

Weather Forecast

Sunny, highest about 38 today. Clear and colder tonight; lowest about 25 in city, 18 in suburbs. Tomorrow sunny, not quite so cold. (Full report on page A-2.)

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## Congress Cool to Truman's Plan To Pledge 4-Year Aid to Europe; Marshall Calls Help Key to Peace

### Annual Study of Nations' Needs Wins Support

(Partial text of President's Message on Page A-9.)

Sharp attacks from both Republican and Democratic ranks today forecast rough going for the four-year, \$17,000,000,000 Marshall plan when Congress comes back to work January 6.

Republican leaders, including Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, apparently were lining up behind a proposal by Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio that any formal pledge of European aid be limited to one year.

Senator Taft wants Congress to review the program annually and decide whether it should be continued. This found favor with at least one Democrat, Senator Johnson of Colorado, who told a reporter:

"I am opposed to this Congress committing future Congresses. I doubt very much that we have enough surplus food supplies to permit us safely to export more than half of the amount the President requested during the next 15 months."

Program Would Begin April 1.

President Truman, in a special message yesterday, asked for a \$6,800,000,000 outlay in the 15 months beginning April 1, when stopgap relief for France, Italy and Austria will end. He asked a total authorization of \$17,000,000,000, including the \$6,800,000,000 appropriation, to aid 16 Western European nations through June, 1952.

Congress provided \$522,000,000 to send food, fuel and fertilizer to France and Austria in legislation approved just before the end of the special session last night.

Approval of this measure, generally accepted as the forerunner of the Marshall plan, indicated that eventually the lawmakers will agree to furnish some form of economic aid to the 16 non-Communist nations.

Moscow Radio Ignores Message.

The Moscow radio ignored both the President's message and Secretary of State Marshall's report on the collapse of the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

The morning Moscow broadcast contained itself with dwelling on various factors of what it called "American imperialism" in Greece, Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Britain and in the Foreign Ministers' meeting.

The British press generally commented favorably on the President's statement, but Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express devoted nearly a column to explaining why it thought "Britain should not become a beneficiary" of the Marshall plan.

The Express voiced the opinion that Britain could work her way out of her present difficulties, and cited as another argument that "the plan is presented to Congress as an anti-Communist device."

Reaction Divided.

In general, European reaction was divided along the hard-line lines of East-West ideological differences.

A British Foreign Office spokesman volunteered "a word of welcome" for Mr. Truman's presentation of the European recovery program and its conditions, terming the program "a tremendous event in the history of postwar Europe."

He said the conditions "appear, for the most part, to be those agreed upon" at the Paris Conference.

In Germany, newspapers licensed by the western powers hailed the inclusion of western Germany in the plan as a step toward recovery and peace.

The Soviet-controlled press in Germany continued to attack the Marshall plan as a measure of "enslavement of Western Europe by Wall Street."

Most of the Italian non-Communist press, in a conservative independent newspaper, said it would enable Europe "to escape hunger and tyranny."

Possibility of Retreat.

There was some indication here that the administration might be willing to retreat from the President's request for approval of a plan covering the full four years.

### Russia Wants Relief Program To Fail, Secretary Tells Nation

Declares Molotov Used Big Four Meeting In London as 'Chance for Propaganda'

(Text of Marshall Speech on Page A-5.)

By Garnett D. Horner

Secretary of State Marshall sees no hope for lasting peace in Europe until the Western European nations are rehabilitated.

He made this clear in a radio report to the Nation last night on Russian "frustration" of efforts to speed German and Austrian peace settlements at the London Conference of Big Four Foreign Ministers.

The Soviet government really did not want to reach any agreement because of hope that the European Recovery Program would fail and leave a political vacuum in Western Europe, Gen. Marshall said in effect.

Another "very strong reason" for failure to agree at London, he declared, was Russian determination to keep a "stranglehold" on Eastern Germany which "makes that region

little more than a dependent province of the Soviet Union."

The London conference adjourned Monday after what Gen. Marshall described as "interminable discussions" that were "but a dreary repetition" of what had been said previously on the German and Austrian issues. He admitted the "greatest disappointment."

Accusing Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov of using the meeting "as an opportunity for propaganda declarations," Gen. Marshall said:

"It finally became clear that we could make no progress at this time that there was no apparent will to reach a settlement but only an interest in making more and more speeches intended for another audience."

He pointed out that Europe was largely shattered in the war. One result was the creation of "a political vacuum." Until this vacuum has been filled, he said, there can be no lasting peace.

(See MARSHALL, Page A-3.)

### 21 German Diplomats And High Nazi Officials Face Nuernberg Court

Baron Weizsaecker Seeks D. C. Attorney's Services In Conducting Defense

By the Associated Press

NUERNBERG, Germany, Dec. 20.—Twenty-one former German diplomats and high-ranking officials in the Nazi government pleaded innocent today to charges that they committed crimes against peace and humanity.

The defendants, arraigned before an American military tribunal headed by Judge William C. Christianon of Red Wing, Minn., were accused of various crimes, including economic, political, psychological, and propaganda support behind Adolf Hitler's efforts to wage aggressive war.

The chief defendant, Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, former secretary of state in the German Foreign Office and German ambassador to the Vatican at the end of the war, asked for the services of an American attorney, Warren E. Magee of Washington, in conducting his defense.

Represented May in Trial.

Mr. Magee recently represented former Representative Andrew J. May, Kentucky Democrat, in his conspiracy trial in District Court in Washington. He is head of the firm of Magee, Beedy & McGovern in Washington.

Mr. Magee is in Zurich, Switzerland, having gone to Europe to participate in the case, his Washington office said today.

Another American tribunal, hearing the war crimes cases, rejected the Krupp armaments works, rejected the plan of the seven Arab states, Alfred Krupp, that he be given the right to have an American attorney. The ruling opened the way for a challenge of the tribunal's legality.

Weizsaecker claimed, as did Krupp, that he was "essential" to his proper defense and fair trial, to be represented by both American and German counsel because the tribunal and the prosecution were American and the constitution and procedure of the tribunal invoked both international and American law.

The motion laid heavy stress on an American constitutional guarantee that every accused has the right to counsel of his own choice.

The prosecution maintained in its answer to the Krupp appeal that the tribunal was an international court, and thus outside the scope of American courts.

The tribunal, whose other members are Robert F. Maguire of Portland, Oreg., and Leo W. Powers of Denison, Iowa, made no immediate ruling on Weizsaecker's motion.

Trial Opens January.

The trial, which may be the last of big war crimes cases prosecuted by American officials here, was set down to begin January 6.

Among the more prominent defendants, in addition to Weizsaecker, are:

Wilhelm Keppeler, Hitler's economic adviser from 1932 on.

Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, chief of the Nazi Party's propaganda department.

(See NUERNBERG, Page A-3.)

What the Russians Are Saying of Us

The Moscow radio, broadcasting to the Soviet Union, said:

"The wave of American tourists has transferred from Greece to Turkey to Iran. Trans-Atlantic business, sleuths and corrupt journalists, singly and in parties, make interesting journeys through this country."

### Jews Attack Village For 3 Hours in New Palestine Outbreaks

British Soldier Killed In Flurry Between Jaffa and Tel Aviv

By the Associated Press

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20.—A "large party of Jews" in battle dress and khaki attacked the village of Qazaza, near Rehovot, early today, an official announcement said, killing one Arab and wounding another in a three-hour assault.

An Arab boy was killed and several others injured when they set off a booby trap in a recently evacuated Jewish town in Jerusalem's commercial center. British engineers, fearing other traps, destroyed the building with dynamite.

Another flurry broke out in the no-man's land between Arab Jaffa and all-Jewish Tel Aviv. A British soldier was killed when Jewish armed forces fired on him. One Hagana source said the men mistook his car for a vehicle of the Arab Legion.

Two Arabs were killed by snipers in the area.

The death toll of communal rioting in Palestine since the November 29 decision to partition the Holy Land reached 285 with the Middle East toll standing at 406.

Arabs Have Definite Plan To Assist Volunteers

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (AP).—Behind the generalities of a communiqué issued by the Arab states Wednesday there is reported to be a definite plan to aid the volunteer guerrilla bands on which many Arabs rely to create such havoc in Palestine that the United Nations will back down on partition.

The Wednesday communiqué, issued after a long conference of the heads of the seven Arab states, promised a fight to the finish against the decision to split Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states.

The volunteer bands will be composed mainly of Palestinian Arabs, but under the reported plan the Arab governments would permit volunteers to join them freely and would help them get arms and equipment. Between attacks on Jewish settlements and convoys, the guerrillas may be expected to pull back into neighboring Syria for rest and refitting.

Armies Still Guard Border.

Regular Arab armies, by plan, will continue to guard the borders of the Holy Land pending the British withdrawal of troops. About 10,000 Arab troops are now in the area.

Representatives from Arab, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Trans-Jordan and Yemen probably will be held to decide what to do next.

Bloody communal fighting since partition was voted November 29 (See PALESTINE, Page A-3.)

### Truman Likely To Sign Mild Inflation Curb

540 Million Voted For Stopgap Aid As Congress Quits

By J. A. O'Leary

President Truman is expected to sign the mild inflation-control bill Congress sent him, along with \$540,000,000 for stopgap foreign aid, before the legislators started home today for Christmas.

In a customary last-day rush, the House and Senate put the finishing touches yesterday on both of these subjects Mr. Truman had placed on their desks when he called them into session on November 17.

The President did not get all he asked for in either case, but fared better on stopgap aid than on his 10-point plan to check rising prices.

The anti-inflation bill authorizes Mr. Truman to seek voluntary agreements by industry and agriculture to control scarce basic commodities, to allocate transportation facilities, and to regulate speculative trading on commodity exchanges.

Devoted of Stand-by Power.

It was devoted, however, of the stand-by power the President recommended to restore price and wage controls on a selective basis.

Although informed sources believe the President will regard the bill as far from adequate to hold the line, they predicted he will sign it because it continues his expiring authority to control exports and imports, and to regulate transportation.

It also reinstates his wartime power to restrict use of grain for liquor.

Apparently unwilling to go home for the holidays with nothing accomplished on the inflation front, 102 Democrats joined 178 Republicans to put the "voluntary" controls through the House on the last day of New Year's American Laborite, Representative Marcanionto, also voted for it. Voting against it were 44 Democrats and 29 Republicans.

\$18,000,000 Provided for China.

The final agreement on interim foreign aid makes \$522,000,000 available to tide France, Italy and Austria over the winter, and a token allotment of \$18,000,000 for China, to indicate the United States is interested in checking communism on both fronts.

This is \$75,000,000 less than the administration for Western Europe. On the other hand, the \$18,000,000 for China had not been asked for by the President's American Laborite, Representative Marcanionto, also voted for it. Voting against it were 44 Democrats and 29 Republicans.

Led by Chairman Bridges, the Senate Appropriations Committee decided, however, to indicate to the Chinese government that the United States is against Communist encroachment in the Orient as well as in Europe.

Provides Interim Relief.

The stopgap bill is intended only to keep the economies of "free" areas of Western Europe going until the January session has time to act on the long-range Marshall plan, to take effect April 1.

A substantial part of the stopgap program is to provide food and fuel, and this prompted Congress to write into the appropriation a requirement that wheat shipments abroad must be withheld with a view to keeping in this country reserve carry-over of 150,000,000 bushels on July 1.

The general appropriation bill containing the stopgap aid for France, Italy, Austria and China also carries \$400,000,000 to sustain the occupied zones of Germany, Japan and Korea for the rest of the fiscal year. Here also, Congress wielded the economy knife.

Army had asked for \$490,000,000, but the House allowed it. A compromise was necessary to get a final agreement with the House.

The House accepted the final draft of the foreign aid appropriation bill, 233 to 2, as one of its last acts of the session.

(See CONGRESS, Page A-3.)

### Class Hate Perils Foundations Of Nations, Pope Warns World

By the Associated Press

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 20.—Pope Pius XII declared in a Christmas message to the world today that class hatred threatens "to undermine and overthrow the very foundations" of nations.

The pontiff's 1,100-word encyclical, entitled "Optatissima Pax" ("Most Desired Peace"), urged Catholics the world over to pray for peace on their holy holiday.

"Marking the Pope said, 'views with sadness and trepidation the failure to secure the peace after the vicissitudes of war.'"

"In not a few nations—already devastated by the world conflict and the ruins and miseries that have been the dolorous consequence of it—the social classes, reciprocally agitated by bitter hatred, threaten with innumerable tumults and turbulences to undermine and overthrow the very foundation of the states," he said.

The encyclical was issued in Italian, under the Latin title.

"Those who, with a premeditated plan, thoughtlessly raise up the crowd, exciting it to tumult, to sedition and to offenses against the liberty of others, without a doubt do not operate to mitigate the poverty of the people, but rather increase it and provoke extreme ruin, aggravating hatred and interrupting the course of the works of urban life."

Even as the encyclical was made public new Leftist-led labor trouble harassed the Italian government.

"It is incumbent upon all to understand," the Pope wrote, "that the social crisis is so great at present and so dangerous for the future, as to make it necessary for each—and especially he who has greater goods—to put the common welfare before private advantages and profits."

The encyclical called for "pacification of spirits" and "mutual understanding" to make way for "those doctrines and directive norms which are consistent with Christian teachings and the conditions of the present hour."



### Fire at Elkton Under Control After Destroying 6 Buildings

Four Firemen Hospitalized, 100 Persons Routed From Hotels, Apartments in Freezing Weather

By the Associated Press

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 20.—Fire destroyed six adjoining buildings in the center of this famous Gettysburg district today and firemen said at 11:30 a.m. they believed the flames were under control after a five-hour battle.

Four firemen were hospitalized and more than 100 persons were routed in their night clothes from two hotels and apartments in the destroyed buildings, but no fatalities or serious injuries were reported.

One 90-year-old woman who had just arrived to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law was carried from an apartment.

Ice streets and equipment, glazed by water which froze almost as soon as it was poured on the flames, handicapped firemen drawn from 10 nearby communities in Northeast Maryland and as far away as Wilmington, Del.

Patrolman William Binder discovered the blaze about 5:30 a.m. in the three-story building occupied by the Janis Shoe Store. It apparently started in the basement there.

Mr. Binder quickly roused guests in apartments over and adjoining the shoe store.

Flames quickly destroyed the first building and spread south into a structure housing an automobile supply firm and two apartments and north into another occupied by a chain grocery store and apartments.

These three-story buildings were destroyed and the fire pushed on north into the three-story Ritz (See FIRE, Page A-3.)

### New Strategy Makes Western Union Strike Deadline Indefinite

Calling of Walkout at Any Time Authorized; Peace Talks Renewed

By James Y. Newton

Leaders of three AFL unions threatening a strike of 50,000 Western Union employees changed their strategy today so the walkout can be started at any time.

The change in plans was announced by officials of the unions as they went into another meeting with company representatives and Government conciliators designed to head off the strike.

The original strike deadline was set for 6 a.m. Tuesday. The peace meetings are being held in offices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Adolph Brungs, head of the Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said the CTU and the two other smaller unions now have left the hour for the strike up to a union Strike Committee.

Strike at Any Time Authorized.

"Right to be authorized to call the strike at any time," Mr. Brungs said. "We want to move out at a moment's notice—suddenly and hard, without any advance word to the management."

He said the telegrams giving notice of the decision were sent to President Truman and to Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Conciliation Service.

Members of the union in Washington were summoned to a mass meeting to be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Annapolis Hotel, presumably for a discussion of the crisis.

Meanwhile the company made a telegraphic appeal to individual union members not to go along with their leaders in event the strike is called. The message emphasized that the Taft-Hartley Act protects non-striking union members from loss of jobs. It pointed out that employees who did not take part in the CIO strike in New York City last year retained their jobs. The message was sent to the union members.

Harper Again Named Judge; Senate Twice Failed to Act

President Truman today gave a second recess appointment to his old friend, Roy W. Harper, Caruthersville, Mo., whom the Senate has twice failed to confirm for a Federal judgeship.

Mr. Harper, former State Democratic chairman in Missouri, is now on the bench, holding a "roving judgeship" in the Eastern and Western districts of Missouri.

His nomination was sent to the Senate during the first session of the Eightieth Congress. When no action was taken on it, the President gave him a recess appointment. Again the special session was called the President resubmitted the nomination and once more the Senate Judiciary Committee failed to act on it.

The nomination will be resubmitted when Congress convenes in regular session in January.

### Army Quizzes Officers And Civilian Employees On Commodity Deals

Questionnaire Goes Out Following Disclosure of Pauley's Grain Operations

By John A. Giles

The Army, in the wake of the Senate disclosure that Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary Royal, had held considerable holdings in grain futures, is in the process of questioning some 40,000 officers and 2,500 civilian employees as to their operations in the commodity markets.

A questionnaire has been sent to all officers and all civilians earning \$5,000 or more in the continental United States, it was learned today.

The Navy said that so far no commodity questionnaire had been submitted to its personnel.

Questioned Also on Information.

The Army questionnaire asked not only if the recipients had dealt in futures themselves but also whether or not they had given any information concerning actual or planned purchases or disposals of commodities by the Department.

Mr. Pauley told the Senate Appropriations Committee he began disposing of his holdings at some loss or profit when he became connected with the Army. He said further, in a statement this week, he had "never at any time in my life used any Government position or inside information not available to the public for my financial gain."

Army officers and civilian personnel were asked to report on their activities during the period from July 1, 1946, until the present date. The questionnaire said the statements were sought in accordance with a request made by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"You are being asked to answer the questions because in the course of your official duties you may have been connected directly or indirectly with the purchase and disposal of the Government of grain or other commodities, or may have had access to knowledge pertaining to such transactions," it said.

The questions asked follow:

"1. Did you or any member of your immediate family directly or indirectly or as beneficiaries under any trust, resignation to President Truman last night to dismiss Mr. Pauley 'immediately and forthwith.'"

Chilly Week End Predicted; Christmas Snow Unlikely

A chilly week end is predicted for the District, but the Weather Bureau scans the skies in vain for traces of a white Christmas.

Thermometers are expected to dip tonight to 25 in the city, with a low of 18 in the suburbs. The weather will be sunny today and tomorrow, with temperatures in the high 30s today and the low 40s tomorrow afternoon.

Storm clouds now passing over the Northern United States are not expected to hit Washington, and weather experts see no prospect of snow here early next week. A tentative Christmas forecast should be available Monday, the Weather Bureau says.

Yesterday's mercury recordings ranged from 42 at 12:56 p.m. to 28 at 10:48 p.m.

Fahey Quits Home Loan Job; No Successor Named

The White House today announced the resignation of John H. Fahey as chairman of the Home Loan Bank Board, after more than 14 years of Government service.

Mr. Fahey had sought to retire since last spring. He submitted his formal resignation to President Truman on November 29 with the request that it be accepted at the pleasure of the Chief Executive. In an exchange of letters with the President, he desired to return to private life around December 1.

No successor was named.

Canada Extends Power To Requisition Food

By the Associated Press

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Parliament last night extended until next March 31 the government's powers to requisition farm products to meet food contracts with Great Britain. It then recessed for Christmas to meet again January 26.

### Anderson Staff Listing 14,000 Big Speculators

Names Checked for Release, Possibly Within Week

By the Associated Press

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today prepared to make public on a "let the chips fall where they may" basis a list of about 14,000 speculators in such commodities as wheat, corn and butter.

Backed by a congressional resolution bearing President Truman's signature, Mr. Anderson told Agriculture Department workers to get the names together as quickly as possible and said he may be able to give them out within the next week.

He already had made it plain that the list will include the names of Congress members, if any, as well as officials of the Government executive departments, if any, who have fattened their bank accounts by large-scale gambling in commodities during the upsurge in the cost of living.

Anderson Speech Recalled.

Washington interest was whetted by the fact that Mr. Anderson himself, during a speech October 9 in Chicago denouncing speculators, said he could "name names" and that "some of them are public figures."

This was followed by Republican demands that he hand over to Congress the names of any Government officials who might have used inside information to play the commodity markets. Mr. Anderson insisted on getting formal authorization from Congress first.

He said the Commodity and Exchange Act required him to keep confidential the information he regularly receives on large scale transactions, involving for instance 200,000 bushels or more of grain, 1,000 tons of feed or 25 carloads of butter, and other data obtained in occasional spot checks of commodity exchange records.

After an unsuccessful attempt by the Senate Appropriations Committee to get the list by subpoenaing Mr. Anderson Thursday, the Senate passed the resolution he asked.

The House followed suit yesterday and President Truman promptly signed it.

Will Check List Closely.

Mr. Anderson said identifications on the speculator list will be checked closely to avoid mistakenly listing persons with similar names who are not in the market.

The information will be handed to the Senate Appropriations Committee to get the list by subpoenaing Mr. Anderson Thursday, the Senate passed the resolution he asked.

During the early stages of his investigation, Mr. Anderson turned over Edwin W. Pauley, friend of the President and special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Pauley indicated he had since disposed of nine-tenths of his holdings and that he had been careful to avoid even being exposed to any information about Army commodity purchases, let alone using it to further his own financial gain.

Later Senator Jenner, Republican of Indiana declared Mr. Pauley bought 500,000 pounds of lard on the market just before new export allocations on fats and oils were announced. This prompted Alf M. Landon, 1936 Republican nominee for President, to call on President Truman last night to dismiss Mr. Pauley "immediately and forthwith."

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