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Take a look at the candidates for County Commissioners — all thirteen of 'em. Photos and biographical sketches on page 9-B today, in the Best of The News' series, "Profiles of the Candidates".

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MENTAL PATIENT HELD

THREE SLAIN IN VIRGINIA

LEESBURG, Va. —(AP)— A woman and two men, one of them an airline pilot, were slain last night in a lonely farming section near here. An escaped mental patient was arrested and charged with murder.

Accused of the triple slaying is Maurice Ray Fox, 39, of Arcola, Va., who escaped two weeks ago from a mental institution at Staunton, Va.

The victims:

William Fitzhugh Fox, 70, his father.

Robert O'Connor, 34, Falls Church, Va., a pilot for Capital Airlines.

Lillian L. Hove, 34, Alexandria, Va.

Miss Hove had been bludgeoned to death. The two men were blasted by shotgun pellets.

Leesburg is about 35 miles from Washington, D. C.

First details of the killings were sketchy.

Sheriff Roger F. Powell of Loudoun County said his first information was received shortly before midnight from a neighbor of the elder Fox.

The neighbor reported young Fox had been seen in the neighborhood.

Powell said he and deputies left for the area promptly to search for Fox.

FOUND BODIES

When they reached his home, they found the bodies of Miss Howe and O'Connor lying in the front yard.

The body of the elder Fox was found in an orchard about 200 yards away.

Residents said O'Connor owned a small plane which he usually kept at a nearby airport.

He had leased some property from Fox and often went to the area to do some gardening. Residents said he usually buzzed the houses when he took off for home.

There was no buzzing last night.

State troopers organized a posse of 100 men to seek young Fox.

They found him two hours later at the home of a brother, Claude. Powell said he was in bed, a shotgun beside him.

Officers disarmed Fox without a struggle and took him to Leesburg jail where the murder charge was filed.

Claude Fox's home was in a state of disarray. A number of windows had been broken. Police said the windows might have been shattered by shotgun blasts. Claude Fox and his family were not at home.

There was no sign of disorder inside the home of William Fox.

Police said the weapon used to beat Miss Hove over the head had not been found.

Powell said the elder Fox was shot in the chest, O'Connor in the back.

Young Fox was committed to the asylum at Staunton last Fall. He escaped May 10.

Friends of O'Connor said the pilot was a widower and that he and Miss Hove were good friends. Powell said he was told by neighbors of O'Connor that Miss Hove drove her station wagon to O'Connor's house at Falls Church, a Washington suburb, and parked it there.

Then the two drove in O'Connor's car to the property O'Connor had rented from Fox, Powell said.

He added there were no indications from the first information he received that young Fox had a motive for attacking the pilot or Miss Hove.

SHOVING OFF

As a longshoreman in the foreground watches, the trans-Pacific liner President Wilson pulls out from her pier in Los Angeles the only ship permitted to sail. The Sailors' Union of Pacific is on strike for higher wages and has tied up West Coast shipping. (United Press Telephoto).

Communists Tighten Berlin Strangle-Hold

Resumption Of Red Blockade Feared

By RICHARD K. O'MALLEY

BERLIN—(AP)—Communist East Germany tightened its squeeze on blockade-threatened Berlin another notch today. Orders went out to Red police to shoot to kill anyone caught without a proper pass in the Iron Curtain's new three-mile no man's land along the West German border.

The shooting order was the latest in a series of revenge moves against the Bonn government's alliance with the West. It all but sealed off the Communist-girt former capital, which trembled in fear of a resumption of the 1948-49 siege.

The Russians continued their ban on Allied military patrols travelling the 110-mile Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn, sole highway link between the isolated city and the West.

Regular civilian traffic continued to flow normally, but a new formula for transit visas adopted by the Reds yesterday could choke off traffic between West Berlin and the Bonn republic at any time.

The Russians also let a jeep-escorted three-truck U.S. Army convoy use the highway and an American officer said: "Apparently they don't mind through travel but for some reason object to our patrols going up and down 'their' road."

In Paris the Big Three Western powers said they would regard aggression against Berlin as a threat to their own security.

The new visa formula tears up an agreement between the Western Powers and Russia which had allowed West Berlin and West German authorities to issue interzonal passes for transit travel through the Russian zone in either direction.

The move had the following significance:

1. Every truck driver, railroad employe or canal barge operator traveling through the area is at East Germany's mercy.

2. The 2,200,000 West Berliners can be virtually cut off from travel into or through the surrounding Soviet zone.

Yesterday the Red German regime cut all telephone service between Berlin and the Russian sector, and some long distance lines to the West.

The visa formula requires all Germans to get an East German permit before stepping on the Russian zone which covers the 100 miles between Berlin and the West. Commenting on the latest Red moves, a senior Allied official said:

"They have now arranged things so that we have the alternative of slowly watching West Berlin wither away, put the entire place on the dole (relief) or start up an airlift (as was done in 1948-49). If they claim the skies above their heads, too, that's it."

The Communists apparently reason that the Bonn pact throws out the Potsdam agreement of 1945 which set up the rights West Berlin enjoyed in its relations with the West.

Communists Again Threaten March In Korea

Negotiators Charge Prisoners Mistreated

By SAM SUMMERLIN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—For the second straight day Communist truce negotiators today hinted that Red armies in Korea would march because of Allied handling of captured Reds. The U.N. Command delegation dismissed the threat as propaganda.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il repeated Red charges that captured Reds had been mistreated. Then he added:

"The Korean Peoples Army and the Chinese Peoples Volunteers absolutely shall not sit idle while their fellow combatants are being wantonly murdered by your side." He said almost the same thing yesterday.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., senior Allied delegate, told Nam Il his statement "is indicative of your obvious intentions not to use these conference to arrive at an agreement, but merely to generate your propaganda."

NO PROGRESS

There was no progress on the explosive issue of what to do about 100,000 captured Red soldiers and civilian internees who say they will fight repatriation to Communist soil. The Reds demand them back. The U.N. Command says not a single person will be forced to return against his will.

At Communist insistence the truce delegations will meet again tomorrow at Panmunjom at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. Wednesday EST).

Harrison read a detailed explanation of how the Allies screened prisoners of war. The process, he explained, "was designed to separate those who would violently oppose repatriation from those who would not."

All prisoners were listed to go back unless their opposition "to return was so strong that they would attempt to destroy themselves rather than return to your control," he explained.

LIKELY QUESTIONS

Harrison read to the Reds for the first time the list of questions put to POWs. He said the actual screening was preceded by several steps designed to acquaint prisoners with the nature of the quiz.

Nam Il ignored Harrison's report. But the U.N. spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, said Chinese Gen. Hsieh Fang showed more interest during Harrison's statement than he has "to anything in a long time."

LONDON—(AP)—Lord Alexander, British defense minister, said today Communist forces in North Korea have been almost doubled since the cease-fire talks began last July.

PREFERS TRAIN-BUSTING TO DATE WITH ACTRESS

TOKYO—(AP)—A 24-year-old sergeant who probably has more bomber missions than any other gunner in the United States Air Force confided today:

"If you gave me the choice of having a date with a Hollywood movie actress or going up and busting a couple of Communist trains, I'll take the trains.

"Of course, when I got back I might have something to tell that actress about."

For Staff Sergeant Lucien I. (Slag) Thomas Jr., of Richmond, Va., shooting up Red trains in North Korea is almost a passion.

A gunner on a night-flying B-26 light bomber, Thomas already has been in on the destruction of eleven locomotives.

Locomotives are a priority target for the B-26 night fliers, who attack at tree top level in dives up to 425 miles an hour.

Thomas has a two-war total of 24 combat missions—132 over Europe and 114 over Korea. Air officers here say they believe this record unequaled in the USAF.

Tank Teams Hit Red Positions

SEOUL, Korea —(AP)— Tank-supported United Nations assault groups threw the Communists off three hills today in a foray into Red lines near Korangpo on the Korean western front.

A U. S. Eighth Army staff officer said the three units then returned to their lines. An incomplete early report said one of the groups killed or wounded at least 30 Reds.

The raiders attacked in predawn darkness and ran into heavy Red artillery fire. But, the staff officer said, U. N. tank fire aided them in knocking the Reds from their positions.

On the central front, Allied tanks damaged 81 bunkers, twelve communication trenches and six weapon emplacements.

Scattered patrol skirmishes were reported on the eastern front.

Ten Okinawa-based B-29s last night bombed the rail bridge at Kongunyong in extreme Northwest Korea and met meager anti-aircraft fire. Another Superfort hit the rail yards at Chinnampo, the port city for the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

Senate Votes Down Further Aid Bill Cut

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate today rejected, by a 41 to 35 vote, a further 500 million dollar cut in the $6,900,000,000 foreign aid bill.

Neither side in the sharp controversy on trimming the aid program had been sure in advance how the vote would go.

Veteran Sen. Connally (D-Tex), leading the fight against any more reductions, told a reporter "I think we'll win if we can get all our people here."

Sen. Welker (R-Ida), author of the amendment, said "It's hard to tell how it will go now."

The Senate met under a strict agreement limiting debate on each amendment to one hour.

Now the bill must go to conference with the House which voted last week for a $6,163,000,000 bill, or $1,737,000,000 less than President Truman asked. The House reductions have brought scathing attacks from Truman and officials administering the mutual security program.

Sen. Kem (R-Mo) proposed an amendment to ban any aid to a country which ships armaments or other material useful in war to Russia or her satellites.

He sponsored a similar amendment last year on an appropriations bill. It was adopted by Congress but Kem contended that President Truman set it aside. Later the amendment was repealed and a less restrictive ban substituted for it. The Senator contended today this substitute enactment was ineffective.

APPLIES TO BRITAIN

Kem said in a statement that his amendment would apply particularly to Great Britain which he said had shipped $49,749,171 worth of rubber to Russia in the first three months of this year.

He said it was very likely some strategic materials sent to the Communist bloc had reached the North Korean army.

"The failure — yes the refusal — of President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson to halt this bloody trade makes up one of the most shocking chapters in American history," Kem said.

The Senate took one vote yesterday — a 35 to 27 tally to defeat a billion dollar reduction also sponsored by Welker.

There were 34 absentees on this roll call — 18 Democrats and 16 Republicans. Telegrams and phone calls went out to these Senators from both sides last night.

Truman Raps Germ Charges

WASHINGTON (AP — President Truman raked the Kremlin today for "passing out the lies" that the United Nations have used germ warfare in Korea.

The President told a White House delegation:

"The Kremlin cries that we have used germ warfare.

"There isn't a word of truth in that. We have never broken the Geneva convention in our operations in Korea.

"And they know that. They know it well. But they keep on passing out the lies that have no foundation in fact whatever."

TALKS TO DELEGATION

A delegation from the American Action Committee against Mass Deportations in Romania heard the President assert:

"The Kremlin bombards the world with cries of peace—peace. And the Kremlin brings on war—war, at every point that she possibly can."

Truman's biting attack on the Soviet leaders came after the committee delegation, made up of various American-Romanian groups, reported to him on enforced evacuation of Romanian citizens.

Speaking in the rose garden of the White House, the President said mass deportation and kidnapings in Romania and other countries "is far worse than anything that can take place in actual open war."

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair today and tonight. Rather warm this afternoon with an expected high of 85 degrees. Low tonight 60 degrees. Thursday considerable cloudiness with scattered thundershowers and not quite so warm. Expected high of 82 degrees.

Highest yesterday 81 degrees.

Lowest this morning 60 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:11 A. M.; sunset, 7:29 P. M.

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CRYPTOCLIMATOLOGY

Did you ever climb into your car after it's been parked in the sun with the windows closed, and wonder if something couldn't be done to prevent it turning into an oven. Relief may be on the way. A new science, cryptoclimatology, is devoted to studying such problems. It's an offshoot of microclimatology, the study of climates in small areas such as your front porch or back yard. Cryptoclimatology deals with the "hide-away climates" inside confined spaces like houses, autos and greenhouses, with a view toward improving them.

Texas Talk Tumultuous

Races For Nominations Getting Tighter

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Voting that ranged from calm in Connecticut to tumultuous in Texas tightened both the Republican and Democratic races for presidential-nominating votes today.

Feuding Texans started out with two conventions yesterday, and wound up with four. Each put up delegations to the national conventions in July at Chicago, where the question of which to recognize must be decided.

Connecticut's Republican convention at Hartford named a 22-vote delegation and, in Florida, Democrats in a primary elected a delegation with 34 votes.

The upshot: Gen. Dwight Eisenhower pulled within 22 votes of Ohio Sen. Robert Taft in the Republican pre-convention vote-gathering. Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia apparently jumped ahead of Mutual Security Chief W. Averell Harriman for second place in the Democratic race.

Hence, the Associated Press tabulation of nationwide delegate strength — based on concessions, pledges, instructions and avowed preferences — now shows:

Republican — Taft 494, Eisenhower 362. Nomination requires 604.

Democratic — Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee 122, Harriman 85 1-2, Russell 86 1-2. Nomination needs 616.

Florida Democrats divided their 24 convention votes apparently on the basis of 19 for Russell and five for Kefauver. Primary returns pointed that way, but were coming in slowly and could change the spread.

In the state's hotly contested Democratic gubernatorial race, Dan McCarty of Ft. Pierce — a citrus grower and cattleman — defeated Bradley Odham of Sanford. McCarty's GOP opponent in November will be Harry S. Swan of Miami but the Republican has virtually no chance since his party is outnumbered 14 to 1 in Florida.

Texas Republicans met at a Mineral Wells convention to name a 38-vote delegation. Many Eisenhower backers were denied seats at the meeting, and they walked out and set up their own state gathering.

While the Taft-dominated convention picked a delegation lined

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Comic Dictionary

WORK

An unpopular way of earning money.

ANYTHING WRONG WITH LIVING IN A TREE?

Three of the four tree-dwelling cats stare with fascination from their leafy home in St. Louis as a photographer takes their picture. The kittens, born in the tree last month, have never been on the ground and seem satisfied to live in the elm peaceably with sparrows and starlings (United Press Telephoto).

PELTED BY CHARGES AND DENIALS

Governor's Race Heads Down Stretch With Track Muddier

RALEIGH (AP) The governor's race gathered new steam for Saturday's primary as candidates Hubert E. Olive and William B. Umstead cut loose with a flurry of words.

Both issued statements. So did Olive's campaign manager, Dr. R. E. Earp.

Umstead also made a 15-minute state-wide radio talk in which he accused Olive of trying to deceive the voters.

Umstead called for a "decisive, smashing victory" in the primary "such as only a determined people can have, a people who will not be dictated to nor controlled by any man, or group of men, who seek power for the sake of using power."

In his radio talk, Umstead put himself against a bonus to veterans. He said he felt the state's education needs should come before a bonus.

"It would be unwise," he asserted, "to tie up our credit in heavy bonded indebtedness for a purpose not required by the Constitution, such as a bonus, to the extent that we would be unable to provide for our school requirements."

Earlier, Olive issued a statement in which he charged Umstead with making "political double-talk." He said it was time for the people "to judge for themselves as to who is distorting the facts."

Olive said the records show that in May, 1938, Umstead voted against an amendment by Rep. Clifford Woodrum (D-Va) to make 100 million dollars available to the Rural Electrification Authority for loans to rural electric cooperatives.

"The very life of REA was at stake," Olive declared. "The agency was not financially able to meet the increasing needs of rural people. It was about to wither away unless Congress gave it new life with an appropriation large enough to meet the demand for rural electricity."

Umstead said firmly in a statement that he voted for passage of the REA act and had "supported and defended the act since it was first passed." He labeled as "absolutely false" reports that he voted to kill the REA while he was a member of Congress. He protested that "it is another chapter in the story of half-truths, deceitful insinuations, and distortions of fact that have been paraded before the people of North Carolina in a deliberate effort to deceive them."

Dr. Earp charged in his statement that State Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan has been 'actively and openly" supporting Umstead "for at least a year." He said "It has long been a tradition in North Carolina that the party chairman does not take sides in a primary campaign."

Dr. Earp added that while Umstead forces were "making much ado" about Gov. Scott's support of Olive, "they have carefully drawn a curtain of silence around the support Mr. Umstead is getting from Jordan."

In his radio talk, Umstead said it was being "whispered" in various sections of the state that if Olive is elected governor he will provide a $4,000 bonus to each war veteran. Umstead termed this a "serious scare and delusion," adding that "such a figure is fantastic."

Umstead said he was in sympathy with veterans, but contended that the state has other pressing needs.

Armed Forces Limits Proposed

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) The Western Big Three Powers have agreed upon a proposal to set a ceiling of 1½ million men each for the armed forces of the Soviet Union, the United States and China—provided that all three and the United Nations concur.

This proposal is scheduled to be presented late today to the U. N. Disarmament Commission. It is the West's answer to Russia's demand for a flat one-third reduction of all armed forces of the big powers.

The paper makes it clear that the ceiling will not become effective until and unless it is agreed upon by the powers concerned and by the United Nations. It also calls for strict safeguards to see that no one violates the limits.

The proposal was worked out by the United States, Britain and France after weeks of high level consultation. Western sources in disclosing the plan said they were concerned by the impression made in Europe by the Russian proposal for a one-third cut by the big powers in their armed forces. The proposed ceiling would mean a drastic reduction in Soviet armed forces, according to estimates of the Western Powers. They have insisted the Soviet Union Army alone has four million men.

There are no reliable figures available here on the number of men under arms in Communist China, obviously the China aimed at in the proposal. Sources discussing the proposal merely used the term "China" without specifying whether Nationalist or Red China was meant. The Nationalist regime of Chiang Kai-Shek holds China's seat in the U. N., while the Red China of Mao Tse-Tung has troops in Korea fighting the forces of the United Nations.

American-Efird Merger Approved

MT. HOLLY, N. C. (AP)—American and Efird Mills, a 22 million dollar corporation was formed today by merger of two yarn organizations.

Stockholders of American Yarn and Processing Co., of Mt. Holly approved the merger today. Stockholders of Efird Manufacturing Co. of Albemarle did so last Monday.

Headquarters of American and Efird Mills, will be at Mt. Holly near Charlotte.

Umstead To Hit Rural Boxes Here Tomorrow

William B. Umstead will visit more than a dozen rural communities in Mecklenburg County tomorrow as he winds up his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Bobo Langston, county campaign manager for the former U. S. Senator, said that an automobile caravan of Umstead supporters will tour the county.

Mr. Umstead is expected to arrive in the city sometime late tonight. Just after breakfast tomorrow, the caravan will start.

WHERE HE'LL STOP

Mr. Langston said that a tentative itinerary calls for brief stops in these communities:

Gilead, Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Long Creek, Mallard Creek, Paw Creek, Dixie, Berryhill, Shopton, Steele Creek, Pineville, Sharon, Providence, Crab Orchard, Clear Creek, Morning Star and Matthews.

Mr. Umstead will spend the entire day in the rural sections, Mr. Langston said.

The Durham candidate follows by one day a similar last-week visit here by his chief opponent, Hubert E. Olive of Lexington.

Mr. Olive came to Charlotte yesterday afternoon, and was carried to several sections by his Mecklenburg manager, L. M. McEwen Jr. He resumed his visits in the county this morning, before moving on to Rowan this afternoon.

Both candidates are showing unusual personal interest in winning Mecklenburg, because election officials have predicted that nearly one-tenth of the total state vote may be cast in this county.

Most predictions range from 30,000 to more than 35,000.

Voting will begin at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning and will end at 6:30 P. M.

B-36 Bomber Crashes, Burns

FORT WORTH—(AP)—A giant B-36 bomber exploded and burst into flames as it hit a runway at Carswell Air Force base here at 12:45 P. M. today.

Dark blue smoke billowed into the sky and flames spread about the crash area.

A witness said he thought one wing exploded and then the fire began.

There was no immediate report of casualties.

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord our God, our hearts are filled with gratitude as we remember the many blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us. May we show the sincerity of our gratitude by living lives which are always acceptable in Thy sight. AMEN.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Susie Brown is a typical college freshman. She would like to be an elementary teacher, and she would make a good one. But she wind up doing something else. Why?

Chancellor Edward K. Graham of the Woman's College put his finger on one big reason why North Carolina is facing acute short of elementary teachers in an address to the N. C. Editorial Writers' Conference in Chapel Hill last week-end. The full text of his address, plus an editorial, "No One Bothered To Ask Susie", will be found on today's editorial page, 8-A.

The News invites the attention of parents and educators to Dr. Graham's analysis.

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