

She's Too Fat
The problem of a teen-ager whose mother weighs 350 pounds is discussed today by Dr. Crane in "Ways to a Slimmer." She says it scares away her boy friends. Turn to Page 15C for diet hints.

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GI'S 'COMMUTE' BY TRAIN TO FRONT LINES



The GI's commute by train to the front lines. The train is seen passing through a landscape, likely a military installation or a front-line area.

AT NATO CONFERENCE Ministers Study Russian Problem

By STAN SWINTON
LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The fourteen Atlantic foreign ministers met behind closed doors today for an up-to-the-minute study of the Russian problem.

A spokesman said U. S. Secretary of State Acheson and his colleagues heard and thrashed over top-level reports on the Soviet Union and its latest policies toward the world.

Earlier, Allied defense ministers in less than one hour approved a military committee report calling for 50 to 60 divisions to be in the field by the end of 1952.

The report, now sent to the council, then the full dress assembly of foreign, finance and defense ministers must settle a conflict between the Allied chiefs of staff and W. Averell Harriman's temporary committee.

The committee says the 1954 target of 100 divisions on active duty or in immediate reserve must be scaled down 12 per cent because the European economies cannot meet the goal.

The military wants to keep the 100 division target, planning production so that many divisions could be armed and supported.

Meanwhile, the top military and financial brains of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) were hard at work on the problem of how to finance the force which can be strung across Europe before

the 1952 building season is lost. The defense and finance ministers had blueprints for the air bases, their communication lines and control headquarters. With these completed, the 14 Western Allies could breathe easier despite the dangers of Soviet Russia's Korea-proven jets.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, boss of the alliance's military establishment in Europe, sent down the outline of his needs. What the defense and finance ministers are mulling is: Who will pay how much of their cost?

Gen. Eisenhower, at the council's plenary opening session, yesterday sounded an urgent call for development of "concrete military strength" and a warning that defenses so far built "will be of little value unless we finish their cost."

Today the foreign ministers moved into talks on the relationship between NATO and the European Defense Community, from whose projected European army the council hopes eventually to get West Germany's place in the present NATO.

Some progress toward defining the German status was made in a week-end London conference between West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the Big Three foreign ministers.

Most of the interest of delegates to this ninth NATO Council meeting was focused on the air base question.

Eisenhower's military headquarters has given it a big name: Infrastructure.

But military men say bluntly the money envisaged must get going. Otherwise the 1952 construction season will be lost and 1954-1955 the military men say will be the most critical for peace—it will be drawing close.

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Three Catawba Prots Dismissed

SALISBURY (AP)—Catawba College officials announced today that three faculty members involved in a long controversy, are being dismissed, effective Saturday.

Dr. R. K. Koppel, president of the college, identified the three as Prof. C. H. Hadley and Dr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Thomas.

Dr. Koppel said the college trustees meeting Tuesday had found "historically in the past" that they were investigating the accusation that the three had worked against the college's administration.

None of the three could be reached immediately for a statement. They previously had declined comment.

Dr. Hadley said they would be paid a full year's salary.

The dismissal is one of several incidents resulting from a campus-wide discussion on the campus of the local Reform and Evangelical college. A fund shortage in 1951 was reported last year but no criminal action was ever taken in the case.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and mild today and tomorrow. Expected high this afternoon, 65 degrees. Slightly cooler tonight with low of 28 degrees. Friday fair and mild, with high of 66 degrees and low of 28 degrees. Saturday 34 degrees. Sunday 33 degrees. Sunrise 7:03 A. M.; sunset, 6:11 P. M.

EYEBROWS FOR HOUSES

Ever heard of putting "eyebrows" on a house? That's one of the devices sometimes employed by interior decorators.

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NC Newsman At Presidential Court

By VIC REINEMER
Associated Editor, The News

WASHINGTON—"Let's not say body ask today who's the nominee."

"Yeah, they—that'll be a story."

That's the way conversation ran yesterday among newsmen following around the west wing of the White House waiting for the President's press conference to begin.

"Of course everyone couldn't resist the temptation to try to wheedle or bribe or out the President's political aims after the conference. One man finally asked the question: 'If you're a volunteer' his intention. Mr. Truman, in an amiable and content mood, led off the

Reporters Can't Resist Needling Truman

subsequent laughter, and gave the correspondent a bouquet for trying to check up on the President.

A reporter, at least this one at his first Presidential press conference, was impressed by a couple of things. First, the smooth informality of it all. This begins before you enter the north-west wing to the White House grounds. You get a phone call to be at the gate at 3:30, half an hour before your conference time. You give your name to a guard, who finds it on a sheet of paper in front of him, walk up to the White House, give your name to another guard, who sees it before him and tells you to pick up your pass in the office next door.

YOUR PASS IS READY

The card is waiting. You pick it up and walk across the street to the office next door. You show it to another guard, then you take an elevator up a couple floors and give the card to one of two guards at the National Security Board conference room, walk in and sit down.

You've been checked by two guards, but some of them bothered

Comic Dictionary

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE
The man who goes to a convention without his wife.

Says Communists' Intentions Clear

By SAM SUMMERLIN
TOKYO (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said tonight it is probable that many Americans still ask "Why are we in Korea."

The Supreme Allied Commander declared the pattern of Communist intentions is "now spread across the world where even the blind can see."

For his part, Ridgway said there can be no question of the "validity and purpose" of U. S. fighting in Korea "against the deliberately planned, unprovoked aggression."

"To have done otherwise," he said, "would have been a repudiation of every principle we had previously professed."

Ridgway spoke at the annual convention of the Far East Dept. of the Reserve Officers Association.

Allies Cite Russian Actions In Korean War

SAYS TRUCE TALKS
He made no mention of the Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom. The address was devoted largely to remarks on military reserve officers and George Washington, who was born 220 years ago tomorrow.

Ridgway said the same situation exists today that Washington found in 1776 when he wrote that one of his hardest jobs was to induce people to believe there was "danger until the bayonet is pushed at their breasts."

"Our country," Ridgway said, "has today many people whose intelligence level offers no slightest excuse for a similar mental outlook on the Korean problem."

"With the pattern of Communist intentions now spread across the world, it is probable that many Americans still ask 'Why are we in Korea?'"

Truman Tells Masons He Likes White House Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman told a Masonic gathering today that he works all day and nearly all night as president, "but just as nearly as I do and me and the gatopop," he said.

The President confided this attitude in an off-the-cuff talk to grand master of Masons attending a national-wide conference.

Cabinet members and White House staff representatives also attended the hotel breakfast at which Mr. Truman defended his aides against the description of "a leasort gang," which he said has been given them by his opponents.

Coy Resigns As FCC Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wayne Coy resigned today as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Coy told reporters he was quitting because he could not afford the personal sacrifice of continuing in the \$15,000-a-year job.

Coy added that he had asked President Truman to relieve him of his post so that "I can negotiate for a job in private industry."

The FCC supervises operations of the radio and television industry among other duties.

Arab Students On Hunger Strike

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W. H. Belk, Famed Merchant, Dies

MR. BELK
William Henry Belk, 88, founder of the W. H. Belk Co., died at his home in Charlotte, N. C., today.

He was born in 1864 in the town of Belmont, N. C., and was educated at the University of North Carolina.

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