

Man, Mecklenburg County's official bloodhound, is a kindly animal who likes nothing better than to lie at the feet of a panting fugitive. Nothing personal, it's just his job, says Tom Sawyer in a story on page 3-A.

ESTABLISHED 1898

Former Red Editor Says Domination Of U.S. Aim Woman Ex-Spy's Story Supported

WASHINGTON (AP)—(AP)—Louis Budenz, one time Communist editor, told Senators today the Hollywood poured forth "a very big financial take" for the Communist Party whose aim he said is Russian domination over the United States.

The former Red, who now is a Fordham University professor, said he was drafted into the spy ring around in the witness chair and identified Miss Elizabeth Bentley, spy, as a "very big financial take" for the Communist Party.

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Hollywood Cane Source Of Communist Cash

Newsprint Price Goes To \$106; Was \$53 A Ton Back In 1938

People who have been accustomed to saving old newspapers for starting fires may call for consideration this fall to some other inflammable material. Dollar bills, for instance.

Newsprint paper, called newsprint in the trade, is getting much dearer, falling and for other purposes—such as, for example, the printing of newspapers. On August 1 the newsprint manufacturers increased the contract price to a new high of \$106.00 a ton delivered in Charlotte, a figure exactly twice the \$53 cost of newsprint pre-war.

It has been a gradual rise, never exceeding a few dollars per ton at a time, but with a number of times. During the depression of the 1930's newsprint was at \$43.00 a ton. In 1937 the price was raised to \$46.50. In 1938, the manufacturers got their nerve up and increased the rate to \$55.00.

There the price stayed until the war came on, but there it did not stay for long afterward, as the following table of prevailing prices (delivered in Charlotte) will show:

DATE	PER TON
Pre-War	\$53.00
April 1, 1942	\$55.00
March 1, 1943	\$58.00
September 1, 1943	\$62.00
April 1, 1945	\$68.00
December 11, 1945	\$70.00
June 1, 1946	\$72.00
August 8, 1946	\$78.00
January 1, 1947	\$80.00
January 1, 1948	\$94.00
March 1, 1948	\$98.00
April 1, 1948	\$106.00

Even at \$106.00 a ton American and Canadian newspaper manufacturers have shown an admirable restraint. The war and post-war upsets knocked out Scandinavian production which before that time had been a source of considerable supply. And the U. S. demand, with newspaper circulations increasing remarkably and newspaper advertising constantly setting new highs, has been far more than the remaining capacity.

Gray market newsprint has brought as much as \$275.00 a ton.

Such prices would naturally stimulate new productive facilities, but it takes both money and time to produce newsprint. A mill now building at Coosa River, Alabama, financed mainly by newspapers that will get its tonnage, won't be turned on until 1950. For the first ton of daily newsprint capacity a capital investment of \$100,000.00 has been required. It will take a ton for this News, at its present circulation, to print one sheet (two pages).

Twenty-eight cents (an average issue), fourteen tons, 143,000 lb., \$14,820.00 for the raw newsprint only, and time to produce, and no wonder that the Business Office says that newsprint is getting too high to print newspapers on.

Libbster Ruled Out

Sen. Vandenberg Gives Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) ruled against an attempt by the Republican leadership today to shift off debate on the anti-poll tax bill.

The decision by Vandenberg, the Senate's presiding officer, as on a parliamentary question arising from the GOP leaders' effort to halt a Southern Senators filibuster blocking a vote on the measure.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) immediately appealed Vandenberg's ruling to the Senate floor, which could vote on the measure Tuesday.

But Taft's appeal was a debatable question and Senator Vandenberg quickly took the floor to continue the Southern talk against efforts to bring the poll tax bill to a vote.

Vandenberg's ruling was against an effort by GOP leaders to shut off debate on the tax measure last week by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) to take up the bill.

Wherry proposed that the Senate invoke cloture, a procedure requiring a two-thirds vote of the Senate, to end the filibuster.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), leader of the Southern forces, objected and raised the matter to the floor. Wherry's closure move to shut off debate on a motion was correct under parliamentary procedure.

Vandenberg upheld Russell's contention, but he did not say that he favored the anti-poll tax bill but that he was "bound to uphold the Senate's rules" in upholding Russell's objection.

Their crowd stood by a double-barreled gun for Communists in the Government, and the Senate still awaited final agreement by Republican leaders on a cost of living program which would include price controls or rationing under President Truman's plan.

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) tried to stir the GOP leadership into action on Monday, No. 2 on Mr. Truman's listing in his call for the "Turnip Day" session.

McCarthy, House Speaker Martin (R-Ohio), and others suggesting a conference to work out a compromise for the Taft-Elder-Wagner Bill passed by the Senate but stuck in House committee.

NO. 1 PROBLEM

"I strongly feel that if this Congress adjourns without first having passed workable housing legislation, it will be a failure in its domestic problem," McCarthy told his constituents.

He said he agrees with a statement made by the Senate last week that the T-E-W bill "in present form would add to the current inflationary pressure."

But the Wisconsin Senator predicted a bill could be drafted which would be a compromise between the materials into low cost homes, (2) the problem of clearing slums, (3) building schools, (4) standard building codes, (5) fire prevention, (6) well as loans, (7) broaden the mortgage market, and (8) build more and better homes.

The GOP leadership didn't look like it would be stirred on this issue, however. It seemed preoccupied with the problem of deciding whether to buy Mr. Truman the "security" bill and bank credit curbs he called "nothing else."

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Catawba River 'Monster' Caught



This 17 pound saw-toothed gar fish must have turned down many a tempting bait offered by Catawba River fishermen before it grabbed Owe Lancaster, a local fisherman, by the nose. He pulled this amazing four-foot catfish from the cloudy waters of the Catawba, between Statesville and Hickory, at day-break several days ago. Lancaster, shown holding his vicious looking catch above, says there are more where this one comes from. Lured by the bait, the fish is one of the largest known to have been taken from the Catawba. (Max B. Tharpe photo.)

Big Corporations Blamed

Congressman Asks Probe Of Recent Price Hikes

WASHINGTON (AP)—(AP)—A Congressional investigation of recent price boosts by big corporations, especially U. S. Steel, was proposed to the House Banking Committee today by Rep. Spencer (D-Ky.). Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) said representatives of U. S. Steel might be asked to testify before the Committee — "perhaps later this week."

Rep. Smith (R-Ohio) objected to the proposal, saying that the cause of high prices then call for the chairman of the board and the presidents of these big corporations to be called before the committee to testify about the cause of the price hikes.

"We should be careful not to make a scapegoat of industry. It's the government that is responsible for the high cost of living. Put the blame where it belongs," he said.

Spence replied: "If we are searching for the cause of high prices, then call the chairman of the board and the presidents of these big corporations to be called before the committee to testify about the cause of the price hikes."

ONE FIRE PROBED

Wolcott told Spence the Senate Banking Committee resumed their studies of President Truman's anti-inflation program. This program includes a proposal for an economic profits tax.

Porter, heading the Administration's drive for legislation to curb rising prices, told Senators that in his opinion Congress are being wasteful "much previous time in considering Mr. Truman's economic program."

He estimated that for August the basic Bismarck ration was at least 1,500 calories and would remain near 1,500 if potato deliveries from farms continue high.

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Diplomats Pay Call To Confer With Stalin

MOSCOW (AP)—(AP)—Diplomats of the U. S., Britain and France visited the Kremlin tonight, obviously for an interview with Prime Minister Stalin seeking a basis to solve East-West differences.

Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. Ambassador, entered the Kremlin alone at 9:40 P. M. (1:40 P. M. EST), a minute after the special British envoy, Francis Roberts, had come through the gates. French Ambassador Yves Chateaugay and a translator were also in the seat of the Russian Government within three minutes.

Roberts was accompanied by Hugh Lough, British Embassy attaché, who has translated for him. British officials in the Kremlin are in the process of reaching a European settlement with Russia. British officials said that the Western powers are preparing much more information for Stalin.

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Union Spurns Plan Troops Offered In Dayton Strike

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—The Ohio National Guard will march in to maintain order if the Unions Local 868 wishes to reopen its strike-bound plant, Mayor Louis Lohrey promised today.

He said Gov. Thomas J. Herbert had promised to send in the troops should the company, plagued with violence, insist on its plan.

The management will decide late today whether to attempt it.

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Police Seek Intruder Gas Station Operator Fires Shots At Man

City police today were searching for a persistent intruder who was believed to be wounded by a service station operator who lay in wait for the man to make a second try at entering his station early this morning.

Officers identified the man as Woodrow C. Foster, alias "Dumpty," armed and present whereabouts not yet determined.

E. N. Farmer, manager of the Farmer Service Station, 869 N. Davidson St., told police he saw the man make a second try at entering his station early this morning.

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Western Germans Get More Food

BERLIN (AP)—The 40,000,000 Germans in the combined British-American zones now are getting the highest food rations since occupation began, American Military Government said today.

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Israel Threatens To Resume War

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All In Today's Farm Pages

And by "all" we mean all the latest and liveliest farm news of interest to the people of the Carolinas.

Corn growers, dairymen and beef cattlemen, hog raisers, men and women, all raise chickens, will find articles and photographs of special interest.

And there's a lot in today's farm pages that will interest city and small town folks. Don't miss the CAROLINA FARMER pages in today's

The Charlotte News

Weather

Cloudy with thunderstorms this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature at 3:00 today—75 High and low 24 hours—80-70

Summer tomorrow—8:34 Sunrise tomorrow—8:34