

Chiang's Men Talk Of Peace

Deal With Reds Story Reported by Nanking Top Officials

NANKING—AP—Talk of a negotiated peace and a coalition government spread through Nanking today as Chinese Communists increased peril to that capital and Peiping.

In the Interest of Reducing Traffic Jamups



Hoover Urges Study of Raise For President

WASHINGTON—UP—Former President Herbert Hoover said today Congress should look closely into increasing the salary or expense money given the President of the United States.

In an effort to move cars faster through the usually congested West State and Calhoun Streets intersection, the Traffic Bureau has painted markers for two lanes of travel for south-bound traffic down the Calhoun Street hill.

for faster left-hand turns in both directions. Breaking in drivers to the new pattern is Traffic Captain John J. Ryan and Patrolman Bennett (rear), with Traffic Officer Charles Dennis in foreground. Traffic gets so heavy at this corner that oftentimes the backed-up cars block traffic through Hanover, Spring and even Bellevue Avenue.

Jersey's Electors Ask Divine Guidance For Truman, Then Cast Their Votes For Dewey

New Jersey's 16 members of the Electoral College asked Divine guidance for President Truman yesterday—and then cast their votes for Thomas E. Dewey.

perity and the prosperity and security of our country." The vote for Dewey was cast quickly. Mrs. Ruth Streeter, head of the women Marines during World War II, and Victor H. Berman of Bayonne collected the printed ballots, stamped in gold with the State seal.

Lie Detector Use Studied In Spy Quiz

'Very Important' Witness Called In Race to Forestall Jury

WASHINGTON—AP—Congressional spy probes called "a very important" witness today as they pondered a new move to improve lie detector tests.

Mystery clerked the latest proceedings of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Bus Case Witness



Frank E. Matthews, treasurer of Trenton Transit, as he testified at yesterday's bus fare hearing.

Tokens Talked Of As Substitute For Weekly Bus Pass

Suggestion Made During Hearing of Fare Boost Appeal—Case Resumes February 7 For Attack On Company's Claims

Substitution of tokens for the present weekly pass may be proposed by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners in answer to Trenton Transit's petition for a fare increase.

been eliminated, said Peacock, in a number of cities where formerly used.

City Counsel Louis Josephson may have a similar plan to offer. The token idea was injected into the proceedings at the opening of hearing yesterday on the suggested fare boost.

To retain a seven-day pass, Peacock continued, would compel the company to petition for a charge of \$1.75 a week or higher, perhaps as much as \$1.85. Such a boost, he declared, would make the cost too much for many riders.

Reds Rearm East German Police Force

Secretly Equipping Them On Style of Old 'Black Reichswehr'

BERLIN—AP—The Socialist newspaper Telegraph said today the "people's police" in Eastern Germany are being rearmend secretly by Russia on the style of the "Black Reichswehr" after World War One.

The company wants to limit the use of passes to five days a week, Monday through Friday, and raise the price from \$1.25 to \$1.35.

George Gildea, counsel for Rankin Johnson, Trenton Transit receiver, led Peacock through a maze of figures offered to bolster the company's case. Both Gildea and the witness defended continuance of the pass as dictated by practice to which riders have become accustomed. To eliminate it, Peacock said, would mean a loss in short ride volume.

The British-licensed paper, which continually attacks Soviet policies, claimed the real strength of the force was hidden by distributing its men in factories in groups of five to 50. The newspaper said even women are undergoing military training. The "people's police," it said, really is an army designed to fight for Communism.

The interval of nearly two months before cross examination is designed to give opportunity for the board experts and the city to analyze and study the figures.

Powers interrupted at this point with the observation he understood the company to claim too much short riding represented a loss. Peacock said this was so only under some conditions.

Mild Weather On Way Out

Colder temperatures were reported on the way today to spoil the Spring-like weather which the city has been enjoying for the past day or so.

The deficit for the half-year period ending this month was estimated at \$55,982. Actually, an additional \$37,888 a year would be required to bring revenues and expenses into balance and give a reasonable return on investment.

In defense of the transfer cost increase, Peacock told the board the average transfer ride, as shown by a recent survey, is 3.4 miles. Many riders, he charged, abuse the transfer privilege to make a round trip at a cost of 11 cents.

Italy, Soviet Conclude 1st Postwar Pact

ROME—UP—The Italian government announced officially today that it had signed its first postwar treaty with Russia, which for total exchanges of \$100,000,000 worth of goods annually.

Frank H. Sommer, counsel to the board, brought tokens into the picture by asking Peacock if anything other than the present fare structure had been considered.

Peacock failed to give a direct answer and launched into a discussion of the difficulties of finding an acceptable substitute. He said he did not think a zone fare system could be worked out to the satisfaction of riders.

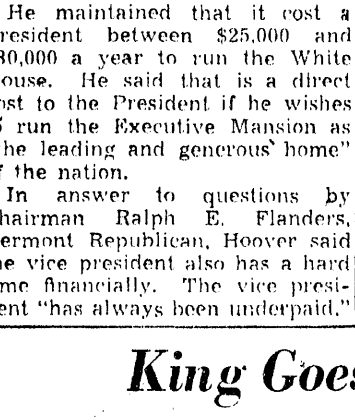
Bonus Fight Is Renewed By Veterans

Veterans of the State are girding for another bonus battle at the 1949 legislative session. The opening gun has been fired in a resolution adopted by State commanders of the major veteran organizations calling for submission of the question to the voters next November.

Financing the payment is left to the lawmakers. Among suggestions are a State lottery and increased taxes on horse racing, cigars, gasoline and a beer.

King Goes Hunting

King Gustav of Sweden holds his shotgun during hunt in Kaersjoen forest near Stockholm. Now 91, he was recently kept indoors by physicians, but got permission to hunt hares.



Gunners Shot Hunting Deer

Burlington County Hospital at Mount Holly treated three hunters yesterday for wounds received during the first day of the deer season.

Officer Subdues Man With Smash of Club

When Patrolman Williams ordered a man to move off the porch of Max Farber, 18 Union Street, last night, the answer was a string of oaths and a wild lunge with a knife.

3 Children Die In Fire

DENNISON, O.—UP—Three children were burned to death when fire destroyed the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Densley, near here today. Killed in the blaze were Patricia, 2, Philip, 10, and Carol, 14.

Truman Dock

ATHENS—AP—A large section of the harbor of Piraeus, Athens' port, will be named the Harry Truman dock. It was announced today. The ceremony will be held Thursday, with King Paul in attendance.

Smoke Causes Alarm

Joseph Newman of 50 Power Street saw smoke pouring from the chimney of Richard Salter's home, 49 Power Street, last night and summoned firemen. They found that the fire was where it should have been 'right in the stove.

Pocketbook Stolen

Mrs. Joseph Bilknap, 192 Locust Street, made a telephone call last night from an East State Street drug store. When she returned to the table where she had left her pocketbook, she found it had disappeared. It contained a small amount of money.

Ammonia Fumes Leak

Firemen of Engine Company 3 under the direction of Captain Rainbow were called last night to the home of Charles Mantel, 1144 Adeline Street, to disconnect a leaky refrigerator from which ammonia fumes had spread.

Invasion Stalls In Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—UP—A hastily mobilized Costa Rican citizen army has thrown up a defense line in the north-western part of the country to contain an invasion force from Nicaragua that crossed the frontier four days ago, it was announced today.

State House Yule Decorations Completed

The State House is bright with holiday decorations. If Santa Claus finds time from his many other demands to pay a visit, he is assured of a gay and colorful welcome.

Christmas Fund Gets \$115, Reducing Deficit to \$956

Little Douglas Scott Costner hit the nail right on the head when he sent in his gift to The Times' Poor Kiddies Christmas Fund today.

There are two large Christmas trees, brilliant lights, wreaths and ropes of laurel. One of the trees, a 21-foot Douglas fir, stands in the rotunda. The other is in the reception room of the Governor's office. Both are from the Washington Crossing State Park, which also supplied a tree for the War Memorial Building.

That's the spirit which is going to put the Poor Kiddies Christmas Fund over the top. That's the spirit which is going to guarantee a full stocking for every needy youngster in Trenton. That's the real Christmas spirit.

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Altogether 22 persons took time out from their own Christmas shopping to give Santa a lift with his. They donated \$115 to the Christmas Fund.

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Mrs. William B. Tams of 482 Parkway Avenue mailed in \$10 from her daughters, Joan and Carol. A similar gift came from Mrs. William S. Case and Miss Elizabeth B. Case of 455 West State Street.

Four local organizations collected money from their members and forwarded the gifts to The Times' office. One of these was the Young Men's Bar-Bell Club of Hillcrest which sent in \$10. Another was the Loyal Twelve Club of which Ella Bynum is president. That group also sent in \$10. The Nu Trent Club of which Ethel C. Price is treasurer mailed in its check for \$5. The Trenton Liederkrantz of (Continued on Page Two)

The present average fare for all city riders was computed at 6.75 cents in another tabulation. The average, if the boost is allowed, was figured at 7.47 cents.

In the last three years transit fares have been boosted in 56 of 66 cities of 200,000 or more population, which is the classification of Trenton and its suburbs, Peacock testified. Two or more increases have been granted in 28 such cities, according to a chart put into the record.

Frank E. Matthews, treasurer of the company, was the only other witness. He testified briefly on an exhibit showing assets and liabilities over the last three years.

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In addition to the suggestion of tokens or some other alternative plan, both Josephson and the board counsel will delve into company payments on obligations of predecessor corporations. It is Josephson's contention these payments account in part for the situation in which the company finds itself. He further holds the disbursements are not a proper charge against present revenues.

SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS
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Boy, I'm burnin' up! Wanted to get some earnings for my gal for Christmas, and the clerk asked me, "What size?"