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Coalitionists

Eight out of twelve N. C. Congressmen have voted consistently with the Republicans in Congress for the past five months. For the box score, and a few remarks on what it means, see the editorial, "What Makes A Coalitionist" on page 4-A.

TERRORISM SPREADS IN PALESTINE

Tornado Leaves Devastation In Border Region

Hal Boyle

Younger Swiss Lack Taste For Watches

By HAL BOYLE

GENEVA, Switzerland—(AP)—Old Paul Gilly has spent a lifetime [illegible] s to watches, but his son doesn't want to follow him.

MR. BOYLE

"He went into a bank," said Gilly as he paused at his work bench.

That situation is becoming commonplace in Swiss families. The sons see no magic in the lifelong hand-craftsmanship of their fathers. They want to work at trades or occupations which offer more excitement and require less patience. They don't know or want to share the parental joy and pride in creating slowly with hand and brain the precision instruments which have made the Swiss name famous.

That is why today Switzerland is having difficulty finding or training workers in her watch factories.

HANDWORK SYMBOL

Paul Gilly's father was a diamond cutter and he himself became a watchmaker's apprentice at the age of eighteen. That was 43 years ago. His graying goatee, his lined and sedate features make him symbolic of the generations of individualistic handworkers slowly giving way to the human automatons of mass industry.

Daily for eight hours he bends over delicate watch parts making fine adjustments. He works without squinting.

"I have glasses but I don't wear them," he said.

Near him works whitehaired Georges Chappatte, who for 36 years has been fitting tiny ruby jewels into timepieces to keep them true. They are so small that the untrained naked eye can hardly perceive the holes in them. Yet Chappatte, with swift, sure gestures of his pincers, slips them effortlessly into position. In a month he fits some 3,800 jewels into place.

"The work isn't monotonous if you like it," he said.

Skilled craftsmen like old Gilly and Chappatte earn about 600 francs a month—$150.

"In this time of high prices it is barely enough to keep us going," said Chappatte.

They work in the Patek Philippe factory, a century-old firm that enjoys a world name for handmade watches. It employs 150 men and women.

"We turn out only 500 to 600 watches a month now," said a factory official. "Once some American watch manufacturers visited us and they almost fainted of shock at the amount of hand labor we used."

SNOB TRADE ITEMS

The cost of such craftmanship makes the watches chiefly an item for the "snob trade," and the firm lists among its patrons King Farouk of Egypt and Leopold of Belgium. The late Gen. George S. Patton Jr. bought four timepieces. Ambassador Murphy and General McNarney are other recent American customers.

The watches cost from about $175 to $3,750 but the factory will also accept special orders.

"One American woman asked us for a watch that took five years to build," said the official. "It was our most complicated job. It had 800 pieces and 40 jewels. It cost her 45,000 francs, but I must say it was a fine watch and kept excellent time."

Touring American soldiers are more interested in machine made "Russky watches" that cost only ten bucks.

"They must have a big second hand, a black face, and radium dial," said one soldier. "They also gotta sound like a grandfather clock when you hold them to your ear.

"For a watch like that the Russkies in Berlin will pay us $100 any time. But if it don't tick like a hammer on an anvil they don't want any part of it."

Michigan And Ontario Areas Hit

13 Killed And Scores Injured

DETROIT — (AP) — A freakish June tornado, striking furiously Monday night into southern Michigan and adjacent southwestern Canada, left behind today a death toll of 13, several score injured and property damage running into thousands of dollars.

The dead were counted in rural sections surrounding nearby Windsor, where the storm hit hardest. Earlier reports of deaths on the American side were discounted. However, two deaths by drowning and electrocution were attributed indirectly to the tornado in the Detroit area.

The search through the debris began at the first streak of dawn, less than twelve hours after the twister roared across the Detroit River and into a sparsely settled rural area near Windsor.

At noon no additional bodies had been reported found in the wreckage of the twister. The search in the Windsor area continued. About 50 persons were reported still in hospitals on the Canadian side. In all, it was estimated the injured toll approximated 200, including those only slightly hurt.

River Rouge, Mich., a Detroit suburb and home of the huge Ford Motor Company Rouge plant, sustained the first shock of the tornado shortly after 6 P. M., but tiny Sandwich, Ont. bore the full fury of the blast.

Hundreds of persons were homeless as the wind toppled their homes like so many straws.

Business establishments were wrecked, autos tossed about like playthings and bodies of the victims were buffeted as the tornado reached its zenith.

The tornado, climaxing two days of violent rainstorms in the area, struck without warning.

Scores of residents of populous River Rouge were at their supper tables when it hit.

The Fisher low cost housing project was first to feel the fury of the tornado which leveled 10 of the 546 units and caused severe damage to others.

At least fifteen project residents were injured as the wind ripped buildings as if they were made of paper. Several small fires broke out, adding to the panic.

The tornado, which Weather Bureau officials said traveled more than 250 miles an hour, tore on through the business district of River Rouge, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake.

It then roomed across the Detroit River, the section of the

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AVC PLANS PEACE PRESSURE ON U.N.—Charles G. Bolte, chairman of the AVC, discusses with Franklin Roosevelt, Jr. (standing), a telegram he sent to a group of U. S. Senators recommending continuance of the OPA. The American Veterans Committee, which opened its first National Convention in Des Moines, Ia., on June 13, hopes to be part of a "pressure group" on the U.N. organization.

York Named Commander Of Legion

State Meeting Comes To End

By B. S. GRIFFITH
Charlotte News Staff Writer

WINSTON - SALEM—William M. York, Greensboro attorney, was elected North Carolina Dept. Commander of the American Legion today at the closing session of its annual convention here.

The election was made unanimous on motion of J. Wade Hendricks of Statesville, York's only opponent, after about ten minutes of balloting. Hendricks was trailing far behind at the time he made his proposal.

The motion was unanimously adopted and York then was escorted to the platform by Hendricks, who introduced him.

Other officers elected today include: The Rev. John S. McCready of Morganton, chaplain. Walter C. Benson of Charlotte, judge advocate; Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, historian; Claude Ramsey of Raleigh, national committeeman, and W. K. Stewart Jr. of Wilmington, alternate national committeeman.

At the morning session, the Legionnaires heard Col. Leonard H. Nason, author and combat veteran of both wars, assert that the Government's efforts in behalf of veterans were inadequate and that it was so to members of the Legion to change the attitude of the Government and the public toward this situation.

Col. Nason told the Legionnaires that "I have been in two wars and in combat in both of them, but I want to assure you that the worst part of military life in wartime is when the soldier becomes a civilian and has to get himself a job and find himself a home.

"The Government has taken a good many steps to protect the veteran's rights, but I think we will all agree that these steps are inadequate."

The speaker said he knew of many employers who were evading the law requiring that a veteran be given back his old job.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution that the Legion would give its full support to reorganization of the

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CANDY JONES TO MARRY THE BOSS—Candy Jones (above), New York model and actress, has announced that she will become the bride of her boss, Harry Conover, July 4. Candy, whose real name is Jessica Wilcox, comes from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. For the last five years she has worked for the model agency headed by Conover. (AP Wirephoto).

Four Britons Kidnaped As Holy Land's Strife Rises

Toll Raised To Eighteen Deaths

JERUSALEM — (AP) — A reliable informant said four British officers were kidnaped today from an officers club at Tel Aviv by a dozen Jewish extremists armed with tommyguns.

The new outbreak of terrorism spreading throughout Palestine came after a wild night in Haifa when nine Jews were killed in a pitched battle after they attacked the central railroad shops. The deaths during gunfire and fifteen explosions at the railway yards raised the toll in recent days to eighteen deaths.

The informant reporting the kidnaping at Tel Aviv said the bandits were believed to be members of the Jewish extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi. The British officers were believed seized as hostages against the imprisoning of ten of two Irgun members, sentenced to death last week for participating in a raid last March on a British Army camp.

HOTEL RAIDED

The dozen terrorists raided the Hotel Yarkon, which has been a leading officers club in Tel Aviv for several years. Their victims were blindfolded and forced into taxicabs, the informant said.

(The British War Office in London expressed surprise when informed of the reported kidnapping, asserting that "this is the first we have heard of it."

(Reuters reported from Tel Aviv that the British Sixth Airborne Division was scouring the city for the kidnapers and their victims, reported to be fliers.

(The agency said two British soldiers were seriously wounded in Jerusalem when a attackers fired from a passing taxicab.)

The underground Jewish radio said at the week-end some countermeasure would be taken against the death sentences imposed on the Irgun members by a military court in Jerusalem.

While the battle of the Haifa rail yards proceeded last night, two unsuccessful attempts were made to bomb trains and halt them.

Palestine police said the engineer of a train between Haifa and Lydda ignored a red flag waved on the tracks two miles north of Lydda. Shots rattled around the cars but no casualties were sustained.

MINE EXPLODES

Other reports said a land mine exploded near Khanyunis, between Gaza and the Egyptian border frontier in the south, just after an oil train passed. Reports said the rails were repaired and service on the Lydda-Kantara main line to Egypt was not interrupted.

Latest advices from Haifa said the railway shops and a powerhouse were destroyed last night. A locomotive was ruined. Police continued to cordon off the area of the battle.

Thousands of Jews marched through the streets of Jerusalem this afternoon during the funeral of Yehiel Weitz, who was killed during one of yesterday's acts of sabotage north of Haifa. All of the city's shops, coffee houses and offices were closed during the rites at the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives.

OPA Legislation

Butter And Pork Controls Talked

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Retention of price controls on butter and pork was advanced tentatively today as an initial bargaining point when the joint Congressional Committee gets down to work on battered OPA legislation.

With the deadline for a decision on the agency's future just thirteen days away, there appeared little likelihood, however, of any drastic modification of Congressional intent to curb OPA's wartime authority.

TO CALL COMMITTEE

Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky planned to call the Conference Committee together tomorrow or Thursday to begin the task of blending the House and Senate bills—both of which would extend OPA's life but, in different terms, eliminate most of its controls.

In advance of that session one influential legislator canvassed Republican reaction to the pork-butter concession. Retention of the pork controls would be aimed at discouraging use of livestock feed for fattening pigs.

Under this proposal, controls still would be eliminated July 1 on beef and lamb, poultry and eggs, and on all dairy products except butter, which is in short supply throughout most of the world.

Meanwhile, OPA supporters expressed some cautious optimism that the Conference Committee would okay other modifications to give the Administration considerable lattitude in retaining control over non-agricultural commodities.

This may depend in part upon whether the Conference Committee accepts the House or the Senate plan. The House put into the extension measure a provision for a cost plus and "reasonable" profit. The Senate set up a formula prohibiting OPA from fixing ceilings at the manufacturers' level below prewar prices plus increased costs. The House provision generally is regarded as the more flexible.

As the committee studied technical aspects of the bill, members of Congress generally speculated upon what sort of a reaction it would receive at the White House. Some lawmakers expressed belief privately that President Truman would allow the extension to become law without his signature, but issue a sharp protest blaming Congress for any resultant inflation.

Several Senators reported a sharp increase in mail on OPA since the Senate passed the bill, with Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, claiming it was "overwhelmingly" in opposition to removal of price controls.

"The public is outraged about the whole thing," he said.

British Soap Rations Cut

LONDON—(AP)—British soap rations were cut 18 per cent today by the Ministry of Food, which blamed a shortage of fats and oils. Under the new allotment, each Briton will be allowed to buy six toilet or laundry bars or eighteen ounces of soap flakes during eight week periods.

Draft Snarl Continues

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Lawmakers caught in the teen-age draft snarl looked today to a colleague en route to the atomic bomb tests for a way out of the tangle.

He is Representative Walter G. Andrews, Republican, New York, a member of the deadlocked Senate-House Conference Committee assigned the task of writing a compromise bill to keep selective service alive after July 1.

Andrews was reported somewhere in the Pacific yesterday when the conferees failed for a second time to reach agreement. At issue was whether and how to draft eighteen and nineteen-year-olds, now exempt from induction under the expiring stop-gap extension act.

PROXY VOTE

Members said Andrews left behind a proxy vote calling for restoring these two age brackets to the draft rolls without restrictions.

But yesterday's voting behind closed doors was on two alternate proposals.

1. House members of the committee offered to provide for the induction of nineteen-year-olds and exempt those eighteen. But the Senators rejected this, 4 to 3.

2. By the same vote, the House members rejected a Senate suggestion to limit any draft of eighteen-year-olds by a series of conditions. This is the vote Andrews could change by revising his proxy.

Promotion Of Clark Backed

WASHINGTON— (AP) —The Senate Military Committee recommended today that Gen. Mark Clark be promoted to the permanent rank of major general despite objections from some men who fought under him.

A group of Texas war veterans had contended that lives of their comrades were wasted in the Clark-directed battle of the Rapido River in Italy.

Chairman Elbert Thomas, Democrat, Utah, of the Military Committee said the action was taken after two hours of closed door discussion.

"Without getting into the merits of the Rapido River crossing it was the opinion of this committee that Gen. Clark was worthy of promotion," Thomas told reporters. "He has a very fine record.

Paris Compromise

Turn To Italian Reparations Issue

PARIS—(AP)—A compromise between Russia and the Western powers on the question of Italian reparations appeared in the making today as the Big Four Foreign Ministers turned their attention to the sum which Italy must pay for joining with the Nazis in waging war.

A more lenient Russian attitude toward Italy, apparent in yesterday's discussions of minor economic phases of the Italian peace treaty, gave rise to hopes that the reparations issue might be settled.

Reparations, along with the future of the port of Trieste and the disposition of Italian colonies, were a principal stumbling block which prevented the Ministers from reaching any major agreements at their meeting here last month.

American informants quoted Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov as saying during the discussion yesterday that he wanted to make the burden on the Italian people as light as possible.

CEILING URGED

At another phase in the debate, Molotov sought to place a ceiling on the total damages Italy might be required to pay to Allied nationals for the loss of their property within Italy.

Sources close to U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes speculated on whether the Western powers might relax some of their objections to Russia's separatism proposals in return for Soviet compl

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U. S. Aloof On British Plan

NEW YORK —(AP)— Herschel V. Johnson, acting United States delegate, told the United Nations Security Council today he would abstain from voting on a British proposal to send the Spanish case to the General Assembly without recommendations.

Johnson said that he would have been able to support the British proposal if it had been put forward before the United States committed itself by offering a compromise plan for disposing of the case in the Council.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate, yesterday proposed that the report of a subcommittee which investigated Spain and recommended a break in relations with Spain be sent to the Assembly without the recommendations.

Tire Boost Authorized

WASHINGTON —(AP)—OPA today authorized an immediate increase of 3.3 per cent in retail ceiling prices for passenger car tires.

The same percentage increase granted to offset producers' higher wage and materials costs, also was granted to manufacturers and wholesalers. It also applies to motorcycle tires.

The new retail ceiling for the popular size 6.00-16 4-ply passenger tire, which OPA said represents 70 per cent of all passenger tire sales, is $10.70 on a nation-wide basis. This is an increase of 30 cents.

The higher prices apply only to tires sold for replacement purposes. Last week OPA granted manufacturers an increase on tires for new cars, but auto makers were not permitted to pass this on to the public in higher prices for new cars.

Under today's order manufac-

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Food Supply Picture

Americans To Eat Less In Next 12 Months Than In Past Year

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Americans are in for a slimmer diet during the next twelve months compared with amounts they ate in the past year.

This advance picture of the nation's food supply was provided today by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson in a report which said nevertheless, that "on an over-all basis, civilian per capita consumption is expected to continue at a high level, considerably above pre-war."

Taking into account present production prospects and military and foreign demands, Anderson said there will be less meats, poultry and eggs, wheat products, dried fruits and dry peas, but more canned fruits and juices and more canned vegetables and vegetable juices. The supply of food fats and oils—now far short of demand—is expected to be about the same.

The Secretary looked only six months ahead in forecasting supplies of dairy products. He predicted a very short supply of butter, and about the same amounts of cheese, canned milk and dried milk as were available in the same period last year.

BUTTER SHORTAGE

He said butter supplies may drop to a monthly average of 60,000,000 pounds by October—a figure which officials said would be less than half the demand.

The per capita meat supply is expected to drop to between 135 and 140 pounds for the next twelve months, compared with an estimated 145 to 150 pounds in the current twelve-month period. The Secretary said meat production is expected to decline at least 9 per cent because of the short feed grain supply.

Looking beyond the coming Winter, Anderson said this year's corn crop will greatly influence future meat production. Corn is the major livestock feed grain.

Anderson said his preview of the food supply situation was prepared as the basis for discussion at a conference of state and Federal agriculture department officials in Chicago this week to plan Government buying programs for military and export needs.

Anderson said the Government will buy smaller quantities of virtually all classes of food except rice. A "substantial portion" of the domestic rice crop will be exported to meet acute shortages abroad. Government meat buying, he added, will be slightly less than one-half the amount purchased in the 1945-46 year.

Anderson said his estimate of the situation is subject to change as "more definite production estimates become available and as changes may be made in the price structure." Changes in prices, resulting from elimination of price controls or changes in ceilings on specific commodities, might alter production prospects of some items, officials said.

Busses Ambushed In Kentucky

PAINTSVILLE, Ky.—(AP)—Two busses of the Conley Line, struck since April 18, were ambushed today from a woods along the Paintsville-Logan, W. Va., route at Buffalo, three miles east of here.

Sheriff Wiley Hall could not be reached for comment, but a spokesman at his office said eight bullets struck a bus en route to Paintsville, and three bullet holes were counted in a bus which passed the point en route to Logan a short time later.

A spokesman at the company's office here said that no one was injured.

Fantastic Weapon

Jet Of Molten Metal May Offer Defense Against Atomic Rockets

By RUTH COWAN

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Army lifted the edge of a blueprint briefly today to disclose a fantastic weapon that may develop into a defense against atomic rockets or armored space ships laden with A-bombs.

It is a jet of molten metal which has an initial velocity of almost five miles a second.

Although still in the research and planning stages, the possibility of the horrendous new weapon has experts in the Army Ordnance department enthusiastic. They concede that adapting it to a robot anti-atomic sky defense is going to require a bit of doing, however.

The first hint of the molten jet was dropped in a dully worded War Department announcement (with Einstein-ish overtones) which reported that postwar research of the ordnance arm is gradually outmoding many standard weapons used in the world war of a year ago.

Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, Chief of Ordnance, is of the opinion the high explosive bullets and projectiles that fighter pilots pumped into enemy aircraft probably will be replaced in a few years by the new high speed metallic jet, traveling at an initial velocity of 25,000 feet a second.

This molten metallic jet—comparable in a way to what jumps out of a tooth paste tube when squeezed, a patient Ordnance spokesman explained—would travel at such a high speed that it couldn't be deflected. That is, it would go right through the armor plate of a plane flying at atomic bomb. Or it could punch an atomic rocket right on the nose.

If the jet travels at 25,000 feet a second—and that speed is known to be possible—its spurting flash of molten metal could catch up with a V-2, for it travels at only 5,000 feet a second. A bullet lags at 3,000 feet a second. Sound drags along at 1120 feet a second.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Widely scattered thundershowers this afternoon.

Temperature at 3:30 today	**86**
High and low last 24 hours	**86-72**
Sunset today	**8:31**
Sunrise tomorrow	**5:46**