meritorious service on Friday the 14th, were not only indiscriminate but also unwarranted. The preceding day was the day when the American General who was said to be the "most decorated man" in the American Army, he looked like a human porcupine although the decorations were of a different sort and located in a different place. I do not doubt that he had earned all these decorations, but it is not surprising that the "distinctions" awarded for meritorious service on Friday the 14th, were not only indiscriminate but also unwarranted. The preceding day was the day when the American General who was said to be the "most decorated man" in the American Army, he looked like a human porcupine although the decorations were of a different sort and located in a different place. I do not doubt that he had earned all these decorations, but it is not surprising that the "distinctions" awarded for meritorious service on Friday the 14th, were not only indiscriminate but also unwarranted.

Wallace Reaffirms 'Softer Policy' Position

Tension In New York
CIO-AFL Clashes
Threatened In
Maritime Strike

The twelfth day of the nationwide maritime strike found New York City's waterfront tense today with threats of clashes between thousands of picketing CIO seamen and AFL longshoremen under instructions not to "respect any CIO picket line."

CIO National Maritime Union leaders hailed today their most formidable weapon—the massed picket line with marchers so closely linked it is virtually impossible to separate them in negotiations to end the work stoppage.

Police strength was bolstered throughout the sprawling docks area. CIO leaders said that there might be trouble if the AFL longshoremen attempt to breach picket lines as they did Saturday night when they did. The AFL longshoremen were not to be helped by the S. S. George Washington.

Fourteen liners with more than 6,000 passengers—half of them Army or Navy personnel—were due to arrive today.

Will Fight For Views On Russia

Major Cabinet Split Heralded

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Wallace today reaffirmed his stand for the softer S. policy toward Russia, which President Truman disavowed as Administration policy, and said he will continue to fight publicly for his views.

Wallace's announcement apparently heralded a wide-open split in Mr. Truman's Cabinet between the Commerce Secretary and Secretary of State Byrnes, whose aides here and in Paris have made no secret of his bitter opposition to Wallace's views.

Wallace talked with President Truman by telephone immediately before he issued his statement, aides said. They reported he would see the President probably tomorrow, but by Wednesday at the latest.

Wallace's statement given to reporters shortly after he returned to his office from New York said:

"I stand upon my New York speech. It was interesting to find that both the extreme right and the extreme left disagreed with the views I expressed. Feeling as I do however, that most Americans are concerned about Russia and willing to work for peace, I intend to continue my efforts for a just and lasting peace, and I shall, within the near future, speak on this subject again."

Judge Acts In Surprise Move When Trial Opens

'Divorce Mill' Case Is Begun

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

In a surprise move today Judge Frank M. Armstrong ordered Ward M. Blanton, Mrs. Vivian Baird and Attorney W. T. Shore, all charged with subordination of perjury in connection with the operation of an alleged divorce mill in Charlotte, to be held in custody during the trial that started this morning in Criminal Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Just as court recessed at 12:45 o'clock Judge Armstrong, without further comment, instructed the three defendants to be held and they were immediately led from the courtroom by deputy sheriffs who placed them in the County Jail.

Solicitor Basil Whittaker said it was his understanding that the defendants who had been on the bench—would remain in the sheriff's custody day and night, except when court was in progress.

No announcement was made in open court as to why Judge Armstrong decided upon this unexpected move, but just prior to the time he had cautioned members of the jury to be diligent in reporting to him the names of any persons who attempted to discuss during lunch or any other time, the merits of the case under consideration.

"If anyone attempts to talk with you about this case," he told the jury, "get their names if possible, and if you can't do that, take a good look at them and remember them, and then report them to me. The court will take care of the rest."

Judge Armstrong told the "bull by the horns" without delay during the morning when he ordered spectators who were standing along the walls of the courtroom, and in the adjacent rooms, to leave the room unless they found seats in the rear.

Shortly after the court convened after the noon recess Judge Armstrong announced he was taking the case from the bench back into session after Solicitor Whittaker told him he had secured a number of witnesses from South Carolina and elsewhere who would appear in court today.

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Truman Asks Conference

Global Resource Study Advocated

By LARRY HAUCH
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (AP)—President Truman today called on the United Nations to summon a world scientific conference on conservation to study global resources, including "the possible peaceful uses of atomic energy within the next few decades."

Political Inquiry Set

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House today said it will call upon all organizations known to be engaged in political activities, particularly the amount of money they have spent in the past six months of 1947 somewhere in the United States.

HEAVY WAR TALK
Declaring that conservation "can become a major basis of peace," the President said:

"Warfare has been a heavy toll of many national resources. The rebuilding of the nations requires common sense in the use of undeveloped areas will require an additional large depletion of resources. Waste, destruction and unreconomic use of resources anywhere damage mankind's common estate in the past involved nations in warfare. Every member of the United Nations is deeply interested in preventing a recurrence of that fear and of those conditions."

Barbers Strike In New York

NEW YORK (AP)—Barbershop managers and owners in Manhattan today went to work today as their helpers and manicurists went out on strike in a wage dispute.

Extra requests indicated the strike was not causing much inconvenience—the worst being that some barbers are waiting for service because of the reduction in the rank and file of New Yorkers paid their dues.

There already being 40 others throughout the city.

Pound-Dollar Ratio Stands

LONDON (AP)—The Government's monetary chief said today he expected no revision in the current exchange between the pound and the dollar.

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AFL CIO Court Trainmen's Union

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(AP)—Representatives of both the CIO and AFL were expected to bid for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen at the union's convention opening here today.

William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of the CIO have been expected to speak to the 1,000 or more delegates who are assembling here for the Brotherhood's first session in seven years. No dates have been set for their talks.

Answer To Molotov

Connally In Call Palestine

For Free Trieste

PARIS (AP)—Senator Tom Connally, replying to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, today demanded that the Peace Conference establish Trieste as a truly free state, independent of both Yugoslavia and Italy.

Communism Rejected

BERLIN (AP)—German voters in the American, British and French zones of occupation have rejected Communism as their guiding political philosophy, at least for the time being.

This became apparent today when election returns from all four zones of the Reich became available. In the French and British zones voting yesterday, the moderate leftist Social Democratic Party was favored over the Communist Party.

Bands Play On In Nightclubs

NEW YORK (AP)—The bands played on in 100 of New York City's nightclubs today, despite a city-wide curfew that took effect at midnight as a result of an agreement by operators to meet union demands for a 20 percent and other contract changes.

Sour 'Homecoming' Note

Guamanians Boo Navy Officer Who Hid From Japs On Island

By DOUG LOVELACE
GUAM (AP)—A group of 100 Guamanians today booed a Navy officer who hid from Japanese soldiers during the island's occupation by the Japanese.

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Ford-Built Car Prices Boosted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ford today announced that it had raised the prices of its cars and trucks by an average of 10 percent.

The increase was authorized under a revised "hardship" pricing formula which also is effective in other areas.

Weather

Cloudy and cool with occasional light rain this afternoon and evening. Tomorrow, cooler and warmer with scattered showers.

Temperature at 2:30 today: 73-75
High and low last 24 hours: 73-69
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:08

Strife Stirs In Palestine

JERUSALEM (AP)—Palestine police, forwarded by a new threat of intensified terrorism in the Holy Land, searched the Safad area today for a bomb-carrying band of saboteurs who attacked a police station and wrecked power lines in a daring raid last night.

Grand Canyon Drama

Style Expert Just Misses Death In Fall

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National Cotton Council

W. D. Reynolds, in his regular piece in the Carolina Farmer to day, wrote about the National Cotton Council, that organization of cotton men which has done so much to further the use and the interests of cotton since its founding in 1888.

Jap Medical Officer Is Sentenced To Hang

SHANGHAI (AP)—Capt. Jiro Kuwahara, chief medical officer of the Japanese forces in the General Manchuria, was held in custody today and sentenced to death by hanging.

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