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## SECOND TORNADO SWEEPS SOUTH, 12 DEAD

### CURTIS SAYS KIDNAP HUNT NEARING END

Norfolk Shipbuilder Is Back  
From Mysterious Trip  
In Plane.

CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS  
'IN SEMI-FINAL STAGE'

Secret Meeting With Lindy  
Planned Today, Place  
Not Revealed.

NORFOLK, Va., March 27 (AP)—John H. Curtis announced tonight that Norfolk intervenors seeking to recover the Lindbergh baby believe their negotiations are in their "semi-final stage," and will see Colonel Lindbergh personally tomorrow.

The announcement was made upon Mr. Curtis' return from a mysterious airplane trip for the purpose of meeting the child's abductors or "go between."

In making his statement to a conference of newspaper men late tonight, Mr. Curtis did not disclose where he would meet Colonel Lindbergh, or what information he would take to the father.

"We will see Colonel Lindbergh personally tomorrow," he asserted in reply to questions. "That is all I can say tonight."

#### MEETING SECRET

In answer to the question as to where the meeting would take place, he said:

"If you knew the plans we are working on you could see behind the scenes."

Previously Curtis had said he was much encouraged over the results of his "visit," but declined to say where he had been or what had been done. He added, however, that negotiations were in a "semi-final stage."

The Norfolk shipbuilder said he had spoken with several persons who had been in contact with the kidnappers.

### STUDENTS LEAVE TO LAY PROTESTS BEFORE HORTON

Treatment By Tennessee Officers Resented; Four In Special Party Escorted From State Of Proposed 'Research'; Woman Reporter Denies Role In 'Gun Play'

(By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Two groups of Eastern college students, ejected from the South-eastern Kentucky coal mining area, left Knoxville yesterday afternoon for Nashville and Frankfort, to protest to the governors of Tennessee and Kentucky the alleged mistreatment they received from officers in being escorted out of the state border section.

#### TRESPASS CHARGED

Traveling in two buses and several cars they headed for Nashville at 5 p. m. in a down-pour of rain.

They planned to call upon Governor Horton either upon their arrival at the Tennessee capitol or early Monday morning.

Before departing, the steering committee of the student group, who came to do "sociological research" in the Kentucky mining

district under the auspices of the National Students League, issued the following statement:

"We consider acts of Tennessee officers in co-operating with Kentucky deputies in illegally compelling our bus party to cross from Kentucky into Tennessee across the state of Virginia, a wholly unwarranted trespass upon the rights of free travel upon interstate highways and a violation of the sovereignty of the state of Virginia."

One group, which was turned back Saturday when attempting to go into the coal fields by a little frequented route near Fonda, Ky., claimed Claiborne county, Tennessee, officers assisted in their exodus by escorting them through the Tennessee county. This, the steering committee said, is one of the protests to be made to Governor Horton.

Traveling slowly through a blinding snowstorm, they reach-

ed Sparta, 100 miles from Nashville, shortly after 3 p. m. Already behind their schedule, they expected to reach Nashville about 1 a. m. today. However, they had not reached Nashville at that hour.

#### "LOST" STUDENTS "FOUND"

Four students in a delegation which left Knoxville late Saturday to seek explanations from Kentucky officials for their ejection, were escorted from Pineville yesterday after interviewing County Attorney Walter B. Smith, and having Bell county's mine problems explained to them by a group of citizens. They had been reported "lost" early Sunday.

A student committee which will wait upon Governor Horton is composed of Rob F. Hall, of Columbia university; Pauline Dusen, New York university graduate student; Arthur Goldschmidt, of Columbia university;

Med. E. Pavlov, of the University of Tennessee; and J. M. Lebold, New York high school senior.

Nashville, Governor Horton said he would not receive the students cordially, it will be "glad to hear what they have to say."

Asked last night if the students had sought to make an appointment, the chief executive said they had not, but that "I'll be glad to hear what they have to say."

From Nashville the students plan to go to Frankfort, Ky., to make an interview with Governor Ruby Laffoon, and lodge protests with him.

#### REPORTER UNDER FIRE

Tentative plans call for continuing from there to Washington where, according to Hall, a Congressional investigation of "gun law" in Bell and Harlan counties, Ky., will be sought.

Hall said some action would be sought from the British embassy in the case of Gabriel Carritt, a Columbia scholarship student from Oxford, who, they said, was struck by a Bell county deputy.

Both groups, one ejected from Kentucky at Middlesboro Friday night and the other Saturday, joined at Knoxville Saturday afternoon. Both charged they were roughly handled by Kentucky officers headed by Attorney Smith in their forced departure across the Tennessee line.

Before leaving for Nashville, a student committee issued a statement which charged that Miss Margaret Wright, a reporter for The Knoxville Journal, was placed upon the second bus by armed deputies on the Tennessee side of the state line Saturday. "Thus allowing herself to be made a vehicle for intimidation, gun play and beating of members of the party."

The students' statement follows:

"The people of Knox county have been very kind to the student delegation during our short sojourn here.

#### "LIFTED NOT A FINGER"

"We also appreciate the interest displayed by The News-Sentinel both in its stories and in the attitude of the reporters.

"We must protest, however, several unfortunate incidents. The Knoxville Journal, which is supposed to stand for law and order, has made serious and unsubstantiated charges of incitement to disorder against our delegation and has termed the reports the students sent to Pineville were lost, a 'publicly stunt.'"

"Miss Margaret Wright, reporter of The Journal, was (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)

### CYCLONE HIT 'BAMA TOWN SECOND TIME

Savage Twisters Wre  
Havoc In Midst Of Red  
Cross Relief Area.

PROPERTY DAMAGE  
BELIEVED IMMEN

Three States Feel Streng  
Of Storm, Tennessee  
Woman Dying.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27 (United Press)—Central Alabama and Georgia were battered by cyclonic storms today for the second time in a week. Early reports showed at least 12 known deaths and more than 50 injured.

Clinton county, Alabama, which gave up 40 lives to the devastating tornado last Monday night, was stricken anew by today's blast. At least six persons died in Clinton county today, near Lawley and Jemison.

Today's storm followed in the same general direction the path of the storm of last week, in which more than 200 were killed, 2,000 injured and more than 3,000 persons made homeless. At one spot the latest storm moved within single mile of a huddle of brick houses levelled last week.

#### REPEATS ROUTE

The storm today started in Blount county, Alabama, 60 miles west of Montgomery, and made a hop, skip and jump through Lawley, Raddolph, Centerville, Mt. Pleasant, Jemison, Thorsby, Lock Haven, Elmore county, Ala., and on to Georgia at Corbin, East Newton and then northward to Cleveland, Tenn.

Conflicting reports came from Thorsby, reported victim of two tornadoes. A postal telegraph line man telephoned his office Monday morning that 19 had been killed in that figure could not be confirmed. Six were known dead at Thorsby where the storm last week fell.

### Tattered Revenue Measure Faces New Crisis In House

Substitutes For Sales Tax  
Force House Leaders  
To Major Test.

WASHINGTON, March 27 (United Press)—The torn and tattered revenue bill enters its crucial stage in the House this week when the ways and means committee brings in a series of substitutes for the \$395,000,000 manufacturers sales tax stricken from the measure last week.

The substitutes are likely to be more palatable in many quarters than was the rejected sales tax and the Democratic-Republican leadership faces another major test in attempting to put them through. They call for levies on automobiles, radios, stock transfers, amusements, cosmetics and other luxuries and increased first class postage.

The bill also calls for a 10 per cent increase in the tax on the sale of automobiles and a 10 per cent increase in the tax on the sale of radios.

### Soviets Predict U. S. Will Fight Japs In Pacific

War Over Tokyo's Aggres-  
sion Inevitable, News-  
papers in Russia Say.

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP)—A prediction that war between the United States and Japan would grow out of the Manchurian conflict between China and Japan was made in the Red Star, Soviet military publication, today.

"Altogether, the situation in the Far East is becoming more and more serious," the publication said. "It is inevitable that the countries in the East will be drawn into the war."

### NEW PROBLEMS FACE MEETING

Democratic Committee Has  
Three Duties Today.

#### GIVEN BROAD POWERS

Capt. Long Expected To Play  
Important Role.

NASHVILLE, March 27 (AP)—Faced with several extra-party problems, the Democratic state executive committee will meet at the Capitol tomorrow to plan for the convention that probably will be held here in May.

Chairman Tom Henderson's "wide open" call for the executive committee meeting gives it broad powers in arranging for the convention. It may consider all matters that are "for the best interests of the Democratic party in this state."

Among much discussed subjects that the committee may authorize

### PAINTER SHOT; NEGRO IS HELD

Cigar Store Man Shot In  
Abdomen In Holdup.

#### CONDITION 'GRAVE'

Declares Discharged Negro  
Employee Hit Him Twice.

Ray S. Painter, proprietor of the cigar store, No. 207 South Gay street, was shot through the back and stomach by a negro who attempted a hold-up at Fifth avenue and Morgan street at 6:50 p. m. Sunday.

Painter was rushed to Knoxville General Hospital where he underwent an operation. His condition was grave at an early hour today.

After being taken to the hospital, the negro was held in custody.

### Danger Of Death Is Less Here Than Over The State

World Welcomes  
Easter's Promise  
Of Better Times

Peace, Hope Mark Memo-  
rial Ceremonies Over All  
Christendom.

(By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

The eyes of Christianity that for a 12-month have looked upon international dissension, economic tribulation, crime, strife, and political bitterness, were raised aloft yesterday to a promise of peace, hope and joy.

Associated Presses a picture

Memphis Is Most Hazardous  
Tennessee City, Check Of  
Records Show.

There is less danger of dying if one lives in Knoxville than in any of the other large cities in Tennessee, comparisons of the cities' death rates show. Memphis is the most hazardous of the cities in which to live, the report reveals.

Charts showing that Knoxville has a lower general death rate, a lower infant mortality rate, a lower death rate for tuberculosis, typhoid fever, infant mortality, and maternal death rate than any other large city in the state, are to be included in the city health bureau's annual report. The charts and figures are based upon the comparative mortality statistics compiled from the annual bulletin of vital statistics, published by the Tennessee State Department of Public Health.