

C of C Requests Attorney General to Enforce Canada Law

'Headline Strategy' Charged to Croucher

Geneva's Chamber of Commerce decided last night to seek the help of the state attorney-general to enforce Sunday closing of uniform stores here.

In effect, the attorney-general will be asked to name a prosecutor other than Thomas A. Croucher, the Ontario county district attorney.

The Chamber charged that Mr. Croucher failed to give "unbiased consideration and a fair-minded reply" to its request for enforcement of a section of the Sunday "blue laws." The section concerns sale of certain articles on Sunday.

Mr. Croucher was "resorting to tactics designed to arouse sensational headlines," the Chamber charged.

Regents Propose Prayer Recital in the Schools

Albany, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The state Board of Regents proposed today that every school day be opened with a prayer as well as the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

The regents, in a statement on moral and spiritual training in schools said that the peace and safety of the country "points to the necessity of teaching our children that Almighty God is their creator, and that by him they have been endowed with their inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The statement was approved unanimously by the 13-member board, which governs education in the state. It declared:

"We believe that at the commencement of each school day the act of allegiance to the flag might well be joined with this act of reverence to God: 'Almighty God, we thank thee for thy goodness to us and to our country.'"

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The statement described Americans as "always a religious people."

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Under the federal and state constitution, the teaching of religion is prohibited in public schools, on the principle of separation of church and state.

Bloodless Revolt Topples Siam Rule; Premier Reappointed

Bangkok, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Thais awoke today to find that a military clique had abolished the constitution, dissolved the cabinet and seized control of the government in a bloodless overnight coup.

The new "state temporary administrative body" ousted the former government, the military clique, Premier Phibunsongkhro. He also was given the post of defense minister in the new cabinet.

There was no violence. The coup was carried out without bloodshed—in sharp contrast to the naval revolt last June and a coup in February 1949.

The military clique announced it had acted in the interests of restoring order and peace.

Repeated radio broadcasts declared the coup had no political aims. The military clique said it was a "nationalist foreign policy."

DEWEY RENAMES AIDE
Albany, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Karl Eisner of Lawrence was reappointed by Governor Dewey today as a full, two-year term as a member of the State Labor department's leading division advisory board.

—Inside The Times—
Bold 'Customer' Robs Store Of \$85 from Cash Register
STOREKEEPER shot in back room of Thomas' store. Police seek 'man in grey.' Page 9.
WATERING HARBOR wanders no more. Vessel sinks at mooring in Seneca Lake outlet. Page 9.
COMMUNITY YULE program launched to make Christmas brighter for less fortunate families. Page 7.
WATER SHORTAGE hits Ovid area; officials seek new supplies. Page 2.
DEWY CORALS three calves near Penn Yan after 'escape' from truck. Page 5.
200 BOY SCOUTS to show skills at Rushville demonstration. Page 12.
SCHOOL CAGERS swing into full-scale action tonight with games in all areas. Page 10.
HOBART TAKES Toronto in opener, 48-42, as Wilson sparks Statesmen with 16 points. Page 10.

Allies Block Withdrawal Bid

Munsan, Korea, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Allied troop negotiators today flatly refused even to discuss the withdrawal of troops from Korea until an armistice was signed.

They also made it clear the U. N. command would not modify its demand for (1) joint inspection teams behind the battle lines and (2) an ironclad ban on strengthening of the front line.

At a meeting in Hotel Seneca, 16 members of the chamber's board of directors discussed a letter from Mr. Croucher, published in yesterday's Times.

Action to close local uniform stores, said to be staying open on Sunday for the violation of section 2147 of Article 12 of the penal law, was approved in chamber board resolution Nov. 15.

The chamber then asked the district attorney, Mayor Arthur J. McCann, and the Geneva police chief, Joseph McDonough, to take action to enforce the law and prosecute any and all "who violate the law."

Mr. Croucher said in his letter that if arrests were made under the law, there should be no discrimination. He added that the law was so "all-inclusive" that nearly everybody who violates the law is himself or participates in a violation by others. He said if the law was to be enforced it should be enforced against members of the chamber as well as non-members.

Following a review of the problem last night by Carl E. Dreher, president, and Lawrence Gracey, secretary of the chamber, Mr. McCann said the chamber has requested action only in the case of "flagrant violations" and not "technical" violations.

He charged that Mr. Croucher had "clouded the issue" and had "not told our country."

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Agriculture Japs '52 Farm Goals

Washington, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The government today set farmers today to push 1952 production next year four percent above this year's record, and to produce "the greatest needs we have ever faced."

Announcing planning goals for spring crops, acting Secretary of Agriculture Clarence J. McCormick said that at maximum production of livestock feed grains, so that a high level output of meat, milk and poultry products.

Acting in the absence of Secretary Brannan who is on an official trip to the east, McCormick acknowledged that farmers would have a tough job because of shortages of fertilizer, some types of farm machinery and a tightening farm labor supply.

Promising as much help as possible, the department said it would be prepared to support producer prices of corn, cotton, wheat, rice, soybeans, wool, milk and other farm products.

Weather Atomic Tests End

Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 30.—(AP)—America's atom masters, satisfied that they have found new facts of nuclear energy, closed the book today on the 1951 test series.

The Atomic Energy commission and the Army wound up their joint show with an afternoon ball yesterday.

With one of the least spectacular of a series that started Oct. 22.

Truce Interpretive: The Fog Is Lifting

3. Naval and air action will continue full tilt; in fact, air combat may well be stepped up.

4. U. N. ground forces are not expected to try to advance their line since such areas would be given up should truce negotiations be successful within the 30-day period.

The conflict of news reports and official statements issued during the last two days is attributed by some authorities here to a miscalculation, or a lack of understanding as to the impact of news that there had been a limited slackening of the war. The military instructions which Gen. James A. Van Fleet issued as

Russians Agree to Private Disarmament Chats in U

Paris, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The United Nations political committee today unanimously agreed to suspend debate on rival east-west disarmament plans pending efforts by the situation to seek agreement in secret talks.

The discussions among Britain, France and the United States are expected to get under way immediately behind closed doors. The committee asked Louis Padilla, Nervio de Mexico constitute a subcommittee.

Update Inquiry—Witness Says 'Wheel' Rules Narcotics Trade

Buffalo, Nov. 30.—(AP)—A former Buffalo man is the "big wheel" in New York to Buffalo dope traffic, a state probation officer says.

Thomas J. McHugh, probation officer for 27 Central and Western New York counties, testified last night at the state narcotics hearing here. He said the "big wheel" operated out of New York City.

Tax Quizzes Scan Records

Washington, Nov. 30.—(AP)—House tax investigators unexpectedly recessed their hearings today until Monday to allow more time to examine Justice department files—including any that might throw light on rumors of an attempted "fix" in a New York tax fraud case.

Camp Denies 'Ring'

Syracuse, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The Post-Standard said today the Army had uncovered and smashed a dope ring at Pine Camp. The paper said the "ring" had been operating among regular troops stationed at the northern New York post.

9 Pay Gaming Tax

Albany, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Nine persons in New York state have obtained the new federal stamp for gaming, Treasury department officials said today.

Several others have applied for stamps at the four federal revenue districts in the state, but have not received them.

Enemy Trucks Jam Highways

Seoul, Korea, Nov. 30.—(AP)—In the greatest air victory of the Korean war, American jet pilots reported today they shot down 10 Communist planes, damaged four and probably destroyed another. Nine of the destroyed planes were bombers. The first to be destroyed was a bomber.

Truman Warns Of Enemy Trap

Key West, Fla., Nov. 30.—(AP)—The country has warning from President Truman that the enemy is setting a trap for the United States. He said the enemy is "luring us into a trap."

Mr. Truman, meeting with newsmen for the second time since he flew to Key West Nov. 28, said that in blunt terms yesterday that the fighting would continue as long as there was a possibility that United Nations forces might be caught off-balance.

Pundit Defends Press Reports

New York, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Arthur Krock, chief Washington correspondent for the New York Times, said today in his editorial page column that whenever the Truman administration gets confused about major events, it tries to blame the press.

In his language there is no connection with President Truman's complaints yesterday about press reports of a temporary halt of hostilities in Korea.

Fitzpatrick Faces Democratic Revolt

New York, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Democratic state chairman Paul E. Fitzpatrick—meeting the party seeking to oust him—will ask the state committee for a vote of confidence.

"I am sure this will be forthcoming," he says. "I will not let myself be brought to a head immediately."

Granger the Ranger—Canadians Spot 'Hillbilly'

Sudbury, Ont., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Provincial police insisted today the "shoeless hillbilly" who claimed to have wandered out of the New Mexico wilds to join the U. S. Army is really Granger, the ranger.

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