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Southern Congressmen Seek Places On Two Tickets

NEW ORLEANS SPARED HEAVY STORM LOSS

30,000 Already Moved

Volcanic Island Being Evacuated

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA—(AP)—Thirty thousand frightened natives were rescued today from the sulphurous smoke, ashes and lava of roaring Hibokhibok volcano on tiny Camiguin Island.

Ten thousand more huddled in fear of the mighty volcano which began erupting Sept. 1 for the first time since 1871 when it tore a gaping hole in the mile high mountain peak.

A steady stream of hot lava flowed down the mountain but so far only one man has been caught in it and he escaped with his life.

There are no reports of any American personnel in the area, except one unidentified American volcano expert who with Filipino experts risked climbing the peak today to find that the volcano had opened a new crater about a mile from the old one.

The Philippines Government advised tonight that the 30,000 evacuated from the island were in nearby ports.

The mayor of Mambajao and the constabulary were advised by Volcanologist Arturo Alcaraz of the weather bureau to evacuate all persons on the upper northern portion of Camiguin Island.

He said the present activity of the volcano may continue for some time.

Noises were audible due to landslides in the vicinity of the spewing mountain top. No new earth tremors have been recorded in the past few hours. Earlier the roaring volcano caused tremors to be felt as much as 85 miles away.

A thick shower of ash fell on evacuated Mambajao town throughout the day. The town was made a restricted area by the constabulary.

A Philippine naval patrol reported 10,000 frantic islanders were concentrated on the southeast end of Camiguin awaiting to be removed.

Would Ask Backing Of Democrats, Dixiecrats

Thurmond Raps McGrath Aide

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Quiet moves were under way today by some Southern Congressional candidates to get their names on both the Democratic and States Rights tickets.

Such a two-party straddle was viewed by observers here as a form of political insurance against the possibility that Republicans might slip into office in some border districts.

To some extent it also would free these candidates from the charge they are bolting the regular Democratic ticket.

While the national committee has made it clear it will regard sporters of the States Rights ticket as bolters, the Administration obviously does not want to antagonize Congressional votes it might need badly if the Republicans lose control in a close contest.

William Primm Jr., assistant to Party Chairman McGrath, said the national committee has been informed the double entry plan may be followed in several states but will do nothing to balk it.

"I don't know what we can do about it," he told a reporter. "It is up to the people to elect the men they want to represent them in Congress and up to the House and Senate whether to seat them."

But Primm indicated that any Congressional candidates who let their names go on the States Right ticket may be asked to give up any post they hold with the Democratic National Committee.

This was in line with Primm's demand yesterday that Gov. J Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, State Rights candidate for President, resign as national committeeman from his state.

THURMOND'S RETORT

That brought the retort from Thurmond that it was the northerners — not the States' Rights Democrats — who had bolted the party.

"This is like the tail trying to throw the dog out of the kennel," he said, "but it is gratifying to know that at least they feel the heat of our resentment."

The States Rights candidate, who offered his resignation from the national committee after his Dixiecrat nomination, added that "the Democratic Party belongs to the people who make it up. It does not belong to the temporary national leaders."

The South Carolina executive committee has refused to accept Thurmond's resignation. But a group of regular party members announced in Columbia last night it would meet there Sept. 8 to consider naming another national committeeman.

They also plan to name a slate of Presidential electors pledged to support Mr. Truman and Senator Alben W. Barkley, his running mate.

Gov. Fielding Wright, the States Rights Vice Presidential nominee lashed out yesterday at what he called McGrath's threat to deny party recognition to nominal Democrats unless they support the Truman-Barkley ticket.

The Mississippi chief executive said in Jackson that McGrath's action shows that he now recognizes that the States Rights ticket is a real threat" to the national party slate.

"We're in the fight to the finish," he said, "so lay on, McGrath."

Juliana Becomes Dutch Queen

Wilhelmina Abdicates After 50 Years

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH

AMSTERDAM —(AP)— Queen Wilhelmina, for 50 years monarch of the Netherlands, abdicated today and her auburn-haired daughter, Juliana, became the queen.

Wilhelmina aired the cares of her troubled empire in a ceremony of quiet grandeur, a climax of the celebration which marked the golden jubilee of her reign. She appeared happy to hand the scepter to the handsome Juliana, 39, mother of four daughters.

Only the highest Government officials witnessed the abdication, which took place at an oblong table in the austere palace.

APPEAR ON BALCONY

The abdication ceremony over, the new queen and her mother appeared on the balcony.

Juliana wept. But the queen mother seemed to be in a joyous mood.

The voices of 19,000 Dutch subjects packed in Dam Square rose in a mighty cheer. With animation, Wilhelmina waved.

Juliana wore a chic grey suit. A feathered toque was slanted prettily over one eye. The costume, in sharp contrast to the mid-Victorian mode of her mother, was the same Juliana wore at the Hague earlier this year, when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt addressed a Congress of Dutch women.

JULIANA — WILHELMINA

HUSBAND AT SIDE

At Juliana's side was her husband, 37-year-old Prince Bernhard, in the uniform of a Dutch Admiral. Bernhard now is a prince of The Netherlands. Nearby were her little daughters in red frocks and Peter Pan collars.

At the private abdication Wilhelmina signed in the presence of 26 persons—14 cabinet ministers, officials of Parliament and representatives of the millions who make up the Dutch overseas empire.

The new queen who already has served twice as Princess Regent for the tired old lady of Apeldoorn, took office immediately when Wilhelmina signed the instrument of resignation.

Her 68-year-old mother plans to retire to the countryside and devote herself to gardening, painting and needle work.

Juliana will be installed formally as Queen Monday at an investiture at the Nieuwe Kerk (new church) near the palace. The ceremony will be attended by diplomats from all over the world and delegations from the royal houses of Europe.

Although the formal investi-

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Weakening Hurricane Heads For Mississippi

No Reported Loss Of Life

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — A Gulf hurricane that slashed across the Southeastern Louisiana coast to batter New Orleans this morning, streaked on toward Mississippi, reduced to gale force.

At 9 A. M. (EST) the U. S. Weather Bureau said strongest winds near the center of the storm were 60 to 70 miles an hour. A hurricane has winds of 76 miles an hour greater.

There was no reported loss of life in the storm's path. Property damage in New Orleans appeared relatively slight and limited to signs and some plate glass windows. Damage along the storm's path toward New Orleans was not immediately available as the storm hampered and jammed communications.

STREETS FLOODED

Some New Orleans streets were flooded, and about seven inches of rain fell last night and today.

The wind tossed waters of Lake Pontchartrain sloshed over into the east end of Jefferson Parish (County). But no serious flooding was reported.

Several thousand people — an accurate count was not possible — fled low-lying homes for safer spots on higher ground. Evacuation centers were set up at the municipal auditorium in New Orleans.

At the height of the storm the wind reached a steady 75 miles an hour with gusts up to 90 at the Naval Air Station on Lake Pontchartrain.

The storm's eye passed over the New Orleans downtown section shortly after dawn and lasted for more than an hour and a half. Then winds returned with force up to 65 miles an hour.

A drizzling rain continued to fall after the storm's passage.

The Weather Bureau predicted heavy squalls extending over south and central Mississippi and southwestern Alabama today.

The southeast Louisiana area through which the hurricane passed on the way to New Orleans appeared to have escaped lightly.

A few small branches of trees littered highways but no damaged houses were seen on a tour of several towns in the section.

Lake Pontchartrain was rising from six inches to a foot an hour. At 6:30 A. M. (EST) U. S. Army engineers said the lake level was about five feet above sea level.

New Orleans itself is protected from the lake by a high sea wall. Heavy rains and waves were reported washing over an earthen embankment along the lake shore in Jefferson Parish (county) immediately to the west. Water driven in from the Gulf by the storm last Sept. 19 flooded about 50 miles of Jefferson Parish, including an extensive residential section.

New Orleans city officials ordered 2,000 persons evacuated from Our Town, wartime housing project of light frame buildings. The roof of one of the houses was blown off.

Loss of the roof and overturning of several small boats in a yacht harbor on Lake Ponchartrain were the first property damage reported in this area.

About 300 persons were removed from a Negro housing project.

Evacuees in New Orleans were cared for in the municipal auditorium, several school buildings and police stations.

Several hundred refugees from swampy St. Bernard Parish to the east were housed in Jackson Barracks, National Guard head quarters here.

At Biloxi, Miss., John Grady of the U. S. Weather Bureau reported tides of four and one-half to five feet early this morning. Just before day-break he said the tide was beginning to fall.

Waves washed over the Biloxi seawall and water was nearly a foot deep on a coastal highway.

At Bay St. Louis, Miss., only high winds had been noted early today.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad was holding up all its trains

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WEATHER

Light rain this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today....78
High and low last 24 hours....86-69
Sunset today 6:46
Sunrise tomorrow 5:58

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Join Longshoremen, Truckers

Pacific Coast Oil Workers Walk Out

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another major industry in the West Coast's life line was shut down today by a strike of 16,000 CIO oil workers. They began walking off their jobs at nine major California refineries at midnight in support of demands for a 21-cents an hour wage boost. The companies had offered 12 1/2 cents in negotiations which continued until the strike became effective.

An industry statement predicted that "within a few days" the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona will face a gasoline shortage.

Meanwhile, five maritime unions braced themselves for a long strike against West Coast shipping companies, and in New York chain store food supplies dwindled as a result of a walkout by truck drivers in the metropolitan area.

Harry Bridges, president of the striking CIO longshoremen said the West Coast strike would last from four to six months and that either the union or shipping companies would have to go out of business unless they come to terms meanwhile.

The small war-born companies admitted that they would be ruined financially by a prolonged strike, but President Truman has said there is nothing the Government can do to halt the stoppage since all Governmental regulations for negotiations had been met.

The strike has tied up 120 ships and made idle 28,000 longshoremen and warehousemen from Canada to Mexico.

The Waterfront Employers Association has taken a stand against further negotiations or signing of contracts with any of the unions "until their officers have disavowed Communism."

An association statement said that 14 years of maritime "strikes, disruption and chaos" had resulted from "union leadership following the Communist party line."

In New York, Mayor William O'Dwyer said some chain food stores might be forced to close if the strike is prolonged. Most independent food stores, however, were obtaining supplies through trucking companies whose drivers have remained on their jobs.

Some plants have closed because of the lack of supplies normally delivered by truck and some industries began curtailment operations. Two newspapers, The Daily Mirror and New York Star, reduced the size of their editions because of curtailed newsprint deliveries.

Another Egg For Wallace

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace was the target of another egg throwing today as he paused here briefly on the windup day of his Presidential campaign swing through the South.

A lone egg missed the Progressive Party candidate who has had similar experiences in some other Southern cities. The near-miss spattered two photographers.

It was thrown by a spectator as Wallace mounted the steps of the War Memorial Building, at the foot of Capitol Hill, to make an address. There were no other incidents here.

FEW JEERS

Lynn Bomar, Tennessee state commissioner of safety, estimated Wallace's audience at 3,000. There were a few jeers but as a whole the crowd was courteous.

Wallace told his audience here in the capital of Tennessee that Andrew Jackson "had spiritual kinship" with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He said that despite his varied receptions in some Southern cities "My faith in the South is renewed."

Upon finishing his 20-minute talk Wallace left by bus in mid-morning for Knoxville. There late today he will make the last appearance of his current Southern tour. He will speak at a Negro church.

Enroute from Memphis early today, Wallace said in a train-board news conference that he believed one result of his tour would be "a very considerable increase in registration of Negroes in every Southern state."

Wallace said predictions have been made that more than 700,000 Negroes will be eligible to vote in the South this Fall. About 100,000 could vote two years ago, he said.

His remarks were made during what he called "a summarization"

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Truman Red Link Denied

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A top Democrat today blasted a GOP statement linking President Truman with the Communists as a "blue-blooded herring designed to distract attention from the Republican inflation."

That was the retort hurled by Senator J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, at his GOP counterpart, Rep. Hugh D. Scott, after Scott had called on Mr. Truman to say whether he accepted Communist support in the 1944 campaign.

"It is a blue-blooded herring," said McGrath, "because it is the creation of the gentleman who once boasted that the Republicans are the best stock and therefore 'should take over' the Government."

Scott accused the President yesterday of seeking to "snuff out" Congressional investigations of Communists with "impetuous cries of 'red herring.'"

Then he went on to say that he wonders if there was a "working agreement' in 1944 between the Communists and Mr. Truman, then the Vice Presidential candidate.

To this McGrath replied:

"The GOP national chairman knows that Communist support for the Democratic Party was repudiated in 1944 campaign by the late President Roosevelt as the spokesman for the entire party."

Polish Catholic Leader Is Freed

WARSAW—(AP)—Msgr. Zygmunt Kaczynski, chief spokesman for the Catholic hierarchy in Poland, was freed today only 72 hours after his arrest by Polish security police.

The prelate's quick release set a postwar record. Kaczynski had been accused of "anti-state activities" and never before has anyone so charged been freed in such a short time. Security police investigations often have lasted a year or more.

An official announcement said Kaczynski, close friend of August Cardinal Hlond, primate of Poland, had placed himself at the further disposition of security authorities. He will be kept under surveillance.

PC Opens Next Week

CLINTON, S. C. — Presbyterian College will open for freshmen Monday. Old students still report Sept. 9. President M. W. Brown said all dormitory space had been reserved and a capacity enrollment was expected.

Form 'Action Committee'

Communists Push Drive For Berlin

By RICHARD KASISCHCKE

BERLIN — (AP) — Berlin's Communists today pushed their campaign to wrest power from the anti-Communist city government by forming what they called "a three-party democratic bloc representing the real interests of the people."

Anti-Communist leaders labeled the bloc an "action committee" through which Communists hope to take control of the city.

While the bloc plan was being touted, the Communist press threatened reprisals against Germans forging a Western government at Bonn and accused them of "high treason".

American authorities interpreted the Communist bloc maneuver as another attempt to advance the Soviet position here while four-power negotiations on solving the Berlin crisis continue.

The Communists declared Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats are ready to join with the Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity Party (SED) in forming the bloc.

The four military governors of Germany met today for the fifth time in as many days to discuss technical problems regarding the lifting of the Berlin blockade. The session was held at the four-power Allied Control Authority Building.

The military governors met for almost three hours without completing action on directives from their Governments. The transport committee, working on the technical problems of lifting the Soviet blockade, scheduled a special meeting for tomorrow.

Traeglicke Rundschau, official organ of the Soviet military administration, declared:

"Every German who helps at Bonn to create a Western German separate state tears the unity of Germany. Some day he will be asked to account for it."

Rundschau's attack was concentrated on members of the conservative Christian Democrats and the moderate left Social Democrats, Western Germany's major parties.

The paper accused them of "selling out Germany under the Marshall Plan and politically dismembering her. The facts are decisive and they prove the existence of high treason."

While the "democratic bloc" held its meeting in the city hall in the Soviet sector of Berlin, there was no indication this was the final coup.

To the contrary, Communist press reports of the meeting said the bloc still recognized the elected city government and would continue to deal with it.

The strategy apparently was to build up strength for a coup later.

William T. Babcock, U. S. deputy commandant in Berlin, branded as "silly" Communist claims that their bloc would legally represent the people. He asserted that the group's membership represented "only about 12 per cent" of the city assembly votes.

As the negotiations of the four military governors entered their fifth day the Soviet-licensed German news agency quoted "usually well-informed French circles" as saying the West-sponsored B-mark would be withdrawn Sept. 15.

The four military governors are known to be negotiating on a means of establishing the Soviet-backed east mark as the single currency for Berlin in return for lifting their blockade of the city. There has been no official indication of the progress of the talks, however.

Injured U. S. Airman Dies

PLUSHING, The Netherlands (AP)—Sgt. Walter Doyle-Roquet of Tucson, Ariz., died in St. Joseph's Hospital here today. He was one of the crewmen who parachuted from an American Superfortress bomber which crashed in The Netherlands yesterday.

Artificial respiration had been applied for many hours but doctors were unable to save Doyle-Roquet.

The 21-year-old mechanic was brought unconscious into Flushing Harbor yesterday by a fishing boat. He was one of the last members of the B-29 crew rescued.

The giant Superfortress had been taking part in the four-day air war over Great Britain and as part of the "attacking force" had flown over The Netherlands to get out of radar range of defense forces in the mock war.

Six others of the eleven-man crew have gone to The Hague. The other four remained in the hospital but they are suffering only from shock.

Council Accepts Amended Report

AMSTERDAM —(AP)— The World Council of Churches went on record officially today as rejecting both Communism and uncontrolled capitalism.

The council voted at its closing session to accept an amended portion of a report on the disorder of society. It toned down an original draft which had rejected outright "the ideologies of both Communism and capitalism."

The council also adopted a Christian message to the world. It asks churchmen to oppose those who sow seeds of war and to "speak boldly in Christ's name" against terror, cruelty and race discrimination.

Schuman To Try Again

PARIS —(AP)— Robert Schuman said today he had withdrawn his resignation as premier-designate and would try again to form a new French government.

Schuman said on leaving Elysee Palace that President Vincent Auriol had not officially accepted his resignation yesterday. The move avoids another investiture by the National Assembly.

Schuman was invested premier last Tuesday, but resigned yesterday when the Socialists refused to come into his coalition cabinet.

Today's step was seen as a move to quell action of the Communist Party in taking advantage of the lack of a government to fan the flames of discontent. More than 100,000 workers throughout the country staged demonstration strikes, demanded wage increases or signed petitions asking for wage increases.

Schuman was going to try once more to build a cabinet from the three central force parties—the Socialists, Radical Socialists (conservatives) and his own popular Republican Movement (MRP).

Former Premier Andre Marie apparently had been the mediator between the Socialists on the left and his own Radical Socialists on the right. Socialist demands for 15 per cent wage increases brought about Marie's resignation Aug. 28.

REDS EXCLUDED

The Communists, although the largest single voting bloc in the National Assembly, have been excluded from the Government for a year.

Schuman said if he was unable to form a cabinet he would hand his resignation back to Auriol,

Socialist Party leaders set a meeting for tonight to hear the latest Schuman offers from Guy Mollet, the party's general secretary. Mollet conferred this morning with both Schuman and Marie.

There was little indication that Schuman would be able to form a cabinet before tomorrow.

Observers are wondering how long the Cabinet crisis can continue without bringing new elections. This is the traditional solution in the parliamentary system when no premier can get a majority of the legislature to support him.

$5,000 For Wife

Howell Is Ordered Held Without Bond

NEWTON—Judge Wilson Warlick, conducting a special hearing in the Catawba County Courthouse here this morning, ordered Robert Howell, 27-year-old Cleveland County man charged with murdering Betty Smith, held without bond for trial in the November term of Cleveland County Superior Court.

Judge Warlick also ordered Mrs. Howell held for trial at the same time, but set her bond at $5,000.

The hearing developed from one in Shelby last Wednesday, when Mrs. Howell repudiated an earlier confession that she killed redhaired Betty Smith.

Only two persons testified at the hearing this morning, Sheriff Hugh Logan Jr. of Cleveland County and Mrs. Gladys Burton, sister of the slain girl.

Defense Counsel C. C. Horne and Horace Kennedy questioned Logan at length about Mrs. Howell's movements from the time she reportedly left home at 12:20 A. M. on Aug. 18 until she arrived at the home of the first person from whom she sought help (a Mr. Kaiser) at 1:40 A. M. on the same day.

The Sheriff said Mrs. Howell told him that she and her daughters went to the woods near their home and stayed for quite some time before starting anywhere.

Mrs. Burton repeated what she had told a coroner's jury shortly after Betty Smith's death on the night of Aug. 18, that she had heard Howell's threats on the night of the killing.

National Air Races Open In Cleveland

Planes To Try For Record Speeds

By JAMES J. STREBIG

CLEVELAND—(AP)—The fastest planes in the history of sport flying lined up today for the opening of the National Air Races.

The three-day program is unprecedented in that it will open with an Air Force attempt to raise the world speed, now held by a Navy research plane at 650 miles an hour.

The Air Force will use a North American F-86 swept-wing jet fighter, flying in battle readiness. The plane is rated at more than 650 miles an hour. It is generally expected to average around 670 mph.

The pilot is Maj. Richard L. Johnson, 30, a former ace of prop-plane raiser in North Dakota, who flew 180 combat missions in the Mediterranean theater of operations.

Weather will determine whether the run can be made. Johnson must make four passes over a newly installed three-kilometer (1.86-mile) course. It will be the first world record speed run under the new rules, written to meet some of the flying problems peculiar to jet planes.

TWO SECTIONS

Another major event today is the running of the Bendix cross-country race, a 2,045-mile course from Long Beach, Calif., to Cleveland. It will be in two sections, one for propeller planes and one for Navy jet fighters.

Paul Mantz, fabulous flying man from Hollywood who won in 1946 and 1947, will use a different plane this year.

Jacqueline Cochran (Mrs. Floyd Odlum), who chased Mantz over the line in 1946 despite a damaged wing, will try again this year. She did not fly a year ago, but her plane rated fourth.

The Navy will send six North American FJ-1 Furies off in its part of the Bendix. They will be shooting at 500 miles an hour average speed established by an Air Force P-80 Shooting Star last year.

The same planes will take part in a special demonstration of interceptor tactics on Sunday in the Allison trophy event. They will take off at Indianapolis, climb to 30,000 feet, then dive down to the Cleveland Airport.

Four heats of the Goodyear trophy, race for midget planes will be run with 22 planes entered.

The flea fliers race on a twelve mile course in front of the grandstand, while the big planes use a fifteen-mile course mostly behind the stands.