



The old town shivered, and that was understandable, as the thermometer registered twenty degrees early this morning. One busy citizen, Bill Nisbet, waited patiently along the street, then stopped long enough to look enviously through a

Noses Red As Mercury Hits Season's Low

By EMERY WISNER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Hard-riding Winter wind and tied the Carolinas with a nose of cold air this morning and made ready to put his brand on the frozen critters next Sunday morning.

Weather officially begins at 2:40 A. M. Sunday but no one could say that its presence wasn't felt today. The 20 degrees recorded at Municipal Airport was the lowest since the 18 of Jan. '31.

The mercury fell to the low levels all night and the low readings ranged from the 20 on Mt. Mitchell to a surprising 30 at Greenville, S. C.

Weather men said there will be little change in the temperature in North Carolina today, tonight and tomorrow, but said South Carolina should be a little warmer to-morrow.

Winds of between 16 and 22 degrees in the mountains and 22 to 30 elsewhere are predicted for North Carolina today, tonight and tomorrow, said the weather men.

In Charlotte a 22 degree minimum is predicted. A high of 44 two over yesterday's 42 is forecast here this afternoon.

Clear skies are seen in both states. The earlier threat of bad weather vanished with the clouds.

Asheville and Hickory were the coldest cities in the Carolinas this morning. It was 18 in those communities. Raleigh and Anderson had 19's, Columbia and Elizabeth City 21's. It was 21 in Winston-Salem, 30 in Charleston, 27 in Wilmington and 25 at Myrtle Beach.

Greenboro experienced its coldest day of the season, 16 degrees at 3 o'clock this morning; a high of 38 was forecast for the day. The skies were crystal clear.

Raleigh reported a low of 25 degrees in midtown with 19 in the suburbs. A 46-degree high was expected today. Last night's 23 was the coldest of the season for the capital city, but no record.

The storm officers brought a few flakes of snow to Hatteras and Cherry Point early this morning. The outlook for the coastal plain was for clear weather, but possibility some snow clouds would dot the shoreline areas.

LONDON HAS SNOW
LONDON — The season's first real snow fell over London this morning. The fall measured 1 to 3 inches.

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Ridgway Asks NATO Okay Building Plans

By TOM MASTERSON
PARIS (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway insisted in a speech Tuesday that the ministers of the 14 Atlantic Pact nations approve his 42-million-dollar military construction program.

But the 30 ministers postponed any action on the program at least for today. The ministers also postponed for another day taking any action on naming a commander for the new NATO Mediterranean command.

Alcide De Gasperi of Italy called for a united pro-defense campaign against the Communists.

Russia is doing just that against the western democracies, the Italian premier said in a speech at the opening meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's top council.

"Should it not be necessary for the free countries," he demanded, "rich in ideas and political experience, to express their ideas and implement them in common?"

Proceeding De Gasperi, the council chairman, Danish Foreign Minister Ole Bjorn Kraft, told the ministers, "We are now approaching the stage at which we feel safe from outward aggression."

He warned, however, that "the picture may change very suddenly, and that the NATO goal of a balance (with the Soviet bloc) has not yet been created."

Chief item before the current council meeting is a request for approval of a \$420,000,000 program.

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MISSING SANTA TRAILER FOUND IN PARKING LOT

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Red-faced U. S. Air Force officials announced today a missing tractor and trailer loaded with 18,000 Christmas presents for Bavarian orphans has been found.

The tractor, a 1940 Ford, was found in a Heideberg parking lot. It had been reported missing after it was loaded with presents for the Christmas season.

The Air Force said it was still investigating the "disappearance" of the tractor. But they said "information about the tractor, trailer and toys were found intact in the parking lot. Now airman and their wives at Erding can coast a little. They had been frantically trying to match the missing presents with new ones so that "Operation Christmas" would go through.

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GENERAL BACK HOME Ike Charts Plans For Korean Peace

By REYMAN MORIN
NEW YORK (AP) — President Dwight D. Eisenhower goes back to work in his New York headquarters today, prepared to map "positive programs" for bringing peace in Korea.

He said he returned from his trip to the war zone with new confidence about the outlook for speed- ing a satisfactory solution.

In two public statements yesterday, the general expressed optimism.

At the same time, however, he repeated his view that no simple formula is at hand, and he said patience, foresight and common sense will be needed in finding one.

Eisenhower gave no indication when he planned to meet with Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

MacArthur declared in a speech in New York 10 days ago: "I am confident that the United Nations will find a solution to the Korean conflict." Several days later, Eisenhower reassured MacArthur that he would like to talk with him and MacArthur replied that he would be agreeable. The two generals may meet next week.

STARTING POINT
The President-elect said on his return here yesterday that his trip was a starting point for his own planning. At LaGuardia Field he said:

"I have a sense of us thinks we have learned something to make this expedition a sort of starting place from where we are going to plan the programs we are going to adopt."

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The President's remarks were a speech prepared for historic ceremonies dedicating a new shrine in the national archives for display of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

All three documents have been sealed in glass cases specially designed to protect them from heavy guard, from the Library of Congress on Saturday. The Bill of Rights, ratified 161 years ago today, was already at the archives building.

After the President spoke he sat through a colorful ceremony. Uniformed women of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines marched by carrying flags of all the states. With a wide grin, Truman hopped up and saluted as the Missouri flag passed in front of him.

Gov. Elbert N. Carvel of Delaware, first state to ratify the Constitution, represented all the states. The color bearers lined up around the edge of the hall, standing stiffly at attention. One of the girls fainting toward the end of the parade.

ADMITTS RED THREAT
Truman said all freedom-loving nations face the challenge of Communist aggression. He said any nation that isn't alarmed by it "simply doesn't understand the situation—or he is crazy."

"But alarm is one thing, and hysteria is another," he continued. "Hysteria impels people to destroy the very things they are struggling to preserve."

Truman did not name those he described as Communist agents, but he said he believed it is too dangerous to proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants.

"I have seen the danger of Communist armies," he asserted, "would be a horror beyond our capacity to imagine. But invasions and conquest by Communist ideas of right and wrong would be just as bad."

"For us to embrace the methods and morals of Communism is to invite defeat. Communist aggression is a danger to our physical safety."

"If that should come to pass, our Constitution and our Declaration would be utterly dead and what we are doing today would be a crime against the history of the world."

The retiring Chief Executive went on to say that he did not believe it is too dangerous to proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants.

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Comic Dictionary
RUSH HOUR
The hour when traffic is at a standstill.

TEA MISSED BY BOSTONIANS FINALLY USED

BOSTON (AP) — A spot of tea claimed to be made from leaves missed by revolutionists Dec. 15, 1773 was signed yesterday in a copy of the 177th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

A group of 13 descendants of Revolutionary War families and the British vice consul, Mrs. Muriel Rolfe, tasted each other from 70-year-old teacups—made in England.

Edward Rowe Snow, an Englishman, said he obtained the tea leaves from the late Jefferson Hasbrouck Parker, who died Dec. 6 at the age of 90 years and 11 months. Parker reportedly obtained the leaves from a descendant of a survivor of the historic tea party who died in 1846.

Two Oklahoma Women Killed In Road Crash

ALBEMARLE, N. C. (AP) — Two Oklahoma women, Mrs. Ardis Austin and Miss Martha Hunevut, were killed on their way to work today when their car and an oil tanker collided.

State Highway Patrolman E. T. Vanhook said the two vehicles collided head-on. Kiser was not injured.

Mrs. Austin and Miss Hunevut were driving a 1948 Buick Wildcat. The wreck blocked the highway for several hours.

Okla. Loyalty Law Illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today struck down Oklahoma's loyalty law, ruling that it penalizes persons who might have joined subversive organizations innocently.

The law requires state officers and employees to swear they are not affiliated with the Communist Party or any other organization that advocates violent overthrow of government. It also requires a promise to take no part in defense of the United States.

Justice Clark, who wrote the court's main opinion, said the law is an "unjustified classification of innocent with knowing activity."

Justice Black and Frankfurter wrote separate concurring opinions. Justice Jackson took no part in the case, making the vote 8 to 0.

Validity of the law was questioned by seven former teachers of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

They declined to take the oath and were fired on May 21, 1951.

WOMAN, 90, IS BAPTISED IN ENGLAND

IPSWICH, England (AP) — Ninety-year-old Mrs. Kate Barrett put down her glasses and walked calmly down the marble steps into a pool of pale blue water.

The Rev. George Bird, minister of Bethesda Baptist Church, gently pushed her backwaters and held her under water for a moment.

"Ever since I was 19, I had wanted to be baptised," said Mrs. Barrett. "But I was too busy to do so before I was 90 before I could muster the courage."

Little Chance Of Upset

By JACK RUTLEDGE
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 31 presidential electors today for- got their own votes to elect the next chief executive of the United States.

They were in the Electoral College has the legal right if it wishes to elect Gen. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate—or anyone else.

But pollsters would be taking almost no risk in predicting a 425 to 1 victory for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"That's the way the states' voters would vote," said one of the nation's leading political analysts, who said today when Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, was swept to victory by a record 3,875,365 votes to Stevenson's 273,318 last Nov. 4.

However, most electors are legally free to vote as they please. Few state laws electors by law to vote for the candidate who carries the state.

4 Allied Soldiers, 120 Rioters Hurt

By SAM SUMMERLIN
PUSAN, Korea (AP) — Allied guards killed 82 anti-Communist prisoners and wounded 120 on Pongnam island Sunday in quelling one of the bloodiest Red riots of the Korean war.

The Allied Prisoner of War Command said two American and two South Korean soldiers were injured by rock-throwing Reds.

Authorities said the riot by about 3,000 die-hard civilian internees probably was part of a known Red plan to stage a mass breakout.

He praised the island commander, Lt. Col. George P. Miller, and said, "Miller used sound judgement and did not use any more force than was necessary. He acted promptly. It could have been a very serious situation."

DEADLY RIOTS
The trouble started when prisoners in six compounds defied strict orders by organizing military drills and demonstrations.

Then they massed at the top of a hill. Three ranks of prisoners with locked arms defied advancing U. N. troops. Other prisoners behind them showed the guards with rocks.

Unable in advance, the guards fired warning shots and ordered the Reds to stop.

When they refused, the POW command said, "Individuals were brought to bear . . . to prevent the entire mass from breaking out."

GUNS USED
Presumably the weapons were rifles and carbines. The approach to the compounds is from below, preventing the effective use of concussion grenades. Tear gas grenades could not be used because a high wind was sweeping across the barracks.

Cadwell said the seriously injured prisoners were taken in small landing craft to a hospital on Koje Island, about a mile and a half to the east.

The POW command said many of the mutineers were former inmates of Compound 62 on Koje, which erupted in bloody violence last Feb. 18.

Eighty-one Reds and one U. S. soldier were killed. That figure, which triggered a whole series of flare-ups and led to a stiff crackdown by Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. command.

Sunday's mutiny involved reclassified Communist prisoners of war. All are Koreans, probably a mixture of both North and South Koreans who cling grimly to their Communist leadership.

The Pongnam riot is certain to be a precedent for future Red mutinies from North Korea. Gen. Nam Il, senior Red delegate to the suspended Korean truce talks.

In the past, NAM unfailingly has lodged protests within a day or two after each such incident.

DOUBLE FEATURE
LONDON (AP) — A baby girl was born yesterday in a movie theater where the mother, Mrs. Stella Lawrence, had been just giving birth to her first child.

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Red Chinese Angry Reject Peace Offer

TOKYO (AP) — Red China today blasted hopes for an early truce in Korea by angrily rejecting a United Nations peace offer based on India's plan for an exchange of prisoners of war.

Peiping's reply came from Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, who rejected the U. N. General Assembly resolution illegal, unreasonable, unfair and degenerate.

He demanded that the U. S. resume truce talks at Panmunjom along the lines proposed by Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinskiy. The talks have been suspended since October.

Chou's answer to Lester B. Pearson of Canada, U. N. Assembly president, was broadcast over Peiping radio. Pearson had sent the text of the U. N. resolution and an 800-word personal appeal for its acceptance to both the Red Chinese and the North Koreans.

The Indian plan provided for a commission consisting of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Switzerland to handle the repatriation of all prisoners of war. Those declining repatriation would be turned over to the United Nations.

The Russians, voting against the proposal, suggested an immediate cease-fire and a political conference with Red China and North Korea sitting in to settle the prisoner issue.

In his reply to Pearson, Chou insisted upon "unconditional, speedy and total repatriation of prisoners of war."

Enemy Attacks In Rain, Snow

SEOUL (AP) — Chinese Reds struck North Korea and drove today on three heights on the Central Korean Front, wresting one outpost from the United Nations.

The Chinese hit Pinpoint Hill, Rocky Point and outpost positions on the lower slopes of Triangle Hill, where some 50 Chinese just before dawn charged out of the freezing night.

The most intense fighting was on the southeastern slopes of Triangle Hill where some 50 Chinese just before dawn charged out of the freezing night.

The attack started before midnight and lasted until dawn. The first wave swept over a minor outpost. The charge finally carried through the main outpost, but ROKA pushed the Chinese back just before dawn.

The Reds hit with a full company—about 175 men—on Pinpoint Hill, dominating a height on Sniper Ridge. They pulled back before sunrise.

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