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TWO BOUND OVER IN SATNOVER CASE

Teachers' Bonus Postpones Showdown On Pay Issue

COTTON KING—O. R. McKennon, self-styled "plain old country boy" cotton planter from Dumas, Ark., relaxes on a vacation in Miami Beach after selling his entire 1946 cotton crop of 6,119 bales on a spot cash basis for nearly a million dollars (AP Wirephoto).

Final Round Expected On 1947-49 Pay

Compromise Ends 2-Week Deadlock

By NOEL YANCEY

RALEIGH — (AP) — By adopting a conference committee compromise on an emergency pay bonus for teachers and State employees, the General Assembly this week postponed until later the final round in a bitter dispute over increased pay for the State employees.

The week saw the introduction of 79 bills — 60 in the House and nineteen in the Senate — and many proposals are sure to cause parliamentary storms when they come up for consideration.

The pay compromise ended a nearly two-week legislative stalemate that was brought on by a recommendation from Gov. R Gregg Cherry that teachers and State employees be granted pay increases of 20 per cent.

A House group, headed by Rep. Oscar Barker of Durham, fought for still greater increases, and they held up final passage of a bill to grant the teachers and State employees a 20 per cent increase for the remainder of the biennium until they obtained a compromise calling for emergency salary bonuses ranging from $144 to $270.

The bonus will cost the State an estimated $8,250,000 as compared with approximately $6,000,000 provided in the original bill. The teachers and State employees will receive half of the bonus in their February checks, and the remainder will be pro-rated during the rest of the fiscal year.

The pay dispute will come up again when the Legislature decides on salary increases for the 1947-49 biennium. That round may be fought in the Joint Appropriations Committee about the middle of February.

Groundwork for the Appropriations Committee battle was laid Thursday when the group conducted a public hearing on a public school budget which already calls for the expenditure of $122,210,099 to "support the public schools during the next biennium.

The State Board of Education urged the committee to provide "every dollar that can be provided consistent with a sound financial policy" to increasing teachers salaries, and the N. C. Education Association pleaded that the teachers be granted a 30 per cent pay increase.

COMMISSIONS REPORT

The week brought reports from eight commissions which were authorized by the 1945 General Assembly to study various State problems.

One commission recommended and a bill was introduced to require motorists to file security when they are involved in accidents as follows: $5,000 for injury of one person, $10,000 for injury of two or more, and $1,000 for property damage. Another commission asked that legislation be passed to require a semi-annual mechanical inspection of motor vehicles and reissuance of drivers' licenses at three-year intervals.

Recommendation that a $25,000,000 fund be set up by the State to assist counties in the construction of school buildings was made by a commission which reported that at

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MARSHALL'S AIDE — John E. Peurifoy (above) of Walterboro, S. C., has been named Acting Assistant Secretary of State in Washington by Secretary of State George C. Marshall. Peurifoy is an administrative veteran of the State Department. (AP Photo).

Al Capone Very Ill

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(AP)—Scarface Al Capone was being kept alive by oxygen and expert medical care today and a noon bulletin stated he was slightly improved but in a very critical condition.

"He has a better chance than last night," said his doctor. His condition is a little better, but still very critical."

The first activity around Capone's 25-room walled villa on Palm Island today was the delivery of additional oxygen tanks.

For the first time, as far as it is known, the Chicago underworld character's scarred face was hidden by a mask—an oxygen mask.

He lay in a bed on the second floor of the white-painted main residence of his palm-dotted estate, a nurse constantly at his side.

Nurses administered the life-giving gas. Only nurses and doctors and members of the immediate family were allowed through the door of the sick room.

Five Admirals To Get New Honors

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Five top Admirals of the Navy will receive new honors Feb. 4—commissions as "Admirals in the great Navy of the great State of Nebraska."

The Nebraska Congressional delegation will hold the commissioning ceremonies for Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz; Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, vice-chief of Naval operations; Vice-Admiral Forest P. Sherman; Vice-Admiral John L. McCrae, deputy chief of Naval operations; and Rear Admiral Felix Steel, director of public relations.

The five will join a distinguished company including such seafarers as President Truman, War Secretary Patterson, General Eisenhower, Jack Dempsey, Commerce Secretary Harriman, Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas; F. H. La Guardia, and James J. Farley—fellow Admirals all.

Nebraska's mythical Navy, in which every man is an Admiral, is the Cornhusker State's version of Kentucky's famed Army of Colonels.

Pair Convicted In Black Mart Case

NEW YORK—(AP)—Two men, who U. S. Attorney F. X. McGohey said were "probably the largest black market meat operators to flourish in New York between 1942 and 1945," were under Federal conviction today on charges of fraud, conspiracy and use of counterfeit ration stamps.

Albert Merlis, 40, and Siegried Hermann, 39, both of the Bronx, who operated meat companies here and at Chester, N. Y., were convicted yesterday of defrauding the Government of $263,000 in subsidies, and use of forged and counterfeit meat ration checks worth 12,000,000 points.

The possible maximum penalty for each would be 278 years in prison and $590,000 fine.

Two Jet Pilots Killed In Crash

MARCH FIELD, Calif.—(AP)—The collision of two P-80 jet planes shortly after their takeoff here yesterday killed the pilots.

Dead are Lt. Ronald R. Ricci, 25, Norwalk, Conn., and Maj. Felix D. Williamson, 25, Cordele, Ga.

Williamson's plane disintegrated, Ricci's was destroyed by fire after it crashed from a spin. The planes collided 500 feet above a point two and one-half miles northwest of here.

12 Die In Plane Crash

LONDON — (AP) — A Rome-bound plane of the Spencer Airways carrying settlers for South Africa crashed and burned in the takeoff from Croydon Airport today, killing twelve of its 23 occupants.

"Seven of the eighteen passengers and four of the five crew members survived."

Relatives and friends of the victims witnessed the tragedy. The twin-engined DC-3 plane faltered momentarily as it became airborne in a light snow and then plummeted to the field, crashing into an unoccupied Czech airlines craft. Both ships burst into flame.

Air Commodore Vernon Brown, chief inspector of accidents for the Ministry of Civil Aviation, said the plane was "burned out."

Two hours after the crash, eleven bodies were recovered.

Among the dead was the pilot, Capt. Ted Spencer of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, head of Spencer Airlines, which operates from Victoria Falls, Southern Rhodesia.

Three of the passengers, believed to be among the dead, were white-hooded nuns bound for Nyasaland as missionaries.

Many of the passengers were members of families of ex-servicemen, offered free passage on the 6,000-mile trip to South Africa where they planned to make their homes.

Some were uninjured. The first to leap from the burning plane was Mrs. F. E. Hampson, 55, of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, who was on her way home from a holiday visit here. She suffered only minor abrasions.

The wind apparently drove the flames away from some of the passengers, she said, or all would have been trapped. Before the flames were extinguished, only the tails and wing assemblies of the two planes were intact.

Concert Vocalist Dead

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Death yesterday claimed Mary Crawford Reed, concert vocalist of the '20's.

Born 65 years ago in Detroit, she studied in Paris and made her debut as a coloratura soprano in New York.

Hikes On Hardship Basis

'Across Board' Rent Increases Ruled Out

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The possibility of a flat "across the board" rent increase was ruled out today as OPA revised regulations to make it easier for landlords to get boosts in hardship cases.

OPA officials said they did not know how many of the estimated 16,000,000 dwelling units under rent ceilings would be affected. But they did predict that small property owners would be the ones "most likely to benefit" under the changed regulations.

An official familiar with top Administration rent discussions pointed out that "previously there was pressure from some sources to decontrol, but now practically everyone feels we're not far enough along for that."

"Now," he told a reporter, "there is pressure on the part of some for a flat over-all increase. I wouldn't think the changes coming up will provide for that either."

This official said that there "might be other adjustments in the future if they were found to be justified." However, he said the requirements for "justification" would be "pretty strong."

He added that any changes in rent regulations would be discussed fully in advance with President Truman, Presidential Adviser John R. Steelman, and Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, chief of the Office of Temporary Controls. OPA now is a branch of that office.

The President has said he favors extension of rent controls beyond the present June 30 expiration date.

Fleming told reporters yesterday after a call on Mr. Truman, that OPA field offices had been directed to "liberalize" rents in "hardship cases." This, he said, would resolve the doubt in such cases in favor of landlords and provide for adjustment of rents on comparable dwellings in the same local areas.

Fleming emphasized, however, that his orders do not break the general rent control line.

OPA Commissioner Max McCullough told reporters that he will announce sometime next week details of revised rules in which "hardship provisions are being broadened to include such things as borderline cases and some types now ineligible."

Georgians Make Call For Inquiry

Solons Reported Offered Bribes

ATLANTA — (AP) — The Aroused Citizens of Georgia, a statewide group formed to protect the election of Herman Talmadge as Governor by the Legislature, today asked for a Grand Jury investigation of charges that legislators were offered bribes in connection with the election.

The demand was made in a statement by Mayor Harvey Kennedy of Barnesville, an originator of the group which has been promoting mass meetings throughout the state.

It followed a statement by House Speaker Fred Hand that he intends to ask a "thorough investigation" of the allegations by a Legislative committee.

THOMPSON URGES PROBE

Lieut. Governor M. E. Thompson, who claims he is the State's Acting Governor, told a press conference today he would welcome an investigation and said that grand juries are authorized to make such probes in addition to legislative committees.

Talmadge had no comment on the investigation.

Kennedy said today "the people of Georgia are further shamed and humiliated over the charges made by members of the General Assembly that bribes were offered by both sides at the time the Legislature elected a governor.

"The aroused citizens of Georgia now call upon the Grand Jury of Fulton County (Atlanta) and its Solicitor General to thoroughly investigate these charges and to bring to an immediate trial any person guilty of such conduct—regardless of whom it may be."

Hand said he would offer a resolution in the House Monday calling for appointment of a joint House-Senate committee with "enough authority for a complete investigation of the charges."

"LITTLE BLACK BAG"

Hand said all his information came from press reports, but that these included a reference by former Governor Ellis Arnall to "that little black bag," a statement by an unnamed Legislator that he saw a $3,000 check change hands and a speech by Rep. Jack Flynt of Spalding County in which he said he and another Legislator were offered $100,000 not to vote for Herman Talmadge for Governor.

Flynt subsequently said the $100,000 figure was wrong but that it was a "substantial amount." In his speech he said the money was offered in such a manner that it could have been taken in retainer fees from several corporations over a period of several years. Flynt did not say who made the offer.

Hand said he thought the charges were unfounded, but that since publicity had been given to them and since they reflected upon the "honor and integrity of the Legislature" he thought they should be investigated.

Last night, Talmadge made a direct appeal to Georgia's citizenry for support—both moral and monies.

Talmadge took to the radio on personally bought time to excoriate his opposition as those who were attempting "to create anarchy" in the state and to ask for contributions to carry "this fight to the people."

Jersey Singer Snipper Victim

NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—Newark—like Washington—now has a "Jack the Slasher."

Victim No. 1 of the local hair clipper was Beatrice Sermand, of Kearny, night before last, who told police yesterday her curls had been clipped as she rode home on a bus Thursday night. She said she heard a "snip, snip" sound in the bus but thought nothing of it until she got home, when she discovered the depredations.

Nearly a dozen girls and young women in Washington reported to police that their hair had been snipped while they rode buses and trolleys in the nation's capital.

Over Million Poles Return To Homeland

WARSAW — (AP) — It was announced officially today that more than 1,000,000 Poles had returned to their homeland in 1946 and that 1,635,627 Germans had been expelled. A total of 614,735 Poles have arrived from Eastern Europe since 1944, and 2,019,949 Germans and 97,935 Ukrainians have been expelled, the announcement said.

Annual Awards Announced

News Writers, Cameraman Win State Press Honors

Two Charlotte News writers and a News photographer won high honors in the annual awards for outstanding achievements in journalism announced at the final session of the 22nd annual North Carolina Newspaper Institute at Duke University last night.

Harry S. Ashmore, associate editor of The News, was awarded a $100 cash prize by Gov. Gregg Cherry for first place in feature story classification. Mr. Ashmore's winning contribution was a long editorial page feature entitled "Mr. Jones Goes To Washington" which was published the day after Hamilton C. Jones defeated P. C. Burkholder in the race for Congress.

Bill Sumner, News photographer, won third place for his picture, "Elder Statesman," a close-up of Bernard Baruch, famed N. Y. financier, and Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer and Secretary of the Navy under President Wilson, when the two were in Charlotte last year for the presentation of the Gold Medal Award by the Carolina Israelite to Mr. Daniels during National Brotherhood Week.

Harriet Doar, former woman's editor of The News, won an honorable mention for her feature "June Brides' Glory No Casual Matter." The story, with pictures, described the multitude of trouble-some details involved in the average church wedding.

OTHER LOCAL AWARDS

Two staff members of The Charlotte Observer also won recognition. Hal Tribble, Observer City Hall reporter, was also awarded a $100 cash prize as first place in the straight news story category. Mr. Tribble's entry was one of several he wrote about the Taylor kidnaping, and reported the finding of the tiny unharmed Terry at Annapolis, Md. Mr. Tribble also won a first place in 1941 for his feature story on Paul Whiteman.

LeGette Blythe of The Observer won second place in the editorial division with his "Shocking Revelations," dealing with the public school system, and received an honorable mention for his spot news story on the way Charlotte war veterans line up during the cold night to make application for apartments at Morris Field.

The full list of awards follows:

SPOT NEWS

Daily division—Best spot reporting, first place, $100 cash to Hal Tribble, Charlotte Observer, for his story on the Terry Taylor kidnap case; second place, Bill Womble, Raleigh News and Observer, for his coverage of the Ewing trial; third place, Dick Herbert, Raleigh News and Observer, for his coverage of the North Carolina-Duke game; honorable mention, Randolph S. Hancock, Winston-Salem Journal, and LeGette Blythe, Charlotte Observer.

Best feature writing: First place $100 cash, to Harry S. Ashmore, Charlotte News, for his story, "Mr.

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MR. ASHMORE . . . Wins first place and $100 in cash for prize feature writing.

MR. SUMNER . . . Wins third place in state photographic contest.

MRS. DOAR . . . Former Woman's Editor wins honorable mention for feature story.

Not Afraid of 'War' Talk

British Differ With Stalin On Officer Exchange Plan

LONDON — (AP) — Foreign Office sources said today the British Government did not share Prime Minister Stalin's view that any exchange of British and Russian military student-officers might be interpreted by public opinion as "preparing for war."

Stalin's attitude was announced last night by the Moscow radio, which said the Prime Minister had rejected an exchange proposal advanced by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, British Chief-of-Staff, who visited Moscow recently.

British sources would neither confirm nor deny officially even that Montgomery had made such a proposal.

The Field Marshall himself, however, indicated he had not abandoned the exchange plan.

Tass quoted Stalin as saying that Britain and the United States had denounced "in various press organs" for their exchange of aviation students and for plans to standardize training and armaments, and that Russia "would not like also to become the object of denunciation."

NOTE EXCHANGE HAILED

The British press, meanwhile, hailed the recent exchange of notes between Stalin and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin as clearing up a Moscow "misinterpretation" about the 20-year Russian-British treaty of alliance.

In a note to Bevin, Stalin said the treaty still stands but that certain "reservations" would have to be removed if its ex-

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Economic Forecast

Recession But No Depression Seen

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—A business recession but no major depression or deflation was predicted for 1947 by three of the nation's leading economists at the annual forecasting session of the American Economic Association.

Discussing the year's financial outlook, Ragnar Naess of New York told the association convention here last night that the peak of industrial expansion expenditures is "very close at hand."

He said prices have risen too fast and a "serious recession" which some may prefer to call a "minor depression" is in sight. Naess said no major depression, however, would occur because gross national production should total $195,000,000,000 this year against $192,000,000,000 in 1946.

CONSUMER SHAPES TRENDS

Woodlief Thomas, Washington, D. C., in charge of analysis and forecasting for the Federal Reserve System board of directors said the Government no longer is the dominant stimulating factor in the nation's economy. The consumer, he said, is determining the trend of events and is responsible for recent price breaks.

Alan H. Temple, vice president of the National City Bank of New York, told the meeting that there is no reason to anticipate a major deflation or depression because there is a strong unsatisfied demand for heavy goods and all parts of the economy show financial strength and liquidity. However, the sellers' market has ended in some lines, he said, and should be expected to end in other lines during 1947.

The inflation boom will pass its crest in 1947, Temple said, and some maladjustments in the economic situation will require correction.

Strike Oil On Farm

Oklahoma Family's Dream Coming True

ELMORE CITY, Okla.—(AP)—The alfalfa farm they have always dreamed about is in sight for the Lester Howard family—because from 100 to 200 barrels of oil is gushing from their property every hour.

The 39-year-old Howard, his wife, Vera, and their three children had a pretty hard time of it on their 140-acre sandy farm in Garvin County. Kerosene lamps, wood heat and water from an outside well don't spell comfort, and in Mrs. Howard's words, "We lived here so long without anything that I just can't imagine what real comfort it like."

The Sohio Oil Co. brought in the big gusher this week and it may make the Howards rich. Already they have realized $21,000 in leases and royalties, and the most coveted possession on the place is a new tractor.

Mrs. Howard said, "I'm willing to find out what real comfort is like. It's sure going to be nice."

What do they plan to do with money from the gusher?

"We want a good alfalfa farm with a well-built house, well-furnished and with all the conveniences," said the Howards.

Senate Confirms Frances Perkins

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor in the Roosevelt Administration, to be a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Confirmation yesterday was by voice vote, with no objection.

Preliminary Hearing Is Held Before Judge Currie

Odom, Crowell Will Face Trial

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two defendants charged with the murder of Herman Satinover, convicted liquor dealer, were today bound over to Mecklenburg Superior Court without bond after preliminary hearing in City Police Court.

Soon after Judge E. McA. Currie had ordered Worth B. Crowell and Francis C. Odom held without bond for the higher court, Defense Attorneys J. M. Scarborough and Ben S. Whiting secured the signature of Resident Judge W. H. Bobbitt on a writ of habeas corpus, which will be heard before Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding at the current term of criminal Superior Court Monday at 11 A. M.

The State at today's hearing offered only one witness, Baxter Poster, 314 Belmont Ave. But the defense counsel called three other witnesses, listed by the State, in order "to get all the facts before the court."

Before the preliminary hearing began, Solicitor Mercer J. Blankenship amended the warrants against Crowell and Odom by substituting the word "murder" for "slay," thus making the charge first degree murder.

FOSTER'S TESTIMONY

The testimony of Foster, the lone State witness, brought the information that he had accompanied Satinover to Odom's place, a garage apartment at 410 1-2 Arlington Ave. where he had gone to see about his sister, Miss Sylvia Satinover, being "thrown out of the place." This was shortly after 3:30 A. M. last Monday.

He admitted that Satinover was mad and said that Satinover struck Crowell in the face, after which Crowell fired one time to "scare him off," whereupon Odom came from an adjoining room, grabbed Satinover in the back of the head commanded Crowell to shoot him. Crowell fired a second time, the bullet striking Satinover in the stomach. He died almost instantly.

With that testimony, the State was content to rest, Mr. Blankenship asserting that sufficient evidence had been presented to bind the two defendants over to Superior Court.

Both Mr. Scarborough and Mr. Whiting then addressed the court on the question of bond, indicating that the defense will be self-defense and claiming that bail should be allowed on the State's evidence.

When Judge Currie indicated that the degree of the crime was a matter for the jury of the higher court and that the defendants would be held without bond, the defense lawyers called the three other witnesses who had been summoned by the State.

Miss Mary Cherry, 809 Greenleaf Ave., Larry Smith, of Fort Mill, S. C., and Jesse J. Evans, 228 N. Caldwell St. were called to the stand. Their testimony differed from Foster's in that neither Miss Cherry nor Smith (Evans wasn't there at the time of the shooting) said Odom was fighting Satinover at the second shot.

Even with the additional evidence, Judge Currie held that the two should be held without bond. He explained that he could not under the law allow bail, but added, "I have no doubt but that you will be able to get bail in Superior Court."

The two defense attorneys left the courtroom for their offices in the nearby Law Building to prepare the writ of habeas corpus. Subsequently they secured the signature of Judge Bobbitt on the writ which is returnable before Judge Burgwyn Monday morning.

In the meantime, Odom and Crowell who have been in City Jail awaiting the preliminary hearing, were transferred to County Jail.

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and mild with occasional light rain this afternoon and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy and mild.

Temperature at 2:30 today 65
High and low last 24 hours 65-44
Sunset today 7:41
Sunrise tomorrow 7:26