

One way to fatten a high school's athletic fund would be a Figskin Preview staged before the football season gets under way. Bob Quincey's column on Page 5-B explains how Heshberg County and Charlotte city schools could benefit.

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RECENT PHOTO OF ROYAL FAMILY



The Royal Family is shown above as it posed for an official outdoor portrait last August at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, an official royal residence. Shown (left to right) are Prince Charles, Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Edinburgh, King George VI, the new Queen Elizabeth and one-year-old Princess Anne. (United Press Telephoto).

Doubts General Coming Home To Campaign

Stassen Says He Must Work To Win

WASHINGTON — Harold E. Stassen said today he does not believe Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will return to campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination.

32 Votes For NC At Convention

RALEIGH — (AP) — North Carolina will have a total of 32 votes at the Democratic National Convention which begins in Chicago on July 21.

This was revealed today when Secretary of State Thad Eure received from National Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney an official report of the 1,239 national convention votes.

The breakdown showed that only nine states will have a greater voice than North Carolina when the Democratic Party assembles to nominate its candidates for President and Vice President.

OUR WEATHER

Clearing and cool today. Fair and colder tonight and tomorrow. Expected low tonight 25 degrees. Highest yesterday 57 degrees. Lowest this morning 27 degrees. Sunrise, 7:17 A. M.; sunset, 5:58 P. M.

MOON EATS CLOUDS?

Perhaps you've heard the old saying: "The full moon eats clouds." It's true that clouds often dissipate at night, and here's why: When the sun goes down, a cloud turns cooler and chills the air around it.

EVENING PRAYER

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for that Thou saidst: "Not by might, nor by power, but by Thy spirit." Help us to win by trusting Thee. Thou only can give victory. May Thy cause be victorious. We pray that Thy will may always prevail, and the peace that Thou givest to those who give may come to all men.

Eisenhower himself, though he has indicated he would head the Republican ticket this year if a clear-cut call came, has said he will not ask to be relieved of his assignment as supreme commander of the Western defense forces in Europe.

A Taft supporter, Senator Brewster (R-Mo.), predicted earlier that if present political trends continue, Taft will have the nomination "sawed up" within a few weeks.

VA Wants Tight Rules In New GI Legislation

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration urged tight safeguards today against abuse of any GI schooling program approved by Congress for veterans of the Korean conflict.

Assistant VA Administrator G. H. Birdsall told the House Veterans Committee that a "sensible bill" should have a stake in their own training, and that Congress prohibit "blind alley" training for GI's.

The House committee is studying legislative proposals to extend World War II servicemen's readjustment benefits to Korean veterans.

CHANGES NEEDED

Birdsall said experience had shown the need of "material changes" in the bill to limit assistance "to such sound and constructive education or training as the Veterans Administration can give."

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England's Revolver Arrives in London

IN KOREAN TRUCE TALKS CONCESSIONS ON ROTATION MADE

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Reds and Allies each gave ground today and narrowed the gap on troop rotation and the future of displaced civilians.

But negotiators remained as far apart as ever on key issues blocking a Korean armistice.

Allied negotiators abandoned demands that the Communists trade displaced civilians for U. N.-held war prisoners.

The U. N. reiterated, however, that all prisoners must have the right to choose whether they want to be repatriated and that impartial teams must interview civilians to determine whether they want to live in North or South Korea.

An official U. N. spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Newcomb, told newsmen before the transcript of the negotiations was available.

In an adjoining tent the Communists gave ground in the dispute over troop rotation during an armistice. The Allies said they would talk about the Communists' demand for coastal waters and consider dropping two demands relating to troop dispositions during a truce.

ISSUE SHELVED But the key issue of whether the Reds have the right to build and repair North Korean airfields during an armistice has been shelved for the time being.

The U. N. Command continued its study of a Red proposal that a high level political conference be held within 90 days after an armistice is signed to consider all Asian problems looking toward peace in Korea.

The Allies did not suggest a date for another full dress session on armistice agenda item five—recommendations to governments involved in Korea. The U. N. said Wednesday it would request another meeting after studying the Red draft.

Washington sources said the Communist proposal is under study by top level officials and Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway probably will be instructed to make a counter offer soon.

These sources said the U. S. is prepared to agree to a conference to consider withdrawing foreign troops from Korea and peaceful settlement of the Korean question, but will back at discussing broader issues such as Formosa.

Taft officers working on truce supervision and prisoner exchange will meet again at 11 a. m. Friday in Panmunjom.

A. N. Spakeman, Brig. Gen. William P. Newcomb, said the Allies dropped their demand that displaced civilians be interviewed through "repeated Communist assurance that all will be permitted to live wherever they wish."

Until Thursday the Reds had held out for the rotation of no more than 25,000 men a month, including those pulled-out of the lines for rest leaves and temporary assignments elsewhere. The new proposal would permit rotation of 25,000 over and above those leaving Korea for brief periods.

The Allies said they would consider extending the boundary of coastal waters 12 miles offshore, as the Reds have asked. The U. N. has proposed a limit of three miles. The boundary is significant because during a truce all naval vessels would stay outside coastal waters.

COPS MESSED UP DATE FOR RETIREMENT

MORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Because local police were two weeks ahead of the U. S. government's Goodling has to postpone his "retirement" six months. And he'll have to spend the time in jail at that.

Before pleading guilty to book-making charges yesterday Ettinger told Judge K. Arnold Forrest, "I intended to retire last Nov. 1 when the new federal gambling law was effective. But the police were little too fast for me."

He was arrested Oct. 15. In addition to a six-month prison sentence he was fined \$100.

George Kennan Is Named U. S. Moscow Envoy

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today nominated George F. Kennan, author of the policy of "containment" of Russian Communism, to be ambassador to Moscow.

Kennan, State Department expert on Russia who wrote out his Russian policy under the name of "Mr. X," was nominated to succeed Adm. Alan G. Kirk. Kirk's resignation was effective yesterday.

Kirk wrote the President: "Over two and a half years, have passed since you appointed me to Moscow, and I feel that the length of time a change is indicated. Nevertheless, the experience has been most instructive and I am happy to have been of service to you in the capacity of your Ambassador."

The President announced last Dec. 26 he was naming Kennan to be the ambassador to Moscow. Russia had orally informed the White House he would be acceptable, even though he had been under attack by both the official Soviet newspaper Pravda and radio Moscow.

Pravda called him a supporter of anti-Soviet organizations and the Moscow radio had listed him as among "shady persons who are usually spies of long standing."

Kennan, 47 years old and a native of Milwaukee, is a veteran of a quarter century of diplomatic service, which has included three tours in Moscow.

He became known generally among "Mr. X," he wrote an article in the magazine Foreign Affairs setting out in detail the United States policy of blocking Soviet aggressive expansionist pressure by containment of Communism.

Grieving Elizabeth Back From Africa

LONDON (AP)—Young Queen Elizabeth II returned to her homeland today to ascend the throne and bury King George VI.

The 25-year-old queen of the United Kingdom and the dominions overseas reached London airport at 4:15 P. M. (11:15 A. M. EST) after a flight from Nairobi, Kenya. It was exactly a week since she left London, as Princess Elizabeth, to make a round-the-world tour of five months.

A plain oak coffin was being prepared for the remains of her father, King George VI. The funeral may be held next week, but more probably on Monday, Feb. 18.

The four-engine transport carrying the royal party left London at 4:19 P. M. after a 4,000-mile, one-stop flight. Prime Minister Winston Churchill headed the official delegation on hand to welcome the new queen. The skies were gray.

The royal family was represented by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Duke of the queen. Another uncle, the Duke of Windsor, is sailing home from New York to attend the funeral.

The scene at the airport was a cheerful one, in the gathering gloom of the evening twilight. The airport was ringed by scores of policemen sent to keep the arrival private. Prime Minister Churchill had appealed to the public in advance to stay away from the airport and respect the queen's grief.

TO TAKE OATH Elizabeth stepped out of the plane at 8:15 P. M. It was arranged that she go to Clarence House, her residence as princess, where she will be sworn in as queen. She is to take the oath to uphold the constitution, before the privy council.

Tomorrow she will be formally proclaimed queen—the first woman to rule Britain in 51 years. Six cars stood by the airport to take the royal party and its luggage to the heart of London. Police were posted along the fifteen-mile route from the airport to central London, to insure motor convoy.

Churchill bowed deeply and shook hands with the queen as she stepped from the plane, followed by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Elizabeth wore a black hat and coat. The duke, in a dark overcoat, was hailed as the queen's consort. Five minutes after they left the plane the queen and the duke drove away toward London.

A long line of spectators standing outside the airport saw the procession pass by. As the royal car swung a salute at the royal car as it passed. The queen unsmilingly waved.

Before leaving the airport, the queen said she would like to see the "beloved" of her father, King George VI, who died in Africa. They lined up on the concrete apron and in a low voice she thanked them all.

Her face was pale and she was plainly under a strain. But her tears were unshed. As the royal car swept through the gates, the duke solemnly bent forward and arranged the rug around the queen's feet.

Their car was followed by one carrying the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

HEADS BARED In the streets outside, men bared their heads and women, some in tears, waved their handkerchiefs.

As Churchill's car left the field his chauffeur had to brake suddenly to avoid collision with another automobile.

Airfield workers said the new queen, while talking briskly with Churchill, stood in almost the spot where her father waved goodbye to her one week ago.

Meanwhile in London, 83-year-old Queen Mary was advised by telephone of the royal party's return. She immediately drove to Clarence House to comfort her grieving granddaughter.

The royal car reached Clarence House at 5:05 P. M. Crowds were lined along the yard road entrance to the house. The big double doors of the building were flung open and the royal standard snapped from the roof.

The Queen was home. At the Sandringham royal estate, where her father died peacefully in his sleep yesterday morning, silent, sorrowing carpenters sawed, and more probably on Monday, Feb. 18.

London's Residents Mourn Their King



A London newswoman quietly holds newspapers announcing the death of King George VI. Many loyal subjects stayed up outside the palace gates all night last night. (United Press Radiophoto).

West Germany Promised NATO Membership

By RICHARD KASSBROCK BONN, Germany (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told his Parliament today West Germany had been promised eventual membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

He called for French co-operation in settling the new Franco-German quarrel over the industrial Saar.

The 76-year-old chancellor opened parliamentary debate on the issue of arming 300,000 to 400,000 German soldiers to join the pact.

Communist. The issue is one of the hottest ones in postwar his history. He and Adenauer faced the fight of his political life.

Outside, 500 shouting anti-Communist demonstrators tried to march on the Parliament building but were driven back by police with a water hose. Inside the Bundestag (lower house), Communist deputies booed and heckled the chancellor, who put forward the West German government's proposal to raise twelve German divisions for Western defense.

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Assembly Passes SC Money Bill

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — The General Assembly approved \$140,671,671 general appropriations for the 1952-53 fiscal year today.

Both Senate and House adopted a compromise Conference Committee report on the bill without change.

The bill will now become an act and go to Gov. Byrnes for his approval or veto of any sections. It will not reach the Governor until next week, however, because it first must be prepared clearly and ratified into an act.

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