

Oilmen's Taxes
A Senator, a magazine writer, the President of the Petroleum Club of Houston and a Charlotte man discuss the percentage depletion tax policy for oilmen in today's People's Platform. Turn to the editorial page, 5-A.

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Name Your Candidate

Presidential Preference Poll

With the 1952 Presidential election a subject of wide public interest, The News today announces an informal poll in which its readers may indicate their choice for the Presidency.

The News realizes that your preference may change before the election in November. At the same time a cross-section of the current preference of News readers will be of interest.

You may cast your vote in this poll by indicating your choice on the ballot below. Bring or mail the ballot to the Poll Editor, The News, Box 360, Charlotte 1, N. C.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL

At this time my choice for President of the United States is:

- Indicate your preference by an "X":
- () EISENHOWER
 - () KENNEDY
 - () TRUMAN
 - () STEVENS
 - () THURMOND
 - () WARREN

Neither of these. My choice is: _____

(Write in name of candidate)

I am: () Democrat () Independent () Republican

In 1948 I voted for: () Truman () Dewey () Wallace

Remarks: _____

Reds Reject Allied Ban On Supervision

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
MUNSA, Korea (AP) — Communists today categorically rejected an Allied proposal that they would have Russian supervision of a Korean truce.

The Allies had proposed four neutral nations police the truce instead of six. This would cut Norway off the United Nations list and Russia off the Red nomination.

"We cannot consider it," said Chinese Col. Pu Shan.

Staff officers also remained undecided on the number of posts of entry each side should be allowed during a truce. The Communists now propose six, the Communists five.

Another group of staff officers devoted their entire session to minor differences in phraseology.

Weather Hints Korea Air War

By MILO FARNETI
SEOUL, Korea (AP) — The weather today stopped aerial strikes against the Reds in Korea for the first time since Christmas.

Only weather reconnaissance planes took off Tuesday morning. They looked for holes in the snowy overcast hanging above the Korean hills.

Weather stymied all Fifth Air Force night fighters Monday night. Only 21 sorties—about one-third of the number flown by the Fifth Air Force in daylight hours.

Ground action was almost at a standstill Monday. Eighth Army Headquarters reported a few light patrol actions and some artillery fire.

Allied mortars broke up a Chinese Communist attack on patrol area of the Pukhan River on the Central Front in Monday night's biggest scrap.

OUR WEATHER

Snow and colder tonight, with snow ending early tomorrow.

Wednesday, partly cloudy and continued cold.

Low temperature expected to drop 10 degrees; high tomorrow, 46 degrees.

Low this morning, 40 degrees; high yesterday, 55 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:57 A. M.; sunset, 6:10 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 7-A

H. M. S. ICEBERG

Did you ever hear of using weather to build a warship? A plan was advanced in World War II for the Allies to make "unsinkable" aircraft carriers of ice.

An experimental team constructed a model of what it called Winter on a lake in the Canadian Rockies, and hundreds of engineers and designers were put to work on the project. "Come with me to the discovery that lies below. Also the materials needed to melt and maintain such a craft would more than build a conventional aircraft carrier.

INDEX SHOWS RISE STOPPED

Statistics Indicate No Big Change in December-January

WASHINGTON (AP) — The steady rise in living costs, as measured by the government, has stopped—temporarily at least.

The "new series" version of the Labor Department's consumer price index, issued today, showed no change from mid-December to mid-January. The index had been going up steadily since August.

The "old series" another form of the index maintained on a different set of consumer items—showed a decrease of two-tenths of one percent for the month between mid-December and mid-January.

The "old" index up just enough to give a three-cent hourly pay boost to more than a million members of the CIO's Auto Workers Union employed in the automobile, aircraft and farm equipment industries.

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Churchill Says Bombs Possessed By Brits

News Kept Secret By Labor Regime

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the old Labor Government succeeded in making an atom bomb for Britain but failed to inform Parliament about the development.

Churchill spoke in the House of Commons in a blistering Labor attack upon his foreign policy. Laborite Herbert Morrison accused Churchill of making belittling statements, endangering world peace and the chances of reaching a Korean truce.

Churchill, in referring to the atom bomb, said "quite a new atmosphere on this subject was created" when he informed American officials of developments here during his Washington visit last month.

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Churchill's Conservative Government came to power when the Laborites lost the general election Oct. 25. Within the last few days the cabinet has announced Britain will conduct experiments with atomic weapons in Australia this month.

Morrison, a former foreign secretary, opened the debate with a speech in which he criticized Churchill's policy on the atom bomb. He accused Morrison of speaking with different views in Washington and London. In Washington the prime minister's speech to Congress represented a change in British policy.

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5 Dead, 12 Hurt In Bomber Crash

OMAHA (AP)—A four-engine B-50 bomber crashed and burned today at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, killing five and injuring the other 12 persons aboard.

Quick action by an emergency fire fighting squad at the base was credited with keeping down the fire.

Cause of the crash was not immediately determined but a wing fell off the plane as it headed for the base headquarters of the far-flung strategic air command.

The flight was presented as routine. The plane was on a mission of some classified equipment led base loggers or operators at the crash scene.

The plane had stopped at one point at Hickman Field, Hawaii. An Air Force spokesman at Hickman said the plane arrived there from Tokyo Friday and left early Monday for Offutt.

Military spokesmen here declined to say whether the plane was based where it had been, or the nature or classification (secret, confidential or restricted) of the equipment aboard.

Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Severe Quakes Noted 'Probably In Peru'

NEW YORK (AP)—Fordham University's seismographs recorded a series of earthquakes early today, one at 6:40 a.m. and the other at 6:47:30 A. M. (EST).

The first quake was said to have occurred 3,000 miles south of New York City, "probably" in the Andes, which should have been felt in Lima.

Small Craft Warned As Cold Front Hits Florida

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A cold front moving into Florida today bringing small craft warnings along the west coast from Cedar Key to Cape Hatteras, N. C.

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Pig Shoots Butcher

AUENBURG, Germany (AP)—A 300-pound pig shot and wounded a butcher who was trying to kill it, police reported today.

The butcher was kneeling beside the pig and loading his bolt action rifle when the pig sprang up and struck the trigger with a hind leg. The butcher was shot through the knee.

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Eleven Wounded On Destroyer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy reported today that 11 men were wounded aboard the destroyer Shelton Feb. 22 by Communist shore fire.

The destroyer, then off the North coast of Korea, received three direct hits; two enemy shells burst directly over the destroyer, one on the direct hit tore a hole, three feet by four feet, at the water line, causing one compartment to be nearly flooded.

The Shelton retired to a base in Japan after the action, which occurred during the previously reported episode of an enemy attempt to land on an island near South Korea.