Weather
Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with scattered showers occurring mostly in the afternoons.
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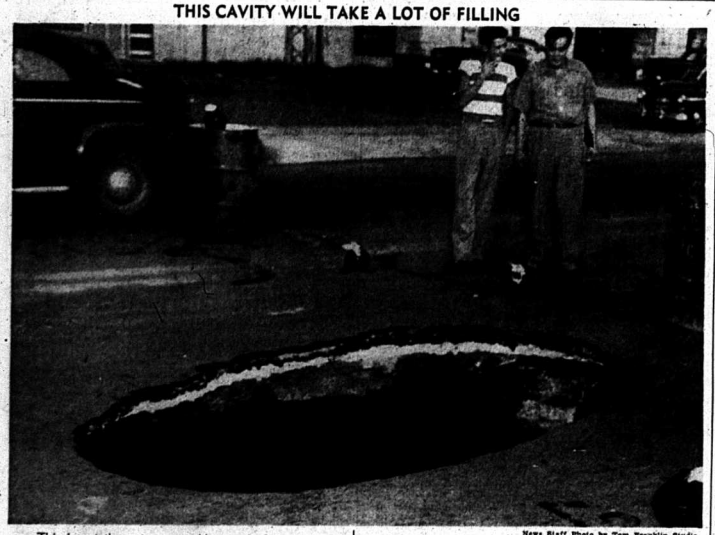
Steel Labor Dispute Hearings To Open July 28

TRUMAN ASKS UNIFICATION OF FORCES

THIS CAVITY WILL TAKE A LOT OF FILLING



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This is not the entrance to Mammoth Cave, nor is it the crater of Mauna Loa. It's a hole at Dilworth Road and E. Morehead St., caused yesterday when a culvert caved in. Luckily, no automobiles were passing over the spot when the paving gave away. R. T. James, acting city engineer, said he thought the cost of repairs might run to $5,000, although estimates have not been made. He said that it probably will take a month to complete repairs, as they will have to settle before the paving can be replaced.

White House Scene Of Board Meet

Fact-Finding Group Organizes

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON— (AP) — The fact-finding board in the steel labor dispute organized today and announced it will open public hearings July 28 in New York.

The organization meeting was held at the White House.

Chairman Carroll Daugherty said that the decision to delay hearings until July 28 would give both sides ample time to prepare their evidence for the board's consideration.

The board will meet two days earlier in New York with representatives of the steel industry and of the CIO United Steelworkers to "arrange for procedural matters."

TO NAME EXECUTIVE

The chairman said that this morning's discussion had to do with organization of the committee and other matters of business. An executive secretary will be appointed later.

The place of the hearings in New York City has yet to be designated.

The board broke up its meeting after about 45 minutes.

The other members of the board are Samuel I. Rosenman, New York City, and David Cole, Paterson, N. J. Both are lawyers.

Daughterty said it was decided that New York City was the most convenient hearing place for both the union and steel representatives as well as for members of the board.

He said the hearings will be open to the public except where special circumstances might require an executive session.

He was asked by a reporter if any controversy might arise over a question of "looking at the books" of the corporations.

Daugherty said he was not anticipating any controversy of any kind. And he thought that the board would be able to make its recommendations well within the 45 day period specified by the President.

The board has no power of subpoena. Rosenman said. He agreed with the chairman that since both sides have agreed to present their cases to the board, cooperation can be expected.

In connection with the meeting, the White House made public a letter from Rosenman to President Truman.

Rosenman wanted it to be made a matter of record that his New York City law firm is counsel to the Rotary Electric Steel Co. of

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TWO GENERALS SUSPENDED

The Army announced Saturday the temporary suspension of Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt (left), chief of the Chemical Corps, and Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman (right), the Quartermaster General, in connection with investigations of alleged influence in the award of Army contracts. (AP Wirephoto.)

Inquiry Continues Into Army Contracts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — An investigation of Army contract handling was still under way today. It has led thus far to the suspension of two major generals and a Congressman's demand that President Truman send his military aide to the sidelines.

The inspector general's office has orders from Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray to continue its probe of Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman, the Quartermaster General, and Alden H. Waitt, chief of the Chemical Corps.

Both were relieved of duty Saturday after a Senate investigating committee produced evidence which Gray said indicated they exhibited "a lack of judgment and sense of propriety."

On the heels of this development Rep. Shafer (R-Mich.) demanded that the President suspend Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, White House aide.

A member of the House Armed Services Committee, Shafer said in a statement that Vaughan was "implicated in the same case" with Feldman and Waitt. He gave no details but said the aide's conduct "has been, to put it mildly, in the poorest taste."

None of the generals has commented on the developments.

Their names were mentioned in a recent newspaper story telling of agents who allegedly use their influence to obtain Government contracts for fees of 5 per cent.

The report, published in the New York Herald Tribune, prompted an inquiry by a Senate Expenditures subcommittee headed by Sen. Hoey (D-NC).

It was Hoey who first disclosed the suspension order against Feldman and Waitt. He said the committee would hold public hearings in about two weeks, when both officers will have an opportunity to appear.

The Army Secretary also indicated they would be given "a full hearing".

Gray said the Senate group findings indicated that Feldman, who has been in charge of buying food for all armed services and furniture, clothing, and other equipment for the Army, "furnished to a contractor's representative procurement information under circumstances which appear irregular."

The evidence concerning Waitt, he added, indicates he "improperly furnished personnel data to an individual not in the military service and who was not entitled to receive such data."

Gray added that he was "not attempting to draw conclusions on the basis of an incomplete investi-

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President Sends Plan To Congress

Would Bolster Johnson's Powers

WASHINGTON— (AP) — President Truman today sent to Congress a reorganization plan designed to tighten unification of the armed forces and strengthen the hand of Secretary of Defense Johnson.

He said he was submitting the plan in order to "take action by all means at my command" to obtain prompt unification of the services.

Secondly, he said, he wanted to provide "a sure means whereby all members of Congress will be able to vote" on improving the defense organization "in the event that adequate legislation is not developed" in Congress.

By sending up the plan, the President assured himself of two chances of getting the changes he wants in the defense establishment. He first asked for legislation making the changes. His reorganization plan will go into effect in 60 days if, meantime, neither the Senate nor House disapproves it.

PASSED BY SENATE

The Senate has passed legislation along the lines the President asked. The House Armed Services Committee sent to the House floor a measure providing only for tightened military budget and accounting practices.

The budget-accounting bill was up before the House today.

In a message accompanying his reorganization plan, the President said the House bill would give specific functions of financial management to a "subordinate" official rather than to the Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Truman added:

"I cannot support budgetary or other control systems which fail to confer responsibility in a clear-cut manner and which presents possible obstacles to effective administration."

There have been criticisms on Capitol Hill that the Administration's unification bill would make Secretary Johnson a virtual "dictator."

The President's plan, described as "Plan No. 8 of 1949," converts the present national military establishment into "The Department of Defense."

Johnson would exercise "authority, direction and control over the department."

The Army, Navy and Air Force would continue to be administered as executive departments by secretaries.

The plan does not change or authorize Johnson to change the as-

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Cripps Taking Sick Leave

LONDON —(AP)— Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced today he would take over the job of steering Britain through her economic crisis while Sir Stafford Cripps is on sick leave.

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The ailing chancellor was in the House of Commons when the announcement was made.

Sir Stafford plans to leave tomorrow for Switzerland for special treatment of colitis. He was cheered by all members of the House when he entered, and Conservative Leader Antony Eden wished him "speedy recovery."

Attlee said he hoped Cripps would be able to "take up again his onerous task" at the end of next month.

Meanwhile, Attlee said he would be in charge of the treasury and would "supervise the carrying on of the general policy which Sir Stafford outlined to the House last Thursday." At that time Cripps said his government would sharply cut its dollar imports.

Weatherman Claims Rains Playing Out

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

You can take it for what it's worth, but the Weather Bureau says the rains are playing out. A few scattered thundershowers today, maybe, but no more gully-washers.

That may go today but no one would have believed it last night when a fat black cloud moved up, set its sights on the center of the city and dumped its full load. Three thousand persons in Memorial Stadium, hopefully waiting for the opening of the ice show, got the wetting of their lives.

Altogether 4.83 inches of rain has fallen here since the rains began in earnest Friday night. From noon until midnight last night 37 inches fell. The monthly total now stands at 5.63 inches.

The rains caused some damage in the city. A section of street pavement at the intersection of E. Morehead St. and Dilworth Road caved in yesterday afternoon, but no one was hurt.

The hole was immediately barricaded and oil lamps lighted to mark the spot. The hole is about five feet wide and eight feet long but a cavern approximately 20 feet square and between ten and fifteen feet deep lies beneath it.

Acting City Engineer R. T. James said that an old culvert had caved in and the water had washed away the earth beneath the pavement. There was no way of estimating how long erosion had been under way. The culvert is believed to be about 40 years old.

The Weather Bureau predicts that skies will remain partly cloudy through tomorrow. Little change in temperature is in sight. The low temperature this morning was 70 degrees with a high of 85 in sight for today.

R. T. James, acting city engineer, said that cost estimates on the repair of the Morehead St. cave-in had not been made but he thought the cost would run around $5,000.

A 70-inch metal pipe will be used to replace the old hand-made rock culvert which was apparently installed by the real estate developer when that section of town was opened.

Mr. Jones said that probably a month will be required to finish the work and that the fill will have to settle before the pavement can be replaced.

No other reports of severe damage had been received this morning, he said, adding that there were numerous complaints of clogged storm drains, or minor damage to dirt streets, etc.

Reports came to The News that the pavement was sinking in the 900 block of Lexington Ave., but there was no report of such a condition at either the Police Dept., Street Dept. or Engineering Dept.

Consequently an investigation of the report was made by a police cruiser and the engineering office reported that no damage was evident.

Military Pay Raise Approved

WASHINGTON—(AP)— The Senate Armed Services Committee today approved a pay raise for the uniformed services.

The vote was 9 to 1 to accept the bill already passed by the House. The measure, estimated to cost $300,000,000 a year, would raise the pay of almost everybody in military uniform.

Individual boosts would range from three per cent for lower ranking enlisted men to 27 per cent for brigadier generals.

Although the committee endorsed the bill, Chairman Tydings (D-Md) said he doubts the bill will pass the Senate "unless savings to offset its increased costs result from other legislation now pending before Congress."

He was referring to the armed forces unification bill pending before the House.

Tydings and some other Senators have taken the stand that military pay should not be raised unless savings are made in other costs of the armed forces. Backers of the unification bill contend it would permit savings of up to a billion dollars a year.

BAN IS LIFTED

NEW DELHI—(AP)—The foreign ministry announced today India will lift her ban on flights of KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines, effective Wednesday.

One European Economy Urged

NEW YORK—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey urged that western Europe be welded into an economic unit like the United States, and said Marshall Plan funds should be spent primarily toward that end.

The Republican governor, in an address at welcome prepared for the convention of Lions International, also said it is important that the United States Senate ratify the North Atlantic Treaty "with real enthusiasm."

"Otherwise," he said, "we would appear to be denying our inevitable and inescapable association with the cause of freedom. We would appear to be starting all over again down the same road we followed after World War I which led to World War II."

Dewey said the United States should "strike while the iron is hot" in cementing the high regard in which this country now is held in non-Communist Europe.

Dewey told the delegates to the service organization's gathering that the U. S. should make certain that our aid to Europe is not used to promote "pet projects of Socialism or Nationalism."

The Governor declared:

"If Western Europe were made into one large area for the free exchange of goods and services like the United States, she could make the progress which would bring the living standards of her people above the danger point.

"Europe would at last be strong enough to stand on her own feet. This would make worth while all the sacrifices the Americans have made for European aid.

"But there are some individuals and nations in Europe which are resisting economic unity without which I do not believe Europe can survive.

Noting that the Lions meeting has delegates from 26 nations, Dewey said "this convention would be immensely valuable if it served no other purpose than to demonstrate on a grand scale how the nations ought to work together in harmony for peace and progress.

Near-Sighted Man Has Long, Long Swim

DARWIN, Australia — (AP) — Edward Arnold, 54, is a little shortsighted but he loves to swim.

He went for a dip in Darwin Harbor last night and a swift tide carried him out to sea. His glasses were on the beach and he couldn't tell which way it was to shore. So he paddled around for twelve hours, until a police launch picked him up this morning.

Forget The Wife, He's Worried About Teeth

PLYMOUTH, Ind. —(AP)— Daniel F. Lafoon, 61, of Richmond, Va., asked police here today to help him locate his false teeth.

He said his 54-year-old wife had driven off from the nearby town of Bourbon with his car containing his clothes, money and teeth. Officers quoted him as saying he was most concerned about his teeth.

He gave no explanation for his wife's action.

He said they were en route from Richmond to Wisconsin.

Blood-Drinking Murder Defendant Put On Trial

LEWES, England —(AP)— Debonair John George Haigh pleaded innocent by reason of insanity today to a charge that he shot a wealthy widow, drank some of her blood and then dissolved her body in a tub of acid.

At the start of England's most sensational murder trial in years, the 39-year-old businessman walked jauntily to the bench to answer "not guilty" in a clear, ringing voice.

His attorney, Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, a prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trial, then said he would show that Haigh was "insane so as not to be responsible for the act," and consequently not guilty of premeditated murder.

Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross told the jury of eleven men and one woman he would show the primary motive for the crime was financial gain.

He said Haigh's earlier statement to the police about drinking the blood was an indication of careful planning for an insanity plea.

Shawcross read to the jury Haigh's purported confession admitting all the police charges.

Shawcross said in his opening statement Haigh had admitted inducing Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon to visit a factory to discuss a scheme for manufacturing artificial plastic fingernails.

"And there, while she was looking at red paper for the fingernails," Shawcross said, "he shot her through the head."

The trial is taking place before 81-year-old Justice Travers Humphreys. A huge crowd gathered outside the courtroom.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

There's a heap of things going on now that would of made the gay 90's seem awful dull . . . I don't like these movies with a lot of shooting in 'em, they keep me awake.

Search Pressed For Missing AEC Publicity Man

SANTA FE, N. M. — (AP) — A three-day search has failed to disclose any trace of the Los Alamos atomic energy public relations director who disappeared last Wednesday.

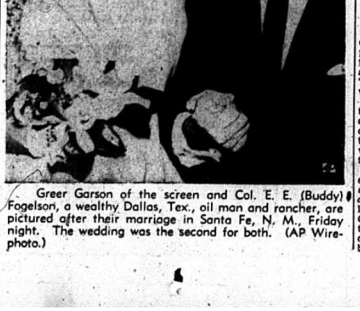
State police said today there was nothing new to report in their hunt for 37-year-old H. Tracy Snelling.

"The AEC administration would like very much to know where he is," said Carroll L. Tyler, manager of the Atomic Energy Commission installation at Los Alamos, N. M.

The search was started after Mrs. Snelling notified AEC officials Friday of his disappearance.

Snelling has been the information chief at Los Alamos for two years. He was responsible for release of information from laboratory and administrative sources.

GREER GARSON WEDS OIL MAN



Greer Garson of the screen and Col. E. E. (Buddy) Fogelson, a wealthy Dallas, Tex., oil man and rancher, are pictured after their marriage in Santa Fe, N. M., Friday night. The wedding was the second for both. (AP Wirephoto.)

Catholic Priests Defy Communists

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — (AP)— Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic priests have spurned orders from the Communist Government to desert Archbishop Josef Beran and The Vatican in the church-state war.

At morning masses throughout the country yesterday, they read a defiant resolution declaring their continuing loyalty to church authorities and willingness to "bear with them whatever consequences they may receive."

Rallying to the support of the embattled hierarchy, the priests accused the Government of violating constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, condemned the Government-sponsored Catholic action as schismatic, and asserted that clerics' signatures endorsing it had been obtained by fraud.

Slayer Of Betty Smith Flees From Prison Camp

SHELBY — Sheriff H. A. Logan Jr. said today he had been informed by prison authorities that the slayer of a fifteen-year-old unmarried mother last year escaped from an Ashe County prison camp near Asheville yesterday.

He is Robert Howell, sentenced in November, 1948, to five years on a second degree murder charge in the death of Betty Smith of Kings Mountain. An "A-grade" prisoner, according to Sheriff Logan, he would have been eligible for parole next year. He was serving as a cook at the camp.

Howell was also sentenced to five years for drunk driving, driving without a license and fornication and adultery, to run concurrently with the murder sentence.

Howell's wife, Pratt Dover Howell, was sentenced with her husband to one year on a manslaughter charge. She was paroled several weeks ago and returned to her home in Southern Cleveland County.

Escaping with Howell yesterday was another slayer, Homer Johnson, sentenced from Wilkes County in August, 1947, to ten to fifteen years for second degree murder.

ROBERT HOWELL