Brass Shift
General Ridgway will replace Gen. Eisenhower at SHAPE and Gen. Mark Clark is scheduled to take over Ridgway's job, as Marquis Childs sees it. See his column on the editorial page, 12-A.

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SUNSHINE BREAKS THROUGH AFTER STORM

President Truman is all smiles as he escorts Queen Juliana of The Netherlands from her plane after arrival at National Airport. While waiting for the plane, the President was observed gesturing emphatically in a stormy conversation with Attorney General J. Howard McGrath (arrow). At the right is Prince Bernhard, husband of the Queen. (United Press Telephoto).

Dutch Ruler Addresses Congress

Queen Warns Against Arms Emphasis

By RUTH COWAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Queen Juliana of the Netherlands today urged Congress not to imitate Iron Curtain countries which place so much emphasis on defense that economic, social and cultural well-being suffer.

She also said in a speech prepared for delivery before a joint session of Congress less than 24 hours after her arrival yesterday:

1. The United States can count upon Netherlands' support in the present divided world.

2. Her country, with the help of America, is able to "stand once more on our own feet" economically. She expressed thanks for the aid given.

3. She said European unity is growing and that "political integration" may come "perhaps eventually."

WORLD DIVIDED

4. The world is split into two parts, the positive (democracy) and negative (slavery), and the negative pole will "have to yield" in time.

Major emphasis of the Queen's address, which she delivered in English, was on technical assistance. She said her country was helping to the best of its ability by exporting skills and experts to less developed countries.

"It is my earnest hope that one memorable day the enormous increase of production now demanded by rearmament will be converted to meet the needs of these enormous development projects.

"The circle of countries around the North Atlantic Ocean should avoid imitating the example set by the countries behind the Iron Curtain, which have focused their minds so much on their defense that they forget to focus as much attention on their economic, social and cultural well-being. . .

"If they do neglect these aspects, some day they might find themselves isolated around their ocean before, for instance, technical assistance could get under way properly, and link them with the world at large."

She ended by saying:

"Mankind in its distress has to trust largely to your good judgment for its deliverance."

The speech was part of a fast-paced program that includes shaking thousands of hands at three receptions and donning a diamond tiara tonight for a formal dinner party.

The Queen and her husband, Prince Bernhard, are the first guests in the newly rebuilt White House. The President and Mrs. Truman moved back in only last Thursday after having lived across Pennsylvania Avenue at Blair House for three years.

Seizure Threat Is Hanging Over Steel Industry

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Truman administration held over the steel industry today a threat of government seizure unless a strike due next Tuesday is averted.

The effect of the seizure threat—whether or not it is carried out—was to increase pressure on the industry to grant government-suggested wage boosts to Philip Murray's CIO United Steelworkers.

About 700,000 of the union's one million members are ready for a walkout in the basic steel industry at midnight April 8. The other workers, mainly in steel fabricating plants, are ineligible to strike at the moment.

Steelmakers have said they cannot afford to give Murray the 17½-cent hourly pay boost, plus union shop and other benefits, without getting government permission to raise prices. The government apparently was standing firm against increase in prices, contending it would cause more inflation.

POWER DISPUTED

The seizure threat brought a heated reaction from Congress. Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said it would be "very high-handed and arbitrary" and, to his mind, illegal.

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BEER IN SPORTS ARENAS OKAY, SENATORS DECIDE

BOSTON —(AP)— The Massachusetts Senate cried over spilled beer for an hour yesterday, but didn't do anything about it.

Up for action was a bill to forbid drinking of beer or other alcoholic beverages in the seating areas at sporting events.

The debate waxed long and furious, but the bill was rejected by a roll call vote of 19 to 9.

Sen. John F. Collins (D-Boston) said spectators at ball games were fed up with having beer spilled on them while they were watching games.

Sen. Charles I. Taylor (D-Boston) argued the bill would be a hardship on football fans.

"What are they going to do at football games to keep warm?" Taylor asked.

Party Loyalty Pledge Is Held Legal By Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court today ruled that presidential elector candidates can be required to pledge loyalty to their national party.

The vote was 5 to 2.

The decision was given on an appeal by the state Democratic committee of Alabama—Dominated by national party "loyalists"—from a ruling by the Alabama Supreme Court.

The Alabama court said a Democratic candidate for presidential elector could not be barred from the state's May 6 primary ballot because he refused to promise to cast his electoral vote for the Presidential and vice-presidential nominees of the Democratic national convention.

The candidate, Edmund Blair, an Alabama weekly newspaper publisher, said he would not vote for President Truman "or for anyone who advocates the Truman-Humphrey Civil Rights Program."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) has been a leading proponent of the Truman Administration's program for anti-lynching and anti-poll tax laws and a compulsory Fair Employment Practice Commission.

The Alabama litigation developed weeks before President Truman's announcement last Saturday night that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Today's Supreme Court decision was announced in an unsigned order which said a full explanatory opinion would be handed down later.

Justices Douglas and Jackson dissented from the decision and Justices Black and Frankfurter disqualified themselves.

The court normally hands down its decisions only on Mondays except when a matter of unusual importance is involved or the time element dictates immediate action.

Lodge In Paris To Visit Ike

PARIS (AP)—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. chairman of the Eisenhower-for-President movement, arrived today by plane from New York, and stated "it is possible, in my judgment, that Eisenhower can be nominated on the first ballot" at the Republican nominating convention in Chicago in July.

Lodge said the next big primary test will be in New Jersey, April 15, and "we are sure of a victory there which will prove what I've said all along, that Eisenhower is the man the American people want for their next president."

Lodge is to visit Gen. Eisenhower at SHAPE headquarters, 12 miles west of Paris, tomorrow morning and stay for lunch.

"I won't tell you," he said, when asked what he would talk about with Eisenhower.

Asked for comment on the Nebraska primary, he said "it will have no effect on us."

He said the Nebraska law on write-in-votes on which the names are misspelled made that "a spelling bee rather than a popularity contest, for it is much harder to spell a 10-letter name like Eisenhower than a four-letter word like Taft."

PREMIER'S BIRTHDAY

ROME —(AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi worked as usual on his 71st birthday today.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and cool again tonight. Friday increasing cloudiness and mild. Showers beginning Friday night. Expected high today 66 degrees. Low tonight 48 degrees.

Highest yesterday 70 degrees. Lowest this morning 41 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:08 A. M.; sunset, 6:46 P. M.

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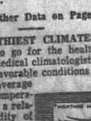
HEALTHIEST CLIMATES

Where to go for the healthiest climate? Medical climatologists say the most favorable conditions combine an average outdoor temperature of 64, a relative humidity of about 80 per cent, and a fairly high degree of storminess, or at least day-to-day variability. This probably will start some arguments, but the scientists say that nearly ideal conditions are found in Tampa at the end of February, New Orleans in March, Asheville in May, Atlantic City in early June, Seattle in August, Nantucket and Boston in September, and Portland, Ore., in October.



'BRASS' SEES NEGOTIATORS PRISONER ISSUE BREAK RUMORED

MUNSAN, Korea —(AP)— Rumors of a possible break in the prisoner exchange deadlock cropped up today when top Allied brass arrived shortly after U. N. truce negotiators postponed secret prisoner parleys.

An Allied spokesman said the prisoner talks were postponed 24 hours for "constructive purposes."

There was no announcement as to why Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, top Allied commander; Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, and other generals flew here for conferences with the U.N. armistice delegation.

An official spokesman said it was not "a foregone conclusion" that an important development was imminent.

NOT DENIED

He did not deny, however, that there was such a possibility.

Observers said it might be significant that the list of top-level officers included Van Fleet and Brig. Gen. Francis Dodd, commander of the Koje Island prison camp, scene of two bloody riots in the past two months.

The Eighth Army would handle the actual exchange of prisoners.

The joint subcommittee of top-level negotiators met for the first time in two months Thursday for its first attempt to break the deadlock over whether Russia qualifies as a neutral nation to help inspect a Korean truce.

NOTHING HAPPENED

"We had a meeting in which nothing new happened," said Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison.

Postponement of the secret prisoner exchange talks stirred immediate speculation that a new move to end the deadlock may be in the offing. Similar recesses in the past have preceded important developments.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U.N. spokesman, said the postponement "was made for constructive purposes.

"But I am not giving any hint at all as to any progress or lack of progress in the prisoner of war talks. On the other hand, it would be completely incorrect to say it was caused by friction between the two sides."

PROPOSAL STUDIED

Since daily briefings on the prisoner talks were eliminated March 25, U.N. spokesman have announced only that the staff officers were exploring a Communist proposal.

The Reds suggested the prisoner exchange problem be worked out on the basis of prisoner rosters traded last Dec. 18. These rosters listed 11,559 Allied prisoners and approximately 132,000 Communist prisoners.

There has been neither secrecy nor progress over the Russian question since the Reds first injected the issue into staff officer talks Feb. 16. The Communists nominated the Soviet Union as a "neutral nation" to help inspect a truce.

Staff officers gave up and a subcommittee of truce negotiators took over the debate Thursday.

2 Fliers Killed; 12 Jump Safely

VERMILLION, Kas. (AP)—Two Air Force men lost their lives in the crash of a B-29 early today, but 12 other members of the crew parachuted to safety.

The body of an Air Force colonel was found near the wreckage of the Roy Robbins farm 11 miles from this Northeast Kansas town. Later searchers found the body of a corporal whose parachute had failed to open about four miles south of here.

Members of the Robbins family said the plane roared low over their home about 12:30 a. m. Seconds later the plane crashed in a pasture and killed six cattle. The body of the colonel had been thrown clear of the wreckage.

Reports here were that the plane was one based at Forbes Air Force Base at Topeka, Kas. Searching parties scoured the area throughout the early morning hours picking up men who had landed safely in their 'chutes.

EVENING PRAYER

O God, enable me this day to catch Thy vision of the infinite possibilities that exist in all people. Help me to see the image of Thyself in all thy creatures. Cause me to have a burning desire to bring out these possibilities in others. I pray that my own potentialities may be brought to light. Amen.

Big Spender Keeps Secrets

Former Tax Agent Refuses To Testify

WASHINGTON (AP)—Daniel A. Bolich, pleading that answers might "tend to incriminate me," refused today to testify on his big spending and other activities as a former top official of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Bolich would tell the House Ways and Means Committee investigating tax scandals one thing only: his address.

The committee had wanted to pursue sworn testimony it got yesterday that in five years as chief of the bureau's New York intelligence office and later as assistant internal revenue commissioner Bolich was paid $53,000 by the government but spent at least $115,217.

That testimony came from two special intelligence agents of the bureau who swore also that Bolich admitted to them he spent $52,000 in the five years, 1946-50.

Bolich, a heavily built man whose personal finances have come under scrutiny in connection with his former official duties, took the witness chair over the vigorous protest of his attorney, Robert L. Callahan of Brooklyn.

Callahan told Chairman King (D-Calif) of a House ways and means subcommittee that Bolich's health made it "dangerous and unsafe for him to be here to testify."

King ordered Bolich to answer questions after noting that the committee had received independent medical advice that the former assistant commissioner was well enough to be subjected to limited questioning.

Bolich answered just one question—he said his address was 617 Second St., Brooklyn.

Asked if he had any other residence, Bolich claimed his constitutional privileges against testifying against himself.

"I refuse to answer any further questions on grounds that any answer I might give may tend to incriminate me," he declared.

Prior to this, Callahan told the committee that Bolich was present under compulsion of a subpoena and "contrary to the advice of his personal physician."

Bolich has been under investigation by agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Their inquiry covered his work both as chief of the bureau's New York Intelligence Office and as assistant commissioner.

Comic Dictionary

ABSURDITY

Anything so contrary to reason that it is laughable, like the scientist who discovered a cure for which there was no disease.

N. Y. Lawyer Dismissed In Sharp Letter

Attorney General Mum On Truman Approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath today fired Newbold Morris as the administration's corruption sleuth.

The attorney general made public a curt letter to the New York Republican notifying him of the immediate termination of his services.

McGrath personally handed copies of the letter to reporters at the Justice Department, but declined to answer any questions as to whether President Truman had formally approved the action.

FOLLOWS TALKS

The firing followed a series of McGrath-Truman talks yesterday—including an apparently heated argument at National Airport here while the two were waiting to greet Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

There had been some speculation that McGrath himself might be let out in the row over a financial questionnaire Morris posed for government officials.

McGrath himself on Feb. 1, appointed the 50-year-old Morris, former president of the New York City Council, to ferret out corruption in the government.

Last Monday, however, McGrath told a House Investigating Committee he did not know whether he would fill out his own questionnaire, and had not ordered any one else in his department to do so.

He also said that if he had the appointment to make again he would not pick Morris.

Morris' office said he received the news from his secretary, who had learned of it from a news ticker. In protocol - conscious Washington it is considered the epitome of brusqueness to release such a letter before the addressee gets its.

Morris had no immediate comment but sent out word he would see reporters and photographers later today.

When McGrath called reporters in to announce the dismissal, he was surrounded by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, and Joseph C. Duggan, McGrath's assistant in the field of executive orders. McInerney heads the department's criminal division.

McGrath's letter started off with no salutation except the word

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U. S. Fliers Hit 8 More MIG's

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — American Sabre pilots destroyed or damaged eight Communist jets today, running their box score to 40 for the first three days of April.

Today's toll was taken in three battles over Northwest Korea, including history's longest jet fight. It lasted 45 minutes. Eighteen F-86 Sabre jets tangled with 60 Russian-type jets in that battle, fought as the sun was setting.

The April mark is already more than a third of the total for the full month of March. Here is the score as ported by Far East Air Forces:

	Today	April	March
Destroyed,	2	15	37
Probables	1	4	8
Damaged	5	21	58
Total	8	40	103

April Allied losses have not been announced. They are reported weekly.

A new jet ace, America's ninth, came out of today's actions. He is Capt. Robert H. Moore of Houston, Tex. He shot down his fifth MIG-15 on his 96th flight over Korea.

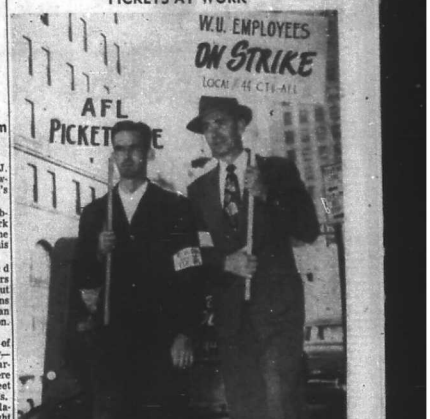
Taylor Named To Commission

RALEIGH (AP)— Gov. Scott announced today appointment of Paul T. Taylor of Winston-Salem as highway commissioner in the Eighth Division. He will succeed Mark Goforth of Lenoir on April 10.

Goforth resigned Wednesday to campaign for Congress in the Ninth Congressional District.

Taylor is a tobacco warehouseman and has large farming operations in Stokes County.

PICKETS AT WORK



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Blake

Walking the picket line, instead of handling telegraph business, these two strikers kept on the move in front of Western Union's offices on S. Tryon St. today. They are I. E. Lineberger (wearing a hat), secretary-treasurer of the Charlotte Local, Commercial Telegraphers Union, and M. R. Lockamy.

Strikers Throttle Telegraph Service

NEW YORK (AP)—Western Union Telegraph Co., operators walked off their jobs today and slowed the nation's telegraph business to a trickle.

The company placed an embargo on new business in most of the nation's large centers, except for messages to foreign countries. At a number of offices kept open by supervisory personnel, the company expected to restore limited service later in the day.

Federal mediators managed to arrange a delay until Monday of a scheduled strike of telephone workers in three states. Both disputes involved union demands for higher pay and new contracts, but there is no connection between them.

Workers were reported remaining on their jobs in only two of Western Union's large centers. The AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union postponed its strike at San Antonio, Tex., for 24 hours. No reason was announced, but observers believe the delay was due to large Army and Air Force installations there.

In the other center, New York, the operating force is represented by another union—the American Communications Association, independent. The CTU set up picket lines at the company's main office in New York in the hope of discouraging employes from reporting to work.

News service communication setups were not affected by the strike.

The telephone situation eased early this morning with a postponement until Monday of walkouts by 40,000 CIO communications workers in Michigan, Ohio and Northern California.

Union officials said they post-

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Walkout By Telegraphers Shuts Off Message Flow

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A strike of Western Union employees in Charlotte today brought telegraph operations almost to a standstill.

E. E. Lewis, president of the Charlotte Local of the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL), directed the walkout as the employees here joined some 30,000 other CTU members throughout the country.

"The strike is very effective here," Mr. Lewis said.

Garland L. Musick, local superintendent of Western Union, estimated at noon that "about a third" of the 110 employees were on duty at the main Western Union offices in the Wilder Bldg.

NO MESSAGES

The company, however, was accepting no telegraph messages.

"We can't assure that any messages would be delivered, so it wouldn't be fair to our customers to accept them," Mr. Musick said.

Those who went to work despite the strike were busy clearing telegrams which came into the Charlotte office during the night, he said.

Two pickets were on duty in front of the main Wilder Bldg. entrance, and two others were at the E. 3rd St. entrance.

A single picket was assigned to the Western Union Plant Dept. at 215 N. Pine St. early this morning, but later was withdrawn.

"When only one fellow went to work there, we decided there wasn't any use in using pickets at that place," Mr. Lewis said.

No pickets were assigned to the branch offices at the Bus Terminal and in Brevard Court.

A small typewritten notice was placed on the front door of the Wilder Bldg. main office announcing that the office was closed, "Account, strike."

FIRST SINCE 1919

This was the first telegraphers' strike here since 1919. Operators who showed up at the Wilder Bldg. and refused to go in to work stood around in groups outside and chatted.

Others gathered at a strike headquarters at the Selwyn Hotel, where Mr. Lewis was keeping in touch with the national strike telephone.

The strike was called after com-

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