

Weather Forecast

Clear and cool again tonight. Tuesday sunny and dry, a little warmer in the afternoon.

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Words Of The Wise

No ironed chain, or outward force of any kind, could ever compel the soul of man to believe or to disbelieve; it is his own determination of light, that judgment of his; he will reign and believe by the grace of God. —(Carlyle)

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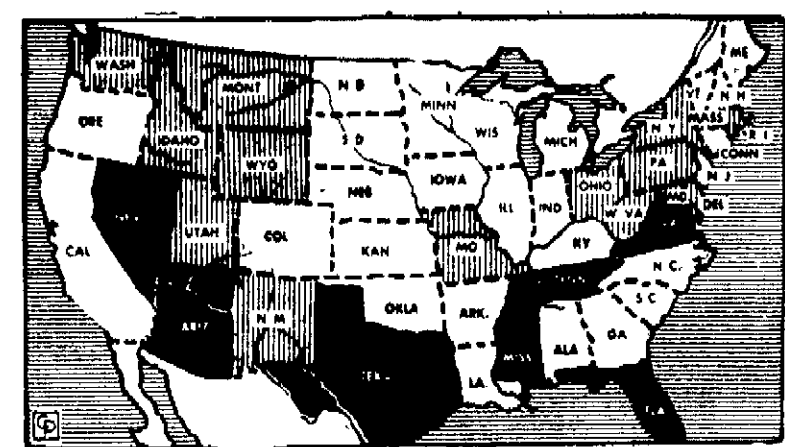
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Army Smashes World Black Market Ring

Sweden Bombarded By Rocket Attack



KEY TO SENATE CONTROL FIGHT. With members of Congress back home mending their fences and primary campaigns popping up in one state after another, strategists in both parties are beginning to check the chances—it any—of GOP control of the next Senate.

End To High Tariffs And Subsidies Urged On World By Thomas

WASHINGTON—Senator Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., a member of the U. S. delegation to the Copenhagen World Food Conference, urged today that nations drop subsidies and high tariffs.

Many Americans In Army Prison Without Charges

FRANKFURT—Thirteen Americans—including six civilians—imprisoned in a U. S. Army stockade here for as long as two months are being held without charges and without the privilege of legal counsel.

Captain Earl Carroll, former prosecutor at the Lichfield brutality trials, said the disclosure came after he received a letter from Private First Class Daniel P. Walezak, twenty-two, of Detroit, Mich.

Investigation revealed that fifty-three persons had been detained in the military prison, for periods ranging from one week to sixty-three days—all without charges being brought against them.

Captain Harold H. Chase, assistant to the European Theater judge advocate, said the delays were "unfortunate." All men awaiting trial in the stockade, he said, would be represented by counsel after charges are preferred against them.

"If an American citizen at home were placed in confinement without counsel and kept sixty days in a stockade, he would rise in protest," Carroll said. "By virtue of what logic can the same American citizen be stripped of those safeguards so jealously guarded at home, when he is in a foreign land where they are of much greater importance?"

Carroll, who resigned from the Lichfield prosecution staff after charging there was an effort to "whitewash" certain officers, said Walezak's case "transcends any question of guilt or innocence." The fact that Walezak was held in jail for more than sixty days without an opportunity to prepare his defense "forever forestalled the opportunity to get the full truth," Carroll said.

Bloodhounds Lead Posse On Trail Of Bank Bandits

ATOKA, Okla.—A posse of more than 100 armed men and four bloodhounds tramped through the rugged Kiamichi Mountain country today in search of two bandits who robbed the Walters, Okla., bank last Thursday.

The bank robbers, heavily-armed and carrying \$33,000 loot in a gunnysack, succeeded in eluding their pursuers late yesterday, after officers once got close enough to hear their voices.

The bloodhounds, rushed here from the state penitentiary at McAlester, lost the scent when the desperadoes waded down a small stream twelve miles southwest of here.

Lutherans Elect

ROCHESTER—Alfred Wilson of Detroit was named president of the Lutheran Layman's League of the Missouri Synod at a week-end convention here. Elected regional vice presidents were: (North) Carl Bloomstrand of St. Paul, Minn.; (South) Thomas Bean of New Orleans, La.; (East) Erwin Burrow of Buffalo; (West) E. W. Martens of Pasadena, Cal.; and Canada, H. L. Weisbach.

STOCKHOLM—The Swedish army sent investigators today to Central Sweden where rockets were reported to have crashed last night during a veritable shower of the mysterious missiles.

The first reports seeping through a military blackout indicated the army investigators found nothing at the scene of the reported explosions. They gave rise to a theory that the rockets are made of material of which little or nothing is left when they explode in the air.

The strange rockets zoomed through the Swedish skies in greater numbers than ever before. An army source said the visitation was regarded as "most serious."

Most unconfirmed theories were that the Russians were experimenting with rockets or flying bombs and German scientists were helping them in their work. The Baltic was the favorite testing zone for the Nazi V-weapons during the war. Peenemuende, village in Pomerania near the Baltic, was one of the Nazi's biggest bases for secret weapons.

Rockets were reported to have crashed at three points or more in Central Sweden last night. In dispatching investigators, military authorities hinted they were seeking information upon which to base protests against firing of the missiles over this country. They refused to go into detail.

The rockets streaked in over Sweden beginning about nine o'clock last night. Newspapers in South and Central Sweden were besieged with calls from alarmed and curious citizens. Hundreds of callers reported the passage of comet-like objects within an hour's time.

The army was maintaining a blackout over exactly what happened. But spokesmen who declined to be identified made it plain that high authorities were coming around to the view that a showdown might as well be sought in the rocket firing which has been going on for weeks.

Witnesses said that one of last night's rockets passed directly over Stockholm and exploded north of the city. An editor of the newspaper Aftonbladet, one of the many persons who reported seeing it, related:

"A brilliant light suddenly appeared on the southern horizon, on a straight course at an altitude of some 600 feet. Although it could be seen sharply against the dark night sky, a determination of its size and construction was impossible because of its blinding, sparkling tail of blue fire."

A Swedish Air Force lieutenant, after seeing one of the rockets in Central Sweden, estimated the length of the body at some sixty feet. He said it was shaped like a cigar, with the forepart green and the sides white. It moved "terribly fast" at low altitude, he said.

Many experts think the things which crashed in Sweden were not bombs, but the accumulation of what is left of propulsion material, with the rockets themselves being radio-directed back to base after tour of Sweden.

Health Improves

ALBANY—The state health department, analyzing its June vital statistics, concluded today that New York State residents are healthier than they were a year ago. While the birth rate soared to the highest point for the month, with one exception, in eighteen years, deaths were nine per cent, below June, 1945.

End Of UNRRA In December Due, Says LaGuardia

PRAGUE—F. H. LaGuardia, director-general of the UNRRA, said today UNRRA would cease operations December 31 "because no contributing government has made provisions for 1947."



O'HANLONS FROM NEBRASKA INVADERS JAPAN. One of the biggest army families to arrive in Japan is that of the Major Joseph O'Hanlon of Lincoln, Neb., who is shown left meeting his wife and six children, the youngest for the first time, in Yokohama. Group includes, front row, Maurita-Kay, nine; Joseph, Jr., twelve; Shirley, fourteen; Michael, eight; Back row, Major O'Hanlon, Mrs. O'Hanlon, Casey, eighteen months, and Sharon, sixteen.

Four Little Nations Win Advisory Voice In World Peace Conference

PARIS—The peace conference today agreed unanimously to invite Albania, Mexico, Cuba and Egypt to state their views in a plenary session and in the Italian treaty commissions.

The four nations were invited by the plenary session after two hours of wrangling over procedure and technicalities, during which the Soviet bloc was defeated by a fifteen to six vote when it opposed a British proposal.

Iran also sought admission, but failed when none of the members moved to include her. Britain tried to get Austria included among the invited states. After Austria submitted a belated request, the British withdrew the Austrian proposal.

The conference decision ended two days' debate on ways of letting nations express their views. It almost certainly opens the flood-gates to a flock of other requests probably from most countries which declared war against the axis.

The Soviet defeat came in a dispute over what body would establish the procedure for hearing the views of the newly invited states. Russia favored letting the secretariat do the job and Britain proposed that the steering committee handle it. The British view prevailed, fifteen to six.

The conference then elected Fouques Du Parc, France, as permanent secretary-general. He already is serving as temporary secretary-general.

It was proposed that the conference secretariat be formed of representatives of the Big Four and four other states. A. V. Alexander, Britain, suggested Australia, Brazil, China and Yugoslavia as the four others. White Russia suggested that Norway be substituted for Australia, but Norway declined.

Andrey Y. Vishinsky, Russia, opposed naming Australia to the secretariat, saying that Australia was going to get the chairmanship of an important commission and the secretariat place should go to some other nation.

Australia, Vishinsky said, has "been a rather temperamental member of our meeting and has taken part in our discussions with great strength and energy."

LaGuardia was visibly tired after his two-day tour of Czechoslovakia. He said the Czech UNRRA program was sixty-five per cent completed, but that shipments probably would continue through January, 1947. "I found conditions here as good or better than anywhere in Europe," he said. "I can't praise the people enough for their industry and determination to put the country back on its feet."

CIO Union Plans To Purge Ranks Of Communists

PITTSBURGH—An all-out drive to purge the CIO United Electrical workers union of Communists was under way today, headed by International Vice President Harry Block of Philadelphia.

Block, who heads the faction known as "UE Members for Democratic Action," charged the Communists with attempting to make the union "a vehicle to advance the foreign policy of the Soviet Union."

He said the "Members for Democratic Action" represent the majority of non-Communists in the union and will push its fight to oust the Communists at the national convention in Milwaukee September 8.

Block's faction completed a two-day convention here yesterday, and in a statement of principles issued at the conclusion of the meeting said it sought to prevent the UE from going to "its own destruction as a front for the American Communist Party."

The membership of the UE is overwhelmingly non-Communist, the statement said, but an "infinitely disproportionate" minority has seized control of the national office, the executive board, the paid staff, the union newspaper, and some district councils and locals.

The union faces a choice of "returning the UE to the ranks of respectable CIO unions with sound union objectives, or allowing the UE to hurry along to its own destruction as a front for the American Communist Party and its program. There is no middle road," the statement charged.

Plunges To Death

POINT JUDITH, R. I.—Commodore Joseph W. Runyan, Newport, fell 8,000 feet to his death yesterday when the naval training plane in which he was flying lurched and tossed him through an escape hatch.

Letters Bare Details Of Illicit Operations Of Father, Four Sons

BERLIN—The U. S. Army reported today that its agents had smashed a multi-million-dollar global black market ring operated by a New York family with sons in Berlin, Paris, New York and Shanghai.

Criminal Investigation Division men said two of the 'round-the-world black marketeers were arrested a few days ago, one in Berlin and one in Paris. The New York and Shanghai members were reported still at large. CID officials said they "are being taken care of."

Crackdown Planned On 'Chiselers'

WASHINGTON—The War Assets Administration announced today that it was ready to crack down on surplus property chiselers.

Spokesmen said the agency is tightening procedures and bolstering its enforcement staff to head off repetition of the "too many" irregular operations disclosed by recent investigations.

Officials said veterans who "front" for civilians—buying scarce surplus goods with high GI priorities, only to turn the goods over to others—constitute the biggest problem.

PLAN TOUGHEN SCREENING Joseph Carroll, compliance director, said the widespread veterans' racket will be combated principally through a tougher screening of GI applications to buy.

There is a general reluctance to prosecute veterans, he said. However, civilians who conspire with former servicemen to use their former certificates can expect to be hauled into court. Thirty civilians already have been arrested for bogus surplus deals, and twenty-six of these have been indicted.

Carroll, a former FBI agent, has set up enforcement offices at twenty-one key points over the country. Others will be opened rapidly.

NO VETERANS PROSECUTED Alleged "front" operations by veterans prompted 374 investigations, and a "majority" of these cases have gone to the justice department. However, no veteran has been arrested.

War assets last week halted sales of surplus aluminum pending a probe of purchases by 43 former GIs, allegedly for one aluminum concern. Officials said the veterans would not be prosecuted.

Veterans under the law get a priority in surplus purchases second only to the federal government. They bought thirty-five per cent of all surplus consumer goods sold in June.

War assets said that though a very small percentage of GIs were operating illegally, they are diverting "relatively large quantities" of material from veterans who want surplus property for legitimate use in their own businesses.

Other groups also are trying to chisel. Carroll's reports showed in one month 15 cases in which county or city governments, exercising their priority, bought cars ostensibly for resale to private citizens.

ALBANY—Governor Dewey today proclaimed Wednesday as Victory Day in New York State and asked the people to observe the first anniversary of the Japanese surrender.

Sets 'Victory Day'

ALBANY—The State Conservation Department will develop a beach on Lake George at a cost of \$500,000.

New Beach Planned

BINGHAMTON—Governor Dewey, determined on a united Republican party this fall, began a tour of politically important Southern Tier counties today.

The Governor, a certain candidate for re-election, indicated that his three-day trip would be the last of his "good-will" tours before the G.O.P. state convention meets at Saratoga Springs next month. It was his first appearance in this area since his election in 1942.

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GOP Ready For Primary Races In Two States

Republicans in Wisconsin and Vermont nominate senatorial candidates in tomorrow's primary elections with veteran Progressive Robert M. LaFollette running for renomination under the GOP banner for the first time.

LaFollette, who recently led his Progressive Party back into the Republican fold, is up for renomination to his fourth full term as a senator from Wisconsin. His principal opponent is a thirty-seven-year-old circuit judge and former Marine, Joseph R. McCarthy, who was endorsed by the state Republican convention by 2,328 votes against one vote for LaFollette.

Seeking nomination for a third term as Wisconsin governor is eighty-three-year-old Walter S. Goodland, the oldest state chief executive in the nation.

Vermont Republicans have a choice between Sterry R. Waterman, a lawyer, and Ralph E. Flanders, Vermont businessman, who are running for the senate seat vacated by Warren R. Austin. Austin resigned to become United States delegate to the United Nations Security Council.

Other primaries this week will be held in South Carolina and Delaware. South Carolina will vote tomorrow but Delaware Democrats will hold their election Saturday. Delaware Republicans will hold their state convention Wednesday.

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Dewey, it was said, is making personal contacts with party leaders.