

BERLIN BLOCKADE'S END SOUGHT IN HUDDLE



TO ENTER CONVENT—Constance Murray, of Southampton, N. Y., 19-year-old heiress to a \$50,000,000 fortune, will enter the Convent of the Holy Child, Sharon Hill, Pa. Her mother says she has wanted to become a nun since childhood.

Hurricane Not Apt To Hit Mainland

HATTERAS, N. C., Aug. 31.—(AP)—A tropical hurricane moving up the Atlantic Coast will miss the mainland entirely if it keeps its present course, the U. S. Weather Bureau said today.

The bureau warned, however, that strong winds would be felt along the coast tonight.

Meanwhile, the naval base at Norfolk, Va., said about 50 ships of all descriptions had put to sea or sought safety in Chesapeake Bay.

The Coast Guard reported heavy seas rolling in from the ocean from Morehead City northward along the many miles of outer banks, the vast chain of island dunes that fashion North Carolina's coastline.

Hundreds of armed forces planes were flown inland from Carolina, Virginia and Washington bases to escape the danger of the hurricane.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE current French government (only a month old) falls, and its premier resigns. That means that some sort of new government must be cobbled together—for modern life can't continue without SOME kind of government.

Chilling thought: When a new government is in the making ANYWHERE IN THE OLD WORLD these days, there is always the possibility that it might turn out to be a COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT.

FOR clear understanding of such things, keep this in mind:

The European parliamentary system is more fluid than ours. Governments can change overnight. Whenever in Europe the "government," which corresponds roughly to what we call the "administration," finds itself in a jam that seems to be tougher than it can cope with it resigns and a new government is formed.

Here we muddle on for a stated calendar period. President Truman and his cabinet, for example, have been in a jam with congress for a long time, but the system

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CIO's Probable Endorsement Of Truman Not to Sever Units Already Pledged to Wallace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The head of the CIO United Electrical Workers, who is backing Henry A. Wallace, said today there will be no split in the labor organization over the issue of endorsing President Truman.

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the 600,000-member United Electrical Workers, told that to reporters when he went into a meeting of the CIO executive board. Nobody is going to bolt the CIO, he said.

The executive board faced its toughest campaign puzzle in eight years in trying to endorse Truman without sacrificing important left-wing unions.

The 51-member group met yesterday but only skirted the subject. It adopted unanimously a legislative program very close to that Mr. Truman asked of the 80th Congress.

But at least eight unions—including the powerful United Electrical Workers and Harry Bridges' West Coast Longshoremen—were lined up for Henry Wallace and his third party candidacy last January when the

The Weather

Fair and warmer today and Wednesday.

Sunset today 7:50 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:37 a. m.

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First Day Of Draft Sign-Up Enrolls 135

Many of Registrants At Roseburg Board Vets Assured of Exemptions

Douglas County's draft registration got off to a start Monday, with the 25-year-olds coming to the Roseburg Armory to sign up. After 6 o'clock in the evening, when the questionnaires had been tallied, it was found that approximately 135 had registered, Draft Board officials reported.

Several men were waiting in line at the Armory this morning—the younger-bracket 25-year-olds stepping up to be counted for the peacetime draft. Like their month-old brothers, born between Aug. 30 and Dec. 31, 1922, the class of 1923 will get down answers to 15 questions, then wait to see if they will be included in the Army's first draft call of 10,000 men in November.

Today's and tomorrow's registration will be for the 24-year-olds as well as for the younger 25-year-age group. Each two days during the remainder of the initial draft registration period, the next younger age group is to report to the local board for registration.

Many are veterans, as elsewhere throughout the country the majority of the 25-year-olds

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Girl Confesses Setting Mystery Blazes on Farm

MACOMB, Ill., Aug. 31.—(AP)—More than 100 fires on the Charles Valley farm, the origin of which baffled scientists and experts for nearly two weeks, were set by a 13-year-old member of the family, a deputy state fire marshal said yesterday.

John Burgard, the deputy, said the girl, Womet McNeill, told authorities she touched off the fires when other family members "weren't watching me."

Burgard said Womet told him she set the fires because she wanted to be sent to live with her divorced mother, Mrs. Leona Eagle of Bloomington, Ill.

Womet and her brother, Arthur Jr., 8, were placed in the custody of their father, Arthur McNeill, when their parents were divorced in 1943.

Burgard said the girl told him she reasoned that she burned down the houses used by her father and her aunt and uncle, she would have to be sent to her mother.

The rash of blazes attracted nationwide attention. They led to speculation that the flames were caused by radio-activity, gas, fly spray or roach paste.

Widow of Six Months

Loses Sons by Drowning

POINT PLEASANT, N. J., Aug. 31.—(AP)—An Elizabeth woman, a widow six months, lost her two teen-age sons in a swimming accident yesterday.

The boys, Frank, 13, and Carmen, 12, sons of Mrs. Louise De Gaetano of Elizabeth, were drowned in the Metedeconk River at nearby Adamstown while on a picnic outing.

Last seen alive playing on a raft in shallow water, they apparently stepped into a deep hole in the river, police said.

Mrs. De Gaetano's husband, Michael, died in Elizabeth last Feb. 7 of rabies after he was bitten by a dog.

Wallace Continues Campaign Despite Egg-Tomato Barrage; Louisiana Election Watched

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Eggs and tomatoes again were tossed at Henry Wallace as he attempted to address a crowd of 2,500 at the Mecklenburg courthouse today.

None of the objects struck Wallace, who sought to speak amid continual booing from the throng. Eggs did strike two reporters for the Charlotte News, who stood near trying to hear the words of the former vice president.

Signs were conspicuous in the crowd. One read "Sell your junk in Moscow, Henry."

Through the din, Wallace shouted: "I believe there are people in Mecklenburg County who still believe in human rights." Police arrested three men and charged them with disorderly conduct in disturbing the peace at a public gathering by throwing eggs and tomatoes.

(By the Associated Press)

Henry Wallace carried his egg-spattered presidential campaign further into the South today while picking up more support in the North from the American Labor party.

Workers Enter Struck Plant As Troops Stand By

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Pickets jeered but stood aside as about 400 workers entered the strikebound Bucyrus-Erie plant here today. Close by were 140 Indiana state troopers heavily armed and ready to quell any disturbance.

Plant officials said they expected more workers to report during the day. It normally has about 1,500 workers engaged in the manufacture of road and construction machinery.

Leaders of the striking CIO-United Electrical Workers Local 813 had indicated efforts would be made to prevent employees from entering the plant.

In addition to the state troopers on duty, several National Guard units had been alerted to stand by.

The strike began last July 30 after the company refused to deal with the union on the grounds it was "Communist-dominated."

Last week the company obtained a restraining order against mass picketing and announced it would re-open the plant today.

Foremen attempted to enter the factory Saturday to prepare for the re-opening. They were resisted by pickets and a near-riot ensued in which several persons were injured. Disorderly conduct charges were filed against 27 pickets.

At High Point, eggs and tomatoes again were hurled.

And at last night's rally at Winston-Salem, Wallace was booed long and lustily as he stood in the rain and attacked the Marshall Plan, declaring:

"Only with an understanding

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Slight Decline Shown In U.S. Traffic Deaths

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The nation's traffic deaths for the first seven months this year totalled 16,390, four per cent below the 17,073 for the similar period in 1947, the National Safety Council said today.

States reporting fewer deaths for the seven months 1948 period than for the corresponding 1947 period included North Dakota with a 48 per cent drop; California 14 per cent; Washington, nine per cent; and Oregon, five per cent.

Cities with the best safety records, and their accident death rates per 10,000 registered vehicles included:

10,000 to 25,000—Klamath Falls, Ore., Salina, Kans., and Holland, Mich., none.

Catholic Leader In Poland Is Arrested

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Mieczyslaw Kaczynski, 55, a leading spokesman of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Poland, was arrested today by security police.

Four militiamen entered Kaczynski's apartment behind the All Saints Church in Warsaw and took him away. The Monsignor's speaking housekeeper said the militiamen searched the priest's files and books but offered no explanation for the arrest.

Kaczynski has been the main editorial writer and director of the influential Catholic weekly newspaper Tygodnik Warszawski since the war ended.

He was minister of education in the Polish government in exile in London during the war.

Polio Deaths Mount In Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The infantile paralysis outbreak has soared to 52 deaths in Los Angeles County, with 272 patients confined today in the general hospital, 32 of them in respirators.

Dr. Sidney B. Clark of the Polioymelitis Coordinating Council reported that the county has had 1,225 cases since Jan. 1, with 595 of them in August alone. City Health Officer George M. Uhl said he will not request postponement of school opening, Sept. 13, however. He said such measures in the past were not successful and that in 1946, when school opened, polio declined.

Registration At Both High Schools Dated

Pre-registration for all students in the Junior and Senior High Schools will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, in preparation for the start of school Tuesday Sept. 7. Elementary children will not register until the opening day next Tuesday.

The schedule announced for registration is as follows: Junior High ninth graders and Senior High 12th graders will register Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in their respective schools.

Junior High eighth graders and Senior High 11th graders register Thursday between the same hours. Junior High seventh graders and Senior High 10th graders register Friday between the same hours.

Special consideration is being given students who are working. They may register on Thursday between 7 and 9 p.m. but it is emphasized that this privilege applies only to students who are working and cannot come at their assigned times. Also, students who are unable to come on their regular days may if they have valid excuses be accommodated between 3 and 4 p.m. on one of the other days.

Students should come prepared to take care of the following fees at the High School, announced Principal Alva Laws: Associated Student Body fees.

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Atty. D. R. Dimick To Hear Appeals In Draft Program

Daniel R. Dimick, attorney at law, 405 Pacific Building, has been chosen to serve as government appeal agent on the local Selective Service Board No. 14, Douglas County. The appointment is made by the president of the United States.

Congress has provided for a government appeal agent for each draft board. This is a safeguard to make sure each man is duly, properly and justly drafted, said Dimick.

Where any registrant feels he has been unjustly or unfairly called to service he may take an appeal.

Attorney Dimick as appeal agent will advise the complaining registrant as to whether or not an appeal is advisable and assist the man in bringing the appeal.

According to word received from headquarters of the State Selective Service System, the government provides no financial compensation for the services of the appeal agent. Nevertheless, his duties and responsibilities are vital to the successful operation of the Selective Service System, said Dimick.

GI's Debt to University Marked Paid in Full

ATLANTA, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The debt of Paul T. Hinson, if any, to Emory University has been marked paid in full.

Hinson borrowed the money in 1912, was graduated in 1913 and died in France Sept. 21, 1918.

His father, Ben H. Hinson, of Florida, wrote university president Goodrich C. White: "I am soon to take off (I am 87). It would be a satisfaction to me to know that this money has been repaid."

White replied the school had no record of such a loan, but even so "we are willing to regard every obligation as having been met."

Then White added, "I lost a son in World War II."



RUSS INJURE U. S. SOLDIER—Comrades carry Pfc. James Petergal to ambulance after he was almost run down by three jeeping Russian soldiers in the U. S. sector of Berlin. Petergal, an MP, was knocked from his motorcycle and threatened with a revolver when he tried to arrest the Soviet soldiers for speeding. (INEA Radiotelephoto)

U. S. 'Must be Destroyed,' Edict of 'Peters,' Commie Spy, Ex-Follower Testifies

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(AP)—"J. Peters," described as head of the Communist underground in America, preached that the United States "must be destroyed," a witness at his deportation hearing said today.

Former Communist Whitaker Chambers identified the mysterious Peters as the No. 1 man in the underground at a House Un-American Activities subcommittee hearing here yesterday.

Subcommittee members then threatened Peters with contempt charges for his refusal to answer questions about his alleged Communist affiliations and about the activities of the Communist party in this country.

The Peters case shifted back today to the Immigration and Naturalization Service which is presenting deportation charges against him.

George Hewitt, a Negro and alleged former member of the Communist Party National Committee, was the witness who said Peters called for the destruction of the United States.

Hewitt, who said he renounced Communism four years ago, testified that "from the first day I was in the party I was instructed that the United States was a citadel of capitalism, the main obstacle to Marxist-Leninist success, and this obstacle must be destroyed, including schools, government and churches, which reflect sleepiness."

The instruction was given, he said, by "the section organizer, the state organizer, Mr. Peters himself, and various officials of the party."

The House Un-American Activities subcommittee recommended contempt charges against Peters yesterday after he refused on constitutional grounds to tell the probers what they wanted to know.

The witness is the first to be threatened with contempt for refusing to answer questions in the House committee's spy hearings. A dozen or more witnesses, refusing to say whether or not they were Communists, have cited that section of the Constitution which says a man can't be forced to testify against himself.

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Conference Springs From Kremlin Meet

Dispute Over East, West Currencies Basic Issue Facing Four Governors

(By the Associated Press)

Russian and western military governors of Germany met for an hour today on east-west problems in blockaded Berlin.

"We will meet again," said Gen. Sir Brian Robertson of Britain, "the date, however, still is not fixed."

It was the first top level meeting in Berlin in five months and resulted from diplomatic discussions in the Kremlin for the past month.

Asked if the conference was amicable, an American official responded:

"It depends on what you call amicable."

Robertson said there will be no official statement today. American officials said financial experts of the four powers will continue to confer on technical financial problems.

The State Department in Washington said the governors would discuss measures to lift the blockade and to solve the dispute over rival Russian and western marks circulating in the German capital.

Lucius D. Clay of the U. S., Marshal Sokolovsky of Russia, Gen. Sir Brian Robertson of Britain and Gen. Pierre Koenig of France met at the allied control authority building shortly before the scheduled time for the meeting.

It was the first such meeting since the Russians walked out of the control council in March. The meeting grew directly from nine diplomatic conferences in the Kremlin of western diplomats with Foreign Minister Molotov and Prime Minister Stalin.

The directives will center around the question of using the dollar-controlled East German currency in Berlin as the only money for the four-power city, circulating under four-power supervision.

This is the technical question upon which the Russians began a land blockade of the city more than two months ago, isolating the western occupying powers, except by air.

On a bigger issue, the Soviets also sought a new Big Four foreign ministers' conference on Germany. But the West refused such a conference under the "duress" of a Berlin blockade.

Four weeks of negotiations in Moscow thus far have failed to iron out a satisfactory (and one saving) device by which the West might agree to a conference and the Russians to lift their blockade.

The Russians blocked land and barge access to Berlin 69 days ago after the U. S., Britain and France introduced their new currency into the city, which lies like an island deep in the Russian zone. Western powers have supplied their part of Berlin by air.

City Control at Issue

One issue is the continued Russian and Communist pressure against the elected, anti-Communist city government. The Russian commandant in Berlin received a delegation of "workers" who

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New GOP Candidate For Senator Chosen

TOLEDO, Ore., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Gerald Wade, Newport insurance agent and secretary of the Port of Newport Commission, has been named Lincoln County Republican candidate for the State Legislature.

He takes the ballot position held by the late W. H. Evans, party nominee for representative who died in a plane crash in Klamath County with three other Republican party leaders.

Royal S. Denton Will Open Grocery Sept. 7th

Opening of Royal's Grocery, 1005 Madrone Ave., on Sept. 7, was announced today by Royal S. Denton, owner. The quarters, owned by F. F. Critser, formerly housed the Osburn Electric Co.

Denton, temporary manager of G. M. Denton's grocery on Rice St., states he will feature a complete line of groceries as well as lunch meats, dairy products, school supplies, and a soft drink bar.

Giving Liquor to Minor Draws Fines, Jail Term

Pleading guilty in the Justice Court at Canyonville to two charges of giving liquor to a minor, Lloyd Shelley of that city was fined \$100 on each count and sentenced to the county jail for 30 days on one count. Default of the fine on the second count would bring an additional term of 50 days.

LEVITY FACT RANT

By L. F. Rolanstein

It's just as well that the Atlantic hurricane will miss North Carolina. Russian-hating inhabitants of that state are too busy throwing eggs and tomatoes at Henry Wallace to worry about such a trifle as a hurricane.

SHE'S NOT AFRAID—Four-year-old Pam Post appears to be unfrightened as she stands inside open housing century-old saurians at a St. Augustine, Fla., alligator farm.