

Jeffers To Retire As U. P. President

Approval Given 80 Trailer Units

Additional MacArthur, Russians Disagree Funds Are Necessary

Mayor Receives Wire Giving Approval To Program

The program of 80 family dwelling units, house trailers, for North Platte has been approved, according to a wire received today by Mayor S. P. McFarland from John P. McCullum, National Housing Administration, Chicago.

Mayor McFarland said today that it is expected the trailers for this city will be delivered from McCook, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, C. T. VanAusdall added, following a long distant telephone call to Chicago that the matter of securing the trailers would be expedited as rapidly as possible.

Result of Council Action The approval of the city's application for the trailers comes as a direct result of forwarding the minutes of the council meeting, at which the council resolved to obtain them, to McCullum and to Nebraska's Senators and Congressmen.

The North Platte Chamber of Commerce has raised \$5,000 in non-interest bearing loans from local businessmen to finance the transportation of the trailers to North Platte. However, \$15,000 is needed to bring 80 trailers to the city, and a concentrated drive is planned to raise the remaining \$10,000. After obtaining the assignment of the trailers, VanAusdall said today that the city cannot afford to lose them, simply through the lack of transportation funds.

Wire to Mayor McCullum's wire to the mayor reads as follows: "Program for 80 family dwelling units for your city approved. Contact Orvil Olmstead, Regional Director Federal Public Housing Authority, 201 North Wells street, Chicago, for further negotiations."

The city is required to furnish a caretaker at the trailer location and it is required that he be a veteran. The trailers are available only to ex-servicemen and servicemen's families. Mayor McFarland said today that the units have beds, mattresses and hot water heaters already installed in them. The units are two-bedroom affairs and sleep four people.

There also is a laundry unit (Continued on Page Six, Column Two)

Omaha Alky Plant To Make Glucose

Washington, (AP)—The surplus property administration today reported that the agriculture department has asked that the Government-owned grain alcohol plants at Omaha, Neb., and Muscatine, Ia., be adapted to the production of glucose and high protein feed.

Imperial Guard Walks Out

Tokyo, (AP)—Kyodo News Agency reported today that 50 members of the Imperial Palace guard had struck and the remaining 550 threatened to walk out unless a key official were dismissed and other "democratization" measures were taken.

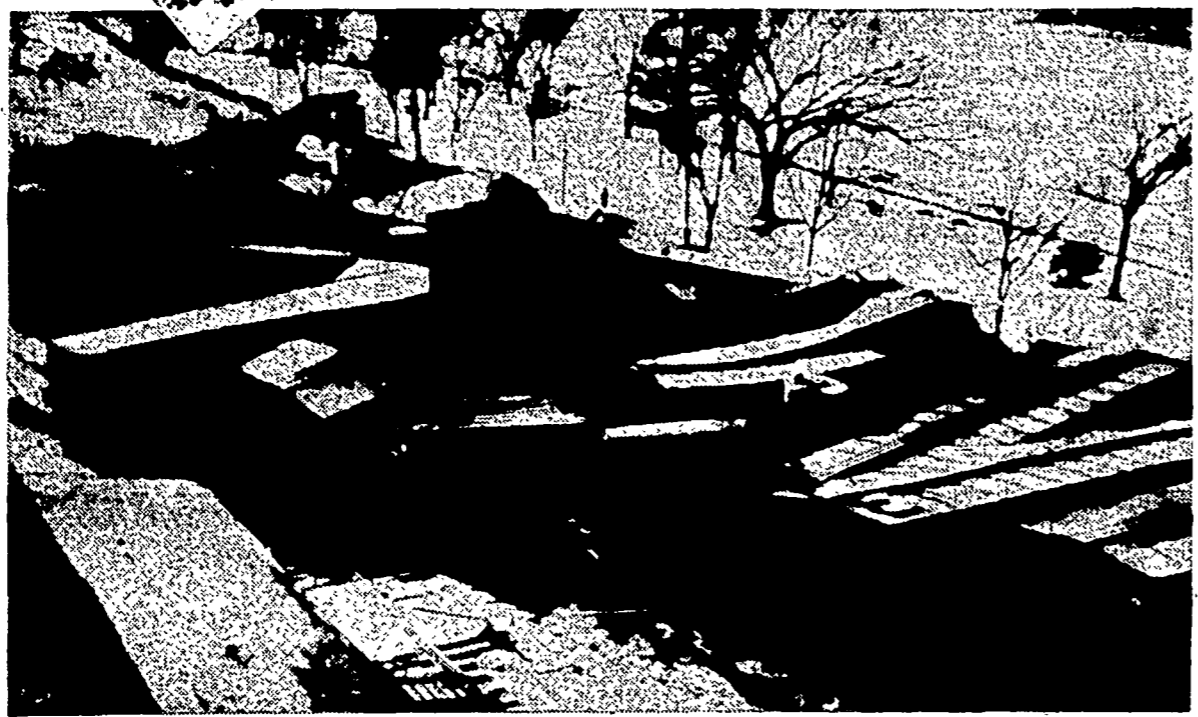
Duce's Daughter Sentenced

Rome, (AP)—Edda Mussolini Ciano, daughter of Benito Mussolini and widow of Count Galeazzo Ciano, fascist foreign minister, has been sentenced by an Italian provincial commission to two years' confinement for her efforts in behalf of fascism, dispatch from Messina, to the newspaper Il Tempo said today.

Gen. Patton Has Restless Night

Heidelberg, Germany, (AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, jr., recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident, spent an uncomfortable night as a result of "excessive bronchial secretions," the midday medical bulletin said today.

MacArthur, Russians Disagree Killed, Six Hurt in Freight Wreck



A fast freight from Chicago sideswiped the lead engine of a doubleheader freight near Red Wing, Minn., as the second train pulled into the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific R. R. main line, killing an engineer and injuring six other trainmen. Wreckage tied up traffic the entire day. (AP Wirephoto).

Chinese Communists Ask End Of Fighting Pending Peace Parley

Marshall Arrives In China To Take Over Job

Gen. George C. Marshall, the peace-maker, reached war-torn China today and Chinese communists immediately announced they had asked the government to agree to cease hostilities unconditionally pending a conference-table settlement.

In Java, fighting which already has cost British and Indian troops almost 1,200 casualties in their struggle against independence-seeking native elements of the Netherlands Indies raged on. British artillery bombarded trouble spots in northwestern Bandoeng for an hour today.

A Netherlands naval communication announced seizure of a 60-ton motorship which reportedly fired on a Dutch landing party.

General Marshall is expected to begin his discussions of the Chinese situation with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek at Nanking tomorrow. The Chinese communists said they, too, would (Continued on Page Six, Column Three)

Will Continue To Draft Single Men Up To Age Of 25

Washington, (AP)—All fathers are out from under the draft today but selective service quieted speculation that this might lead soon to inducting 18 years olds.

The end to the drafting of fathers coincided with a new reduction in army and navy point scores. But a high official of selective service said veterans are not re-enlisting in sufficient numbers to narrow the draft any further.

This means, said this official who asked anonymity, that temporarily at least, single men 18 through 25 must fill replacement needs of the army and navy.

Detective Gets Yule Greeting

Indianapolis, (AP)—Capt. Robert O'Neal, chief of state police detectives, doesn't know how to interpret a Christmas greeting he received from an inmate of the Indiana prison. O'Neal's investigation of a burglary last summer led to a sentence of 10 to 20 years for the man. Written in ink on a conventional Yule card was: "Thinking of you this Christmas. Wish you were here."

WIRE FLASHES

AUTHORIZE 41-DAY EXTENSION Washington, (AP)—Congress today authorized a 41-day extension of its joint investigation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The extension, moving the deadline from Jan. 3 to Feb. 15, became effective after the House concurred in a senate-approved resolution.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BY HANGING Luxembourg, (AP)—Gustav Simon, Gauleiter in the German occupation of Luxembourg, committed suicide by hanging after his arrest Wednesday in the British zone of Germany, the minister of justice announced today. Simon, found dead in his cell, used a rope fashioned from padding pulled from his mattress.

TIRE RATION MAY END JAN. 1 Washington, (AP)—The prospects for an end of tire rationing by Jan. 1 continue good, government officials said today.

GM M. THREATENS WITHDRAWAL Washington, (AP)—General Motors Corp., served notice on President Truman's fact-finding board today that it would withdraw from hearings on a wage dispute if profits and prices are considered as evidence by the board.

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL Washington, (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation giving him authority to reorganize executive branches of the government.

TRUMAN NAMES JOSEPH FARLEY Washington, (AP)—Rear Admiral Joseph F. Farley, 56, was nominated by President Truman today to be commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard for a four year term with the rank of admiral.

100,000 JAPS REPATRIATED Tientsin, (AP)—The first 100,000 Japanese have been repatriated by U. S. Marines from North China and at the rate they're being sent home—all of the estimated 350,000 in the region patrolled by the leathernecks will be gone in another three months.

STATE EXPENDITURES \$2,994,772 Lincoln, (AP)—State expenditures in November totaled \$2,994,772. State Tax Commissioner Robert Armstrong reported today. This figure included \$564,402 from the general fund, \$522,773 from cash funds, \$738,921 from the highway fund and \$1,001,071 in state assistance.

OFFICERS PERISH IN FIRE Camp Campbell, Ky., (AP)—Three army officers perished today in a fire at the officers' barracks here, the Camp Campbell public relations office reported. The public relations office said four or five other officers were injured when they jumped from a second story window in an effort to escape from the burning building. Names were not available immediately.

BILL'S PASSAGE TIED UP Washington, (AP)—A parliamentary snarl tied up passage today of a \$2,400,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill.

VETS HEAD EASTWARD San Francisco, (AP)—About 125,000 restless Pacific veterans, stranded at west coast ports for lack of sufficient transportation, are scheduled to begin heading eastward by rail today at the rate of 25,000 a day.

FLEET SHOULD HAVE BEEN SPREAD Washington, (AP)—Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner asserted today the Pacific fleet should have been spread out, not tied up at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, under orders issued 10 days before.

Big Three Progress Reported

San Francisco, (AP)—American broadcasting company correspondent Larry Tighe reported today from Tokyo that General MacArthur and the Russians had disagreed over which of the Japanese home islands soviet forces would occupy, and that as a result Russians will not participate in the occupation at all.

Furthermore, Tighe said, MacArthur reportedly told the U. S. state department yesterday that if he were not let alone, and if Russia were allowed any further participation in occupation affairs he would resign.

Russians Demands "First the Russians wanted to bring an army over here," the correspondent asserted. "MacArthur said no. He would permit them to bring one division. But they insisted that they be allowed to occupy Hokkaido, northernmost of the main islands. MacArthur again said no, with the implication that if the Russians ever got into Hokkaido, they'd never be dislodged.

"MacArthur offered instead to let the Russians into the southernmost Kyushu, which would put American troops between (Russians) homeland and the occupying force. Then the Russians said no. MacArthur's answer to that amounted to 'all right, don't end an occupation force; we don't need it anyway.'"

CIO Claims Ford Increase Fails To Offset Costs

Detroit, (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers, formally rejecting the Ford Motor company's offer of a 15 cents an hour or 12 1/2 per cent wage increase, said today the proposal would fail to offset higher living costs.

Informing the company that its offer was "totally inadequate," the union asserted that the UAW-CIO objection was based further on the contention the raise would not come in the form of a "blanket" increase.

"A great many workers might receive little or nothing at all," the union's reply to Ford said.

The union, which has demanded from Ford and other auto manufacturers a 30 per cent wage increase, took issue with a company statement that it faced a loss of \$35,000,000 in 1946 even without an OPA car price increase.

"We do not believe that the company faces loss of \$35,000,000 in 1946," the UAW-CIO negotiators said in a statement through Richard T. Leonard, Ford director for the union.

"We believe the company will have one of its most profitable years because for the first time in many years the company is assured of capacity operation and a market for all it can possibly produce," they said, adding: "Suppose that a powerful manufacturers lobby does succeed in destroying OPA control, such success would inevitably bring a fearful rise in the cost of living."

In its bargaining through the industry the UAW-CIO has demanded the 30 per cent wage increase within present automobile price ranges unless management can give "proof" that is impossible.

We're Not Bragging!

We're not bragging—but the classified ads in the Daily Telegraph are getting such fine results for advertisers that we sometimes find ourselves a bit dubious about their power—but when our patrons give us unsolicited praise concerning the results they've obtained—then we find it hard to keep from bragging!

To Retire



Wm. M. Jeffers, better known as "Bill" to his many life long friends in his native town here, will retire as president of the Union Pacific on Feb. 1. He will continue as a member of the board of directors of the railroad.

U. S. Gives Views On Asia Area

Washington, (AP)—With Gen. George C. Marshall about to try his hand at helping bring unity to China, the United States aired its views today toward two more southeast Asia trouble spots.

The state department highlighted this government's widespread interests in the far east by issuing two policy statements. In them the department:

1. Expressed "increasing concern" (Continued on Page Six, Column One)

Bandit Suspects Surrender

Winigan, Mo., (AP)—Two bandit suspects surrendered and a third shot and killed himself when cornered in a farm house in a wooded area near here late last night by a posse nine hours after the Citizen's State Bank of Winigan had been held up and robbed of \$5,000.

White House Gets G. I. Bill

Washington, (AP)—Congress has sent to the White House a measure liberalizing the GI Bill of Rights enacted in 1944.

The revisions ease restrictions of loans, increase the subsistence allowances for veterans going to school at government expense, and knock out an original requirement that unemployment and tuition payments under the bill be deducted from any future bonus.

Invite Goering to Sing Carols

Nuernberg, (AP)—Hermann Goering and the other 20 Nazi defendants in the war crimes trials will be invited to sing carols on Christmas Day.

There will be no special Christmas dinner, no giftboxes and no concessions for the accused Nazis, however.

War Powers Grant For Six Months

Washington, (AP)—President Truman is assured of another six months of war powers which, among other things, include rationing.

The administration failed to obtain a hoped-for one-year extension when the Senate concurred yesterday, 31 to 30, with a House approved bill setting up the lesser period.

Resignation Becomes Effective On Feb. 1st., Ashby To Be Successor

Nazis Used Poisoned Bullets

Nuernberg (AP)—Nazi elite guard (SS) surgeons fired poisoned bullets into concentration camp prisoners and carefully recorded the symptoms accompanying slow death for the victims according to German documents disclosed today at the war crimes trial of a score of Hitler's highest leaders.

Details of the notorious activities of the black-shirted Elite Guard were unfolded before the international military tribunal by American prosecutors to support their charges that the SS and five other once-powerful Nazi organizations should be convicted as criminal groups.

Majority Died The poisoned bullet experiments resulted in the deaths of three out of five prisoners selected, SS records disclosed.

The prosecution also recounted the experiments, previously reported at the Dachau war crimes trial, in which women prisoners were used to rewarm frozen men with the heat of their naked bodies.

The scientists eventually reported that the experiments, (Continued on Page Six, Column Two)

Boy Crime Probe Brings In More Stolen Articles

Sheriff, O. L. Disco and his deputies, Faye Harwick and Oscar Jenkins, are continuing their investigation of the gang of boys who admittedly have pilfered nearly 30 cars over a period of three months and more goods taken in the forays is being recovered.

The sheriff's office is being swamped with callers and telephone calls from persons who have had goods stolen in the (Continued on Page Six, Column Five)

Truman Fails To End Controversy On Merger Battle

Washington, (AP)—Opposing congressional lines in the battle of the merger showed no signs of cracking today despite President Truman's flat request that army, navy and air forces be unified under a single civilian secretary.

First members of the House and Senate "Military" committees to comment were for the plan, as they have been all along. Members of the naval committees were still against it.

Only committee member deviating from this lineup, was Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House military group. He already had joined with Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Naval committee in proposing a separate air force with cabinet representation instead of a merger of the services.

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) of the Senate military committee told a reporter "we will have a good bill to carry out of the President's ideas shortly after the holidays."

Russians Sentence 7 Nazis to Hang

London, (AP)—The Moscow radio said today that seven of the 10 German SS men tried for war crimes by the Russians at Smolensk were sentenced last night to be hanged.

The other three defendants were sentenced to prison terms of 20, 15, and 12 years, respectively.

Teachers Ask 500 Percent Raise Tokyo, (AP)—Three hundred thousand Japanese school teachers today filed a petition through the Japan Education Society asking the government for a 500 per cent increase in salaries.

Started Career Here As Call Boy For Railroad

New York, (AP)—Retirement of William M. Jeffers as president of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. effective Feb. 1 and the election of George F. Ashby to succeed him was announced following a meeting of directors here today.

Jeffers, who will be 70 years old Jan. 2, has been president of the Union Pacific system since Oct. 1, 1937. He was the nation's rubber director in the early days of the war.

Grant Request An announcement by F. W. Charke, chairman of the executive committee, said the directors acceded to Jeffers' request for retirement "only because of his insistence and his assurance that he would continue as a member of the board of directors and remain active in the company's affairs, lending the benefit of his valuable judgment derived from his railroad experience of almost 56 years, all in Union Pacific service."

Ashby, 60-year-old native of Mt. Airy, N. C., has been associated with Union Pacific since 1911 and was named executive vice president on Dec. 1, 1944.

Was Rubber Director Jeffers served as the nation's rubber director during the early days of World War II when Japanese conquest in the East Indies cut off imports of natural rubber.

In a resolution today the railroad's directors expressed "keen appreciation of the great contribution which he has made to the Union Pacific's success and outstanding performance through the years; not only in times of peace but during the difficult war period."

The Union Pacific, its 1,000-mile main line forming the middle link in the Chicago-San Francisco Overland route, has the longest average haul of any railroad in the country. The system operated 9,780 miles of road on Dec. 31, 1944.

Jeffers has been with the road since June, 1890, serving as call boy, clerk, timekeeper, foreman telegrapher, dispatcher, general superintendent, general manager, operating vice president and executive vice president before his election as president.

Colorful Figure Omaha, (AP)—Retirement of William Martin Jeffers as president of the Union Pacific railroad takes from Nebraska one of its most colorful figures.

The North Platte native who (Continued on Page Six, Column Three)

Pacific Men Will Get Turkey

Honolulu, (AP)—Brig. Gen. H. R. McKenzie, quartermaster of the mid-pacific area, says turkey and all the trimmings are on order for the Christmas dinner of every soldier in the mid-Pacific.

The menu will include fresh frozen turkey, cranberries, fruit cake, mince pies and, where available, ice cream.

Cruiser Augusta Damaged in Gale

Portsmouth, England, (AP)—The U. S. cruiser Augusta arrived at Portsmouth early today and will be taken into the dockyard for repairs. The cruiser was damaged in an Atlantic gale while she was taking troops back to the United States from Le Havre. There were no casualties.

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WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau forecast for North Platte and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer tonight with lowest temperature 15 to 20; Friday increasing cloudiness with light snow and little change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday 23; a year ago 48. Lowest last night 12; a year ago 16. Sunset today 5:17 p. m., sunrise tomorrow 8:05 a. m.

Hourly temperatures: 1 a.m.-----21 8 a.m.-----12 2 a.m.-----20 9 a.m.-----15 3 a.m.-----20 10 a.m.-----21 4 a.m.-----19 11 a.m.-----24 5 a.m.-----17 12 noon-----27 6 a.m.-----16 1 p.m.-----30 7 a.m.-----13