

Weather Forecast

Fair tonight and tomorrow; slightly colder, lowest about 26 tonight; warmer tomorrow and Sunday. Temperatures today—Highest, 37, at 2 p.m.; lowest, 30, at 8 a.m.
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Finns Begin Withdrawing to New Frontier

Reds Mark Time on 226-Mile Front; Civilians Flee

SCANDINAVIA GIVEN aid promise two months ago, says London paper; Chamberlain expected to reveal assurance of help if Finn aid spread war.

NORWAY'S PARLIAMENT head arrives in Stockholm; first definite step toward alliance seen in visit.

BRITAIN BATTLING German-Russian-Italian bloc; three new measures utilized to thwart attacks on trade.

By the Associated Press.

HELSINKI, March 15.—The Finnish Army slogged through the snows today in funeral retreat, beginning its withdrawal from the fronts it so stubbornly defended in three and one-half months of war, but which now are ceded to Soviet Russia.

Ahead of the soldiers there hurried 100,000 dispossessed civilians. They traveled by automobile, wagon and train or on foot, herding their livestock before them and carrying bundles that were the salvage of personal property.

These 100,000 bring to about 460,000 the number who must find new homes. A half million persons already are refugees, but 140,000 of them are from battered territories which Finland retains and to which they will be able to return.

While the Red Army held its positions, marking time until Finnish troops have fallen back the required 7 kilometers (about 4 1/2 miles) in one day, the Finnish withdrawal started at 10 a.m. along a zigzag 226-mile front in the southeast, extending from the Virolahti archipelago on the Gulf of Finland to the Russian frontier northeast of Lake Ladoga.

These daily marches, on a schedule provided in connection with Tuesday's peace treaty, will continue until the newly narrowed Finnish frontiers are crossed.

The entire Karelian Isthmus and the area northeast of Lake Ladoga must be cleared by March 22. Withdrawal from other ceded areas north of Lieksa and in Eastern Finland will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The garrison from Taipale, eastern end of the Mannerheim Line, will have the longest march—about 100 kilometers (62 miles).

Vipuri to Be Turned Over.

The hollow shell of Vipuri, once the metropolis of the Karelian Isthmus, will be one of the first places to be occupied by the Russians, for they already are in its outskirts and may move up tonight as soon as the Finns have put 7 kilometers between them and the city.

(The Russian command had reported Vipuri was occupied five hours before hostilities ended at 11 a.m. March 13.)

Juho Kivisto, assistant minister of agriculture in charge of moving the homeless civilians, said they were not required to leave the ceded territories, but that practically all of them were leaving. About 2,000 persons are remaining, however, at Hanko, leased to Russia for a naval base.

The Karelian Isthmus, turned over to the army during the war, already was almost empty of civilians. Most of those now on the move are from north of Lake Ladoga.

Government Paying Cost.

The Finnish government is paying the cost of moving and resettlement and will try to keep together friends and neighbors in new homes, Kivisto said.

Nevertheless, "very grave social problems" are involved, he pointed out, for the shock of moving families from ancestral homes is a serious one.

Some of the farming population will be placed in Western Finland near Vaasa. Karelian Isthmus fishermen will be given homes on the Gulf of Bothnia, so they can continue their vocations.

All available trucks, automobiles and railway cars are being used to hasten the removals. The government refused to let newspapermen visit the frontiers for the present, pleading the need of every vehicle.

Vipuri Mass Meetings

Held by Red Soldiers

MOSCOW, March 15 (AP)—Mass meetings of Russian soldiers to "hail the Red Army's exploits and the peace policy of the Soviet Union" were held on street corners of ruined, burning Vipuri immediately after its occupation, Russian correspondents reported today.

"Vipuri was unforgettable during the hours of the occupation," wrote the correspondent of Red Star, the army organ, who marched with the columns which seized the city as fighting ended Wednesday.

"Side by side are raging flames and tall buildings still untouched by fire emerging from the cream-colored smoke."

"Our troops enter the city, preceded by sappers clearing the way. The Red Army columns pass the charred ruins of houses in the suburbs with the Red banner already floating above them. Gradually Red flags waving in the wind, are raised on more and more housetops."

"Our troops, growing in numbers, gather in mass meetings on the street corners."

Russians Withdrawing

In Petsamo Area

LONDON, March 15 (AP)—British dispatches from Stockholm last night said the 12,000 Russian troops in the Far North Petsamo area had begun their withdrawal from Finnish territory.

Finnish troops and foreign volunteers stationed in that sector were holding their positions.

Teacher Shot At By Boy Because Sister Flunked

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A 13-year-old schoolboy today faced charges of firing a gun at a Brooklyn public school teacher, Miss Marie Schretzmeier, because "she didn't promote my sister."

As police described it, the boy, Vito Gambino, climbed to the roof of his home and took aim at the teacher, who was seated in the second floor bedroom of the house where she lives, across the street.

A bullet from a revolver shattered a window and lodged in the wall, after narrowly missing the teacher's mother.

Vito, shaking and sobbing, told police his sister, Marie, wasn't promoted last January, but stayed behind in Miss Schretzmeier's 5-B class. Vito is in Class 6-B.

He was sent to the observation ward at Bellevue Hospital.

Senate Is Asked To Advocate Ending Relations With Russia

Direct Cash Loan to Finns, With No Strings Tied to It, Also Urged

Senator Clark, Democrat, of Idaho today demanded that this country sever diplomatic relations with Russia, following the Soviet government's victory over Finland.

At the same time Senator Brown, Democrat, of Michigan offered a bill to let the Export-Import Bank make its proposed financial aid to Finland in the form of a direct cash loan without restrictions.

Under past policy, the bank's funds have been available only to purchase supplies in this country. "Now that Finland is at peace," Senator Brown said, "I see no reason why we should not permit the bank to make a cash loan, without any strings, that the Finns can use in rebuilding their bombed cities. I am not so much interested in the question of permitting them to purchase military supplies here, but I see no reason why they should not do so if they wish to build up their defenses against possible future aggression."

Senate Resolution Asked.

Senator Clark offered a resolution asking the Senate to go on record as urging the President to recall the American Ambassador to Russia. The Idaho Senator charged that the Soviet Union has "flagrantly and almost admittedly" violated the promise on which recognition was based in 1933 not to interfere in the internal affairs of the United States.

Declaring that Finland was forced into a tragic peace that destroys any remnant of international honor in Europe, he added: "Finland chose peace rather than admit suicide like Poland."

He said he was glad the Finnish government acted to spare the lives of thousands of its people "rather than go forward as a bloody pawn on the chessboard of Europe."

He said Finland despaired of waiting for aid that never came.

Senator Clark said he realized he was proposing a serious step but predicted it would be for the ultimate good of the entire world.

Earlier, Chairman Pittman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he was considering asking Congress to vote \$10,000,000 for Finnish relief. The money would be spent through the Red Cross not only for amelioration of suffering but for reconstruction work.

He said he proposed might be linked with a bill by Senator Maloney, Democrat, of Connecticut, to make \$10,000,000 available for the relief of sufferers in Poland. Senator Pittman predicted that the

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Allies Halt U. S. Warplane Purchasing Negotiations

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Negotiations by the French and British for the purchase of additional thousands of American warplanes suddenly were suspended today.

The move was believed to be connected with the forthcoming congressional inquiry into the sale of airplanes to European belligerents.

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Hatch Bill Foes Lose Last Effort By 52-31 Vote

Recommittal Beaten; Passage of Bill May Come Today

By J. A. O'LEARY.

The opposition lost its final effort to stave off passage of the new Hatch bill, when the Senate this afternoon beat a motion to send it back to committee, 52 to 31.

The recommittal, which Senator Hatch, Democrat, of New Mexico charged would mean the death of the measure, was proposed by Senator Lucas, Democrat, of Illinois. Its failure to carry encouraged leaders to expect passage of the bill this afternoon, ending a hard-fought two-week battle that split Democratic ranks.

Senator Tydings, Democrat, of Maryland, a supporter of the bill, sought to bring about a compromise recommittal by offering substitute under which the committee would be required to rewrite the bill and report it back on March 25 and the Senate resume its consideration either the next day or as soon thereafter as possible.

Withdraws Plan, However.

Finding himself confronted by points of order and the opposition of Senator George, chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, Senator Tydings withdrew his proposal and announced he would oppose the Lucas flat recommittal.

Before withdrawing Senator Tydings predicted that if the bill passes the Senate in its present form it will never become law unless Congress plans to stay the year.

The three-man civilian board, headed by Chairman J. V. Morgan, returned its verdict at the District Building after an hour's deliberation this morning. The board's findings and recommendations were sent to Police Supt. Ernest W. Brown.

Trial Board proceedings were instituted against the two officers after Senator Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina held up the confirmation of the reappointment of Commissioner Hazen because, he said, he wanted an answer as to why the Commissioner had failed to report to the superintendent of the law violations of which they allegedly had knowledge.

The two officers, both former detective sergeants, were demoted and assigned to precincts as uniformed policemen last November. As a result of Senator Byrnes' interest in the Brodie case, a hearing before the trial board was ordered for both officers.

Maj. Brown declined to comment on the board's verdict until he has received a full report of the findings. The officers were found guilty of accepting a bribe for protection of an alleged gambling establishment in the 900 block of G street N.W. from Carl T. Updyke, an admitted gambler, who some time ago pleaded guilty in District Court to violations of the gambling law.

The officers were found not guilty, however, of a charge of willful failure to report to the superintendent of vital information on which they allegedly had knowledge.

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Seven Die, Eight Hurt In Apartment Fire At Charlotte

Two Killed in Leaps From Structure; Loss \$100,000

By the Associated Press.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 15.—Seven persons, including four women and a child, were killed and eight others injured, several critically, in an early morning fire which spread rapidly through a section of the 86-unit Guthery Apartments here today.

The dead: Mrs. Hazelle E. Martin, Charlotte, manager of a gift shop. Miss Rowena Sharpe Dickinson, 26, of Wilson.

Mrs. H. Russell Eley, 32, department store employee and a native of Norfolk, Va.

H. Russell Eley, clerk with the Standard Oil Co., and husband of Mrs. Eley.

Miss Lucy Walton, 43, Charlotte, private nurse.

Tommy Charity, 15, Charlotte, son of Mrs. Winifred Charity, a hairdresser.

Edward Martin, 21, Charlotte, business college student and son of Mrs. Hazelle Martin.

Two of the dead were injured fatally in jumps from the blazing building.

Girl Seriously Injured.

The most seriously injured was Miss Mabel Rockett, 19, who was not identified for several hours.

The other injured persons, taken to three different hospitals, were identified by attaches as follows:

Miss Aubrey Charity, an employee of an engraving company.

Mrs. Ruby Fleming, secretary of the local branch of Sears-Roebuck & Co.

Miss Margaret L. Parnell, a bookkeeper.

Miss Lydia Pittman, a stenographer.

W. P. Pittman, a fireman.

Adolph Consolans, 23.

Trapped on Upper Floors.

Firemen, who reached the scene shortly before 2 o'clock, found the block-long, three-story brick and stone structure a blazing inferno, with many persons, clad in their night clothes, trapped on the upper two floors.

Screams rent the chill, damp morning air as the upper-story residents, choked by clouds of smoke, leaped to the cement alleyways on the sides of buildings. Ambulances sped the dying and injured to hospitals as 100 firemen fought the conflagration.

The fire apparently started in the basement. Fire Chief Hendrick Palmer said, however, he was at a loss to explain how the blaze spread so quickly. When the first alarm came in, the entire half of the big building was in flames.

Firemen rescued a number of trapped persons with ladders. Many of the occupants of the building said they were first awakened by screams and the wall of countless sirens, to find their rooms filled with smoke and flames.

The Guthery, situated on Tryon street, one of the city's two principal thoroughfares, is only about a block from the business section.



Policemen Brodie and Murray Found Guilty of Bribery

Convicted by Trial Board of Shielding Gambler; Ouster Recommended

A special trial board today found Policemen Hubert L. (Steve) Brodie and Lee (Nix) Murray guilty of charges of bribery and recommended their dismissal from the force.

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President Criticizes Senator for Advising Census Law Violations

Income Questions Are Defended as Vital for Getting Jobs Data

By JOHN C. HENRY.

Speaking critically of the example of a United States Senator advising the American people to violate a law of the land, President Roosevelt today defended the income questions of the forthcoming decennial population census as essential for the compilation of vital information on low-income workers of the country.

The President's views, handed to the press by his secretary, Stephen T. Early, after the Chief Executive's physician ordered him to cancel all engagements in treating a cold, follow a modification of the census plans announced last night by Secretary of Commerce Hopkins.

By Mr. Hopkins' action, persons questioned are now to have the option of including assigned answers to the income questions in sealed envelopes to be handed the census enumerators.

With the count to start April 12, Senate Majority Leader Barkley indicated today that the relaxations promulgated by Secretary Hopkins add further weight to the distinction of the Senate to act on the resolution sponsored by Senator Tobey, Republican, of New Hampshire, expressing Senate disapproval of the income questions.

Information Is Vital.

In his defense of the present census form, President Roosevelt said the controverted questions had been requested and endorsed by a wide range of organizations and business leaders. Actually, he said, they will develop the comparable basic statistics on low-income groups that are now available for the higher brackets from Federal income tax returns.

"This information, he continued, is vital as a guide to mass buying power and as a measure of full employment."

In elaborating on the latter point, the President's statement declared that millions of part-time and piece workers have only one common denominator for their degree of employment—namely, the amount of wages received intermittently.

Tobey Rapped by Implication.

Although Senator Tobey's name was not used by Mr. Early, the secretary said the President had remarked on the fact that, for the first time in his knowledge, a United States Senator was openly advising American people to violate the law.

(Senator Tobey has advised against answering the income questions.)

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Randolph Indorses D. C. Sales Tax Plan; Battle Lines Drawn

Bates and Dirksen Map Fight Against Proposed Levy

As lines were drawn for a battle in the House District Committee over a new District revenue program, Chairman Randolph today reiterated his belief that a sales tax appeared to be a "most logical" source of revenue, in view of the District's difficulties in applying an income levy.

Mr. Randolph made tentative plans today for his committee to give consideration Monday to the program approved yesterday by a majority of the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee, which calls for a 2 per cent sales levy combined with a graduated income tax, which would be applied only to earned incomes in excess of \$10,000, with an exemption of \$500 for unearned incomes.

Representatives Bates and Dirksen of Massachusetts and Illinois, Republican members of the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee, prepared to fight against adoption of any District sales tax.

No Price Exemption Level.

In this connection opponents of a sales tax made special note that the plan approved by the Nichols subcommittee does not provide for any price exemption level for the sales tax, whereas proposals of its year call for exemption of articles selling for either 25 cents, in one plan, or 13 cents, in another.

Because of a misunderstanding, the proposed tax bill was not introduced yesterday, and, since the House was not in session today and will not be tomorrow, further action was postponed until next week. The subcommittee was scheduled to have met this morning in executive session to report the bill formally to the full House District Committee.

This meeting was canceled, however, for this reason.

Mr. Nichols today was attending a meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at the Mayflower Hotel.

Chairman Randolph said the District committee would consider the new District tax plan at 10:30 a.m. Monday, unless some member objected and insisted on waiting until the bill had been introduced.

"Because of the acuteness of the tax problem of the District," Mr. Randolph said, "I do not anticipate any objection, but if there is we can meet Tuesday or some later day."

Called Most Logical Program.

"I am not opposed to the income tax per se," he continued. "In fact, I regard it as a splendid revenue form, but it always has been an advocate of the sales tax for the District because of its peculiar conditions and the difficulties of applying the usual form of an income tax here. Perhaps for these reasons a combination of a sales tax with an income levy on the higher brackets would, therefore, be the most logical program for the District."

Mr. Randolph, however, said he would not want to commit himself finally on the Nichols plan until he

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15,000 Finns Felt to Save Civilization, Says Tanner

By the Associated Press.

HELSINKI, March 15 (via radio).—Vaino Tanner, Finnish foreign minister, declared today that the more than 15,000 Finns who fell in the war with Russia died "in the defense of Russian civilization."

"And their sacrifice was not for Finland alone," he declared.

Tanner, in an N. B. C. broadcast to the United States thanking Americans for their help, said:

"The war has destroyed property worth hundreds of millions of dollars, and although we lose much by the peace terms, we lose more in human values."

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Pine Is Nominated For Bench, Curran As U. S. Attorney

Names of Appointees Sent to Senate For Approval

By J. RUSSELL YOUNG.

President Roosevelt today appointed David A. Pine, now United States attorney for the District, to be associate justice of District Court.

At the same time, the President appointed Judge Edward M. Curran of Police Court to succeed Mr. Pine as United States attorney.

These two nominations were sent to the Senate for confirmation.

Mr. Pine will fill the vacancy caused some months ago by the death of Associate Justice Joseph M. Cox.

His selection came as no great surprise, as he had the indorsement of the Bar Association, as well as many individual lawyers and others prominent in the District.

The selection of Judge Curran as District attorney, however, did come as a surprise. It was known to only a few that he was being considered.

Follows Many Conferences.

After Justice Cox's death, more than a score of names were presented for consideration in the selection of a successor. It was not until late yesterday that it was learned that the final decision in the matter of a selection was being reached.

Attorney General Jackson has conferred with the President several times in the last 10 days and it is understood that it was upon the Attorney General's recommendation that the President nominated Mr. Pine.

Among individuals who had personally urged Mr. Pine's appointment was Chairman King of the Senate District Committee, who was insistent that the President appoint a local man to this District Court.

Pine Expresses Thanks.

Asked by newspapermen to comment on his designation as a new justice of District Court, Mr. Pine said:

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