

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Sunday; scattered thundershowers Sunday afternoon.

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Population Depends On Food, Funds

By BRUCE BARTON NEW YORK In THE MIDDLE of the last century an English historian, Henry Thomas Buckle, wrote a statement that was a forerunner of this contemporary formula...

It is now known that marriage has a fixed relation to the price of food, and that wheat is the mainstay of the world...

In other words, plentiful food and money produced astronomical increases in population.

Some years ago the Red Cross abandoned its relief activities in China, saying that nothing would be accomplished until the problem of China's overpopulation was resolved.

The New York Times of last December 19 quoted the foreign minister of Holland as saying that his country's greatest problem is "too many babies."

The United States is now engaged in making food crops and money plentiful in countries all over the world.

No American politician dares to take up this. But it should be taken up. What we need most is to do something about it.

Flames lit the sky for a few seconds but the fire was extinguished quickly.

The plant employs about 600 men and women, and the fire was confined to the night work of the night workers.

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Truman Cracks Speaks at Giant Fort Peck Dam

By ERNEST B. VACCARO FOR THE PECK DAM. Mr. Truman said today that the Government's vast flood control and power program is being built the "stronger and more progressive Truman's" upon which depends "the world's best hope for peace."

President Truman appeared more properly than most of the people on his cross-country tour as he started his second day of "non-political" stumping with a prepared speech at the big Fort Peck dam.

As he has done since he started his personal "report to the people" at stable stops through the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest, the President contended his domestic program is strengthening the country for its leadership of free nations.

At one point, the crowd asked his daughter, Margaret, to sing a song. "I'll tell you a secret," he said.

"Margaret has to be paying company when she sings," the President declared that projects like Fort Peck contribute to the "welfare of the entire nation."

"We don't have enough Fort Pecks however," he said, "to take care of the protection we need. We still have serious floods in many sections of the country."

He expressed deep concern over reports of floods in North Dakota, South Dakota and recent floods in Southeastern Nebraska.

"I have seen many more flood control projects before we can be safe from catastrophes like those," he said.

"In the thirteen years since Fort Peck dam was first put into operation, it has saved \$50,000,000.

"I am told that this figure is the damage which the Missouri River valley would have suffered from floods if this project had not been built."

"Flood heights have been reduced as much as three feet downstream at Omaha."

"The dam, supplying power in North Dakota, Montana and South Dakota, when tied in with main power projects now under construction, will provide 183,000 kilowatts of electricity."

"The funds spent on flood control, reclamation, irrigation and public power facilities, Mr. Truman added, are not expenses."

"We have investments in a bigger and better country," he went on, "like the 'capital expansion' of a manufacturing corporation which floats a bond issue to build a new factory."

Two-Thirds of Staff Must Leave

Two Consulates Ordered Closed

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER - WASHINGTON (AP) - A mass order of 22 of the 33 Czech diplomatic corps employees in the United States was ordered by the American Government today.

In addition, the United States ordered the Czechs to close their consulates in Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

The Czech embassy in Washington and the consulate in New York will continue to operate but obviously with reduced staffs.

The American note - delivered in Prague and to the Czech ambassador here - amounted to a request that the Czechs be reduced.

Further Action Hinted - The United States also hinted it may take new and possibly more drastic action against the Czechs if the "situation" is not improved.

The mass ejection of Czech representatives and their staff employees must not be regarded as a preliminary step.

The U. S. note was delivered to the Czech foreign office in Prague by Ambassador Elihu R. Briggs.

In Washington, the Czech ambassador, Dr. Vladimír Jelinek, was called to the State Department.

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Sam-Bang Senate Roe-Z-Mat Fight

By NOEL YANVY RALLIERS, Pa. - A sensational primary campaign that promised to be a hot three-cornered race has developed in a slim but tight race between Senator Frank Graham and Willis Smith.

Former Senator Robert Roe also has come up with the colorful, energetic campaign that has been predicted by state and political observers.

Observers point out that Rhode is not set up as a state head-on opponent of either state manager, and that Graham and Smith have both.

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'Big 3' Talks Turn To East

By BEN GALLAGHER - LONDON - Great Britain's Big Three foreign ministers gave urgent consideration today to strengthening the Middle East and Far East economic and military aid.

In their final day of conference before the meeting of Atlantic pact foreign ministers, the diplomatics discussed the problems of the Germans and Europe temporarily to take up the Middle East.

Officials of the conference said the talks were held in a "relaxed" atmosphere and that decisions are needed and must be made.

It was expected that communique to be issued later today would lay down general policies for future big three moves in Europe, but might be more precise on the Middle East.

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Freight, Passenger Service Improves

By J. A. DALY - Charlotte News Staff Writer - The Southern Railway System's Eastern Lines continued today to move with little delay all car freight shipments received from originating shippers or from connecting lines east of Atlanta and west Atlanta.

The report from Eastern Lines headquarters here said that 43 passenger trains were scheduled for operation today.

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