

Resolutions

George W. Crane, author of each page feature "The Worry," offers sage advice to members in a special New Year's "Marriage Resolutions" column on page 5-A of edition.

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r. Jones Goes To Washington



CAPITOL-BOUND — Hamilton C. Jones, the Tenth District's new Representative in the 80th Congress of the United States, is shown here busy packing his brief case for his trip to Washington. He will arrive in time to attend

an important caucus tomorrow morning of Democratic Congressmen-elect. The oath of office will be taken Friday. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin, Studio.)

Off To Nation's Capital

Mr. Jones Ready To Begin Duties

BY TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Today Congressman Hamilton C. Jones goes to Washington. He will arrive in time to participate in a caucus of Democratic Representatives-elect to the 80th Congress that is being called by Chairman Joe Cooper for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

And that is not all. The new Congressman's first social event is scheduled for Saturday when he will attend a "Welcome to Washington Dinner" that has been arranged by the Washington Board of Trade.

Friday, when the Congress convenes, Representative Jones, along with some 44 other members of the House, will take the oath of office—event that Charlotte's Mr. Jones has looked forward to for many years and for which he fought a number of bitter political battles.

All of that is behind him now. It's a new day and Congressman Jones is as pleased as punch. His face beamed today over the prospect of participating in what may be one of the most important sessions of Congress in the history of the United States, particularly with reference to foreign relations. And in this respect, Mr. Jones recalls that from school days on he has studied the multiple problems of government and that this interest may now serve him, and he hopes, his country well.

SLEAK SECRETARY
Most important of all, Congressman Jones will not find himself enmeshed in office routine that could distract him from the pressing matters of government. For as his secretary he will have John Slear of Charlotte, a veteran in such matters. He served under both Farmer Bob Doughton, Congressman Bulwinkle, and former Senator Cameron Morrison. He is no novice in guiding the destinies of high public officials. This pleases Congressman Jones, too.

In addition there will be able assistants who have worked hard and long for Representative Sam Ervin of Morganton who went to Washington upon the death of his brother, the late Joe Ervin of Charlotte. They are Mary Bevel of Mocksville and Madeline Pitts of Newton.

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First Day's Weather Bad

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weather as rough and unweleome as a New Year's Day hang-over chilled and dampened a wide section of the country today—the first day of 1947.

The frigid belt extended from the Plains states to the Atlantic Seaboard and into New England and all the way south into Brownsville, Texas. Temperatures were below zero in many areas in parts of the Midwest—as low as 31 in Wisconsin—New England and upper New York State.

Freezing rain and sleet fell in a broad zone extending into Central Texas and through Southern Arkansas, Northern Louisiana, Tennessee, and parts of Virginia. There was some rain south to the Gulf and North as far as the Ohio River. Snow and sleet moved up the Atlantic Coast from Lynchburg and Richmond, Va., Washington reported snow.

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Republican Steering Body Meets

Justice Dept. In Separate Probe

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Policy-making Senate Republicans, committed to try to oust Democratic Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi, turned today to the problem of how to do it.

Chairman Taft of Ohio called a New Year's Day meeting of the GOP Senate Steering Committee to map strategy.

1. The Justice Department pressed an independent investigation of Bilbo's affairs.

2. The Embattled Senator, promising to "fight on," declared anew that he is innocent of any wrong doing.

3. The Senate War Investigating Committee scheduled for release tomorrow its report on an inquiry into Bilbo's dealings with war contractors. A member said the report charges that Bilbo "used his high office for 'personal gain'."

4. The three Democratic members of the special Senate Campaign Investigating Committee rushed work on a majority report which will contend no proof has been furnished to support charges that Bilbo intimidated Negroes from voting in last summer's Senatorial election in Mississippi.

The two Republican members of this committee are preparing a dissenting report.

TRY TO BAR HIM

Taft announced late yesterday that the new Republican Steering Committee had voted unanimously to try to bar Bilbo from the Senate.

"When, where and how will be decided," Taft said.

The committee's decision is subject to approval by the conference of all Senate members, scheduled for tomorrow.

Taft left up in the air the question of whether there will be an attempt to halt Bilbo at the door when the new Congress convenes tomorrow. He said the question will be started after the Mississippi has taken their seat.

The Ohio Senator did indicate that the Republicans hope to strip the outer movie of any party label expressing support of Democratic senators, including the new Minority Leader, Arlen Barkley of Kentucky.

However, Chairman Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, of the Campaign Investigating Committee quashed any proposal for bi-partisan unity on feeling that by isolating the inquiry on the Negro vote charges had failed to develop "atomic diplomacy," thus improving the hope for peace.

He specifically by newsmen whether he would seat Bilbo. Ellender responded: "Unquestionably."

In the wake of the Steering Committee action, Bilbo told a reporter he had been "fighting all my life for 'atomic diplomacy.'"

"I have done 'wrong' and I have nothing to fear," he added.

Keynote Of Hope On New Year's

Old World Celebrates But Cold, Hunger And Transport Troubles Limit Revelry

LONDON — (AP)—Blighted hopes for the green valleys of Wales this morning, as the old world in working clothes greeted the New Year on a keynote of hope, following gay revelries last night in Europe's capitals, where some also prayed for a brighter future.

The silver bugles symbolized for Britain the hope—still unshared but still much alive—of the Socialists' postwar planners for a new and better life for all.

They marked the start of Government ownership of coal mines—Union Leader Will Leitch called it "the end of an epoch of turmoil, strife and suffering" for 100,000 miners, who form the biggest bloc yet to call the Government boss.

Empty Stocking Fund

Report On Christmas Fund Shows Thousands Given Aid

By FRANK SPOLLEN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Christmas Bureau of the Charlotte Community Council today issued an official report on the Christmas program made possible by The News Empty Stocking Fund.

A total of 64 registrations were on file, representing a total of 2,128 individuals assisted through the Empty Stocking Fund and 1,640 individuals assisted through the Empty Stocking Fund and the Salvation Army.

The total amount of funds distributed through the Empty Stocking Fund was \$10,000 and the total amount distributed through the Empty Stocking Fund and the Salvation Army amounted to the direction of the Christmas Bureau's program was \$29,850.50. The Salvation Army has provided a total of 1,640 individuals assisted by the Empty Stocking Fund check for \$100.00 earlier in the year for the purchase of toys to be used in this Christmas program.

A detailed report on the number of cases assisted, white and Negro, was given.

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The Department of Public Welfare reported and took care of 260 newly families known to that agency. Included were 147 adults and 344 children. From there were foster home children and 147 lone individuals making a total of 1,193 persons receiving aid from the fund through this agency.

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Solons Hope

Truman Will Elaborate On Monday

State Of Union Message Slated

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders here are awaiting word from President Truman on which side of the fence he will take when he delivers his State of the Union message Monday.

While generally approving of the President's message, the Republican leaders are made clear they want a more complete and full-scale review of the country's emergency control program.

Representative McHenry of Michigan, who is slated to be the House Judiciary Committee spokesman, said the Republicans take control of Congress Friday, told pressmen:

"I'm for repeating all the things that are there. I don't want to be in the hands of the State of the Union."

Other party leaders here, however, were not so sure. They said they preferred to wait until they have given the complex subject more study before they make their position known.

Some of the party leaders are citing specific examples of what wartime restrictions should be added to the eighth Mr. Truman there overboard yesterday, with 21 cases set to die June 30.

Most Congressmen here said they hoped the President would say more in greater detail in his State of the Union message scheduled for Monday.

REASONS FOR ACTION

The end of hostilities proclamation caught not only Capitol Hill but most Government agencies as well completely off guard. In response, however, it appeared that at least two factors dictated the timing.

1. By acting when he did, Mr. Truman made the sharp turn in the Government's policy toward the Government's fiscal year. Thus the new law—such as the 50-hour law—goes on from July 1 on.

2. If he had waited a single day longer, the Government would have been forced to make a more complete review of the country's emergency control program.

While yesterday's proclamation put an immediate end to the Government's power to restrict agricultural prices, it also marked the whole Smith-Connally War Labor Disputes Act for repeal on June 30, the general view on Capitol Hill.

One cause of the surprise element in Mr. Truman's pronouncement was provided by the Veterans Administration.

One agency spokesman first said the action meant that so far as VA is concerned the war is over. Hence, he added, definite time limits would be set on such things as education, loan and job laws and benefits of the war.

Later, however, this was described as a "snap judgment," and it was said that the Veterans Administration would be used until further study is made.

At the War Department, too, officials went into quick huddles to determine what the termination of hostilities would mean to the Army's vast establishment.

WEATHER

Intermittent rain or drizzle at intervals throughout the day, moon, tonight and Thursday. Friday partly cloudy.

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