

Cash Crop.

Turkish tobacco may become a lucrative crop for North Carolina. Experiments indicate that climate, soils, and other conditions are favorable for the Eastern type leaf. In his story on Page 12-A, Burke Davis talks about these experiments.

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State of The Union Message

U.S. Asks That Dairen Be Opened

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States has asked Russia and China to arrange for further delay to end Soviet military control of Dairen and open the Manchurian port to world traffic under Chinese administration.

The action, announced today by the State Department, was the first official step taken by Washington following refusal of Soviet authorities on Dec. 20 to allow three American civilians to land at Dairen. The Russians ordered the ship out and have refrained from any criticism of the so-called ultimatum to leave port in twenty minutes.

The twenty-minute notice was served after the ship strayed a 30-hour permit under which it had been ordered to return to port. State Department officials have said the Russians were within their rights in refusing the ship out and have refrained from any criticism of the so-called ultimatum to leave port in twenty minutes.

The State Department said a note was delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office at Moscow and the Chinese Foreign Office at Nanking by American diplomats today.

The American Government considers it desirable that the current emergency situation with regard to the status of Dairen and the Chinese and Soviet Governments with a view to the implementation of the pertinent provisions of the Sino-Soviet agreement of Aug. 14, 1945, in regard to Dairen.

This Government perceives no reason why there should be further delay in reopening the port to international commerce contemplated in the aforementioned agreement.

The Government of the United States, while fully appreciating that this is a matter for discussion between the Chinese and Soviet Governments, it has a responsibility to American interest in general to raise the question with the two directly interested Governments. It hopes that the abnormal conditions now prevailing at Dairen may be removed as soon as possible and that normal conditions may be re-established which will permit American citizens to visit Dairen in pursuit of their legitimate interests.

General Ike Hauls in a Fish

Miami Daily News Photo by Harry Elmore. (AP Photo).

while vacationing. This is an exclusive Miami Daily News photo by Harry Elmore. (AP Photo).

Many Proposals Offered Billions-For-Vets Drive Underway in New Congress

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The rush is on in Congress to shell out more billions to veterans. Lawmakers are tossing in bills and getting campaigning under way for such things as:

1. A soldier's bonus; 2. Immediate cashing of terminal leave checks; 3. A boost in Government pay for those going to Europe to learn new jobs by working at them.

Rep. Howard Smith, Democrat, Virginia, said the President is going further on labor legislation than he ever has before.

Gen. Clay Appointed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The War Department announced today that Gen. Lucius D. Clay has been named Commanding General of United States Forces in Europe, succeeding the military staff committee of the United Nations as commander-in-chief of U. S. Forces in Europe.

Gen. Clay has been assigned the command of the Sixth Army with headquarters at San Francisco, Calif., according to the War Department.

Rep. and Sen. McNamara, who succeeded to the post of the United States in Germany, will become commander-in-chief of U. S. Forces about Jan. 10.

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Labor Stand Is Praised By Senators

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress generally intimated President Truman's message today as a big boost for prospect of getting new labor laws on the statute books soon.

Sen. Taft, Republican, Ohio, who will serve as chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, commented to reporters that the President's message was "adequate."

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High Officials Present Chamber Packed For Truman Talk

WASHINGTON — President Truman appeared in person before a joint session of Congress today to deliver his State of the Union message.

Assembled with the Senate and the House in the crowded House chamber to hear the President's message were members of the President's Cabinet and many high officials.

Mr. Truman and his daughter, Margaret, sat in the first row of the Presidential gallery, the former dressed in black, Margaret wore a dark costume with a grey fur coat and white gloves.

It was exactly 1 P. M. when the President walked into the Chamber from the rear door. Members stood, applauded and cheered for two minutes as he marched down the center aisle, followed by his escorts and military and naval aides.

The smiling President drew hearty cheers when, at the outset of his address, he surveyed the crowded House and remarked: "It looks like a good many of you moved over to the left since I was here last time."

Some past Presidential proposals were presented again in diluted form which might be attributed to changed conditions.

Sets Pattern For Solving Disputes In Industries

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today called on the Republican-controlled Congress to enact a four-point labor program designed to prevent strikes which stifle the nation's economy.

Appearing in person before a joint session of the Senate and House, Mr. Truman proposed: 1. A program of legislation outlawing the jurisdictional strike as "indefensible."

2. A program of further legislation prohibiting secondary boycotts which involve "unjustified" strikes.

3. A program of legislation to protect wage rates and working conditions should be distinguished from those furthering jurisdictional disputes.

4. A program of legislation to prevent strikes which stifle the nation's economy.

Text of President Truman's "State of the Union" message to Congress is on page 9-A of this edition.

WEATHER Fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Cold tonight with lowest temperature 25 degrees. Not much change in temperature Tuesday.