The B-36 Fight

The Congressional wrangle over the Air Force's B-36 bomber involves ordinary politics as well as the cut-throat politics of inter-service rivalry. Marquis Childs gives the background in his column on the editorial page.

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Graham Asks Hearing Before Atomic Committee

GORDON GRAY NAMED ARMY SECRETARY

Senator's Name Heard In Inquiry

Makes Request Of McMahon

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Graham (D-NC) today asked a hearing before the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee.

Graham's name has been brought up before the joint Congressional Committee on at least two occasions. Both were in connection with Hickenlooper's criticism of the manner in which the AEC has handled the clearance of persons for access to secret information.

AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal, whom Hickenlooper seeks to have fired, has testified that the commission overruled its security advisory board to give clearance to Dr. Graham as head of the Institute of Nuclear Physics. The institute is an organization of educators concerned with atomic studies. Graham at the time was president of the University of North Carolina.

ANOTHER CASE

Lilienthal said this was one of the only two cases in which the commission overruled the advisory commission headed by former Justice Owen Roberts. The other case, he said, was that of Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the Bureau of Standards.

Graham told a reporter that he had asked McMahon of the Joint Committee for a hearing. McMahon indicated yesterday when Graham's name was brought up during the public hearing that the North Carolina Senator would be permitted to testify if he wants to.

Graham left the institute post which he was appointed to the Senate last March to succeed the late Senator Broughton (D-NC).

Shortly after Graham made his request, Secretary of Defense Johnson said the military establishment does not want control of atomic energy developments.

He added in a letter to Chairman McMahon:

"I intend to see to it that this attitude is maintained by the military establishment."

McMahon had written Johnson observing he had heard reports that "the armed forces are somehow involved" in that investigation.

"I just want to ask whether or not there is any truth in these allegations," McMahon said.

In reply, Johnson wrote:

"The military establishment has not attempted, and will not at-

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Unemployment Reaches New Post-War Peak

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Unemployment jumped 273,000 in May to a new post-war peak of 3,289,000.

The Census Bureau, reporting this today, commented that "ordinarily unemployment drops between April and May and the increase this year was therefore, contrary to seasonal expectations."

The new high in unemployment is 68,000 above the previous top reached last February. Unemployment had declined slightly in March and April.

The bureau said that despite the increase in unemployment more people had jobs in May than in May of last year. There was also a rise in employment from April to May.

It said one reason the number of job seekers—outside of farming—rose faster than the number of job opportunities was because school age youths turned out for Summer or post graduation work.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

Some men think that as long as the editor publishes their letters to the Editor, they're running the country . . . the only thing that some people leave to posterity, is posterity . . .

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued hot today. A few widely scattered thundershowers late this evening. Wednesday, fair and hot with a few late evening thundershowers. Thursday, fair and not quite so hot.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today 96
High and low for past 24 hours 73-75
Sun sets today ..... 7:36 P. M.
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 5:08 A. M.

More Weather Data on page 7-A

25,750,000 Gallons In One Hour

New Record Set In Water Use

Record-shattering pumpage of city water at a rate of 25,750,000 gallons was registered in the hour between 6:30 and 7:30 last night, Walter Franklin, superintendent of the City Water Dept., said today.

The hot, dry spell of recent days apparently sent Charlottetown spashing in their showers or tubs and squirting water on parched lawns or young garden sprouts and as a result the greatest pumpage of water in Charlotte's history was recorded in that single hour.

The rate of 25,750,000 gallons in 25 hours, topping all other previous records, exceeded the rated capacity of the enlarged filter plant which when the additional filters are put in service can deliver water at the rate of 24,000,000 gallons each 24 hour.

The unusual pumpage for the single hour caused a drain of the storage facilities and but for this storage the record delivery of water could not have been made, Mr. Franklin pointed out. As a consequence of this drain on the storage, pressure in some of the outlying sections waned.

But because of the short-lived duration of the heavy demand the municipal system was able to "ride out" the period without any serious results.

Most of the new facilities provided in the enlargement program for the water system have not been fully completed and put into service. Exception is the additional raw water storage basin at Hoskins where the new 46,000,000 gallon basin is already in use. This coupled with the 45,000,000 gallon basin, long in use, provides an immediate supply of raw water of 91,000,000 gallons.

This additional supply helped in "riding out" last night's heavy demands of the single hour and it wasn't long until the additional water was pumped back and the pressure restored, Mr. Franklin said.

Labor Leaders Row Over Bill

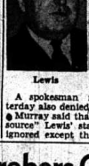
Murray Lashes Back At Lewis

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Clo President Philip Murray today accused John L. Lewis of "rumor-mongering" and "lack of responsibility."

He made the accusation in denial of a statement by the United Mine Workers chief yesterday. At that time Lewis said he had heard that Murray had agreed to a "pusillanimous compromise" on Taft-Hartley Labor Law repeal.

Lewis, in a message to all Senators, said he had heard reports that Murray and AFL President William Green had agreed to "four oppressive amendments" for inclusion in a new law.

Referring to Lewis as a "rule-or-ruin union official," Murray said the mine workers leader's statement contained "false and malicious libels" concerning him and Green.



Lewis Murray

A spokesman for the AFL yesterday also denied Lewis' statement. Murray said that "considering the source Lewis' statement would be ignored except that it was sent to Senators on the day when Taft-Hartley repeal debate began.

Murray's message, also sent to Senators, said the Lewis statement, "admittedly based upon rumor rather than fact, is another demonstration of that lack of responsibility which in the recent past has so frequently characterized Lewis' actions and utterances."

Murray said that "unlike Lewis" he campaigned for President Truman and for Congressmen now "actively fighting for Taft-Hartley repeal."

"Lewis speaks of 'secret' agreements," Murray said. "He can speak on this subject more authoritatively than I, since I have never in my career made secret deals.

"Specifically, I have made no secret agreements to accept oppressive amendments to the Thomas-Lesinski Bill (the Administration's repeal measure)."

Murray said his own and the CIO's position have always been for outright enactment of the New Deal's Wagner Act "with improvements designed to furnish additional protection to labor's basic rights."

"Perhaps," Murray wrote Senate members, "it is too much to expect Lewis to assume the public record before rumor-mongering.

"I am sending this wire not because I am concerned that his irresponsible slander will influence your official action on this most important legislative matter, but rather to set the record straight."

GOP REVOLT BREWS

While the inter-union row went on a small but potentially troublesome revolt against the plans of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) to retain most of Taft-Hartley brewed in Republican ranks.

Taft told reporters a conference of GOP Senators agreed today to wait until the Democrats have soften their bill before offering a block of amendments designed to save most of the T-H law.

"I think we have the votes to get most of our amendments across," the Ohio Senator said. Administration leaders, however, are claiming nearly a majority of the 96 Senators opposes the Taft proposals.

House Spy Probers Quiz Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House un-American Activities Committee talked behind closed doors today with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, one of the scientists who developed the atom bomb.

Everybody was tight-lipped after the session but Oppenheimer conceded to questioning reporters that he was asked about several people whose cases have been before the committee for some time.

Asked whether the committee sought information about alleged subversive activity, Oppenheimer replied:

"Well, this is the un-American Activities Committee. I don't think they would be asking about the fishing laws."

VERY CO-OPERATIVE

Chairman Wood (D-Ga.) said Oppenheimer had been called "to give us what help he could on several matters" and had been "very cooperative."

Oppenheimer was head of the atomic bomb test laboratories at Los Alamos, N. M., during the war. He is now director of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton, N. J.

The committee is digging into Soviet espionage activities in this country. It has gotten publicity by story of spying on plane developments that brought from Rep. Velde (R-Ill) a declaration that President Truman "owes it to the American people" to explain why Soviet Agent Andrei Schevchenko was allowed to skip the country without prosecution.

The committee heard testimony yesterday that:

In 1944 and 1945, Schevchenko tried to get wartime secrets of jet propulsion and plane design by bribing employees of the Bell Aircraft Co. at Buffalo, N. Y.

The employees strung him along with doctored information under the eyes of the FBI, with payoffs in cash.

The Russian left the country early in 1946. No attempt was made to arrest him.

The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Franey of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Loren G. Haas of Buffalo.

BYRNES MENTIONED

It was Velde who popped a question that brought from Jet Engineer Haas a statement that he helped the FBI build an "air-tight case" against Schevchenko but his efforts were "passed off" with word that "Mr. Byrnes at the State Department says we can't touch him."

He said he got that information from FBI agents whose names he cannot now recall.

At the time of which Haas spoke, in 1945, James F. Byrnes was Secretary of State. He now is in a Washington law firm. To a reporter who asked him about Haas' testimony, Byrnes said:

"Never did I tell any official of the Government not to arrest anyone. That is not a matter for the Secretary of State, but one for the Department of Justice and the FBI."

Velde, continuing, told reporters: "It is President Truman who determined the policy. It is President Truman who should make an explanation. The American people demand it."

Refugee Executed For Rape-Slaying

CARSON CITY, Nev. — (AP) — Lasslo Varga was executed early today for the rape-murder of a Presbyterian minister's wife.

Varga, walked to the Nevada prison gas chamber, the 23-year-old Hungarian refugee said, "At last I'm happy."

There was no violence such as marked his fourteen months in prison since the brutal slaying of Mrs. Billie Rhae Morning, 22, of Wells, Nev.

Varga died as a Catholic priest intoned a prayer.

He took a deep breath of the gas that seeped into the chamber from beneath the chair to which he was strapped. He was unconscious within seconds and was pronounced dead by Dr. Richard Petty nine minutes after the gas struck his face.

Judge Rules Jury Entitled To See All Coplon Papers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves ruled today that the jury trying Judith Coplon on espionage charges is entitled to know all about the contents of her purse when she was arrested.

Over the vigorous objection of Government prosecutors, Judge Reeves said twelve so-called data slips withheld by the Government must be shown to the jury.

He also ruled that the Government must make available the full text of many FBI reports which figure in the case. The court had been considering the question since Friday.

The prosecutors had insisted that only extracts of the report sufficient to match papers found in Miss Coplon's purse be offered.

After the judge's ruling, John M. Kelley Jr., a Government prosecutor, repeated for the record his objection to the offering of the full FBI reports, as well as the twelve omitted data slips.

"The security of the United States is involved," Kelley said. "Publication of the full reports would not be in the best interest of the United States."

Kelley added, however, that the Government "respectfully submits" to the judge's ruling. He handed to the clerk all the papers demanded by Miss Coplon's attorney, Archibald Palmer.

The prosecution's bases its case largely on a contention that secret material from FBI files on counter-espionage was in the former Justice Department worker's purse when she was arrested in New York with Valentine A. Gubitchev, a Russian.

The first document brought in under Judge Reeves' ruling brought out testimony that the FBI suspected Amtorg, Soviet trading organization, might have been used to send atomic secrets to Russia.

The witness, FBI Agent Robert J. Lamphere, said the author of a "decoy" memorandum which figures importantly in the Government's case.

The memorandum, which the Government admits contained much false information, said the FBI was anxious to find out whether Amtorg was sending out information about this country's research. Asked if this was true, Lamphere replied:

"To the best of my knowledge, that is true."

47 Feared Victims Of Plane Crash

Craft In Ocean Off Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—(AP)—A plane jammed with Puerto Rican men, women and children bound for the United States crashed in the Atlantic early today and 47 persons are missing and feared dead.

Officials said 73 persons, including a crew of five Americans, were aboard the two-motored C-46 plane. The U. S. Coast Guard reported 26 known survivors.

Nineteen of the passengers were small children or infants, and nineteen were women. One American crewman, Al Cockrell of Pittsfield, Mass., is reported missing and feared dead.

ADVERSE WIND

The plane left San Juan a few minutes after midnight and two minutes later radioed back requesting permission to make an emergency landing. Then nothing more was heard from it. Officials said apparently it had trouble gaining altitude because of an adverse wind.

Rescuers pulled survivors from the sea and took them off reefs and rocks. The Coast Guard continued searching for the missing persons at the scene of the crash off San Juan Bay.

The Navy announced that the Coast Guard has located the plane 40 feet under water near a small island 400 yards west of Feini Salinas. Salvage work was expected to start at once. Officials said an investigation would be started immediately.

Survivors told of seeing fellow passengers huddled together in the cabin of the plane, afraid to jump into the dark sea. Some of those rescued said the plane appeared to have developed engine trouble.

Only four women were among the 26 known survivors. One of those saved was Judith Hale of Binghamton, N. Y., meanwhile, a fourteen-year-old boy also was rescued.

Survivors said the passengers seemed nervous from the start because of the large number aboard. Two eyewitnesses said there were enough life jackets but no chance to use any of the five liferafts aboard the plane.

Officials said the plane was not overloaded. They said that type has a general weight limit of 45,000 pounds and the official manifest showed 44,500 pounds.

Salvador Caro, head of the insular Transport Authority, said Navy and Coast Guard vessels and Army planes began search and rescue operations fifteen minutes after the plane crashed. A hard rain hampered rescuers.

The plane, en route to Newark, N. J., via Miami, was operated by Stratos-Freight, Inc., a charter service with headquarters at Bradley Field, near Windsor Locks, Conn.

Three Plane Crashes Take Toll Of 95 Lives

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three plane crashes in the past 24 hours have taken a heavy toll of life. With 47 feared dead in a crash off Puerto Rico, the toll reached 95 for the one-day period.

Twenty-six persons were reported killed yesterday in the crash of a Brazilian Army transport into a mountain in southern Brazil.

Twenty-two persons, including a Greek Army general, died last night in a crash in Greece, seventeen miles north of Athens.

Volcano May Stop Bergman's Picture

ROME—(AP)—The eruption of a volcano may halt Ingrid Bergman's latest motion picture now being filmed on Stromboli.

Stromboli's 3,400-foot volcano began lively eruptions yesterday after two explosions shook the tiny isle off Sicily's coast, the news agency Astra said.

Newton Officer Gets Road Term

NEWTON —(AP)— Assistant Newton Police Chief W. L. Buff, charged with assaulting Jesse Mauney, also of Newton, with a blackjack on April 22, was under a three months road sentence today after a hearing before Judge Emmett C. Willis in Catawba County recorder's court.

Police officer Glenn Stewart, charged jointly with Buff, was given a suspended judgment for eighteen months on condition he pay a $50 fine and the court costs.

Mauney, charged by Buff and Stewart with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, was given a three months sentence, suspended on condition he pay a $100 fine, the court costs, and surrender his driver's license.

All the trio filed notice of appeal.

GETS TOP ARMY POST

GORDON GRAY

Senate Group Asks Ratification Of Pact

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today called for ratification of the North Atlantic Pact as the best way to avoid World War III.

In a formal report to the Senate, the committee declared that failure to ratify the pact "would have disastrous consequences abroad.

"The committee strongly believes," the report said, "that it would be in the best interests of the United States and indeed, the entire world, to sustain and encourage the momentum of confidence that has been building up in Europe, by ratifying the treaty at an early date."

The treaty was signed here April 4 by the United States, Canada and ten European nations. It is not become binding on this country until ratified (approved by a two-thirds vote) by the Senate.

Frankly poised as a warning to Russian aggression, the treaty pledges the members to consult and to give each other aid in event of aggression against any one of them.

EARLY DEBATE SOUGHT

Senator Connally (D-Tex) indicated he will ask for early Senate debate on the pact, approved unanimously yesterday by the Foreign Relations Committee.

Connally, the committee chairman, predicted the Senate will ratify the alliance overwhelmingly. The present major business before the Senate is the Administration's labor bill but Connally indicated that if debate on it drags out he may suggest that the Senate lay aside the bill and consider the treaty.

The committee report said that Senate approval of the treaty will not commit the United States to a $1,130,000,000 program for rearming Western Europe.

The Administration is working on an arms air program as a follow up to the treaty.

Some Senators have indicated they favor the treaty but are inclined to oppose the arms program.

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TELEVISION PRICES CUT

NEW YORK — (AP) — Price reductions ranging from $20 to $100 were announced today by the General Electric Co. for seven of its television sets.

Big Four Meet For Showdown

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

PARIS —(AP)— The big four foreign ministers met today in what may be the showdown on the Berlin issue.

The foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union met at the pink marble palace. Before the meeting the three Western ministers mapped their strategy.

For the first time since Thursday the big four meeting was to be an open one. This means a full account of the discussion will be given correspondents after the meeting breaks up.

It is expected the ministers will explain the positions on Berlin which they set forth in the three secret sessions.

Since yesterday each delegation has been studying two rival projects for restoring unity to Berlin. One was submitted by U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the other by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky. Britain and France support the American proposal.

Each plan was an elaboration of the drafts submitted by Acheson and Vishinsky Friday when the council went into closed session in the hope of working out a suitable compromise.

AGREEMENT UNLIKELY.

Russia and the West disagreed at the closed meetings. There is little likelihood of their agreeing today.

A high French official said that because of the deadlock each side wants open meetings now to put its arguments on record.

Informed sources said the four ministers bogged down during the secret talks over the use of the veto in any four-power supervision of Berlin's City Government.

Chambers Admits Lying Seven Times

NEW YORK — (AP) — Whittaker Chambers admitted today that he lied seven times before the Federal Grand Jury which indicted Alger Hiss on two perjury counts.

Chambers, one-time courier for a pre-war Soviet spy ring and star Government witness in the trial of the former high State Dept. official made the admission on his fourth day on the witness stand.

A few minutes previously Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman said he found his trial "testimony inconsistent with his grand jury testimony.

Jet Pilot Is Killed

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. —(AP)— A jet plane pilot from the U. S. Air Force base at Williams, Ariz., was killed early today in a spectacular crash four miles northeast of here.

Tar Heel Is Chosen By Truman

Nomination Is Sent To Senate

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today picked Gordon Gray to be Secretary of the Army.

Gray's nomination was sent to the Senate shortly after the White House announced that Mr. Truman had decided to choose him for the post.

Gray, the Undersecretary, has been acting as head of the Army Department since the resignation of Kenneth C. Royall last month.

Today's announcement by White House Secretary Charles G. Ross indicated that Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson had failed in his efforts to persuade Carter E. Calder, New York utilities executive, to take the job.

Born in Baltimore, Gray has spent much of his life in North Carolina.

He is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina of the class of 1930 where he was president of the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter. Later he won his law degree at Yale University.

An interest in public affairs displayed during his undergraduate days was continued in his capacity as president of the Piedmont Publishing Co., owner of The Winston-Salem Journal and The Twin City Sentinel, as well as Radio Station WSJS in Winston-Salem.

He served three terms in the General Assembly as Representative and twice as Senator from Forsyth County.

WORLD WAR II VET

He volunteered as a private in World War II, and was discharged with the rank of captain after serving both at home and abroad.

Gray went to Washington as Assistant Secretary of the Army in September, 1947, and became Undersecretary on May 29 of this year.

He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by his university at its commencement exercises this week. The citation described him as "philanthropist, statesman, humanitarian" and said "he represents with distinction the rising generation of alumni of this university who are so effectively contributing to the welfare of our State and Nation."

(NOTE: A report of Secretary Gray's address to the graduating class at West Point this morning is on page 6-A of this edition.)

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City Bond Proposals—II

PARKING PROBLEM

By DICK YOUNG

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Automobiles, automobiles, automobiles everywhere and not a place to park—that is — hardly any place to park.

Because Charlotte's traffic and parking problems have become so acute because of the urgent need for providing some place for motorists to leave their cars, a $500,000 bond issue has been suggested for the financing of off-street parking facilities.

This half-million dollar issue is part of the municipal program of improvements, for which $4,575,000 in bonds will be sought Saturday when the electorate gives or withholds its approval of the funds required for these improvements.

A traffic survey by the U. S. Bureau of Roads, State Highway Commission and the City of Charlotte indicated the "fact that the business district of Charlotte needed at least 2,500 additional parking spaces for vehicles which can not be provided on the streets."

A memorandum from City Manager Henry A. Yancey disclosed studies made by the city traffic engineer during the past year clearly show that on-street parking has reached the saturation point and that unless the central business district is to deteriorate and business move elsewhere, off-street parking must be provided.

The proposed $500,000 for this purpose will not solve the entire problem, but will simply be the beginning and give some light as to future requirements."

Expenditure of these funds, if the bonds are authorized, will not be made by the incumbent City Council until the matter has been carefully studied, public hearings conducted, and the need fully demonstrated.