

WEATHER
Fair today, tonight and tomorrow; fog near noon beginning tonight; slightly warmer today, moderate west wind in afternoon; high today, 67; low, 50-52.
RAINFALL
Midnight to 5 a.m. None
Seasonal to date 1.87
Normal 1.97
Last year 1.95
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POLICE DEPT. SHAKEUP HERE

Shifts in Assignments Announced On Eve of Retirement of Tracy and Accession of Divine to Chief's Post

Widespread changes in Police Department assignments were announced today on the eve of the retirement of Chief Robert P. Tracy and his succession by Capt. Lester J. Divine. The "shakeup" in department personnel takes effect at midnight, when Divine becomes commanding officer of the department.

Every division is affected, including the independent and mobile operating vice squad of Lieut. Jack Briery. One of the vice squad's key functionaries, Sgt. Eric Gustavson, will be promoted to the inspectors' bureau.

The transfers were announced by Tracy but Divine revealed they were made after consultation with him.

Gustavson, who was picked by Briery to team up with him when vice detail was revamped and made a free-wheeling unit, is in line for an inspectorship appointment and Divine said "I don't want to keep Gustavson back."

McQUILLAN SUCCESSOR

His successor in the Briery clerical squad will be Sergeant Arthur J. McQuillan, one of Divine's "up and coming" traffic men, who topped 113 qualifiers in the last sergeants' promotional examination.

McQuillan, 36, joined the department on May 8, 1941. He was in the Army Air Corps, assigned to military intelligence, for four years, and when he returned he was moved into the inspectors' division. He was promoted to sergeant April 15, 1948, and has been in traffic for the past year. He lives at 8016 Greenly Drive.

As for Lieutenant Briery, he will be unaffected by these changes Divine expects to make after his major reorganization plans have been perfected and passed upon by City Manager John F. Hassler.

"Briery is doing a very nice job and he will stay there," said Divine. Divine said that the city manager, as head of the Department of Public Health and Safety is entitled to know what changes he has in mind and that he will confer with him before announcing any higher echelon shifts.

The last order dispatched to all division commanding officers by Chief Tracy on the eve of his retirement lists the following changes:

TRANSFERS MADE

Sergeant Walter E. Price transferred from Northern to Eastern Division; Sergeant Donovan E. Rodman from Northern to Traffic; Sergeant Tony B. Dailey from Eastern to Northern; Sergeant McQuillan from Traffic to Administration; Patrolman George M. W. Kroll from Patrol to Personal and Training; Patrolman Edward A. Killian from Personal and Training to Traffic; Patrolman Rex E. Smith from Central to Service; Sergeant James J. Mangini, an acting inspector since February 1, given regular appointment as an inspector; Sergeant Gustavson assigned as inspector and transferred from Administration to inspectors' division; Patrolman Leo Borne given a regular appointment as sergeant and transferred from Personnel and Training to Northern Division.

The final order bearing Tracy's signature stated that "effective May 1 J. L. Sternitzky, inspector, and Robert P. Tracy, chief of police, will be permanently retired from the Oakland Police Department." Their retirements were approved this week by the Police Relief and Pension Board headed by Mayor Joseph E. Smith.

Striking Sailors, Police In Furious Battle

ST. JOHN, N.B., April 30.—(AP)—Striking sailors and 200 police battled on the docks here yesterday, the 29th day of the Canadian seamen's strike. They slugged each other with fists and wooden ex-handles.

Two seamen were hospitalized and there were slight injuries among both the police and sailors. Sixty-one sailors were arrested, 15 of them charged with unlawful assembly.

The fight started when members of the CSU tried to stop a crew of the rival, non-striking Seafarers' International Union (AFL) from boarding the strike-bound freighter Cottrell.

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THE NEWS METER

FAIR WEATHER QUEEN
Though May Day is her holiday, her reign wanes when rain reigns.
—JACK BURROUGHS.

May Day's Rival Parades Begin in N.Y.

1000 Police Line Leftists' Route as Loyalty March Starts

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers jammed sidewalks and peered from buildings today as thousands of others marched through Manhattan and Brooklyn streets in rival Loyalty Day and May Day parades.

First contingents in the loyalty line of march, which sponsors estimated would total 150,000 marchers before it ended, began moving down Fifth Avenue early this afternoon.

Troops Alerted

TOKYO, April 30.—(AP)—United States Army units received May Day alert orders today and occupation personnel were warned to stay off the streets tomorrow in anticipation of demonstrations by 6,000,000 Communists and trade unionists.

The marchers were led by Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, the parade grand marshal, and Francis Cardinal Spellman, and former Postmaster General James A. Farley.

Four blocks to the west, the city's annual May Day parade got under way 15 minutes later. More than 1000 police lined the route of the parade, from 8th avenue at 38th Street to the reviewing stand in Union Square. The May Day march was sponsored by the "United Labor and People's Committee for May Day."

"I have a lot of pride in this police department and I know that with the co-operation of all hands, combined with our personnel and training program, we can make it one of the most outstanding in the Nation."

The new chief said he would insist that every member of the department "give a full day's work to the citizens of Oakland" and he hastened to add that "I am no slave driver."

"I don't care what the men's opinion of me are—all I want is for everyone to do his job and we will get along."

Divine said "I want every officer to be courteous, alert, impartial and honest. And by honest, I am not referring to money, but to be honest with the public."

As an illustration, Divine remarked that as head of the traffic division, the largest in the department, he directed that no citation ever should be issued unless the officer was absolutely certain there had been a violation.

Divine said he believed that relations between the police and the public "should be the highest."

"Complete confidence of the public can be obtained only when every member of the department shows that he is entitled to that respect."

The new chief was enthused over "the many fine, young veterans who have joined the department since the war" and in them he visualized the nucleus of a force which he believes will give Oakland national recognition in future police operations.

He announced he would make recommendations to City Manager John F. Hassler "which may necessitate shifting of some supervisory officers."

POST LEFT OPEN

When Divine moves into the chief's office there will be a vacancy in the Traffic Division and results of the civil service examination held April 21 will largely determine preliminary reassignments.

"I can't plan now on a Traffic Division change until I see the list of those eligible for appointment to captain. It might be necessary to transfer one of the older captains to command of the Traffic Division."

Thirteen lieutenants took the test and it is expected the results will be announced in a few days.

HEARING ON BRIDGE HERE DEMANDED BY OAKLAND CC

By DAVE HOPE

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce today demanded an Oakland session of the State Assembly committee on a Second Bay Crossing.

Don M. Follett, general manager of the chamber, in a letter to Assemblyman Richard J. Dolwig, committee chairman, requested that dates be set for a two-day hearing here.

Dolwig had previously announced that the committee investigation will open at Sacramento May 6-7, switch to San Francisco, May 13-14, and conclude in Sacramento, May 16.

EAST BAY HEARING
After noting the scheduled two days in San Francisco, Follett wrote: "On behalf of the cities within and the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, I am writing to request that the committee also set a similar time for hearings in the East Bay Area."

Follett said that "inasmuch as representatives of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have indicated that two full days will be required for the presentation of their testimony, I can assure you that two full days, at least, would be required by the representatives of the East Bay."

Further T-H Test Delayed Till Tuesday

Democrats Rounding Up Votes Against Substitute Measure

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—Worried Administration Democrats buckled down today to the job of saving their labor bill from defeat in the House.

They took a severe beating yesterday. But they had three days more to round up votes against a substitute bill supported by a strong, confident House bloc of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

After winding up their fourth stormy day of labor debate, leaders of both parties agreed to a truce until Tuesday. The House will take up other business Monday.

On the record, both sides still predicted victory.

Chairman Lesinski (D. Mich.) of the Labor Committee, sponsor of the Administration bill, declared House leaders have enough pledges, including some from Republicans, to fight off the substitute offered by Representative Wood (D. Ga.).

PASSAGE PREDICTED

Representative Halleck (R. Ind.), a member of the GOP Policy Committee, told reporters the Wood bill will be passed next week.

Privately, some Administration lieutenants told reporters they believed they had lost ground during the last two days of debate. But they insisted that the ground could be regained over the week-end.

Their drive for votes got a big push from Speaker Rayburn (D. Tex.). Rayburn, who seldom takes the floor for or against any measure, announced he will speak against the Wood bill next week. His brief speeches usually carry considerable weight with both Democrats and Democrats.

REVAMPED WAGNER ACT

That measure would repeal the Taft-Hartley Law, and put in its place a revamped Wagner Act including some changes recommended by President Truman.

During yesterday's hectic debate, the House refused, 275 to 37, to throw out the present law and reenact the original Wagner Act intact—just as it was on the books from 1935 to 1947.

WRIT BLOCKS REPEAL VOTE ON PROP. FOUR

SACRAMENTO, April 30.—(AP)—A court order has at least temporarily blocked a vote on the repeal of Proposition No. 4 and a permanent order will be asked in a Sacramento court May 12.

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan was given a writ of mandate yesterday stopping him from certifying the initiative petitions asking repeal of the controversial new pension law.

The writ was handed the official by Circuit Judge Peter J. Shields at the request of George H. McLain, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions—the organization which backed the proposition to raise pensions and bring a complete change in Administration in last November's election.

On May 12 both sides will present arguments before Judge Shields and he will issue or deny a permanent writ of mandate—making permanent or setting aside yesterday's order.

McLain's attorney, E. Vayne Miller, Sacramento, has already indicated that if the permanent order is denied by Judge Shields he will appeal the case to the State Supreme Court.

That would continue to block the vote on repeal until the case is finally settled.

In asking the writ McLain struck accusingly at Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser. The pension leader said the official is guilty of "aiding and abetting the repealers by issuing them a title that is fraudulent, deceptive and misleading to the voters of California."

McLain expanded his attack on Howser with these words—in a press statement: "This act upon the part of Mr. Howser is definite proof that his sympathies are on the side of these special interests who would deprive the needy aged and blind from the benefits granted them under the new pension law."

SAME TITLE GIVEN
"Last year, as sponsors of Proposition 4, we campaigned for a 'Yes' vote on 'Aged and Blind Aid,' the title we received from the attorney general. Now, strangely enough, Howser has given the repealers the identical title: 'Aged and Blind Aid,' for which they will ask for a 'Yes' vote upon."

Then McLain charged: "But instead of aiding the needy it will strip them of all the gains they made under Proposition 4."

He said Howser has "cleverly concealed" in the title "the fact that 18 important benefits will be taken away from the needy aged and blind."

'GET OUT!' CHINA REDS ORDER U.S., ALLIED ARMED FORCES

New U.S.-Russian Parleys Due on Lifting Blockade

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—A State Department official said today that "there will be other meetings" on the Berlin blockade situation between American Ambassador Philip Jessup and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik.

This information, indicating officially that the Soviet-American negotiations have not yet reached a final decision, came from department press officer Michael J. McDermott. A short time earlier he had talked with Jessup.

Jessup, meanwhile, conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk, one of the department's top political officers, and with Counselor Charles E. Bohlen, an expert on Russian policy.

ACHESON INFORMED

Secretary of State Acheson and Undersecretary of State Webb are both out of town, McDermott said. He added that there is no policy significance to their absences from the city.

McDermott reported that Jessup telephoned Acheson from New York last night concerning results of Jessup's latest talk with Malik.

Earlier in New York American informants had said that the meeting was "satisfactory." The impression prevailed that Russia and the Western powers were slowly approaching an agreement for lifting of the Russian blockade of the German capital and the Western counter-blockade of the Soviet zone, and for a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris toward the end of May.

TIGHT SECRECY

McDermott made clear tight secrecy had been reimposed on the negotiations after the outburst of information Tuesday, which followed Russian disclosure of a proposal to lift the blockade. He said "Jessup can't talk about the substance or nature of the discussions."

In connection with the prospect for other meetings, McDermott said no date had been set for a follow-up Jessup-Malik talk. He also could not say which nation might start the ball rolling for a session next time. Yesterday's New York meeting was held at Malik's request.

Western Statesmen See Slow Agreement

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—Russia and the Western Powers appeared today to be advancing slowly toward an agreement on lifting the Berlin blockade.

This was the view expressed cautiously in some western circles as the result of a "satisfactory" meeting late yesterday between United States Ambassador Philip C. Jessup and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik.

One influential Western delegate said the time has almost arrived for the Jessup-Malik conversations, held twice this week at the Soviet delegation building on Park Avenue, to be broadened to include Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain, and Jean Chauvel of France.

A four-hour parley here would, in effect, be an advance meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. It also would lay the groundwork and set a time-table for the council.

SECRET SERVICE CHIEF FOUND DEAD

NEW ORLEANS, April 30.—(AP)—Police reported today that Henry E. Maier, head of the U.S. Secret Service in New Orleans, had been found dead in his home with a bullet hole in his head.

Secret Service headquarters reported that Maier had been in ill health for some time. He was 47 years old.

Secret Service agents said he had been suffering from high blood pressure and heart trouble, but had managed to report to work regularly.

Gen. Clay Confirms Death Penalty

BERLIN, April 30.—(AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay today confirmed the death sentence of Oswald Pohl, former Nazi Elite Guard administrative chief who was convicted of war crimes at Nuernberg. Prison sentences of 13 other Nazis were confirmed.

NUERNBERG, Germany, April 30.—(AP)—Arthur Axmann, one-armed Hitler Youth leader, was sentenced to three years at hard labor today as a "major Nazi offender."

The Nuernberg denazification court also ordered his property confiscated but he was allowed to keep 3000 Deutschmarks (\$1000 as a war disabled person).

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Release of the trio was negotiated on an open highway by Soviet Lieut. Col. Surovov and British Lieut. Col. J. F. Corbett.

DELIMITED INCIDENT

Surovov said the Britons were well behaved and gave no trouble but added that they were in Russian territory and therefore had to be arrested. "There's always a big noise around here when something happens," the Russian officer told newsmen.

The three lance corporals were released without their sidearms. Surovov then gave their pistols to the British officer.

British sector workers who have been on the city-owned farm for several years hastily removed pictures, furniture and other items today. They said Russian zone Communists were taking the farm over.

Meanwhile, the British and the Russians reached a "friendly" agreement on another vexing incident of the week—the controversy over barge traffic.

CONFERENCE HELD

Brig. E. R. Benson returned from a conference with Gen. P. Kwashnin, Russian transport chief, and announced:

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Airlift Plane Vanishes

BERLIN, April 30.—(AP)—A four-engine British airlift plane, believed to carry a crew of four, disappeared today on a flight from Berlin to West Germany.

The plane was reported to have been seen over the Baltic coast of East Prussia. It was believed to be carrying a crew of four, disappeared today on a flight from Berlin to West Germany.

May Day Seizure By 5th Column Held To Be Possibility

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW United Press Vice-President For the Pacific Area

SHANGHAI, April 30.—(AP)—Mourning unrest and outbreaks of violence in Shanghai were reported today as Communist armies moved in from the west and closed a trap on the Nationalist garrison of the oriental metropolis.

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TURN IN SENTIMENT

Meanwhile, sentiment swung to Durocher. Morris Golding, also a fan who sat near Boyesen during the game and who took Boyesen to the hospital after the alleged fight, said "I wish I hadn't been there. Now if Boyesen will take my advice he will kiss and make up."

Julius November, an attorney, said he sat near Boyesen and that "his belligerent customer was loud and insulting. He made insulting remarks about Durocher's wife."

He added that after the game Boyesen hopped over the rail and raced toward Durocher, who was leaving the field.

"As the man approached Durocher, he raised his hand over Durocher's head, maybe to grab his cap. Durocher turned and pushed and went on his way. He positively did not strike him or kick him."

The New York Times quoted an unidentified hospital attendant as saying that Boyesen "fell into a very impressive faint after showing up at the hospital in a taxi cab."

After today's conference both Stoneham and Durocher met with reporters but Stoneham did all the talking.

He said that he spoke briefly with Chandler by telephone last night and assured him that Durocher would be at the hearing Tuesday.

Railroadmen to Get Longer Vacations

CHICAGO, April 30.—(AP)—The Nation's railroads agreed today to give improved vacation schedules to 300,000 engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and switchmen.

The new schedules, effective July 1, provide one week paid vacations after one year and two weeks after five years of service. The employees now receive one-week vacations.

A carrier spokesman said the new plan corresponds generally to the vacation schedules now in effect for non-operating employees. The five operating unions had asked for vacations ranging in to 30 days.

South Pacific Quake

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—The Fordham University seismograph recorded two "quite severe" earthquake shocks last night at a distance of 2000 miles, believed to be in the South Pacific.

'Foreigners Will Be Protected,' Promises Spokesman Over Radio; Diplomatic Relations Bid Made

The Chinese Communists in a radio broadcast monitored by the Associated Press in San Francisco, today demanded that Britain, the United States and France "quickly" withdraw their armed forces, warships and military aircraft from China.

At the same time, they promised "to protect all foreign nationals in China who engage in normal vocations" and said they "are willing to consider the establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries."

The statements were made by Gen. Li Tao, spokesman for the headquarters of the Peoples Liberation Army (Communist) of China, in a Peiping radio broadcast.

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The tightening ring of steel around Shanghai raised fears that the extensive Communist fifth column in this fourth largest city of the world, might strike tomorrow, May Day, to seize the city from within.

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