

House Battles Over Funds For Air, Army, Navy, Air Force MAN WAR BATTLE

Police Open Drive On Abandoned Wells

By TOM FERPMANER Charlotte News Staff Writer There are many abandoned wells in Mecklenburg County which are an extreme menace, especially to children and should be closed immediately, Rural Police Chief Stan-Hoover said today.



"We are going to see to it that the danger of these old wells is eliminated," the Chief declared. "We are making a record of the sites of these wells and have them closed as soon as we can get them closed."

Looking down into one of many open abandoned wells in Mecklenburg County are Rural Policemen T. N. Wood, Haskell A. Deaton, and Police Capt. Joe D. Whitley. These men toured one corner of the county and found a number of uncovered wells that could easily become death traps.

Mr. Deaton reported his findings to County Chairman Sid Y. McQueen today and that many of the wells were in extremely dangerous and should be filled in or capped without any further delay.

Chief Linerberry said the Kathy Pines case had made many people more conscious of the danger, for citizens reporting open wells are just standing open.

Once Over Lightly By WALTER SCHUMMERS I've about reached the point where any little bit puts me in low gear. . . . The "bump" was just last longer.

Backers Of Naval Plans More Planes Appropriations Group Attacked

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON (AP)—In a Navy vs. Air Force battle over money, Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) shouted to the House today that Air Force bombers—not Navy planes—would deliver the atom bomb to Moscow if war comes.

What the United States must do, Cannon said, is equip other nations with ground force fighting while building air power capable of dealing a knockout blow to any aggressor within three years.

Naval carriers carry planes capable of striking 500 to 700 miles from the coast. They would be "the attacking dogs" if they sought to move into such a bomb-razed area.

Scott's comment on the Senate group's action was "whatever they do to bring it closer to the folks will be helpful."

Scott's Reorganization Plan Turned Down Highway Commission Bill Killed

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislative committee action regarding rapid-fire developments today, including: 1. The Senate Roads Commission killed a bill providing for reorganization of the State Highway Commission.

2. The same committee amended and reported favorably a House-passed bill to increase the maximum weight limits on vehicles using the highways.

3. The Senate Finance Committee gave a favorable report to the Senate later passed on second reading a House-passed bill calling for an election on issuance of \$50,000,000 in bonds to aid counties in building schools.

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'Roosevelt Myth Communist Target

NEW YORK (AP)—A former teacher in a Communist Party school testified today he was told by one of his defendants that the Communist conspiracy tried to "kill the Roosevelt myth."

He testified Stachel told faculty members at the school that one of the party's main objectives was to get away from the basic principles that were the years of Roosevelt's leadership.

Stachel was discussing an article by the Communist leader, Jacques Duclos, the witness said. The Government contends this article helped return the American Communist Party to strict Marxist-Politish approach.

Stachel termed this statement "provocative," the witness said. Meyer said he was a member of the Communist Party in 1942, but he entered the Army in 1942. He subsequently joined the Communist Party in Newark, N. J.

Industrial Plants To Be Spared Some Production Bans Are Lifted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Britain and France opened a new phase in Germany's postwar reconstruction today by slashing the number of plants to be removed for reparations and permitting some German production in fields heretofore prohibited.

The United States, Britain and France signed today a three-power agreement signed today at Frankfurt and announced by the State Dept. The agreement allowed restricted production in the following ten industries:

Aluminum, ball bearings, ship-building, light machine tools, some heavy machine tools, synthetic ammonia, (nitrogen), primary aluminum, commercial radio transmitters, heavy tractors and tractors.

The announcement of the agreement released immediately after the three Western recuperation governs had agreed to the outbreak in the German plant reparations list by a total of 150 plants or parts of plants.

U. S. Woman Held By Czechs

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—The U. S. woman held in a Communist prison since last Saturday, charged with political activity, was due to be freed today.

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House Votes Vets' Fund

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House overwhelmingly passed today emergency legislation to provide \$250,000,000 to provide benefits to veterans for the next three months.

The savings may come from drops in the price of government securities abroad with Economic Co-operation Administration money.

Rep. Taber (R-NY) told the House veteran unemployment has increased from 240,000 last October to 670,000 in March.

Hoffman Sees ECA Cost Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Paul Q. Hoffman said today that the cost of the foreign aid program can be cut by \$45,000,000.

The savings may come from drops in the price of government securities abroad with Economic Co-operation Administration money.

Hoffman's statement came as a Senate-House committee started today to study the program's effectiveness in the authorization bill.

Blast Kills One At U. S. Air Base

CLARK FIELD AIRBASE, Philadelphia (AP)—One person was killed and more than twenty injured at this big U. S. base today by the explosion of 100 tons of stored bombs.

The blast, which destroyed a complete barracks building, was caused by the explosion of 100 tons of stored bombs.

American Court Winds Up Last German War Trial

By DONALD DOANE NUREMBERG, Germany (AP)—An American court today wound up the last and longest of all German war trials.

The trial dragged on for fifteen months and produced one of the most detailed pictures yet presented of the inner workings of the Nazi government and how its brutal policies were carried out.

The court convicted 12 of the 21 defendants. Diplomat and Government officials were found guilty of plotting and murder. Sentences will be pronounced tomorrow.

Israel's U. N. Bid Is Sidetracked

NEW YORK (AP)—The United Nations Assembly voted today to sidetrack Israel's bid for membership into its 58-nation council.

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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and mild today; partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Temperature at 3 P. M. today 64. High and low last 24 hours: 64-57. Sunset today: 7:57. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:57. (See page 16-A for more weather data.)