

Weather Forecast

FRANKFURT—Cloudy, rain, minimum temperature, 39; MUNICH—Cloudy, rain, 26; BREMEN—Cloudy, rain, 23; BERLIN—Cloudy, rain, 23; VIENNA—Cloudy, rain, 23; ROME—Partly cloudy, showers, 42; TRIESTE—Partly cloudy, showers, 32; PARIS—Cloudy, rain, 31; STUTTGART—Cloudy, rain, 28.

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Test Faced By Truman In Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (INS)—The Republican-dominated 80th Congress reconvened today in a session that capital observers believe can "make or break" President Truman through its legislative handling of grave economic and international problems.

The President and the Republican majorities in Congress face two major issues—aid to Europe and the high cost of living at home.

Congressional action will start slowly. The President delivers his annual message to Congress on the State of the Union tomorrow.

His economic report goes to Congress Friday and his \$40,000,000,000 budget message next Monday.

Here is the legislative picture as Congress reassembled:

Foreign aid: President asks authorization of the four-year Marshall Plan and \$6,800,000,000 to finance it for the first 15 months. (Continued on Page 12)

Danube Floods Bavaria Road

PFUNGSTADT, Jan. 6 (S&S)—Rivers throughout Western Europe remained at flood stage yesterday as press reports on unseasonable weather came in from many parts of the world.

The second Rhine River flood wave passed Mainz this morning and officials of the Rhine field organization said the river has begun to fall although another flood crest from the Main River was due to reach the Rhine by noon tomorrow.

The Danube, which spilled over the old circus grounds at Regensburg and flooded route N-8 at the main bridge there, has reached its crest and has started dropping, according to Maj. Morris Miller, provost marshal of Regensburg Mil. Post.

Dr. Hans Schoegler, chief of the Munich weather station, reported (Continued on Page 12)

U. S. Food Pinch Rumored by Poles

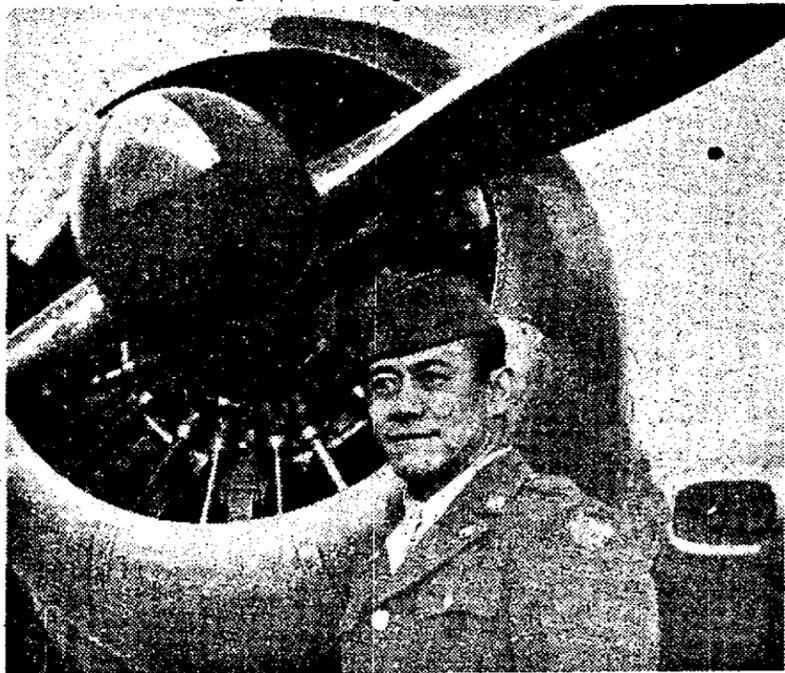
NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (UP)—Many of the 600 passengers who arrived today aboard the SS Ernie Pyle brought packages of mushrooms and spiced meats because latest rumors in the Polish port of Gdynia are that American currency soon will be changed and there is a serious food shortage in this country, according to a ship's officer.

The vessel carried 594 repatriated Americans and six aliens on its 14-day journey from the Baltic port.

The passengers were allowed to take their packages of dried mushrooms ashore after paying duty. Customs agents would not allow spiced meats to be brought into the country.

Tumbler Rocks Mexico City
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6 (AP)—An earthquake rocked Mexico City today, causing buildings to sway gently but with apparently no damage.

Prefers Army to Kingdom



Pfc Raymond J. Brown, Jr., at Rhine-Main Airport. —PIO

Samoa Seeks Allies Launch GI Chieftain Bizone Parley

RHINE-MAIN AIRPORT, Jan. 6 (Special)—Pfc Raymond J. Brown, Jr., is the name that appears in military records—but to 30,000 residents of American Samoa—the nattily clad MP at Rhine-Main Air Base is Lafaai Lauvale Lutu Peni.

And because Lafaai Lauvale Lutu Peni is heir to the office of high chief in that South Pacific land, his people want him to give up his soldiering and come back to them as their ruler.

An urgent request has been sent to officials at Rhine-Main by the attorney general of American Samoa asking for Brown's immediate return.

The attorney general explained that the clans want their hereditary ruler back to squelch the efforts of an aspiring Samoan who has been claiming Brown's chieftaindom because of Brown's long absence from the land of swaying palms.

The new request—for it is the second time that the demand for his return has been made—doesn't especially bother "Crown Prince" Brown. He has told the Samoan (Continued on Page 12)

Yugoslav Pessimistic On Trieste Governor

ROME, Jan. 6 (UP)—Yugoslav Minister Mladen Ivecovitch said tonight he did not believe his government would accept the last candidate for the Trieste Free State governorship proposed by Italy and added "some big power does not want a governor appointed."

He said five Yugoslav candidates had been rejected by Italy, instead of three as announced by Italy.

Paris Shops Closed in Supertax Protest

PARIS, Jan. 6 (UP)—Shutters of more than 100,000 small stores throughout France were slammed down tonight and 25,000 angry Paris shopkeepers demonstrated in protest as Premier Robert Schuman's 125,000,000,000-franc supertax bill was rammed through its final stages in the Council of the Republic and the National Assembly.

The bill, on which Schuman obtained five straight confidence votes of the National Assembly yesterday and which imposes what amounts to a forced loan on wealthy

businessmen, storekeepers, farmers and professional men, was passed by the Council of the Republic, 160-109, and then returned to the assembly, which passed it by a show of hands on the final reading. After cleaning up minor routine business the assembly recessed until Jan. 13.

Shops Fear Ruin
The bill becomes law after publication in the official journal. Leon Gingembre, president of the General Federation of Small and Medium Businesses, told the Velodrome d'Hiver meeting that the

government supertax would mean "complete ruin" for thousands of small shopkeepers. He called for combined action to prevent shopkeepers being forced into bankruptcy or jailed for inability to pay the supertax.

During the demonstration, which was orderly throughout, members of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's movement showered down Gaullist propaganda pamphlets from a balcony, quoting from the general's speech at Saint Etienne Sunday and calling for new adherents to the Rally of the French People.

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Bulletins

GARMISCH, Jan. 6 (S&S)—An AF lieutenant and an enlisted man were burned to death when trapped in the wreckage of their crashed L5 plane about 20 miles from here tonight. The plane crashed into a swamp. The pilot was attached to Eucom Intelligence School.

PARIS, Jan. 6 (UP)—The Agence France Presse reported 13 persons were killed and three injured when an airliner from Brussels crashed coming into Le Bourget airport here tonight.

U.S. Rules Sea, Nimitz Reports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz says the U. S. Navy holds "undisputed control of the sea" and could establish floating airfields off any shore to attack inland areas.

The ex-chief of naval operations in a report prepared before his retirement last month and published today, also predicts the Navy of the future will arm its carrier-based planes with atom bombs.

Nimitz reported the U. S. was relatively deficient in manpower compared to central Asia or Western Europe, but could win a war nevertheless with superior weapons and naval air and sea strength.

If war comes suddenly, within the next several years, he added, air and sea power would be the only way of hitting back swiftly at an enemy.

While invasion in some form would be necessary to win such a war, it might not be necessary to occupy all of the enemy's territory or its capital, he said.

Two prime factors in any sizeable (Continued on Page 12)

Hotel Bombing Called Murder

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Palestine government sharply rebuked today Haganah, unofficial militia of the Jewish Agency, for the "dastardly . . . murder of innocent people" in the bombing attack on the Semiramis Hotel, which cost 20 lives.

None could say, however, what the government was prepared to do to combat disorders in the Holy Land. Most observers believe it impossible for the British police and dwindling military establishments to disarm the populace.

There was intermittent sniping in the old city of Jerusalem during the night but no major attacks. Shooting between the Arabs and some 1,500 beleaguered Jews inside the walls is audible constantly.

A British constable was shot dead near the center of Jaffa early today.

Harbor Committee Confers In Hamburg Dock Strike

HAMBURG, Jan. 6 (UP)—While 5,000 dock strikers remained idle here, a conference of the harbor committee was held this morning in Hamburg to decide what action should be taken.

Union officials report the strikers this morning prevented men on the early morning shift from going to work and that there is a likelihood of work on the docks coming to a complete standstill.

Rebels Shell From Albania, Athens Says

ATHENS, Jan. 6 (UP)—Press reports charged today that guerrilla artillery is shelling Greece from emplacements inside Albania and that planes from another power have been shipped into Albania for guerrilla pilot training.

These dispatches said Albanian trucks have been passing through Mertsani bridge, north of Bourazani, picking up guerrilla wounded. They alleged that guerrilla artillery is located south of Leskovik in Albania and that shells are falling northwest of Konitsa.

Some guerrilla artillery stationed at Kalovrissi in Greece was forced to withdraw into Albania, press reports said, and reappeared for a few hours later north of Skordilli.

Military authorities in Jannina reported that the anti-guerrilla fighting continues north of Konitsa despite rainy weather. Greek air force planes continued to attack guerrilla posts in tactical support of troops.

Late dispatches reported a heavy battle in the Peklari trail area, northwest of Konitsa, underway since yesterday with guerrillas using artillery. Military authorities said Greek troops have occupied the villages of Kalovrissi, north of Bourazani, and Eliorahi, between Konitsa and Bourazani, and Sanovon in what was described as a surprise attack.

Kavasila, northeast of Konitsa, was taken by government forces (Continued on Page 12)

Illegal GI Hunter Wounded by MP

FRANKFURT, Jan. 6 (S&S)—Squirrel hunting without a license almost had fatal consequences for Pvt. Robert E. Johnson last night when he attempted to flee MPs investigating his parked car.

Johnson, accompanied by Pfc's Jack D. Maxwell and Jean T. Maxwell and Marietta Mialbeg, of Eschborn, was wounded in the neck when he drove away instead of halting when the MPs checked his car parked near gas station No. 5 near Frankfurt.

Johnson is reported to be in "fair" condition at the 97th Gen. Hosp. His wound was caused by a .45 caliber bullet fired by Pfc James A. Saltz, of the 709th MP Bn.

Investigators said the soldiers admitted they had neither passes nor hunting licenses.

Egypt Firm on Evacuation

CAIRO, Jan. 6 (UP)—Premier Nokrashy Pasha told the chamber of deputies today that Egypt demands complete British evacuation of Egypt regardless of what terms are agreed upon in any British-Egyptian treaty.