

The norther was expected to curve eastward after entering the state and leave the southern reaches of West Texas, around the Del Rio-Eagle Pass area, with temperatures near 40, forecasters said.

The cold weather will follow a banner two days of rain for West Texas ranchers and farmers. Farmers in South and East Texas have benefited, too.

All except the Panhandle and South Plains have received steady drizzles for the past few days. This is the kind of rain that helps crops the most.

In Southeast Texas, J. A. Steger of Hempstead said: "I don't know when the ranchers have had prospects for a better spring than this year. Grass is literally tearing out of the ground, green and lush."

Weatherford had several showers Friday, totaling .10 of an inch and Mineral Wells got a slow drizzle most of the day.

Throckmorton measured .50 inch, including both Thursday and Friday rains.

TEACHER BROKEN BY CHARGE 25 YEARS AGO DIES IN SKID ROW

By Chicago Tribune Service.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The long search was over Friday for Walter E. Peck, 62, a doctor of philosophy from Oxford, authority on Shelley, Keats, and Byron, and former assistant professor of English at Hunter College.

It began 25 years ago when a career that netted Peck \$20,000 a year was shattered by his wife's accusations he had engaged in love affairs with four co-eds. Forced to quit Hunter, Peck explained:

"There is something in me that cries out for satisfaction and will get it, though hell should bar the way."

Friday there was nothing to bar his way. His body, shriveled through years of dissipation, lay on a morgue slab waiting a claimant.

It had been there since Sunday night, when Fred Lippoth, 44, an itinerant dishwasher, and a pal of Peck's for eight years, found Peck lying in a snow-covered doorway. Peck died of a heart ailment.

Friday, Harry Baronian, editor of the Bowery News, made the identification as official as anyone could. Baronian knows just about everyone along Manhattan's Skid Row—and Skid Row was Peck's home.

For Peck, there was only one stop left in his long search. Potters' Field.

ness can not be dragged on indefinitely," he declared at a news conference.

Rhee made no mention of a mutual security treaty with the United States ratified only Friday by the South Korean National Assembly.

The U. S. Senate foreign relations committee now is conducting hearings on the pact.

The pact makes clear that the United States will not support Rhee in a unilateral attempt to take over North Korea by force.

Rhee said his deadline is "180 days from the start of the Korean preliminary peace conference talks." They began Oct. 26.

This is the third deadline Rhee had proclaimed for independent action. The first was Jan. 27—180 days after signing of the Korean armistice. Some time ago he said that he would wait for 90 days after the start of a peace conference.

The Allied and Red sides have been unable to agree on details of a peace meeting.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY FUNDS SOUGHT BY BACKERS OF SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The chairman of the House armed services committee went shopping Friday for funds with which to build the proposed Air Force academy.

The committee voted unanimously for an Air Force-sponsored measure authorizing expenditure of \$26,000,000 to get the long-discussed project un-

derway. The bill now goes to the full House.

Chairman Dewey Short of Missouri disclosed that Representative Taber of New York, chairman of the House appropriations committee, has expressed doubt his group will approve more than \$5,000,000 for the academy this year.

Short began efforts to get the Air Force and the appropriations committee to agree on a plan under which funds from previous appropriations would be re-programmed for construction of the academy. This presumably would be more palatable to economy advocates.

Under terms of the bill, location of the academy would be decided by Air Force Secretary Talbott. Among sites favored in the past are Grapevine, Randolph Air Force Base and a site near Denison, all in Texas.

Both Air Force and congressional sources discounted reports the Air Force actually has chosen the site already. Separate and contradictory reports have had the academy placed at Grapevine, Randolph, Colorado Springs and Sedalia, Mo.

The bill, which has the backing of House Speaker Martin of Massachusetts and Republican Floor Leader Halleck of Indiana, is expected to be cleared by the powerful House rules committee Monday. A committee source predicted the measure would reach the House floor Wednesday.

Short said he was confident of House approval, although some

opposition from House economy advocates was expected.

The committee chairman pointed to Air Force testimony that some \$25,000,000 would be required to get work under way on the academy, which may cost as much as \$175,000,000.

Backers of the bill were believed to have enough votes to Turn to Air Academy on Page 2.

U. S. Turns Down Plan for Recall Of U. N. Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 15 (AP). — The United States turned down Friday a proposal by India to recall the U. N. Assembly Feb. 9 for a debate on Korea, but kept the way open for a possible meeting later.

The Soviet bloc and Iraq were the only countries so far to give full backing to a proposal by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Assembly president, that the delegates reconvene as requested by India.

The replies were received here by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and relayed by him to Mrs. Pandit.

The United States said it was not able to decide by Jan. 22 whether the assembly should meet for the Korean debate next month. It added officially it could not concur in the proposal but was keeping it under review.

Armed Robber Gets \$9 at Hotel Here

W. E. Watkins, night manager at the Mahlon Hotel, 102½ W. 14th, was robbed of \$9 and struck on the head by an armed robber shortly after midnight Friday.

Watkins said the man registered for a room, and then produced a pistol and demanded money. After taking it, he struck Watkins on the head with the gun. Watkins was treated at a hospital.

Police were seeking the assailant.

Blond Charged in Fails in Escape At

Flashy, blond Sandra Jean Faris, one of six persons charged here with a jewelry theft, tried to pull a disappearing act Friday on city police.

Sandra, 21, bolted for freedom as she and three of her companions were being booked at city jail after having been brought here from Dallas.

But Turnkey B. E. Carter was faster than the svelte Sandra, and she ended up in his grasp before she could reach the door.

Sandra later was taken in handcuffs to the district attorney's office, where she was interrogated by Assistant District Attorney Randell Riley.

Riley reported she refused to make a written statement.

She and five others, all seized Tuesday night in Dallas in a police raid on a house there, are

charged in Justice Calloway's court with the theft Dec. 23 of a tray of 12 rings from Leonard's Department Store.

Nine of the rings were recovered in the raid, along with other loot Dallas police estimate at \$10,000 in value.

Sandra was handed over to Fort Worth officers at a habeas corpus hearing in Dallas Friday before Criminal District Judge Harold B. Wright.

Brought along with her were Joyce Blackmon, 31; Isaac Ray Noble, 35, and Thomas J. Oden, 22.

The other two defendants in the ring case, Harry Young Noble, 32, Isaac Ray's brother, and Harlon M. Averett, are charged in U. S. District Court in Dallas with narcotics law violations.

ders early Saturday to farm workers seeking to enter the United States.

The foreign ministry in a statement issued shortly after midnight said the farm labor agreement has expired, and blasted the United States for its proposal to sign up braceros anyway.

The statement said Mexico could not "conform" to this proposal, and said that as a result, it would give no authorization for the legal departure of any farm workers from this country into the United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP).—The government Friday night announced a "stopgap" plan for importing Mexican laborers for work on farms in the southwestern states, pending a new agreement with Mexico.

The announcement was made jointly by the State, Justice and Labor departments only a few hours before the scheduled expiration of the old U. S.-Mexican agreement. This is due to expire at midnight Friday.

Actually, the old agreement, perfected in 1951, ran out Dec. 31, 1953, but was extended for 15 days by both governments while State Department representatives attempted to iron out differences over future operations.

The diplomats have thus far been unsuccessful in concluding either a new agreement or agreeing on amendments to the old pact, known as the "Migrant Labor Agreement of 1951."

The new plan provides for recruitment of Mexican agricultural workers at border stations by Labor Department representatives.

21 Firemen Hurt As Blaze Levels Historic Buildings

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP).—A raging fire consumed four historic warehouses Friday. Twenty-one firemen were injured and the loss unofficially was estimated at \$3,000,000.

Fifteen of the firefighters were hurt when a wall blew out and buried three fire engines under tons of debris.

Thirty-eight hundred television sets stored in three of the ancient, four-story buildings went up in flames.

The warehouses, in the Red Hook section, were built during the Civil War for use as ammunition depots.

Under pressure of the intense heat, big chunks of their two-foot thick brick walls gave way and fell to earth with explosion-like roars.

Five alarms brought 30 fire engines, two fire boats, a medical disaster unit and many police cars to the scene.

Queen Begins Tour

the Corrigan Funeral Home. Deputy Purvis called Sheriff Watson Walker at Livingston. Later, the sheriff took Day to the county jail at Livingston for further questioning.

District Attorney J. W. Simpson was notified and was due here Friday night to conduct the investigation. Turner said no charges will be filed until the investigation is completed. He also said he will wait until then to return his verdict in the double killing.

Day had operated a furniture store here for many years, but closed the store about Jan. 1.

Accused Red Slowed Effort, Witness Says

EL PASO, Jan. 15 (AP).—Union Leader Clinton E. Jencks plotted with Mexican and U. S. Reds to hamper the war effort in Korea by crippling metal production, a former Communist testified Friday.

The ex-Red, Harvey M. Matusow, who became an FBI informer while still a Communist, said Jencks once described the United States as an "aggressor fighting an unjust and imperialistic war," in Korea.

Matusow said: "He (Jencks) said some of the Mexican union organizers had been up to Silver City (N. M.) visiting with him, trying to see that contracts both in Mexico and the United States would run out at the same time so that they would be able to end all mining and smelting in basic metal production in an attempt to cut off production or slow it down for the Korean war effort, which he termed an unjust and imperialistic war."

Matusow asserted Jencks urged "his fellow Communists" in New Mexico to back the Soviet Union's disarmament plan which called for the United States to get rid of its atomic bombs.

Matusow was another government witness in the trial of Jencks, who is accused of falsifying a non-Communist affidavit in 1950.

Jencks was then president of the Bayard, N. M., Local 890 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Second Employee Of Hotel Jailed In Kidnap Case

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15 (AP).—A 19-year-old St. Joseph, Mo., hotel worker was sentenced Friday to a five-year prison term for attempted extortion in the Greenlease kidnaping case.



AIR ACADEMY ADVOCATED—Air Force Secretary Talbott told members of the House armed services committee he didn't expect President Eisenhower to get involved in selection of the site for the proposed separate air academy. Talbott is shown testifying before the committee.

AIR ACADEMY Air Academy To Be Studied By Area Group

Continued From Page 1. over-ride expected attempts to revise the measure when it reaches the floor.

Representative Rogers of Pampa said he knew "several" congressmen who would back an amendment to have the academy site chosen by the Air Force subject to a congressional veto.

Representative Mahon of Lubbock, a member of the appropriations committee, said he planned to "interrogate" backers of the bill to determine whether it wouldn't be better to have a "service academy" for all three services, instead of a separate academy for each. This would promote unification of the services, the West Texan said.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, a member of the Senate committee which will consider the bill after it is passed by the House, expressed confidence the Senate will "proceed at the earliest possible date" with the academy legislation.

"The air academy is essential for strengthening the security of this nation," said the senior senator, "and Texas is the best place for it."

Johnson said he didn't expect Senate opposition on grounds of economy.

Negro Escapes Hail of Bullets After \$20 Theft

A Negro thief escaped a hail of bullets Friday night after he jerked a \$20 bill from the hand of O. L. Brauer, owner of the O&O Grocery, 545 S. Riverside Drive.

Brauer told police the Negro entered the store with a handful of small bills and asked for the \$20 in exchange. He fired four shots as the Negro fled.

Detectives C. D. Bush and W. E. Kearney said they believe the Negro is the same man who bilked two other businesses of \$20 apiece Monday night.

His usual method is to ask for a \$20 bill in exchange for smaller ones. He pretends to put the large bill in an envelope. When the merchant finds only \$19 in small bills, the Negro takes back his money and leaves the envelope — containing only paper — saying he is going to his car for the extra dollar.

DENTON, Jan. 15 (Spl).—Congressman Ikard of Wichita Falls will meet here Saturday with a group of civic and business leaders to map further plans toward securing approval of the Denton County site near Grapevine Lake for the proposed Air Force Academy.

The House armed services committee approved Friday a bill to authorize such an air school.

Denton first began work on the site in 1950 when the chamber of commerce and officials of Dallas and Fort Worth agreed to submit a request that the academy be located at Grapevine.

An Air Force committee, after reviewing the site in 1951, advised officials here the Grapevine site would go on a preferred list.

Denton representatives scheduled to meet with Ikard Saturday are Dr. J. C. Matthews, president, and William G. Woods, dean of men, of North Texas State College; Dr. John A. Guinn, president of Texas State College for Women; Joe Skiles, chamber of commerce president; Riley Cross, Record-Chronicle publisher; and J. H. Russell, Marvin Ramey, W. F. (Pat) Hamilton and Stanley Monroe, representing Denton business interests.

Odessa Painter Held 6 Days; 2

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP).—A Texas house painter called state police Friday and told them he had been kidnaped last Saturday in Oklahoma by two men and forced to drive them here.

Eight minutes later a city patrolman arrested two men identified by the painter, Noble Howard, 45, of Odessa as his kidnapers. They were in Howard's car.

DENVER RODEO

DENVER, Jan. 15 (AP).—Harry Tomkins of Dublin, Texas, won the featured bareback bronc riding contest Friday at the opening performance of the National

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