Off His Beat

Earl Wilson, the Broadway columnist, is weaned out of his neighborhood for today only, to attend a Men's Bible Class meeting at the Riverside Memorial Church. His column is on the Feature Page.

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WILSON ASKS EXTENSION OF CONTROLS

Mobilization Chief Is First Witness At Senate Hearings

WASHINGTON (AP)— Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson today urged Congress to extend price and wage controls for two years.

"We cannot hold back inflation unless we hold down prices," Wilson told the Senate Banking Committee, adding that "conversely, we cannot hold down prices unless we hold the wage line."

Wilson told the senators there has been "some easing" of shortages in such materials as copper and aluminum but he said it is still too early to know for certain whether this "easing" will continue.

The mobilization boss was the kickoff witness as the Senate opened public hearings to decide whether or not to extend the Defense Production Act, which authorizes price and wage controls.

The act expires at midnight June 30. If Congress doesn't extend it before then, all price and wage controls would be ended.

Wilson said, "No present easing

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ACHESON REPORTS ON CONFERENCE

Secretary of State Dean Acheson (left) confers with Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) as the opened before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Monday to report on the recent NATO conference in Lisbon. (UP Telephoto).

Truman Asks Commie Nations To Seek Peace

Libby Says Truce Talks At Dec. 18 Point

Negotiators Argue Over War Prisoners

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Korean truce talks are right back where they were Dec. 18, Rear Adm. R. E. Libby said today after arguing with the Communists whether 50,000 missing Allied troops actually exist.

Libby demanded the Reds account for the missing men—South Korean soldiers the U.N. Command says the Reds incorporated in the North Korean Army.

They "do not exist," said North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho. He called it an Allied fabrication, an "attempt to block our progress by creating another hindrance." (The Reds concede some South Koreans are in the Communist Army, but contend they are volunteers and that many deserted the South Korean Army.)

"They do exist and have always existed," Libby snapped back. And they "must be returned to our side" when prisoners of war are exchanged.

At this point Libby said: "Apparently we are back where we were on Dec. 18." Negotiators exchanged lists of prisoners of war on that date.

In another truce tent Red staff officers repeated their "firm and unshakeable" command that Soviet Russia help supervise truce. U.N. officers called their "irrevocable" stand that Soviet Russia was not acceptable.

They have been deadlocked like that for weeks.

Communist generals negotiating the prisoner exchange "were very well behaved," Libby said, in contrast to their shouted accusations of Monday.

But in a new charge Lee said that the U. N. Command holds any prisoners who don't want to be returned they have been intimidated at bayonet point.

Lee was attacking the Allied stand that no prisoners be sent back unless they want to go, and the U.N. reclassification of 44,000 prisoners as civilian internees.

"You tried to give us the impression," the Red general said, "that among the prisoners of war there are persons who did not want to come back to our side. If there exists any such fact, it is a fact which is fabricated under your bayonets and intimidation."

Three times Lee repeated the Communists would not accept the Allied principle of voluntary repatriation—by stumbling block on the same night as the Negro woman, the officers said.

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STAR RISING?

GEN. DE GAULLE

S. AFRICANS' RAIN DANCE TOO EFFECTIVE

AN ALLIED AIRFIELD, Korea (AP)—A group of South African pilots attached to Marine Air Group 12 wanted a day off recently.

They staged a rain dance, and it snowed for four days.

Col. Luther S. Moore, Santa Ana, Calif., commanding officer, cracked down immediately with this notice:

"1. Snow will not fall on this airfield.

"2. All incoming snow-bearing clouds and formations will be diverted to CCAF (Chinese Communist Air Forces) airdromes.

"3. Requests for blizzards will not be approved by this headquarters.

"4. No rain or snow dances will be allowed until further notice."

Appeals To People Behind Iron Curtain

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman, in an address aimed to the people behind the Iron Curtain, declared today the world's differences can be settled if Communist rulers "will turn from their senseless policy of hate and terror, and follow the principles of peace."

Standing on the flight deck of the Coast Guard Cutter Courier in a cold drizzle at a municipal pier, the President declared that the United States has no quarrel with people of the Soviet Union or with those of any other country, and added:

"For almost two centuries the people of the United States have lived at peace with the peoples of Russia and China and the other countries whose rulers are now assailing us.

CITES U. S. HELP

"Only a decade ago, when the people of Russia and China were suffering under two of the most savage invasions in history, we came to their aid. We helped them to save their countries.

"I want to say to these people today, as we said then: We are your friends. There are no differences between us that cannot be settled if your rulers will turn from their senseless policy of hate and terror, and follow the principles of peace.

The Courier has been recommissioned as a powerful floating radio transmitter for the Voice of America, and celebrated its 13th birthday today.

The ship will leave Friday for a shakedown cruise in the Caribbean after which she will depart for overseas destinations.

Mr. Truman assured his hearers that the U. S. armament program is only for defense. He said:

"Today, the aggressive policies of your rulers are forcing us to arm to defend ourselves. But we can not find in our hearts any hate against you. We know that you are suffering under oppression and persecution. We know that if you were free to say what you really believe, you would join with us to banish the fear of war, and bring peace to the earth.

PEACE AIM

"Your government, with its newspapers and radios, may try to tell you believe that the United States is a hostile country, bent on war. But that is not true. I want you to know that our highest aim is peace and friendship—and an end to the horrors of war."

The State Department said Mr. Truman's voice was heard in Europe, Latin America and the Far East. Relay stations at Tangier, Munich, Ceylon, Manila, Honolulu and facilities of the British Broadcasting Co. beamed the message to listeners in all parts of the world via 37 transmitters. Immediately following the President's English language broadcast, the message was being translated into 45 languages for rebroadcast.

The address highlighted welcoming of the cutter to Washington for an elaborate 45-minute program during which a ship's flag was presented to the commanding officer, Capt. Oscar C. B. Wev, by Donald McQuade, national commander of Catholic War Veterans.

Mr. Truman described the 5,800-ton ship with its 80 crewmen and 10 officers as a new "valiant fighter in the cause of freedom" which will "carry a precious cargo—and that cargo is truth."

31 Known Dead In Severe Jap Earthquake

No Americans Killed Or Hurt In Disaster

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO (AP)—A terrifying earthquake and tidal waves killed at least 31 people in Northern Japan today, injured hundreds and destroyed more than 2,500 homes.

Railway trains were toppled over. Rail lines were reported swallowed by great fissures. A coal mine partially collapsed.

Harbor facilities were badly damaged at Kushiro, a port city of 65,000 on the Southeast Coast of Hokkaido Island. Kushiro was the center of destruction.

Most of the dead were in and near the town, on Japan's most northerly island. Tidal waves knocked down warehouses. The quake touched off 11 fires.

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De Gaulle Chances Growing In Crisis

By GODFREY ANDERSON

PARIS (AP)—The lanky figure of Gen. Charles de Gaulle cast a lengthening shadow over French politics today as independent Antoine Pinay tried to patch a new cabinet of experts from the ill-fitting jig-saw pieces of France's non-Communist parties.

Few observers gave Pinay—transport minister in the lame duck government of Edgar Faure—much better chance of success than his predecessors.

Wartime premier Paul Reynaud already had failed to stitch together what Pinay is seeking—a national union government of technicians drawn from all parties except the Communists. Rene Plevin, still smarting from the defeat which threw him out of office in January, refused even to make the try.

The crisis was in its fifth day. It began because the Assembly voted 1,400 billion francs (about four billion dollars) for arms—including expanded defense of Western Europe—then refused a 15 per cent tax boost to help pay the bill.

Some French deputies already were talking about asking the United States for still more aid to pay France's defense bill. But in Washington, chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, angrily thundered that unless France does "her utmost in her own defense, she cannot justify large appropriations from the United States for both economic and military aid."

PLAIN TALK

Such plain talk from the Senate's most potent voice on foreign affairs indicated that the French failure to find the funds for her part of North Atlantic defense was building up fresh trouble for President Truman's request for $7,900,000,000 for foreign aid.

The longer the crisis dragged on with the bleeding of the nearly empty treasury unstopped by new taxes — the better De Gaulle's chances seemed of getting into power.

His party, the RPF (Rally of the French People), which has the largest membership in Parliament, has decided it is ready to join in talks for a national union cabinet to end the crisis. Should it gain a dominant voice in a new cabinet, it undoubtedly would cause a major upheaval in present French foreign policy.

The RPF already has called for sweeping changes in the major Western defense programs to which France has recently committed herself.

Over 100 Killed In Brazil Wreck

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—(AP)—More than 100 persons were killed in a train collision near here today. About 200 suffered injuries. The wreck was the worst in Brazil's history.

A train crowded with commuters coming into Rio de Janeiro crashed into a stalled passenger train near the suburb of Anchieta, about 19 miles southwest of the capital.

Bodies were strewn about the wreckage and some were seen floating in the nearby Pavuna River.

"It looked like a battlefield," a survivor, a former soldier, said.

Two cars on the passenger train were derailed at Anchieta. The commuter train which hit it was en route from another suburb and traveling at a high speed.

JEWELRY STORE ROBBED

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Thieves in a daring daylight robbery today got $500,000 worth of gold and diamonds from a jewelry store. They entered from the roof before the shop was opened.

Senator Humphrey Asks Civil Rights Showdown

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) said today the current President "inevitably will be a Republican if the Democrats retreat" on the Truman civil rights program.

Calling for a showdown on the issue with Southern Democrats who are backing Sen. Russell of Georgia for the party's presidential nomination, Humphrey declared:

"President Truman was elected in 1948 without the solid electoral vote of the Solid South, and I think a strong civil rights candidate can win this year despite Southern opposition.

"On the other hand, if we people who are for the civil rights program back-track from the 1948 platform, the party will lose such states as New York, Illinois and California—all of which have big electoral votes.

"That means the next President will be a Republican if the Democrats retreat on the civil rights issue. To me, it is inconceivable that there would be such a retreat."

Together, the three states Humphrey mentioned have 100 of the 531 electoral college votes, with 266 required to elect. In 1948, Truman lost New York's 47 electoral votes but won Illinois' 28 and California's 25.

Humphrey played a leading role in adoption of the party's civil rights plank at the 1948 convention. Approval of the plank—calling among other things for a fair employment practices commission (FEPC)—widened the North-South split in the party and cost Truman 39 electoral votes.

Humphrey said in an interview he has high regard for Russell and that the Georgian's candidacy is "the honest, straightforward way of bringing the issue to the front." He added:

"I do think there must be a showdown. The Democratic party cannot be a sectional party if it hopes to win."

Columbus Drive Continues

More Ex-Klansmen Arrested

By NOEL YANCEY

WHITEVILLE (AP) — State and Columbus County officers moved against the Ku Klux Klan once more today in a continuing drive to clear up cases of terrorism in Southeastern North Carolina.

State Bureau of Investigation Agents James F. Bradshaw reported that SBI agents and county officers are in the process of serving additional warrants against former Klansmen.

He said the warrants involve charges growing out of the flogging of Woodrow Johnson, a white automobile mechanic of Whiteville, and

Florence, S. C. Bradshaw said Johnson was one of at least 12 persons, both whites and Negroes, who have been abducted and beaten in the Columbus County area during the last year.

He did not identify those against whom the warrants were issued, nor did he release the number of men being rounded up. Officers, working quietly, said they intended to bring the accused men in "one or two at a time."

However, at Raleigh SBI Director James Powell reported three men had been arrested by upon in today's roundabout and that warrants were in the process of being served for nine more.

Two of those arrested today were identified at Whiteville as John Honeycutt Jr., 26, of Chadbourn and Henry Otto Edwards, 32, a Whiteville garage owner.

Bradshaw said that officers also went to serve another warrant on Early Brooks, 44-year-old former police chief at Fair Bluff, who already has been named in two other terrorism cases. However, Brooks, who allegedly headed the Fair Bluff Klavern of the KKK, was not at home and the warrant was not served, Bradshaw said.

Today's number of arrests was in sharp contrast to those of Feb. 15 and Feb. 27 when FBI, state and county officers moved in quickly dramatically on several houses and made a total of 22 arrests.

The men were arrested Feb. 15 and charged with violating the federal Lindbergh Kidnaping law by taking a white man and woman across the South Carolina line and beating them last October. The two victims were identified as Miss Dorothy Mae Dorsey, 27, and Ben Grainger, 40, both of Fair Bluff.

Twelve men, six of them named in the Feb. 16 case, were rounded up as a result of the anti-Klan raid Feb. 27. They were charged with violating the state kidnaping law by taking a Chadbourn Negro woman, Esther Lee Floyd, from here home last November.

ADDITION L CHARGES

Officers said today that additional charges against the 12 would be presented to the Columbus County grand jury when it considers the Floyd woman's case. The addition al charges involve the flogging of Dorsey Robinson, a Negro sawmill worker, who reportedly was beaten the same night as the Negro woman, the officers said.

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Backers Of UMT Measure Win Test Vote In House

WASHINGTON (AP)— Backers of Universal Military Training won the first test vote in the House today.

A standing vote of 196 to 167 beat down an opposition motion to strike out the bill's enacting clause—a maneuver preliminary to trying to send it back to the Armed Services Committee.

A later move to send it back to committee is expected, bringing a new test.

If successful, that probably would kill the measure as far as the present House is concerned.

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga), chairman of the committee and floor manager for the bill, predicted he could head off the maneuver. However, even the bill's supporters were not claiming sufficient strength to pass the measure in its present form.

Their strategy is to open it to amendments which might pacify some opponents.

With a full week of debate ended, Rep. Short (R-Mo), leading the opposition, told newsmen the bill would be recommitted with "votes to spare."

Amendments which the bill's supporters might accept in return for passage would put a time limit on the operation of UMT—perhaps three years—and prohibit operation of both selective service and UMT at the same time.

The present bill would require able-bodied males to take six months of military training when they reach 18 and to remain in reserve status for an additional 7½ years.

Allied Planes Hit Red Troops

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—United Nations fighter pilots bombed and machinegunned frontline positions today while the opposing ground armies sent out only light patrols.

Marine Corsairs killed 20 Communists north of Kumhwa on the Central Front. Other U. N. fighter-bombers killed about 25 Reds in the Yonchon area on the Western Front. Both rifled towns are in sectors where ground fighting picked up briefly last week-end.

Twenty - eight U. S. Sabrejets damaged one MIG-15 in a five-minute brush with 50 of the Russian-built jets near the Yalu River boundary between Korea and Manchuria.

Fifth Air Force planes cut Red rail lines in 86 places Tuesday in their daily attack on communist supply lines.

There was no report of any major action along the ground front.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and colder tonight. Wednesday, fair and mild.

Expected low tonight, 28 to 30 degrees. Expected high tomorrow, 55 degrees.

Low this morning, 29 degrees. High yesterday, 61 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:49 A. M.; sunset, 6:21 P. M.

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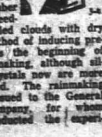
PATENTED RAINDROPS

Is artificial rainmaking potatoish? You're not likely to be showered with rain-drops bearing a patent number; but a method of making rain recently was issued a patent. The inventor is Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, who produced the first artificial snow November 13, 1946, by seeding super-cooled clouds with dry ice. This method of inducing precipitation was the beginning of modern rainmaking, although natural snow crystals now are more generally used. The rainmaking patent was issued to the General Electric Company, for whom Schaefer conducted the experiments.



Strikes To Be Biggest Weapon

Communist 'Trojan Horse' Is Feared In Carefully-Planned Red Activities

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the story goes, Greek warriors hid in the figure of a colossal horse and got through the walls into ancient Troy. When darkness fell, the warriors came out of their "Trojan Horse" and let the Greek Army into the city. Today communism has evolved the skeleton of a new Trojan horse—in Europe. It is being built up for Moscow's use as the Kremlin needs it. William L. Ryan, AP foreign news analyst who is touring areas adjacent to the Iron Curtain, tells about it in a revealing series of articles of which this is the first.)

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

VIENNA (AP)—A danger signal is going up over Western Europe today. It is not a war alarm. It is a warning against a Stalinist Trojan Horse.

The mighty fifth column is being organized with utmost care to serve Kremlin imperialism. It is a long - range program. Diagrammed, the Trojan Horse would have its belly in Central Europe, but its feet reaching out in many directions—to Europe, to Italy, to Western Germany, to Greece, the Middle East.

Non-Communists, including many Americans in official capacity, say the fifth column has reached proportions of alarm and is still building — carefully. The Soviets have a chain of command running from the Kremlin through the Cominform and into a fifth organization with headquarters in Vienna.

The overall brain of the Cominform (Communist Information Organization, essentially a successor to the Comintern) is General Malenkov. He is one of Stalin's deputies and possibly his heir. Malenkov's chief lieutenant is Mikhail Suslov, one of the secretaries of the USSR Communist Central Committee. The general staff for Europe includes Palmiro Togliatti in Italy, Jacques DuClos in France and Walther Ulbricht in East Germany.

Soon the world will be hearing a new slogan from the East. "Unity of Action." Coupled with this will be the cry: "National Resistance." This already is being applied to the Middle East, but it is also to be applied to Italy and France and perhaps to Western Germany. Its central theme will be resistance to the United States.

The "Unity of Action" campaign is to be directed largely at labor in Western Europe. The "National Resistance" will play upon nationalist sentiments, using former Fascists, Nazis and any others who are opportunist enough or unprincipled enough to cooperate. Communists will remain in the background.

The burden of "Unity of Action"

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Scott Praises KKK Roundup

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Scott today praised state and local officers for their work in rounding up Ku Klux Klan members in Southeastern North Carolina.

"It ought to be stopped," Scott said of the Klan. "There's no need for that sort of thing in this state."

Scott singled out Ninth District Solicitor Malcolm B. Seawell for special praise, for his work in rounding up Klan members in Robeson County. He said Seawell had acted "boldly and very forthright."

On other matters, Scott said he thought Dr. R. E. Earp, campaign manager for gubernatorial candidate Hubert E. Olive, is "a capable man, a good solid fellow." Scott has said he will support Olive in his race for the Democratic nomination.

However, the governor said he will not be able to be on hand when Olive opens his campaign headquarters here tomorrow.

EVENING PRAYER

Father, we commend to Thee our sons and all who must face the dangers of war and temptation in the armed services as they fight to preserve the way of freedom and liberty. Be with them in every danger and deliver them. Forbid that their sacrifices shall be in vain but that out of their labors may come peace for all, in the spirit of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

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Comic Dictionary

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