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World Crying Peace! Peace! There Is None

America Dedicated To Great Task Remaining Before Us

(By The Associated Press)

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us."

The words were said long ago. In a lull battle and they were said again Saturday as the world paused once more to observe the last peace of the Armistice.

Around the world the lawmakers, the potentates and the chiefs of governments spoke of peace. But they spoke of it as a thing not possessed, but hoped for and once again, to be fought for.

Extolling the fallen dead of old wars as Lincoln extolled the fallen of Gettysburg, the speakers said we must carry on their fight.

To keep faith with our dead, Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff, of the First Army, said in New York, Americans must rededicate "ourselves to their unfinished task."

These were old words that whistled through the back pages of time down through the "war to end wars" and past an impermanent Armistice through a Second World War to another peace that again was almost not peace.

In defeated Germany, which had kindled the flames of two world wars, the victors still stood guard. But there was no jubilance commemorating a lasting victory.

There in the land that marks the dividing ground of a new smouldering conflict, Gen. Thomas T. Hardy, head of the U. S. Army's European command, spoke of those who had died.

"We can pay them no greater tribute than to pledge ourselves anew to carry on their battle for peace and freedom."

In the nation's capital, American chief of defense, Gen. George C. Marshall stood in Arlington cemetery among the buried generals and military heroes.

"We can do nothing to restore life to these men," he said. "But we can keep faith with them, remembering and honoring their sacrifices and doing our very best to support the ideals they courageously represented."

The theme echoed throughout the Western world as parades marched in New York, wreaths were placed in Canada, jet planes streaked over Paris, silent crowds gathered at flower-covered tombs and cannon boomed the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—recalling the moment of peace 30 years ago.

And in the churches and synagogues people sought divine guidance for the future.

But amid the whispered prayers

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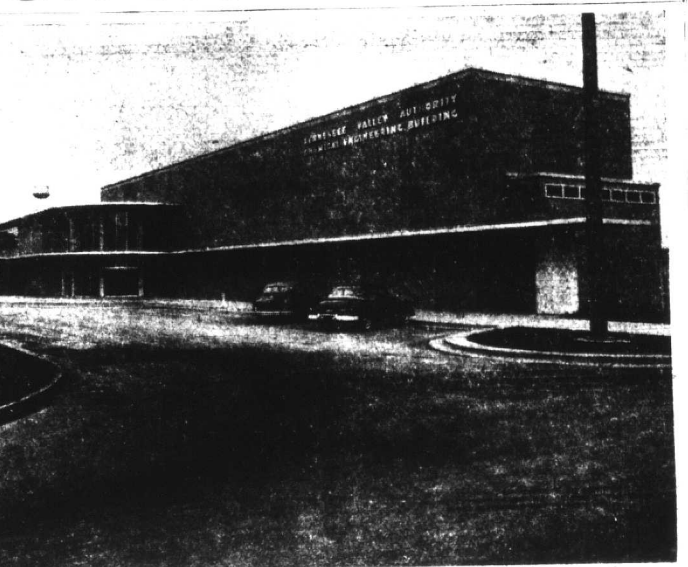

TVA CHEMICAL ENGINEERING BUILDING at Muscle Shoals, to be formally opened to the people of the Muscle Shoals district Wednesday, is shown above, looking northeast and showing a general view, assembly and files wing, right, technical wing, background; engineering wing, left.

Phone Tolls Between Tri-Cities To End

Toll-Free Service Beginning Set For Thursday, Nov. 16

The telephone company has now completed the installation of the facilities necessary to provide toll free service between the Florence-Tuscumbia-Sheffield exchanges.

Beginning Thursday, Nov. 16 no charges will be made on calls between the Tri-Cities exchanges, T. S. Hurst, group manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, said Saturday.

In response to numerous requests that the possibility of eliminating the toll charge be investigated the telephone company proposed a plan whereby this might be done. A proposal to add 50 cents per month on business one, two and four party services, 15 cents per month on residence one, two and four party services with no change in the business and residence eight-party rates was presented to all customers. More than 90 per cent of those expressing an opinion favorably endorsed this proposal, Mr. Hurst said.

The small increase in the monthly rates mean that the Tri-Cities customers will be paying the same rates as other localities in Alabama with a comparable number of telephones. There are now more than 13,600 telephones in the Tri-Cities areas, Mr. Hurst added.

Muscle Shoals Residents Invited To Attend Chemical Enginering Building Open House

All residents of the Tri-Cities area were given a cordial invitation today to attend an "open house" Wednesday, Nov. 15, to inspect one of the most interesting buildings in the world—TVA's new chemical engineering building at Muscle Shoals.

The invitation was issued by Charles H. Young, director of the Authority's Division of Chemical Engineering, and members of his staff.

"The modernly-designed structure, recently completed, has an area of 89,000 square feet and houses more than 200 members of the research, engineering, and administrative staffs of the division.

"We're proud of this great new laboratory," Young said. "It is the first major facility of its kind to be constructed by TVA. Moreover, it is the Federal Government's only laboratory on a national scale for Columbia, Tenn., employs about fertilizer research carried on from 2,000 workers.

"We have received many inquiries from people in the Muscle Shoals area regarding the new laboratory and the possibility of visiting it," he continued. "As can be readily understood, it would be very difficult to carry on our work effectively if we had a large number of casual visitors every day, and we therefore want to have a single, informal open house for the purpose of showing the new building to the people of the local area and to inform them concerning the work of the division."

TVA officials plan no formal dedication ceremony for the occasion, and there will be no speeches. The building will be open for inspection Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Milner's First To Apply For Natural Gas

Oldest Business Firm In City Will Use Latest Fuel

Milner's Drug Store, which is the oldest firm in the city still doing business under the same name and on the same site where it was established in 1853, was the first to make application for the use of Natural Gas, which will be supplied by the City of Florence Gas Department and should be available in the near future.

Since this application No. 1 was signed on Oct. 1, seven hundred other applications have been filed with the Gas Department and this number is mounting daily as continued progress is being made in the construction of the new gas

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Gas Company's "Open House" This Afternoon

Tri-Citians Are Invited To Visit New Headquarters

Residents of the Tri-Cities are invited to an "open house" to be held this afternoon at the headquarters of Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company located on East Second Street near the Airport road in Muscle Shoals City.

The officers and employees of Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company are extending a welcome to all people of the Tri-Cities who would like to visit their headquarters and gas control center at an "open house" to be held this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The company headquarters serves as a center from which the flow of gas to the Tri-Cities area is controlled. By reading a series of gauges and charts, the gas dispatcher is able to tell just where and when to increase or lower gas pressures in order to insure an uninterrupted flow of gas to users. Should the need for a change in pressure arise the dispatcher is in direct radio contact with the company's supply station at Selmer, Tenn.

The control of the flow of gas is

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Editors, Reporters And Scientists To Hear Atom Experts

HUNTSVILLE, (AP)—More than 100 newspaper editors, reporters and scientists from throughout 10 States in the South will arrive here Monday in preparation for an Atomic Energy Roundtable, the first of its type ever held in the United States.

The seminar, sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission, National University Extension Association and the Southern University Council of Atomic Energy, will open at noon Monday and continue through noon Tuesday at the Russel Erskine hotel here.

The two-day conference is being held principally for newspaper editors in order to provide them with an opportunity to clarify their thinking on atomic energy. Discussions will follow short addresses by key atomic energy scientists.

One of the outstanding speakers during the two-day session will be Sumner Pike, AEC member, who will discuss the job of the AEC at a banquet meeting Monday night.

Coleman A. Harwell, vice-president and editor of The Nashville Tennessean, will strike the keynote of the forum as the Monday noon luncheon speaker. The Tennessean editor will cite the values of the Atomic energy roundtable to a practising newspaperman.

(Representing The Tri-Cities Daily and The Florence Times at the seminar will be Louis A. Eckl, editor.)

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Lauderdale, Lawrence Convicts Get Paroles

MONTGOMERY, (AP)—The State Pardon-Parole Board handed out paroles to 33 prisoners last week, one to a Negro convict who served 18 years for killing a fellow prisoner.

Joe Smith, 43-year-old Mobile, Ala., Negro, was given a life sentence in 1932 in the slaying of another convict at a Shelby county road camp.

Others on the parole list included:

Alvin Lee Hubbert — Murder, Lauderdale, Oct. 5, 1946, 10 years.

Joe Jones (Negro)—Grand larceny, receiving and concealing stolen property, Lauderdale, Sept. 30, 1949, two years.

Walden Payne — Robbery, Lawrence, Nov. 12, 1947, 20 years.

Education Week Activity Wins Norton's Praise

Stresses Importance Or Teacher Training For Future Progress

As National Education Week draws to a close, Dr. E. B. Norton, president of Florence State Teachers College and former Deputy Commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education, issued a statement praising the interest shown by the press, radio and other public agencies in stressing the importance of National Education Week.

President Norton urged continued vigilance on the part of the public in the interest of helping

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John A. Smith, 79, Florence Native, Dies At Memphis

John Alexander Smith, one of the Mid-South's best known mule dealers, died at 8:35 Friday night at Baptist Memorial hospital in Memphis. He was 79.

Engaged in the mule business for 40 years, Mr. Smith was also an extensive property owner in Memphis and recently sold 200 acres near Woodstock on which the DuPont Company is to erect a chemical plant.

Born in Florence, Ala., he moved to Memphis about 40 years ago and took over the old Hazel Darnell Mule Company. Five years later he entered into partnership with Frank C. Podesta and established the Smith and Podesta Mule Company.

The firm has handled the sale and shipment of hundreds of thousands of mules in all parts of the world. Sales ran up to thousands for the U. S. Army for which Mr. Smith was mule procurer during World War I.

In poor health for six months, Mr. Smith was forced to retire from active work and had been confined to his home, at 1804 Glenview, Memphis.

He was a member of the Memphis Matinee club and in his younger days had a great interest in pacers and trotters, owning and raising them at the old Fairgrounds in Memphis. Charitable institutions regularly received donations from his compassionate hand.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Gretchen Kohnmann Smith, of Memphis; three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Mrs. Charles Rowland and Mrs. Roy McCrory, all of Florence; a sister, Mrs. O. R. Fielder, also of Florence; 10 grand children and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the National Funeral Home in Memphis with Rev. W. W. Thrower, pastor of the Glenview Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery in Memphis.

Active pallbearers will be William E. Johnston, Bill Rowland, Roy McCrory, John D. McCrory and Robert Smith, all grandsons; and Robert Puryear, James Jackson and Norman Ricci.

U. S. Worried By Red China Intervention

Still Hope For Peaceful Settlement In Korea

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Top U. S. officials see a chance of reaching an armed truce with Chinese Reds who have intervened in Korea, but they are still worried lest the situation explode into World War III.

China's intentions, which are the key to the situation, appear to be completely unknown here. In fact much less is known or assumed about Peiping's purposes than about Moscow's. For the official belief is that the Russians talked the Chinese into their Korean move as a means of keeping United Nations forces tied down in the Far East and thereby slowing American-Western European rearmament.

That is in line with Russia's obvious effort to disrupt the American-led build-up of Western military power. In Korea it has taken the form of a diplomatic offensive against the rearming of German units, in Indo-China and Korea it has been expressed in terms of real military attacks, which place a burden particularly on American military resources.

As far as China's intentions are concerned, if the Peiping regime actually is aiming at the creation of a border buffer zone in "protect" Manchuria and the Yalu river power dams, some officials said Saturday that a settlement probably could be worked out.

In other words there are indications here that the United Nations, probably would agree to slightly less than one hundred per cent liberation of Korea provided it could be proved that was what was needed to halt Chinese Communist interference.

On the other hand, if the Chinese follow up the present lull in fighting with a sustained military operation to drive U. N. forces from Korea, the United States and Allied powers undoubtedly will strike

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Business Drop Likely Precede Defense Boom

But Government Officials Are Not Alarmed At Prospect

BY MAX HALL

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Government officials are watchful but apparently not alarmed over the prospect that a business slump will come between the checking of the civilian boom and the full flowering of defense contracts.

Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall is known to believe that military contracts will be placed fast enough to take up most of the slack.

Production Administrator William H. Harrison said recently in reply to a question that "of course, there might be" somewhat of an interim business recession, but he indicated that the gradual rise in the armament program might prevent it or lessen its impact.

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said Friday that the National Production Authority, in

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A Proclamation

Whereas, a great work begun 19 years ago by the Muscle Shoals District Service League among the crippled and handicapped children of Lauderdale and Colbert Counties remains unfinished and

Whereas, it takes money as well as good will and sacrificial service to straighten limbs and free children from the sorrows and vicissitudes of crippled-ness and

Whereas, in promoting this task the numbers of the Muscle Shoals District Service League will self apples on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1950, in order to further finance this merciful and humane work.

Now, therefore we the mayors of the Tri-Cities with deep regard for the way in which the members of the Muscle Shoals District Service League have dedicated themselves to the relief of suffering humanity, and especially the little ones amongst us, do hereby proclaim Saturday, Nov. 18, 1950, as "Apple Day" in the Tri-Cities and do call upon one and all to patronize these messengers of good will and charity in order that good life might be brought to all of the handicapped children of our district.

See Witness Whereof, we have here unto set hands and seals.

(Signed) By E. F. Yelding, Mayor Florence
By C. L. Beard, Sheffield President City Commission
By E. J. Henninger, Mayor Tuscumbia

PFC. JEFFREYS WOUNDED

Pfc. Bryce E. Jeffreys, son of William H. Jeffreys of route 3, Town Creek, was reported wounded in action with the U. S. Army in Korea by the Office of Public Information of the Department of Defense Saturday. The department named him on its official casualty list No. 148, but did not specify the nature or extent of his injuries.

Final Plans Being Made For Kiwanis Smorgasbord

Final plans are being made for the annual Kiwanis benefit Smorgasbord supper at the Tuscumbia community center Tuesday night. Serving hours will be from 6 to 7 o'clock and from 7:30 o'clock on. The time each will attend is on the tickets.

The smorgasbord will benefit Kiwanis underprivileged children fund and the community center.

Malcolm Tate, noted organist of Fayetteville, Tenn., will play during the evening. A. E. Ray, general chairman, announced.

On the reception committee is Howell T. Heflin, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Morton, Mr. and Mrs. John Denton, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mays and Mr. and Mrs. Hatton Bigbee.

Punch will be served in the lounge with Mrs. Arthur Vaughn in charge. Assisting will be Mary Jane Whitlock, Mary Ann Oaks, Patsy Purnell, and Katherine Joe Burns.

The decorations for the center is in charge of members of the Helen Keller Garden club and will stress autumnal colors. Mrs. H. C. McGee is in charge of this committee, assisted by Mrs. Warren Parker, Mrs. Nell Stephenson, Mrs. C. H. Woodroof, Mrs. Harry Throckmorton, and Mrs. C. T. Joiner.

Mrs. Frank Hackley is general food chairman. Also on the food committee is Mrs. Ollie Burns, and Mrs. W. D. Shrader is chairman of menus.

David Pruett is chairman of the ticket committee assisted by D. G. Somerville.

The Smorgasbord table will be covered with a vermillion butcher linen tablecloth. It will be a three tiered table with branched candelabra holding gold tapers tied with bronze chrysanthemums. Bowls of handmade flowers of vegetables, fruit, and autumn flowers will be interspersed among the colorful foods.

Mrs. Shrader, Mrs. Robert Beasley and Mrs. James Christopher will decorate the smorgasbord. Assisting in the dining room will be Mrs. Beasley and Miss Daisy Williford, Miss Lenice Coburn, Mrs. John Wesley Phillips, Mrs. Raymond Moore, Mrs. E. D. Grant, Mrs. James Christopher, Mrs. Floyd Wilson, Catherine Robinson, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Charles Porter,

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'At The Theatres'

SHOALS AND TUSCUMBIAN—Cary Grant in "Crisis."

PRINCESS & STRAND — "Mister 880," with Burt Lancaster, Dorothy McGuire. Also "Holy Year 1950."

COLBERT — "The Fireball," with Mickey Rooney, Pat O'Brien.

NORWOOD—"Shakedown," with Brian Donlevy and Peggy Dow. Also, "Spy Hunt," with Howard Duff and Marta Toren.

MAJESTIC — "Thieves' Highway," with Richard Conte, Valentina Corteza.

RITZ — "D.O.A.," with Edmond O'Brien, Pamela Britton.

JOY LAN DRIVE IN — "When Willie Comes Marching Home," with Dan Dailey and Corinne Calvet.

WILSON DRIVE IN — "Colt .45," with Randolph Scott and Ruth Roman.

PARK VUE DRIVE IN — "Cheaper by the Dozen," with Clifton Webb and Jeanne Crain.

Republican Chairman Ask For Stronger Voice For Party In Foreign Policy

Brannan Ouster Also Suggested By Gabrielson

BY JOHN B. OWEN

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Republican Chairman Guy Gabrielson Saturday joined anew in the GOP "Fire Acheson" chorus and in his party's emphatic bid for a stronger voice in foreign policy.

Gabrielson, summing up the Republican advances in Tuesday's elections, declared the Truman Administration was repudiated in its conduct of the nation's affairs in general.

The GOP national chairman suggested that President Truman change his dangerous course and drop Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan from his cabinet.

Meanwhile it was learned that the long-ailing Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) expects to see on the job Jan. 3 when the new Congress begins. It is expected that he may seek to temper GOP fire on foreign policy issues. Out of action for many months, Vandenberg has a record of serving to unify Congress and present a united American front to the world.

As for domestic issues, another Republican, Senator Wiley of Wisconsin, fresh from a re-election victory, demanded quick congressional attention to the "grave inflationary situation."

Wiley also called for new efforts to achieve economies in the vast re-armament program, declaring:

"It is a national tragedy the way the prices of military items have been allowed to leap since the Korean conflict started."

Wiley, in a statement, urged that Senate and House committees summon government leaders to review their anti-inflation plans, and check with military leaders on rising defense costs.

Gabrielson's statement, renewing his attack on Acheson, continued a daily GOP assault begun the day after election by Harold Stassen, a Republican spokesman. It was extended by others including Senator Taft of Ohio, the party's policy chief in the Senate.

Acheson, a prime target of the Republican campaign, said Wednesday that he has no intention at all of resigning. President Truman has always given him staunch support.

The President, who left for a Chesapeake Bay cruise on election day, has been silent ever since the vote count made it clear that compromise with the Republicans will be necessary in his conduct of foreign affairs.

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Muscle Shoals in Alabama reported a est reading Saturda

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