



British, French Brass To Talk To President

—ONE COMMENT: FLY HOME, DUKE—

Macmillan And Mollet Okay Meet

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower's headquarters announced today he will meet in Bermuda March 21-24 with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain. The President also will confer in Washington Feb. 26-27 with French Premier Guy Mollet.

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SITE OKAYED
James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, said Eisenhower and Macmillan, who recently succeeded Sir Anthony Eden as Britain's Prime Minister, will meet in Bermuda at the President's suggestion. That statement dealt with the site of the meeting.

Responding to a question, Hagerly said suggestions that such a meeting be held came from both the President and Macmillan.

The press secretary added that also was regarding the forthcoming Eisenhower-Mollet meeting.

In December, 1953, Eisenhower conferred in Bermuda with Sir Winston Churchill, then British Prime Minister, and Joseph Laniel, then French premier.

Today's announcement at the President's vacation headquarters in Bermuda.

"The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the President of the United States have agreed to meet from March 21 through March 24. At the President's suggestion the meeting will take place in Bermuda."

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LONDON (AP) — The British public finally learned at breakfast today about worldwide rumors of a rift between Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Breaking a three-day silence, morning newspapers published the reports coupled with an official denial by a Buckingham Palace spokesman, Cmdr. Richard Colville.

The papers referred to the report of royal matrimonial troubles as a "silly rumour" and "baseless speculation."

The afternoon papers ignored the reports entirely, devoting their front pages to a local murder, the Middle East situation, or the latest exploits of America's TV quiz winners.

The Queen, Princess Margaret and Queen Mother Elizabeth both were expected back in London sometime today after a short stay at Windsor.

The Duke is at Gibraltar finishing a four-month round-the-world trip. He will be returning with the Queen in Lisbon Saturday, two days before they begin a state visit to Portugal.

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Scores Fleeing Homes In Wake Of New Floods

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Heavy weekend rains sent dozens of creeks and rivers over their banks and left scores of residents homeless as they fled from homes in Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

No casualties were reported in the widening flood zone, but high waters yesterday caused heavy damage to roads, bridges and many small towns bordering the Ohio River and its tributaries.

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In Pittsburgh itself, the high water was expected to cover parking wharfs along the river today, but no major flooding was expected.

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Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

150,000 Heads Could Save Us Bond Charges

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
City limits extension will save bond city and county taxpayers thousands of dollars in interest on future bonds, City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter told County Commissioners today.

Mr. Ledbetter, often described as the "watchdog" of Charlotte and Mecklenburg's credit rating, said both governments must work together in the bond field.

The actions of one unit, he said, very definitely affect the other.

Mr. Ledbetter's latest proposal for savings would require proof that the city has a population of 150,000.

"This comes about because of a stipulation of the law controlling investments of savings banks in New York State, one of the most important groups buying municipal bonds."

Bonds of a city with a population of more than 150,000 and \$75,000 for a special census instead of waiting for the federal census in 1960.

He said he feels sure the present city population is more than 150,000.

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'Aryan' Flag Boys Open Denver Row

DENVER (AP) — President Elvin E. Caldwell of the Denver City Council said he will ask the council tonight to prohibit the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from sponsoring programs in public institutions.

Caldwell said his action stems from the statement of a DAR officer that she wanted "only American boys" carrying the American flag.

A DAR-sponsored flag ceremony scheduled tomorrow at the State Industrial School for boys in nearby Golden has been canceled by mutual agreement.

Caldwell said he notified Mrs. James T. McDowell, chapter regent, that he will seek the ban against the DAR "until the organization develops more democratic policies toward all racial groups," Caldwell is a Negro.

Mrs. Charlotte C. Rush, DAR chairman of the flag program, said she would insist that "only American boys" carry the flag at Golden. It is a state correctional institution for boys.

Mrs. Rush said at least half the inmates are offspring of parents who came to the United States from Mexico. "They are Mexican boys, not American boys," she said.

Mrs. McDowell called a meeting of the DAR executive board which Mrs. Rush will attend.

Ginnam J. Southberg, superintendent of the school, said the program was canceled by mutual agreement.

"The DAR has never shown any discrimination before," Southberg said. "In fact most of the medals they've given our boys for good citizenship were to Spanish-American boys."



(News Staff Photos by Tom Franklin-Franklin)

Mr. Bell Goes To Raleigh

Today was swearing-in day for Mecklenburg's new state senator, J. Spencer Bell. And off to Raleigh went a Bell caravan, a happy group of partisans who helped swing his election in the Mecklenburg Democratic Executive Committee Friday night.

At top, adjusting a pennant, are Sen. Bell (right) with his wife (center) and sister, Miss Faith Bell.

The senator found his turbulent campaign for the new job made him a political celebrity to a group of small fry who crowded around him at Christ Church, where the caravan assembled. Like all celebrities, he had to sign autographs (bottom photo).

Bell saw the well-wishers off, attended to last-minute details at his office, and flew to Raleigh this afternoon. The swearing-in ceremony was scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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Hodges To Plug For Tax Changes In Speech Tonight

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
RALEIGH—With all the praises and platitudes tucked away for another two years, the North Carolina General Assembly buckles down to real work tonight.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges, who already has flashed revealing notes for a sweeping legislative program, will start the ball rolling tonight when he makes his biennial address before a joint session of the Legislature at 8 o'clock.

Speaker J. Kemp Doughton of the House and President Luther E. Barnhardt of the Senate will have named the 1957 legislative committees.

Appropriations and revenue matters should set off committees hearing as early as Wednesday.

The Senate will get a new member tonight when Charlotte attorney J. Spencer Bell takes his seat for the first time. He succeeds F. J. (Jack) Blythe who resigned a week ago.

200 Trying Frantically To Prove Arthur Dead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Because Arthur Wright left a wife, six children and a legal tangle, hundreds of men who never knew him have worked in an effort to prove him dead.

Men with shovels resumed digging today in a great mound of damp earth that sloughed off the 40-foot high bank of a drainage ditch near Wright's home. Maybe the body's in there.

Wright, a disabled World War II veteran, supported his family mainly on a \$86 a month disability check. Little his body is found the pension stops.

Mr. Wright said the Veterans Administration told her the pension could not resume until Wright is declared legally dead—and that without a body the process requires seven years.

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Did Wrong, Says Accused College Cop

RALEIGH (AP) — A North Carolina State College security officer was in jail today accused of stealing property he was supposed to protect.

"I don't know what got into me," said Owens, 46. "I did wrong and I'm sorry."

He said Owens had admitted a series of thefts that had baffled them for months after he was caught Friday night with stolen property that had been "planted" in an effort to catch the thief.

Detective Sgt. C. J. Atkins said one charge of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving has been filed against Owens and that he is being held in jail under \$5,000 bond.

Atkins said, "There will be several other charges brought against him." He said police had records of about 25 thefts at the college which Owens has admitted and "He has admitted several, we have no records on." A quantity of stolen property has been recovered, Atkins said.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today, partly cloudy windy and cooler tonight; Tuesday, fair and mild.

Low this morning.....48
Low tomorrow morning.....40
High today.....64
High yesterday.....66
High tomorrow.....62
Sunrise today, 7:13 a.m.; sunset today, 6:02 p.m.

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Yacht Mystery Still Mystery

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A search continued today for Miss Mary Ann Scates, 32, Bordenstown, N. J., who mysteriously disappeared from a yacht over the weekend off Ocracoke, N. C.

Dr. James T. Dodges, of Ulster Park, N. Y., the only other person aboard the yacht Mary N. II, gave this account to the Coast Guard.

About 6:30 p.m. Saturday, the yacht ran aground. It was refloated without assistance. Because of poor visibility it anchored for the night.

Dr. Dodges and Miss Scates had dinner. About 8 p.m. he retired, leaving her on deck. When he awoke the next morning at 7:30 Miss Scates was not aboard.

After Dr. Dodges reported the woman missing, an extensive search was launched. The yacht reportedly was found from Belle Haven to Ocracoke.

Miss Scates' shoes were found under the steering wheel of the yacht.

Buy only Val-Dyed Blue Jeans. They're colorfast, the color lasts. At your favorite store. (adv.)

Evening Prayer

Amid the uncertainties of life, Our Father, may we dwell in the shadow of the rock of Thy divine certainty. "O Thou who changeest not abide with me." In Jesus' name, Amen.