

Weather
Fair and not so cold tonight, low with scattered frost tonight, low 33; Sunday fair and warmer, high near 70 degrees.
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'Crusades' Have Habit Of Bad End

By BRUCE BARTON
I HAVE been reading two books about two World Wars by men I admire very much. My only regret about the books is their titles.
Mr. Hoover wrote of "America's First Crusade" and Gen. Eisenhower of "Crusade in Europe." I am allergic to the word "crusade." It is associated with lofty thinking but tragic results.
The famous Crusades of history were launched by the Christians of Western Europe to recover the Holy Land from the Mohammedans; they spread blood over the years from 1096 to 1291.
There were seven highly organized expeditions, well prepared and financed, led by kings and military leaders. But five "people crusades" preceded them, but left only a wreckage of whitening bones on the deserts of Asia Minor.
In 1312, the crusades of Europe—impelled with the failures of their elders—flocked to the banner of a flaming youth who preached to lead them through the ocean dry-shod. Thousands of them died of hunger, were eaten by wild animals, killed by bandits, captured and sold into slavery. None returned.
Nowhere in the Constitution of the United States is the President or the Congress given any right or power to lead America's boys out of their peacetime occupations to fight and die in a "crusade."
The only power which Congress has to declare war is for the national defense.
We have won two World Wars in this generation and, if our national interest demands it, we may win another.
But we lost the "crusades" to the world as for democracy and the "crusade" to establish the "four freedoms." And there would be a "crusade" to obliterate Communism.
The crusaders of the Middle Ages did somewhat better. They did capture the Holy City, twice. But in the end it was right back where it had started.
In the hands of the Infidels.

U. S. Airman Sentenced For Spying
A Cameraman's Beat Has Many Turnings



CRASH: Approximately \$6,000 worth of damage was done when this car conveyor was hit by a switch engine in Richmond, Calif., yesterday. (Acme Telephoto.)

YOUTH Gets Five Years In Prison
Claims Effort To Trap Soviets
GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany (AP)—A U. S. Air Force court martial convicted Capt. Gustav Mueller of St. Paul, Minn., today of trying to give secret American military information to Russia.
The 39-year-old airman was sentenced to five years imprisonment and to dishonorable discharge from the U. S. Air Force. Mueller testified in his own defense that he was only trying to trap some Russian spies when he gave away secret documents.
The court, composed of seven Air Force officers, deliberated an hour and a half on its verdict after a two-day trial. Mueller, slim and dark-haired, took the verdict quietly, standing erect before the court.
The small courtroom in this picturesque Alpine resort was packed with about 100 American soldiers and their wives, most of them here on holiday.
CLAIM REJECTED
The court rejected Mueller's claim that he was trying to catch Soviet spies. It was proved earlier that they posed as Russian agents, and that Mueller gave them secret documents he told them he was doing so because "I believe in Communism." He said he asked no pay.
He admitted stealing secret papers from the library of the U. S. intelligence school in nearby Oberammergau, where he was a student. He confessed giving these papers to agents "whom I believed to be Soviet."
But the young man said on the witness stand:
"I am not a Communist. I hate Communism. I am loyal to the United States and always shall be."
"I was only trying to fool the agents all along," Mueller testified. "I wanted to trap them. But they struck first."
"I thought they were pretty glib about spying agents, but I guess it was really the opposite of that."
This first trial in Germany of a U. S. soldier charged with dealing with Russia seemed at times more like a comic opera than a spy trial. Mueller was the only witness in his defense.
There were frequent sallies of humor from the defendant and the lawyers, who drew chuckles from the spectators.
Mueller talked glibly in the clipped British accent he acquired from his English mother and his long residence in Britain where he was born. He smiled as his lawyer made light of the whole affair.
But Mueller turned serious at the end of half an hour of direct testimony.
He years welled up in the youth's face.



SNOW: A sudden snow which swept New York City Thursday night left this motorist with a little problem. (Acme Telephoto.)

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Third Man On Diesels Issue
Unions May Join In Rail Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—A rail union spokesman said today there is a possibility that locomotive engineers and Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen would join in a strike action aimed at placing a third man on Diesel locomotives.
The two unions of locomotive crewmen are fighting to create another job on the Diesel. Only two men are employed at present. The Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, headed by Robert Robertson, have been contending since 1937 that a third man should be employed to safely the motor driven engines which are slowly replacing coal-burning steam locomotives.
Robertson's Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen announced last night that the union committee will meet in Chicago next week to discuss the situation. Robertson's union still is clinging to talks with the railroads, a spokesman said here.
WALKOUT AUTHORIZED
Both unions have exhausted the procedure of filing a grievance for stopping strikes, including mediation, arbitration and appointment of a Presidential emergency fact-finding board. The nearly 200,000 members of the two unions have authorized a walkout by referendum. Only the decision of a committee of chairmen of the various railroads is required to date the strike.
"Some railroad circles it was regarded as unlikely that coal-tending lines like the Chesapeake and Ohio would be shut down. Some industry circles, however, felt a strike is more likely to be called on a couple of railroads at a time, and probably those using a preponderance of diesel locomotives."
As a result of the position taken by the railroad industry, Robertson said, "the possibility of a strike as a final step in this long struggle over our committee."
The 110,000 members of the union authorized a strike in a referendum several months ago.
A presidential fact finding board set up in 1948 that no extra man was needed on diesel locomotives. The union industry and additional fireman would lessen "hazards to both the traveling public and employees."

FILING DEADLINE FOR LOCAL OFFICES TODAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—The deadline for filing for local offices comes at 6 P. M. today. The deadline may provide the answers to a lot of questions for a job of people.
At that time, many candidates for the state, legislature and county seats as sheriff, coroner and clerk will be announced.
Others, at least, will know the way because all the candidates will be out in the open. Mr. Candidate can quit asking himself "Will John Jones run against me?" After the deadline, he'll know the answer.

SAVING RACE BEARING
Strangely enough, some political observers here say the deadline will have its effect on the race for the Democratic Senatorial nomination in the May 27 primary.
Willis Smith and former Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who are generally lined up with the Senatorial candidates in the various counties.
Some of these local candidates have been understandably loath so far to take sides publicly in the election in November.

TEMPERATURES Ease Over East And South
Break Seen In Cold Spring Weather
The mercury started to climb over some parts of the West Coast states yesterday and slowly rising temperature forecast for the North Central region over the week-end.
Spring weather, hailed by a delayed outpouring of Arctic air, appears to be on the way for the Winter-weather eastern half of the nation.
The early Spring cold spell again has caused millions of dollars damage to Southern fruit crops.
The weather bureau's forecast for the week-end shows a low of 29 at Atlanta; a low of 33, the same as in New York City. Washington's early morning minimum was 29. Atlanta's low was 33, the same as in New York City. Washington's early morning minimum was 29. Atlanta's low was 33, the same as in New York City. Washington's early morning minimum was 29.

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Tolar Says He Was 'Crucified'

RALEIGH (AP)—Governor Scott today accepted Colonel C. R. Tolar's resignation as highway patrol commander and Tolar shortly thereafter charged that "I was crucified for the Scott Administration."
Tolar's charge was contained in a statement to newsmen.
He spoke shortly after the Governor announced that Major J. R. Smith, patrol executive officer, would succeed Tolar May 1. Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Roemer then the patrol unit, then, Capt. D. T. Lambert was elevated to Smith's post.
Tolar said that only last Sunday the Governor told him he would not accept his resignation. Then on Wednesday night, Tolar said, the Governor told him he would accept his resignation. Tolar did not say who in the governor's office asked for the charge.

Tolar had been arrested in Fayetteville on Easter Sunday on the speeding charge.
Tolar said the governor told him that he would get something out of it offered six times to resign and told the Governor that political influences were very strong and that it was not getting the cooperation of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, who was a known strong supporter of Scott's opponents in the legislature.
The ousted patrol chief, talking to newsmen, said the Governor's friend John P. Taylor, acting last year that he would get out of the office within a month. That friend told the governor, Tolar, Scott's campaign manager, that he would get out of the office within a month.

The Governor said in a statement handed to newsmen that only this morning did he have the opportunity to read Tolar's letter of resignation which was submitted Monday. That resignation was caused by Scott's visit to New York. He returned here only yesterday.
Tolar said to Tolar, the Governor's letter:
"I want you to know that I appreciate the Governor's offer extended to me on your behalf. I fully realize that you have been really pushing the envelope. I am wishing you every success in your future endeavors. If you can authorize any further service to you in getting released, please do not hesitate to call me."
Earlier, the Governor had indicated it would be Monday or Tuesday before he would make a statement on the resignation offer.

A meeting of Scott and Tolar yesterday at Fairmont brought no sign as to the Governor's plans about the resignation offer.
The two met in Fairmont for the first time since Tolar sent his resignation to the Governor's office. There was no mention of the matter.
Tolar's resignation commander wrote out his resignation early this week after a second traffic violation charge had been brought against him.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today vetoed the Kerr gas bill, saying it would not be in the national interest.
The President said he believed that authority to regulate sales of natural gas from producers and consumers to interstate pipeline companies is necessary in the public interest because of the "unusual characteristics" of the process of moving gas from the field to the consumer.
"Unlike" purchasers of coal and oil, he said, "purchasers of natural gas are usually moving from one producer to another in search of lower prices. Natural gas is transported to interstate pipelines, and is distributed in a given consuming market by a single company."

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