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**WARM**  
and partly cloudy with moderate to fresh southerly winds in the United States weather bureau forecast. Highest temperature Monday 78, lowest 65; same day, last year, highest 79, lowest 66.

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## DEBATE ON HUGE DEFENSE BUDGET BEGINS IN HOUSE

Leaders Warn Against Cuts in \$46 Billion Bill

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST  
WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The House started debate Monday on a \$46,680,384,270 defense budget bill amid warnings from its top military specialists that any cuts would be gambling with national security.

The bill already had been cut \$1,340,636,500 by the appropriations committee from the \$50,021,022,770 requested by President Truman.

Some Republicans want it cut more and have been suggesting an extra reduction of up to 1 1/2 billions through amendments to be offered Tuesday and Wednesday.

Although the bill is the biggest money measure Congress will consider this year—providing for more spending than all other appropriation measures combined—it attracted little interest from House members.

Only 41 Present  
At one time newsmen counted only 41 members on hand, and the House had to halt debate long enough to have a roll call to produce a quorum.

If Republicans seeking further cuts have specific places in mind to make them, they did not disclose it during early debate.

Rep. Taber of New York, spokesman for the GOP budget-cutting drive, said "there can be cuts made without impairing" the defense program.

It was to the budget-cutting brigade that Rep. Mahon (D-Tex.), chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, which wrote the bill, directed his lead-off statement.

"The people who are talking in fantastic figures about reducing this military bill by billions and billions of dollars are, as a rule, the people who know least about it," Mahon said.

He expressed hope the House would not "go on a budget-slaughtering spree and rip this bill to pieces."

A slackening of the defense effort now, Mahon said, would be risky and could amount to "sowing the seeds of World War III."

The Texan claimed "our military weakness" is "the major reason we have not been more effective in the cause of peace and stability around the world."

Vinson Joins Plea  
Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the armed services committee, joined Mahon in pleading for no further cuts. It cannot be further reduced, Vinson said, "without jeopardizing the security of this nation."

By the middle of 1952, Vinson said, the United States will have "an almost completely modern defense" and military expenditures can be substantially curbed.

While standing squarely behind the money allotments recommended by the appropriations committee, Vinson said, he opposes a provision limiting the number of military officers. He claimed it would force the demotion of between 24,000 and 25,000 officers after next July 1, the beginning of the year for which the bill makes appropriations.

"Let's not encourage the development of mediocrity by limiting the opportunity for promotion," Vinson said.



... AND THEN CAME A RESOUNDING CROAK

## Frog Wins 'Weather Derby' Despite Pogo's Late Rally

Picayune Old Timer Has 1083-Vote Margin

(Another Picture on Page 3)  
Frog's the winner!  
Despite a last-minute, all-out effort by supporters of Pogo the Frog, the Picayune Frog earned squatter's rights as official mascot for the weather stories in The Times-Picayune.

When harried staffers and other employees of The Times-Picayune disposed of the last eligible ballot Monday in the week-long "weather derby," Frog was 1083 votes ahead. The final, official tally is:

Frog ..... 1139  
Pogo ..... 487

It was a heroic attempt the Pogo supporters put on for the final day of the balloting to get their critic on top, but it didn't quite make the grade. Frog, whose chest had been swelling to alarming proportions in recent days, was momentarily deflated—but not for long.

The last day's balloting was the heaviest yet, and Pogo did right well. He received 1520 votes on that day to 1319 for Frog.

Pogo, of course, will continue to entertain readers of The Times-Picayune with his comic strip antics; and, in case of need, he'll pluck his life for the Picayune Frog as a weather prophet.

Should the Frog contract languish, has need for a vacation or otherwise be out of action for a few days, Pogo will be on the sidelines—ready to go in the game for him.

So the Picayune Frog, whom old-timers remember as being mostly always right in predicting the weather in the early 1900s, returns to serve a new generation with the advice of the weather bureau. It was the old-timers' protest when Pogo took over that chose several weeks ago that led to the "weather derby."

Between victory croaks, a confident Frog agreed Monday with US weather bureau forecasters that it will be warmer Tuesday and partly cloudy. Temperatures in the early morning will be between 58 and 62. In the afternoon, the mercury is expected to reach between 78 and 82.

Scattered thundershowers will put in their appearance by Wednesday, according to forecaster W. C. Conner (again with Frog's concurrence) and in the west and north portions of the state cooler temperatures will return. Whether the cooler weather will reach New Orleans is too early to say. Monday's lowest was 55; the highest, 76.

**NEW DISASTER MAKES BIG FAMILY HOMELESS**  
BISMARCK, N. D., April 7 (AP)—Last fall, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Senger and their ten children was destroyed by fire. Bismarck residents helped them acquire another house.

Today the Senger house was floating down the flooding Missouri river. The Sengers saved virtually none of their belongings.

Picayune Frog wins "weather derby" by 1083 votes despite 11th-hour rally by supporters of Pogo.

More than 400 boys of Warren Easton cut classes in mass "strike" protesting 6-3-3 school system.

Three armed thugs hold up drug store operator, take \$188 in cash and \$58 of narcotics.

Judges of criminal district court take formal action turning over bonding powers to clerk of court.

Thirty-one witnesses, including 26 holders of federal stamps, subpoenaed to testify before grand jury gambling probe.

Motions attacking constitutionality of city's lottery ordinance are filed on behalf of five accused.

French aircraft carrier loads oil in city for navy under arrangement with NATO.

Committee of insurance agents places survey of public school insurance program before board.

Pistol team from Fifth District is presented trophy for superiority in police shooting competition.

## Gist of the News

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Union chief Murray reasserts intent to walk out in steel strike tonight; US freezes civilian use. —Page 1

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## M'GRATH LEAVES; 'NO ANIMOSITY'

'God Bless Department, President,' Is Farewell

By WILMOT HERCHER  
WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—J. Howard McGrath stepped down as attorney general today, leaving his cabinet post "with no animosity in my heart for any man."

"God bless the Department of Justice," he said in a farewell speech to more than 2,000 employees assembled in the Great Hall of the Justice Department.

"God bless the President of the United States."

McGrath's departure on this note of good will left the administration without a chief law enforcement officer.

Hearing Voted  
The Senate Judiciary Committee voted today for a full dress hearing before passing on President Truman's nomination of James P. McGranery to succeed McGrath.

Indications are that McGranery won't be confirmed until next month at least. Meanwhile, McGrath announced, Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman will take over as acting attorney general.

McGranery, a U. S. district judge in Philadelphia, inherited the administration's cleanup job as the attorney generalship when Truman summoned him at the end of an astonishing two-act political drama last Thursday.

The fireworks started when McGrath abruptly fired Newbold Morris, the 6 foot 3 inch lawyer he had brought down from New York two months earlier to head the drive against corruption in government.

'Political Surgery'  
Less than four hours later McGrath himself was out. The President said he had resigned, but McGrath commented cheerfully today that it was a piece of "political surgery." Morris and McGrath fell out over the former's insistence on digging into the personal financial affairs of the attorney general and other high government officials.

Rep. Keating (R-NY) issued a statement tonight saying House members of the Justice Department should find out "whether there is substance to the story that the attorney general was about to present to a grand jury a case against Mr. Morris and seek an indictment, at the time Morris was fired."

The story has been published in Washington. Asked about it today, Joseph Short, Truman's press secretary, said he had never heard of it.

Urges Hearing Both  
Keating said he had asked Rep. Chief (D-Ky), chairman of the investigating committee, to arrange for testimony from McGrath and Morris.

He said it is important to know whether the report of an impending indictment is correct.

"If such was the case, it is essential to find out whether this was a result of Mr. Morris' actions in Washington or whether the facts had been brought to the attention of the justice department long before Mr. Morris was ever named as a special assistant to the attorney general," he continued.

Keating said speculation about the matter "is widespread." "The no-comment attitude of the White House does nothing to dispel the fog," he added.

McGrath released his departmental workers an hour early Monday and invited them to gather in the ornate great hall for his official good-bye.

Quite immediately  
Although the White House had announced that McGrath would carry on until McGranery was confirmed, McGrath said he was quitting Monday. In view of the recent developments, he said, he did not consider it possible "longer to continue to make objective decisions."

A surge of cheering greeted McGrath when he entered the hall with his 14-year-old son, David, at his side. Also with him on the dais were his assistant attorney general and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation.

The attorney general explained that his wife also wanted to be present but some dental surgery Monday morning prevented it.

"This seems to be the month for

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## Senate Rejects Slate of Conferees for Talks with House on Tidelands

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The Senate Monday rejected a slate of conferees picked to represent it in conferences with the House on legislation to give the states oil-rich lands beneath the marginal seas.

Vice-President Barkley had named as Senate conferees Sens. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), McFarland (D-Ariz.), Murray (D-Mont.), Cordell (R-Ore.) and Butler (R-Neb.).

Later, the Senate, with only a few members on the floor, agreed to a motion by Sen. Long (D-La.) to withdraw the conferees.

Long said a majority of the conferees selected do not represent the majority view of the Senate on the submerged lands issue.



LOOKING FORWARD "with great anticipation to the 1952-53 concert season" is Alexander Hillsberg, newly appointed conductor and musical director of the New Orleans Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, who arrived here Monday with Mrs. Hillsberg from Philadelphia. He said "I know we'll have a very fine orchestra." (Story on Page 16.)

## 400 Warren Easton Boys 'Strike' as 6-3-3 Protest

Spokesman Presents Views to School Officials

More than 400 boys of Warren Easton High school Monday cut classes in a mass "strike" protesting the 6-3-3 school system. Students from two other high schools were expected to join the strike Tuesday.

They marched on the Orleans parish school board office shortly after the 8:35 a. m. bell marked the start of the first class.

Acting school superintendent O. Perry Walker met them and said he would receive their views in the auditorium of the L. E. Rabouin Vocational school, 727 Carondelet.

With the auditorium filled to capacity, the Easton students' spokesman, Eugene Stasi, said that the reasons for the mass demonstration were:

1. Objection to the 6-3-3 school system; 2. opposition to Warren Easton becoming coeducational; 3. protesting the change in faculty which would bring women teachers to the school; and 4. opposition to the announcement that the school's principal, Henry M. Voselin, would be replaced by Miss Amy Hinrichs from McManis High.

Stasi asked Walker to have the school board put the controversial plan to a vote of the parents of the students.

Walker said that he would pass along the boys' wishes to the members of the board.

At a meeting of the school board Monday night, Walker distributed to members a written report of the incident. Board members received it without comment. Mrs. Jacqueline T. Leonard, board president, asked him if he wished any board action, and he replied in the negative.

Earlier, to accommodate a reporter, Mrs. Leonard asked her fellow board members if they intended to say anything or offer any motion in connection with the strike. None did.

Others to Join  
The 6-3-3 school system would make Easton, a boys' high school

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## Otis Wins Appeal of Kaiser Ruling

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—The United States court of appeals Monday reversed a federal district court decision ordering Otis and Co., investment bankers, to pay the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. \$3,120,743 damages for breach of contract.

But Edgar Kaiser, president of Kaiser-Frazer, said the new decision will be appealed to the supreme court.

In a unanimous decision, the appellate court directed the district court to dismiss the case, holding that the contract was "so closely related to the performance of acts forbidden by law as to be itself illegal."

Otis and Co., a Cleveland firm, was sued by the automobile concern for failing to fulfill an alleged contract to underwrite 10 million dollars of Kaiser-Frazer common stock.

The court concluded that the contract was "unenforceable" because the prospectus which formed an "integral part of the contract" has been found to have been misleading.

"The public sale of the stock by the underwriters was to be made and could only have been made in reliance on that prospectus," the court declared.

## STEEL PEACE HOPE FADING

Government Freezes Civilian Use of Metal

By PETE BAIRD  
The telephone strike sounds like a collect call by both parties.

If LSU funds are shifted, as planned, from the football stadium to the library—that's one for the book.

Maybe these high school boys striking against the coeducational system just don't want any Romance languages in the classroom.

Discovery Spurs Intensified Search for Clues

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Finding of the murder weapon spurred an intensified hunt Monday for the killer of Arnold Schuster, the young salesman who put the finger on bank robber Willie Sutton.

After a day of hush-hush activity, police confirmed that they had the gun.

Ballistic tests showed it was the .38 caliber revolver from which death slugs were pumped into the 34-year-old Schuster a short time after he pointed out the fugitive Sutton to police.

Believing the gun was stolen from an overseas shipment, police questioned some 80 longshoremen during the day.

It was the first major break in the case since Schuster was slain outside his home March 8.

The revolver was found in a parking lot a few blocks away last Wednesday, police disclosed, and tests the next day proved it was used in the killing. But the prize find had been kept secret.

Only after 100 detectives were called to Brooklyn, and sent out on new arrest missions, did news of the development become known.

There were still puzzling aspects. Only three empty cartridges were in the gun. Four slugs had entered Schuster's body.

Police were searching sewers and back alleys in the vicinity for other clues.

Top police officials were close-lipped about the moves.

Chief Inspector Conrad Rothengast said the revolver was believed to have been stolen from a Brooklyn pier, and was part of a shipment bound for Japan.

## Plenty Happens to Him—Unhurt

WASHINGTON, April 7 (INS)—This is the story of a man who fell 40 feet through several high tension wires... was struck by a train and suffered—a few scratches and bruises.

Amazed police said Damon Murray, 53, climbed out on the ledge of a Pennsylvania railroad viaduct Sunday night and went to sleep. In his sleep he rolled off his perch, dropped through the high tension wires and was hit by an inbound train.

The train halted, put Murray aboard and at the station a waiting ambulance rushed him to a hospital, where doctors found no serious injuries.

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MISSING BY INCHES the berth of the Rev. Louis Weltman, professor at Xavier university of Cincinnati, this broken rail stabbed into a Pennsylvania railroad sleeping car Monday as eight cars of a Chicago-to-Cincinnati train were derailed near Elwood, Ind. Father Weltman was shaken but unhurt. Two other persons were injured.