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# Site Soon To Be Chosen For Vets' Hospital In NC

# CHINESE NATIONALISTS LOSE TIENTSIN

## $20 Million Hospital Is Set For NC

### Neuro-Psychiatric Center Is Planned

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Veterans Administration said today the site for a new hospital in North Carolina to cost approximately $20,000,000 likely will be selected shortly.

This is to be a neuro-psychiatric hospital of 1,000 beds. Delay in plans for it has been due partly to a general survey of veterans hospital needs, the agency said.

Decision on the site rests with Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray Jr., who is not expected to return from San Francisco until Jan. 18.

VA said a second hospital in the state to be built at Durham is nearing the bidding stage. This 500-bed hospital, classed as medical-surgical, is to be built on the Fourchee property of seventeen and a half acres. Architects are preparing working drawings from already-approved preliminary plans.

The VA yesterday announced cancellation of plans for new hospitals at Charlotte and Salisbury, N. C.

It already operates a 1,096-bed hospital for tuberculosis patients at Oteen and a general-medical hospital of 460 beds at Fayetteville.

## Congressmen Urged To Battle For Hospitals

RALEIGH —(AP)— A resolution urging The Red Congressmen to work for the construction of two Veterans Admnstratoin hospitals in the state was passed by the House of Representatives today.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Harry Vanderlinden of Catawba and others, resulted from announcement by the Veterans Administration yesterday, cancelling plans for the construction of 24 proposed hospitals. Two of the proposed hospitals would have been in North Carolina, one at Charlotte and one at Salisbury.

Vanderlinden's resolution urged the North Carolina delegation in Congress to work for reinstatement of the projects.

The resolution was passed and sent to the Senate.

A bill designed to give the General Assembly control over regulations accepted by state boards and commissions were introduced in the Senate today by Sen. Julian Allsbrook of Halifax.

The bill would require all state agencies which have the power to adopt regulations violation of which is a crime to file these regulations with General Assembly for possible action.

Another measure sent forward by Allsbrook would give municipalities power to set speed limits not less than 25 miles per hour in residential districts. Under present law the limit may not be made less than 35 miles per hour.

In regard to his measure on regulations of state agencies, Allsbrook told reporters that people of the state" say they don't know what the regulations are and can't find out."

His bill would require the boards and agencies to submit their regulations within fifteen days after the convening of each General Assembly for possible action.

It also would provide that if the General Assembly revokes any regulation, it then cannot be revinvoked by the administrative agency.

A local bill introduced by Sen. Penny of Guilford would provide for the construction and operation of a stadium on the premises of the senior high school in Greensboro. It was referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Chairman Sam O. Worthington of Pitt announced that his committee on courts and judicial districts will meet at 3:30 P. M. Thursday to hear Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court Sam Erwin explain the report of the commission on improvement of the administration of justice.

## Bunche Reaches Rhodes For Armistice Talks

RHODES—(AP)—Ralph J. Bunche, acting Palestine mediator for the United Nations, arrived today for the scheduled start of armistice talks tomorrow between Israel and Egypt. Brig. Gen. William Riley, chief of staff of U. N. observers in Palestine, was on the same U. N. plane.

The first Israeli and Egyptian representatives are expected to arrive tomorrow in time for the opening meeting, but full delegations are not expected here before Thursday. The headquarters will be in the elaborate Hotel De La Rhoda, built by Mussolini during the Italian occupation of the island.

Defense Secretary Confident

## Forrestal Expects To Keep Job

WASHINGTON—(AP)—James V. Forrestal said after a talk with President Truman today that he expects to stay on as Secretary of Defense.

Forrestal told White House reporters he expects to submit his resignation soon as a matter of routine, but that he does not expect it to be accepted.

He added, in response to questions, that he wants to continue in his Cabinet post and expects to do so.

Forrestal said he talked with the President about proposed changes in the Security Act.

He said the problem will be dealt with in a message Mr. Truman will send to Congress "in the next two or three weeks."

Forrestal said the question of a 70-group Air Force was not discussed in his conference with Mr. Truman.

SECRETARY FORRESTAL

Then reporters put the question which has been much discussed in Washington for weeks: "Have you submitted your resignation?"

Forrestal said he had not, but that he would submit one "as a matter of routine" in advance of Mr. Truman's inauguration Jan. 20. He said the resignation which the President has always had, subject to acceptance at will, "needs to be refurbished."

"Do you anticipate its acceptance?"

"No," he replied. "I expect to be a victim of the Washington scene."

Then reporters asked if that meant he "wants to and expects to continue as defense secretary?"

He replied in the affirmative.

Storms Still Plague West

## Record Snow Hits California

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The worst snow in Southern California history came today as the latest staggering blow in Winter's drubbing of the Western half of the nation.

Los Angeles and several of its suburbs measured an incredulous six-inch white blanket. And Pasadena's Colorado Blvd., scene two weeks ago of the Tournament of Roses floral parade, was carpeted with more than two-inches of snow.

The scene was an Arctic contrast to the sunny, Summery weather of the Southeast where Birmingham, Ala., had 82 degrees heat. But a wide expanse of the country had severe weather conditions.

Snow, ice and sleet storms hit an area from the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle to the Pacific Coast.

California shivered again in freezing temperatures. There was snow and ice from the state's Winter resort spots to the mountains. Many highways were closed because of ice and snow. The fruit and vegetable crop was further endangered by the Wintry blasts. The freezing weather followed last week's killing frost which caused millions of dollars of damage to crops.

The Rocky Mountain region and parts of the Midwest got another blast of sub-zero temperatures. Cold weather in the Pacific Northwest threatened a severe power shortage.

While Wintry's icy blasts dealt severe blows to the West, Dixieland was basking in Summertime temperatures. The mercury shot up into the 70's and 80's yesterday from Louisiana to the Atlantic Seaboard and from Florida to East Tennessee and most of Virginia.

The freezing rain and sleet covered an extensive area of the Central and Southern plains as far eastward as Iowa, Missouri and Western Illinois.

Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and part of Northern Texas got the worst of the storm. Many communities were blacked out as heavy ice-coated power lines snapped. Some schools were

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## Congressmen Rally Behind Air Force

WASHINGTON—(AP) — President Truman's budget brake on Air Force expansion plans stirred up a Congressional hornet's nest today. Both Democrats and Republicans joined in.

Mr. Truman recommended a minimum 48-combat group Air Force in his budget message yesterday. Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), prospective chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, immediately disagreed.

"I am thoroughly convinced an overwhelming majority of Congress will vote the funds to put into being a 70-group Air Force over a period of three or four years," Vinson said. "It is the minimum we must have for security."

Senator Tydings (D-Md), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he didn't think the President's recommendations "ruled out" an ultimate 70-group force, but intended to study the matter very closely.

Mr. Truman took the stand that the number and size of planes is a better way to measure Air Force strength than by the number of groups.

**Secretary of the Air Force Symington, in a report issued over the week-end, reiterated Air Force hopes for 70 groups. The last Congress authorized 66 groups and the Air Force now has reached 60-group combat strength. (Symington's report was written weeks ago; he has said since he will go along with the President's recommendations.)**

The Air Force also set a goal of 10,297 first and second line planes by June 30. The President said this would be cut back to 9,197 by eliminating 700 trainers and 400 planes of the types used in support of the ground forces.

The President divided his $14,268,000,000 defense budget almost evenly among the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Senator Gurney (R-SD), minority spokesman on the Armed Services Committee and former chairman, noted this would not permit 70 groups in the 1950 fiscal year, starting next July 1.

He said he was not for or against 70 groups, although he had supported that figure last year. But he said conditions have changed and he wants to explore the situation before committing himself.

Senator Baldwin (R-Conn.), an Armed Services Committee member, called for a full study by both it and the Appropriations Committees. He said the United States cannot afford to have an Air Force second to anyone, adding:

"To be a strong factor in peace, we must be strong in the air."

Republican Senators Ferguson (Mich.) and McCarthy (Wis.) were more blunt.

**"It looks to me as though the President is going to compel Congress to lift the budget for air, as it did last year," Ferguson asserted. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee.**

McCarthy, a World War II veteran, said tartly:

"I'm for the Symington report. He's looking ahead at a possible World War III and not back at World War I, as President Truman seems to be doing."

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), an Armed Services Committeeman, said he is "inclined to go slow on the Air Force program."

"I'm in favor of keeping our Air Force strong, giving them the best planes we can make and keeping the force modernized," he said, "but I don't think we should go all out with appropriations for the Air Force to the detriment of other services."

## Israel Blames British Orders

TEL AVIV, Israel—(AP)—Israel today placed the blame for the shooting down of five British planes on British authorities who ordered the mission.

The Foreign Office said in a formal statement to newsmen "any warplane appearing in skies above a battlezone must expect trouble."

Israel forces shot down the planes Friday near the Egypt-Palestine border. Israeli officials later refused to accept British protests concerning the incident, because the protests were not addressed to the Government. Britain since has indicated she would not carry the dispute to the United Nations.

The Foreign Office statement said that while the Israeli Government "deeply regrets" the loss of life involved, "it puts the blame wholly on those, whether in London or RAF Middle East headquarters, who were responsible for sending British pilots on adventures whose motives can only have been hostile."

It added that the "results might easily have been foreseen."

British planes, the statement said, "had no more right to be flying over Israeli battle positions in this border area than had aircraft of any other country."

The Foreign Office asserted that the air engagements "undeniably" took place over Israeli territory.

It said the British Government has admitted and captured pilots confirmed that they were engaged in reconnaissance of Israeli positions in a battle area where they clearly had no right to be and where they could not penetrate without realizing the risks entailed."

It added that a "sortie of this kind . . . is to all practical purposes —and certainly to Israeli ground troops—indistinguishable from belligerency."

## Population Of U. S. Rose By 2,500,000 During '48

NEW YORK — (AP)—The U. S. population rose by almost 2,500,000 in 1948.

This was a net gain in human resources and consumers, or future voters and taxpayers, depending on how you look at it. Births were near the all-time record. Death was on a partial holiday. The death rate was the lowest in the country's history.

By the year's end, the United States had about 148,000,000 people. The population will probably top 150,000,000 this year.

The figures are given in the statistical bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Births totaled more than 3,850,000, just under the all-time high of 3,910,000 in 1947, it said. The death rate is estimated at just over 9.9 per 1,000 population.

The excess of births over deaths is estimated at 2,300,000, the bulletin reports. Immigration added on top puts the gain in population for the year at close to 2,500,000.

Medical advances brought the infant death rate in 1948 to a new low—about 31 per 1,000 live births. This is about 40 per cent under the infant death rate of ten years ago. It means a "saving of 75,000 infant lives in 1948 alone."

There were fewer marriages. The total is estimated at about 1,850,000 in 1948. There were nearly 2,000,000 the year before. The all-time high was 2,300,000, in 1946.

## U. S. To Get More African Manganese

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A plan intended to help the U. S. get more manganese from South Africa for its strategic materials stockpile will go into effect next month, the Commerce Department announced today.

Russia is now this country's principal source of supply of manganese. The metal is necessary for high grade steel used in shells and other war equipment.

There have been reports recently in trade circles that Russia expects to cut down on shipments of manganese to the U. S., but officials here say they have no information to substantiate them.

The new plan provides for a set-aside of 2,576 tons of steel monthly, from February until September at least, for use in making cars to transport manganese ore from South African mines to tidewater.

## Some Groups May Escape Tax Boost

### Increase Likely To Fall On Rich

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Low and middle salary groups appeared likely today to escape any general income tax boosts this year in spite of a record $41,858,000,000 peacetime budget.

But there was fairly general agreement in both Democratic and Republican ranks that if President Truman's spending program for the fiscal year starting July 1 is to be followed, someone is going to have to ante up more money.

Also, if his social welfare proposals are enacted millions of workers and their employers will have larger payroll taxes.

Republicans shouted for economy. They pointed to the spectre of a deficit formed by the budget the President sent to Congress yesterday.

**The Democratic heads of the Senate and House tax-writing committees, Senator George of Georgia and Rep. Doughton of North Carolina, maintained a cautious position. They said they want to see how much money Congress votes to spend before considering tax raises.**

As a result, there is a strong possibility that the legislative budget provision of the Congressional reorganization act will be suspended. This provision requires Congress to set an estimate on appropriations and income by February 15 each year. It hasn't been effective in past years and the Congressional income-outgo goals have not been binding.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo), who will head the House Appropriations Committee, said he will ask the committee to take the initiative to suspend the budget ceiling requirement.

"It isn't workable," Cannon told newsmen. "You can't tell with accuracy by Feb. 15 what you are going to do in the following months."

Cannon said he would work to cut off every possible dollar from the President's budget, half of which Mr. Truman has earmarked for the cold war with Russia.

Cannon called the budget "the most practical that could be presented at this time" but figured that it followed it would result in a deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

**The President himself estimated the deficit for the year at $873,000,000 but he has proposed that it be wiped out and some cash be provided for national debt payment by hiking tax rates.**

"It's a matter of clear arithmetic that we will have a deficit if we go along with the President's program," said Rep. Halleck of Indiana, Republican leader in the last Congress.

Rep. Taber (R-NY), Appropriations chairman in the 80th Congress, said the budget will have to be "cut down to earth."

Taber didn't say where it should be cut, but Rep. Bloom (D-NY), slated to head the House Foreign Affairs Committee, cautioned against deep slashes in the foreign program.

In line with the President's recent recommendation that most of the requested $4,000,000,000 tax increase come from corporations and perhaps from higher income groups, Rep. Eberharter (D-Pa.), coming up with a tax plan, said he believes increases should be aimed at corporations and persons whose incomes are $16,000 a year or more.

Doughton withheld comment on that suggestion but said some tax noost "is probable."

MR. ARNALL REFLECTS

Not tied down in Government work now, former Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia is spending most of his time traveling through the country pursuing his duties as a lawyer, insurance company executive and head of the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers. He's shown here getting ready to attend a board meeting of Southeastern Factors, of which he is a director. (News staff photo by Jeep Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

## State Responsibility Is Arnall Proposal

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Ellis Arnall sounded like a Dixiecrat today.

But the former Governor of Georgia hastened to explain why he isn't.

He said the various points of President Truman's civil rights program should be settled by the individual states rather than by the Federal Government.

He added that he realized this view made him appear to be a States' Rights Democrat but actually he stood for something completely different.

"I'm for States' Responsibilities," the famous Southern liberal leader said.

**UP TO EACH STATE**

"The States' Rights group stands stands for doing nothing. But I believe it is the responsibility of each state to clean its own house, pass its own anti-poll tax law and anti-lynch law. North Carolina did that with the poll tax, and we did it in Georgia."

But he didn't include Federal Employment Practice Commission ideas in his list of things for states to do for themselves in the field of civil rights.

"It isn't workable, in any way," he said.

"The answer to the race problem lies in the field of better educational opportunities, better economic opportunities for whole sections, better health advantages, and other improvements in our way of life.

"You can't just pass a law and solve the race problems of this country. There's much more to it than that."

Pleasant, round-faced Mr. Arnall said he believed that, on the whole, President Truman's Congressional program is a popular one, with the exception of the civil rights proposals. He said he doesn't believe the President will get much of a battle from a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

And he doesn't believe the States' Rights Democrats who tried to put Strom Thurmond in the White House will find Washington life particularly tough during the next four years.

**TO LET 'EM ALONE**

"From the information I have, the States' Rights people will be left alone. That is, they won't be bothered—even if they do vote against the President's program —unless they begin to work actively against it. A filibuster, for instance, might cause some fight. But other than that, they won't have trouble.

"President Truman is not seeking revenge upon anyone. Why, he's one of the happiest men in the country. He's not mad at anybody."

Mr. Arnall was in Charlotte for a meeting of directors of Southeastern Factors Corp. He said that Charlotte, next to Atlanta, has the greatest future of any Southern city, and that it will continue to increase in size and importance.

On the subject of national and regional life, he told an interviewer that it seemed out of line

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Grisly Crime In Virginia

## Admits Beheading Sister-In-Law

BLAND, Va. — (AP) — Sheriff W. M. Price said the headless body of a young woman was found in a desolate section of Bland County today and charged her brother-in-law surrendered to officers and admitted murdering her.

Price said the body of Mrs. Catherine S. Newberry, about 24, was found on a mountainside between Mechanicsburg and Pulaski.

Samuel Newberry, 30, gave himself up at Bland Jail last midnight, Price said, and directed officers to the body.

The sheriff said Newberry told a gruesome tale of shooting his sister-in-law to death, cutting her head off and burning it in a stove, and throwing the body over the mountainside.

Price said Newberry will be formally charged with murder, probably today.

When Newberry came to the jail last midnight, Price said, he told officers:

"I killed Catherine. You can do with me what you want to do now."

Price related that Newberry was uncertain about the date of the slaying but said, "I believe it happened last Thursday night."

The woman had not been reported missing.

Price and Commonwealth's Attorney W. S. Dunn said Newberry told this story after surrendering:

He was drinking the night of the shooting but was not drunk. He shot Catherine with a .22 caliber rifle because "she was driving me crazy. She was trying to take up with me."

He cut off her head, burned it in a stove and next morning drove the body in a truck to the mountainside site where it was found today.

Price said the body had been stripped, wrapped in a sheet, then placed in a woolen sack and tied with wire.

The sheriff quoted Newberry as saying Ralph Newberry, his brother and husband of the dead woman, has been drunk since before the slaying and probably does not even know of his wife's death.

## Exact Fate Of Big City Is Obscure

### Flight From Nanking Speeded

By HAROLD K. MILKS

NANKING — (AP) — Official sources today indicated the Reds either have occupied the great northern industrial city of Tientsin or that terms have been agreed on for its surrender.

These sources conceded that Tientsin is gone. They declined, however, to furnish details.

The northern city has been under heavy attack for several days. Last previous reports here said Red troops were fighting in Tientsin's suburbs.

On the central front, Communist troops were reported systematically mopping up the trapped Government armies on the northern approaches to Nanking. Government airmen called it "the heaviest fighting we have seen at any time in China."

**OFFICIALS FLEEING**

With the military picture darkening, Government officials skipped up their flight from Nanking.

**Little more than a symbol of the Nationalist Government remains in Nanking. Officials, archives and equipment are flowing out of the capital at a fast pace.**

Thousands of officials and employees have left. Many have moved south to set up emergency branches of their ministries out of reach of Red Armies. Others have fled to their native homes where they hope to find obscurity.

Technically all ministries are still in Nanking, this because the great seals with which all official papers must be stamped are still here. But actually, few Government functions continue, except the most urgent.

**One official estimated more than half the National Government's personnel has disappeared from Nanking. The Ministry of Health still move on mass tomorrow to Canton in southern China.**

Canton and Formosa (Taiwan) are favorite refuges of Government officials. As many as 50,000 Chinese a week are reported arriving on Formosa, which some say Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek may turn into island fortress.

Equipment and key personnel of four Government-owned factories have been loaded aboard a steamship for transfer to Formosa.

Asked what is being done to prevent the wholesale flight of Chinese officials from the capital, one official still here explained:

**"For a while strict orders were issued to keep officials at their posts here. Now most ministries are anxious for them to leave, particularly if their departure relieve the Government of the necessity of supporting them."**

Hundreds of top level Government officials are leaving the lower echelons to decide for themselves what to do. One military employee said:

"I have worked for the Government fifteen years. During that time I ran from the Japanese from Nanking to Hankow to Chungking. I am not going to run anymore. If whatever power takes over doesn't want me, I'll go back to my native home. But I will not become a political refugee from my own country."

That sentiment appeared to be general among middle class Government workers still here.

Peace rumors continued to flow from every direction. One Government official cautioned, "It's no use talking about peace until we know what the Communists want. And they are not saying."

## White House Repairs May Cost $4,500,000

WASHINGTON—(AP)—It eventually may cost nearly $4,500,000 to eliminate "structural and fire hazards" in the White House.

The budget just sent to Congress says a request for a $4,000,000 appropriation is expected before the end of the present fiscal year June 30.

Only $50,000 actually has been appropriated so far. This was spent long ago, but work is continuing and Congress will be asked to approve the bill.

## WEATHER

**Considerable cloudiness and warm today, occasional light rain and cooler tonight. Wednesday cloudy and colder with occasional light rain.**

**Temperature at 2 P. M. today....76**
**High and low last 24 hours....76-34**
**Sunset today ..... 5:20**
**Sunrise tomorrow ..... 7:32**

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