

Weather
Partly cloudy and continued
warm through Wednesday. A few
afternoon thunderstorms.
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Scott To Crack Down On Graft In NC Government KILLED, 18 HURT

Would Curb 'Wasteful Practices'

Department Heads
Called To Meeting

RALEIGH—(AP)—Gov. Scott promised today to crack down on what he termed "petty graft" in state government operations.

At the same time, the governor said he was calling a luncheon meeting of department heads and other officials to discuss ideas for curbing present wasteful practices.

WASTE IS HIGH
He observed at a morning news conference that waste in state government operations might run as high as 1/4 of a million dollars.

With 40,000 state employees, Scott said, a waste of \$5 or so per person "will run into money."

"There have been no glaring examples," he continued, "but we do have one or two little investigations going on with this petty stuff."

Scheduled to meet with the governor at the luncheon session today were Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw, Assistant Director of the Budget, D. S. Coltrane, Director of the Division of Purchase and Contract, Charles M. Williams, State Bureau of Investigation Director, W. H. Anderson, and members of the Advisory Budget Commission who were in town.

Scott told reporters he already has directed the State Highway Department to end the practice of employing driving State cars while at the same time traveling on a daily expense allowance. This practice has been curbed, he added.

Resigning of visiting dignitaries by the State Prison in Raleigh, another example of waste the governor cited, has been discontinued, Scott said.

Woman, Brother Shot To Death

TRYON—(AP)—Mrs. Rheatha Stokes, 35, and her brother, Jim Stokes, 32, were found shot to death at the Stokes home in the Penal Institution of Polk County early this morning.

Greenville County (S. C.) officers were alerted to pick up the woman's husband, Charlie Stokes, who was believed on his way to the Jordan Community near Greer.

Shirley D. Hines said Stokes, who was believed on his way to a World War II veterans' home with the Stokes, had been charged, and that Mrs. Stokes had been shot and shot with a small caliber bullet.

The bodies were found by neighbors shortly after 5 A. M. Mr. Stokes was lying near a doorway and Mrs. Stokes' body was a short distance away.

Hines said the pair had not been dead more than two hours when their bodies were found.

The Sheriff said Charlie Stokes was seen leaving the home around 4 A. M. and that a dragnet had been set for his return. He is an employee of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

SNYDER IN SWEDEN
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—U. S. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder arrived in Stockholm today by plane from New York, accompanied by five advisers.

Once Over Lightly
BY WALTER SIEGENTHAL



Looks like the President is having trouble with his upper lip. It is said he has been to hear some Russian's recipe for living to a ripe old age.



Dilemma Days

Kids can get into more trouble, and some have it foisted upon them. In Syracuse, N. Y. (above) Son Vonnerman Jr., a 17-month-old visitor got his leg caught in a water standpipe. He is jello while his father held him so that firemen could cut the pipe. In Nashville, a thirteen-year-old Ronald Henley (right) was chained to a tree by his father because he ran off to a movie. Police cut him loose. And in New Jersey ten-month-old Howard Morgan Jr. (below) tumbled into a ten-foot hole in the yard of his home. He was returned safely to the arms of his parents.



Steel Workers To Reply Tomorrow

60-Day Strike Delay Asked

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO Union Steelworkers said today his union would decide tomorrow its answer to President Truman's request to delay a steel strike for 60 days.

Murray told a news conference at a conclusion of the Wage Policy Committee meeting that President Truman had asked the union and the U. S. Steel Corp. to continue their contract two months after July 16 with a Presidential Board of Investigation "inquired into the steel case."

"This was confirmed in Washington," Murray said, "and we have opened the wage policy session with a statement that: 'We are convinced that, with a little steel price rise far out in line with the appropriate Government action and a wage increase, the industry could easily return to an operating rate of approximately capacity operations. Our investigations show that the industry could easily grant a substantial increase in wages, reduce its price and still make a high profit.'"

He said the union "hopes" to avert the possibility of a strike and declared industry would be to blame if a strike came.

Murray put the steel industry's 1948 profits at nearly \$600,000,000 and called them "grossly excessive."

Calling prices "a real measure of the greed of the industry," Murray said they "have far out-run increases in wages or productivity or costs since the end of the war."

The wage policy committee also heard a report drawn up by Dr. Otto Brubaker, union research director, which reached these conclusions:

"Steelworkers do not need a wage increase."

"Steel price increases have far out-run the increases in steel wages."

"Profits shown by the steel industry in 1948 were grossly excessive."

"The cost-price-profit outlook for 1949 is even more favorable than for 1948."

"Productivity per man hour has clearly increased in 1948 and still on the increase."

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More Dockers Out In London

BY HAL COOPER
LONDON—(AP)—Defiant dockers by the hundreds joined a wildcat walkout today as the British Government asked the strike-crisis committee to call off the dogs.

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13 Newsmen Die In India Air Mishap

Tragedy Takes 45
To Flaming Death

BOMBAY, India—(AP)—Thirteen American correspondents and 32 other persons died today in the crash of a KLM Constellation in crashing toward monsoon rainstorms toward a Bombay island airfield.

The American reporters were returning home from a tour of Indonesia sponsored by the United States Government. It was the second tragedy to befall planes of KLM (the Royal Dutch airline) within three weeks. The Constellation that carried the reporters to Indonesia crashed on its return trip to Europe, killing 33 persons off Bari, Italy, June 23.

The correspondents killed included Charles Glatke, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and two Pulitzer prize winners—H. R. Knickerbocker and S. Burdett.

A fourth American killed was Lynn Mahan, representative of a New York public relations company. The others killed were eleven Dutch crewmen, including the general operations manager of KLM at Karachi, Pakistan; seven other Dutchmen; two Chinese and one Briton.

Thirty-three bodies had been recovered by nightfall, approximately fourteen hours after the crash. The plane struck a rocky hilltop while approaching the Santa Cruz airfield, fifteen miles north of Bombay. It hit a hillside near Ghatakpur, on the opposite side of the 30-mile-long island from Santa Cruz.

Monsoon rains beating down on the scene of the crash hampered search parties. The first to reach the area said wreckage was strewn over a two-mile area along a slope about 800 feet above sea level.

INDIA'S WORST
The accident was said to be the worst in India's aviation history. The Indian government began an investigation and granted special authorization to KLM to send an aircraft and Dutch technicians to the scene.

The American reporters listed as dead by the American consulate: Charles Glatke, Christian Science Monitor; William Newton, Scripps Howard Newspaper Alliance; Herman Hoken, New York Times; Vincent Mahoney, San Francisco Chronicle; James Brannan, Houston Post; and Robert B. Brown, Chicago Daily News.

H. R. Knickerbocker, Radio Station WOR, New York; John Werker, Time Magazine; Dale Dick, Mutual Broadcasting System; Tom Falso, Business Week; and Barton Heath, Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Ted Colvic, Des Moines Register; George Moorad, Portland Oregonian; J. J. Mahan of the Swanson Public Relations Co., representing The Netherlands Government. Two Americans originally in the party—M. Dorothy Brandon of the New York Herald Tribune and William R. Mathews, Tucson, Ariz., publisher—had declined not to return aboard the ill-fated Constellation.

Mathews' said on his arrival at Manila that Mrs. Brandon had refused to fly on the KLM aircraft because she feared it would be sabotaged. He quoted her as saying, "I am sure it is 'sabotaged' as sure as your life." No evidence that the plane was sabotaged has been found.

The Constellation was en route from Bombay to New Delhi when the plane was downed in Calcutta, near the airport. The plane was downed in Calcutta, near the airport. The plane was downed in Calcutta, near the airport.

Dead Writers Were Known To Thousands
NEW YORK—(AP)—Newspapermen aboard the KLM plane which crashed today were known to thousands of readers.

Knickerbocker, 51, foreign correspondent and lecturer, won Pulitzer Prize for reporting in 1930 for a series of articles on "The Red Menace."

Americans Lead, 6-5 After Five Innings

BROOKLYN—(AP)—The 16th annual all-star baseball game turned into a travesty of errors here today, as the American League club held a 6-5 lead over the Nationals at the end of five innings of play.

The Nationals, who had trouble holding on to the ball, made four errors during the first three innings of play.

Both starting pitchers, Warren Spahn and Mel Parnell, were blasted from the mound in short order. The Americans jumped

to a four-run lead to open the game. Sharp singles by Joe DiMaggio, Eddie Robinson and Ted Williams, plus two errors, accounted for the lead.

The Nationals went ahead in the third with two runs on three hits, a walk and a hit batsman, but the junior league club tallied two in the fourth on a walk and singles by Kell and Jost. Stan Musial's homer in the first scored Jackie Robinson to set the pace for the Nationals' first two runs.

Yankee Zandi pitched copies of his testimony in the 3-3 investigation to his office "for comment" starting at 10 A. M.

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California Flight Ends In Disaster

Mystery Surrounds
Pre-Crash Fight

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Twenty-six bodies have been recovered from the smoldering wreckage of a commercial airliner that crashed in Susana Pass today after a fight among some of the passengers.

Survivors said the fight started after a male passenger became hysterical while the airline was coming through a storm. Another passenger appeared to have ejected him when a chance remark on the case of the hysteria precipitated a slugging match.

While the fight was going on, one of the stewardesses warned: "Fasten your seat belts, we are going into a cloud bank."

Within a matter of seconds, survivors said, the plane had crashed with a deafening roar of exploding wheels.

Eighteen persons, still alive but badly mangled, were taken from the wreckage and rushed to the hospital. One of the bodies of a woman fell off after she had been placed in a stretcher.

Harold Truitt was the co-pilot, and the plane, a converted C-46, carried Mary Ann Ruge and Charlotte Grenadier, Long Beach Stewardesses.

It was only a short time later that the sheriff received word that a big airliner had crashed one mile north of the Chatsworth Reservoir. Reports said the plane had burst into flames immediately. A call then was received in North Hollywood for three ambulances.

Last spot of the airliner was in Albuquerque, N. M. An unidentified boy spotted the crash and ran a mile to the Box Canyon ranger station to report it.

Standard Airlines said the twin-engine Curtiss-Wright model number NC- 878, belonged to Trans-National Airlines, which Standard reported.

There is only one wing and the left tail. The rest of the aircraft is missing. The rest of the plane was scattered about a half mile from the crash site.

A rescue crew was dispatched by the Los Angeles Red Cross to assist in the search for survivors. The scene was being fought by a fire unit in the region yesterday.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department sent two companies to aid in the search and prevent the flames from spreading. New fire trucks were sent to the scene.

Two Airlift Fliers Die In C-54 Crash
FRANKFORT, Germany—(AP)—Two U. S. Air Force fliers were found dead today beside a C-54 which crashed in the Russian zone of occupation while flying the airlift to Berlin.

Airforce headquarters said the two fliers were killed when the plane crashed into a tree. The plane was carrying 20 passengers and crew.

B-36 Dispute Delays Military Bill Airing

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Wife Dislikes Being 20 Paces Behind Husband

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Mrs. Johanna Braverman, 44, doesn't like being 20 paces behind her husband, says a Southern American Indian woman.

She filed suit for divorce yesterday against George Braverman, 31.

She told me that Indian husbands in South America demand their wives walk twenty paces behind them and follow the idea," Mrs. Braverman said, adding that he made her walk that way.

BEATY GETS LIFE
LANSMING, Mich.—(AP)—Dudley Beatty, the good-looking young factory worker who brutally murdered four-year-old Walter (Pee Wee) Turner here last night, was sentenced today to life in prison.

Beatty pleaded guilty on his arraignment a week ago.

Work Suspension During Peak Hours To Aid Traffic
Bottleneck at Trade and McDowell Sts., which had this morning rush hour traffic backed up to Trade Ave. on Ellis Park Ave. today was ordered to be closed before this afternoon's homebound rush.

Herman J. Moore, city traffic engineer, referred complaints regarding the traffic congestion of the morning and afternoon rush hour to Capt. Lloyd Henkel, traffic enforcement officer, with the request that he enforce the work suspension during peak hours.

The work of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. be halted and obstruction in the street removed during the traffic peaks.

Workmen for the telephone company were operating in a manhole at Trade and McDowell Sts. and the East covering the manhole and other equipment blocked the street, allowing traffic to back up.

As a consequence, the inbound traffic around 5:30 A. M. today was backed up one half mile to the intersection of Trade and McDowell Sts.

Mr. Moore said he has asked that the street work be suspended and obstructions removed between 5:30 and 6:30 A. M. and between 4:30 and 5:30 P. M.

Baby Beaten And Hanged In Shed

OTTAWA, Ont.—(AP)—A 28-month-old boy was ravaged, beaten and suspended nude from a rafter in a shed behind her home here yesterday.

The victim, Giselle Lachance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Telephone Lachance, was reported recovering in a hospital today.

Apparently she was seized while at play near her home, removed to a shed behind the house, and strangled with fishing line. A male nurse was tied about her throat and nose. She was suspended by a rafter but her weight was carried partially by the cords about her body.

This saved her from suffocation.

Kenney Receives New Appointment
WASHINGTON—(AP)—W. John Kenney, former Undersecretary of the Navy, today was named chief of the Marshall Plan mission in London.

Kenney was sworn in at once. He plans to leave Friday for the new post, but may delay his departure to accompany Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul G. Hoffman. Hoffman will not start, he told reporters, until the ECA appropriation is approved by Congress.

Kenney, 48, succeeds Thomas K. Puettner, who resigned the London post recently.

HIROSHIMA EARTHQUAKE
TOKYO—(AP)—Kyodo News Agency reported this afternoon a strong earthquake struck and damaged Hiroshima.

No serious damage was reported immediately. A number of breaks in power lines disrupted service.

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