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Weather

NORTH CAROLINA: Rain and cold today. High in 50s except low 60s near the coast. Clearing and colder Friday. (Weather data on Page 5.)

Heavy Haul Of Guard Arms Taken At Newton

Gun-Running May Be Object

NEWTON (AP) — Seventy - one small arms and a light machine gun were stolen from the National Guard Armory just outside Newton Tuesday night or early yesterday.

Guard spokesmen said the haul was enough to "start a young war."

The state adjutant general theorized that the thieves may have been connected with an international gun-running outfit.

Gen. Capus Waynick said in Raleigh, however, that his idea was purely speculative, based on past experience of such thefts elsewhere.

The burglars forced their way into the building, near Newton, by breaking through heavy double doors at the rear. Waynick said the weapons were loaded on a truck and taken away.

Considerable Damage

He said the thieves did considerable damage to the year-old armory, especially inside the "strong room," a vault-like area used to house light arms. The loot was valued at $7,321.

"This, to my knowledge, is the biggest operation of this sort ever made in the state," Waynick said.

He theorized that the quantity and quality of the weapons plus the way they were carted off indicated that the robbers may have had a ready made gun-running aide.

"Perhaps they were seeking to get the weapons out of the country," he said. "The weapons certainly would be hard to handle in this area and it would be very embarrassing to the robbers if they were caught with them."

He continued, "Of course, this is only speculation and theory and we have no clues as yet."

Loot is Itemized

The FBI joined Newton and Catawba County police in the hunt for the thieves, who made off with:

Forty M-1 rifles, six automatic rifles, 11 45 caliber automatic pistols, 14 carbines, and one 30 caliber machine gun.

After getting into the building the burglars broke open a supply room door, the door of a cement vault housing the guns and locks on the weapons racks.

An ax was found on the floor at the vault, and a broken mattock also was in the supply room.

Before breaking the back entrance doors, the thieves had tried to get in through a skylight, which is protected by heavy iron bars, and through a window high on the building. The skylight and window were broken.

The Standard Auto Parts Co. also was found broken into Wednesday, and the 600 - pound safe was rolled away. It was found about four miles away, broken open and with $200 missing.

UPI Telephoto

No Back Trouble Here

SHARALYNN Cole of Miami demonstrates the latest in hoop spinning. It's called BeeNee Hoop. The beauty says a slight headache is the only unfavorable result of practicing the newest diversion.

Red German Puppets Back Berlin Demand

BERLIN (UPI)—The rubber-stamp Parliament of Communist East Germany Wednesday endorsed Soviet proposals for turning West Berlin into a "free demilitarized city." It also reiterated the puppet regime's claims to the entire former German capital city.

Communist newspapers at the same time echoed Moscow's demands that Western troops get out of the Red-encircled city within six months—by June 1—or face East German control of their lifelines.

The new East German Parliament — "elected" in the single-list Nov. 16 general elections in the Communist zone — met Wednesday for the first time and went right down the line with the proposals on West Berlin made in Moscow.

In a resolution unanimously adopted and greeted with prolonged applause, the Parliament declared:

"—There are no grounds, not even the slightest legal grounds, for the continued (Western) occupation of Berlin, the German capital."

"—West Berlin belongs by rights to the German Democratic (Communist) Republic."

The resolution said the United States, Britain and France have forfeited their occupation rights under the Potsdam agreement by using West Berlin as a military fortress and a base for psychological war operations against East Germany, the Soviet Union and the Soviet bloc.

It denounced the three Western powers as interventionists and demanded they pull out of West Berlin and eliminate "this dangerous war threat in the heart of Europe."

The inaugural session, which was televised by the East German network, also unanimously re-elected 82-year-old Otto Grotewohl as premier.

Grotewohl, bedridden with a severe cold, did not attend the session in the East Berlin parliament building.

Scientists Say Rocket Probably Burned Unseen

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI) — Scientists said Wednesday that tumbling rocket of Sputnik III probably fell unseen into the earth's atmosphere around midday. The last recorded sighting of the rocket was at 9:56 a.m. e.s.t. Wednesday by the Stanford radar set at Palo Alto, Calif.

The long-predicted fiery death of the huge rocket left the Russians with only one vehicle — Sputnik III itself—in orbit around the earth. Sputnik III has about another year of life.

Three United States satellites remain in orbit around the earth. Explorer I, Vanguard I and Explorer IV. They all weigh less than 40 pounds. Sputnik III weighs 2,925 pounds. Sputniks I and II weighed 184 and 1,118 pounds, respectively.

Decrees Martial Law

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — President Alberto Lleras Camargo decreed modified martial law throughout Colombia Wednesday to thwart a reported coup against his government.

Firms Nationalized

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — All Dutch banks, plantations, railways and business firms taken over by the Indonesian government a year ago were ordered nationalized by law Wednesday.

Journal Carries Shopping Hints

Scratching your head for a Christmas gift idea?

Journal and Sentinel shopping specialist Annie Lee Singletary is writing helpful hints for those who may be puzzled about gift ideas.

Another in a series of articles "What's New for Christmas" appears on Page 23 of today's Journal. Look for this hoepful feature in the Winston-Salem Journal and the Twin City Sentinel.

U.S. Plan On Attacks Is Rejected By Russia

Soviets Request Weapons Ban

GENEVA (UPI)—The United States Wednesday proposed a control system to prevent surprise attacks by ballistic missiles which Russia promptly rejected.

In another attempt to get the deadlocked conference on surprise attack moving forward, the United States, backed by its Western Allies, offered a detailed technical outline for an elaborate warning system. The system would apply to intercontinental and intermediate range land-based ballistic missiles.

U.S. experts who presented the plan said the system could alert an intended victim within minutes after a surprise missile attack was launched. They believed the system at least could double the present warning time for such an attack against the United States.

Call For Nuclear Ban

The Soviets, in turning down the proposal, called instead for a ban on nuclear weapons. They argued that such a ban was necessary before any plan for prevention of surprise attacks with ballistics missiles could be feasible.

Western delegates expected a more detailed Communist reply to the U.S. plan at a future session, but they were pessimistic about any change in the Soviet stand. The Communist side so far has rejected all Western proposals on purely technical issues and has tried to swing the conference to a discussion of political and disarmament questions.

Seek Firmer Commitment

At the parallel conference on a suspension of nuclear weapons tests, the United States and Britain pressed their efforts to get a firmer Soviet commitment on controls to police a ban on explosions.

The pace of the nuclear talks was described as slow and tedious. A communique issued after Wednesday's session said merely the delegates continued their discussions, begun Monday, on a test ban with built-in controls.

Western delegations at both conferences received reports from Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) on his talks with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. The reports expressed optimism about the nuclear conference, but were pessimistic about the talks on surprise attacks.

Trans World And Union Near Peace

Other Air Lines Still Embroiled

By The Associated Press

The 13-day strike of machinists against Trans World Airlines was tentatively settled Wednesday, but other segments of the industry remained in a turmoil of labor disputes.

The 6,500 members of the International Assn. of Machinists still must ratify the TWA agreement, but the airline began calling back the 12,000 other employes it laid off during the walkout.

TWA set 12:01 a.m. Monday as the target for resuming its flights here and abroad.

In Miami, negotiations between Eastern Air Lines and striking flight engineers appeared to be in a stalemate. Progress was reported, however, in negotiations with the machinists, who also are striking against Eastern.

Eastern planes have been grounded for 10 days. EAL Vice President S. L. Shannon, in a letter to the strikers said Eastern "cannot sit idly by while your committee spurns our every effort to reach a fair and just solution."

If negotiations break down completely, he said, the company "must seek other means of operating its business." He didn't say what he had in mind.

A union spokesman said, "It's their turn to make an offer." At issue, in addition to wages, is the airline's insistence that flight engineers be qualified as pilots.

American Airlines, threatened by a strike of the Air Line Pilots Assn., has asked a federal court for a permanent injunction against a walkout.

The court has granted a temporary ban on the strike, but will not rule on the permanent request until next week. In the meantime American Airlines is continuing its flights.

There were no developments in a dispute between Pan American World Airways and the Transport Workers Union. The union has promised that it won't interfere with Pan American operations while its contract demands are being mediated.

The TWA agreement was reached at Kansas City.

Forsyth Leaf Allotment Total Is 4,918 Acres

Forsyth's 1959 tobacco allotments will total 4,918.64 acres on 2,226 farms.

Mrs. Mabel M. Marshall, ASC office manager, announced these figures yesterday as the mailing out of individual farm allotments was begun.

The 1959 county total is only 4.91 acres more than the 1958 figure. It represents not an increase but the legal allowance of one-tenth of one per cent acreage for adjusting hardship cases.

Mrs. Marshall said also that provision for allotments to new growers will again be in effect.

She listed five requirements:

1. That the grower own and live on the farm.

2. That he derives 50 per cent of his livelihood from the farm.

3. That he owns or operates no other farm with a tobacco allotment.

4. That the farm is not a part of an older farm which has had an allotment within the past five years.

5. That the growers must have shared in the growing of tobacco for at least two of the past five years.

First Flight . . . But No Airplane

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Delta Airlines had a breakfast for 40 invited guests Wednesday to celebrate the inaugural of a new nonstop morning flight to New York.

All went well except for one thing. The airplane didn't get here. It was held up in Atlanta by bad weather.

AP Wirephoto

North Carolina Gets Art Award

James B. Byrnes (left) acting director of the State Art Museum, receives the Gari Melchers Gold Medal Award for the state's leadership in supporting fine arts. Governor Hodges, who received the award recently in New York, makes the presentation before the North Carolina Arts Society.

12 or More Satellite Firings Are Scheduled in California; Rockets Will Carry Animals

Shots to Be Spaced About Month Apart

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first of a dozen or more earth satellites will be fired from California's coast in the near future. Some of them will carry mice and perhaps a monkey.

The satellites will be aimed at orbits to take them around the poles of the earth. The hope is to fire perhaps one a month.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Defense Department Wednesday announced details of the project, to which it has given the name "Discoverer."

The purpose is to develop systems and techniques for eventual use when man ventures to travel in space.

Initial launching attempts by the Air Force from the new Vandenberg base in California will utilize 1,300-pound vehicles. They will be powered by a Thor intermediate-range ballistic missile and a second-stage liquid-fuel engine.

Bigger Efforts

From these initial attempts it is expected that bigger efforts will evolve, using Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles and multiton satellite vehicles.

The Air Force will attempt to bring the mice and the monkeys back from their journeys into space instead of leaving the satellites to disintegrate when they descend into the air friction of the atmosphere.

For this, recoverable capsules will be used. They will be ejected from the satellites by devices about which ARPA scientists do not care to talk now.

Russia's known successes in putting huge satellites into orbit and recent unofficial speculation that the Soviets may have sent up a moon probe rocket into outer space is spurring the new American effort.

One a Month

Roy Johnson, director of ARPA, told newsmen the frequency of launching attempts may be as high as one a month, with about a dozen firings now contemplated for Discoverer.

But Johnson quickly added this did not guarantee a dozen satellites would be spinning around the earth, over the North and South poles, by the end of next year. Instead, he suggested he would be happy if one-third or even one-quarter of the launchings produced orbital flight.

Project Discoverer satellites will be short-lived because they will be heavy and the first rocket engines used of comparatively moderate power. Perhaps they will circle the earth three times; they might even stay aloft for a week.

The 1,300-pound weight of the first satellites will include several hundred pounds of instrument payload, plus the empty shell of the second stage rocket.

Thor Rocket

To lift it aloft will be the 150,000-pound thrust of the Thor rocket, a Douglas Aircraft Co. missile. To accelerate it to the 18,000 miles an hour required for orbiting flight a lower additional thrust from a Bell-Hustler rocket produced by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. will be utilized.

Since the Air Force is going to attempt to recover capsules from some of the satellites, Johnson said, a primate will be sent up in a capsule with hope that he will be returned. Primate, Johnson agreed, probably means some type of monkey.

Johnson said he hopes the Atlas ICBM will become available for use as a satellite primary launcher within the next 12 months. That missile has a total thrust, from a combination of engines, of more than 400,000 pounds and thus could lift multiton vehicles.

The Defense Department has indicated that its interest in the Air Force Thor, to be used in the initial California tests, and the similar Army Jupiter will taper off as the Atlas and other ICBMs come into operational status. The Thor and the Jupiter are IRBMs having a range of about 1,500 miles. The Atlas range is about 6,300 miles.

Army Keeps Its Space Experts

Ike Transfers Calif. Jet Lab.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower Wednesday allowed the Army to keep control of its missile program and space experts. But he transferred the Army's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, Calif., to the new civilian space agency.

The President gave his okay to a compromise agreement that solved a dispute which arose when the space agency asked for transfer to its payroll of Dr. Wernher von Braun and nearly 2,100 other Army scientists at Pasadena and Huntsville, Ala.

The Army objected to any such wholesale transfer. But it agreed to permit its scientists to devote almost full time to the civilian space agency's projects so long as they retained their Army identity.

The President, acting in the "national interest," issued an executive order transferring the Pasadena laboratory to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA. He said the action would prevent duplication in space research and save money.

Closer Cooperation

"This development will enhance close cooperation between the NASA and the Department of Defense to the end that the practical use of space will rebound to the benefit of all mankind," said Eisenhower.

He said the Defense Department and the agency had reached an agreement under which the civilian organization would use "the unique capabilities of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, including the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (Huntsville) on a fully cooperative basis."

The Pasadena laboratory is a government-owned research and development center operated by the California Institute of Technology under the direction of Dr. William H. Pickering.

The principal job of JPL is to conduct research on missile propulsion systems. It works in the field of electronics, chemistry, metallurgy, physics and aerodynamics. It contributed heavily to research that led to the launching of this country's earth satellite.

Equipment Not Transferred

Laboratory equipment involved primarily in operation and development of military in operation and development of military weapons was exempt from transfer of the center's control to the civilian agency.

At the same time, the President instructed the agency to provide research and development facilities at the laboratory for military needs of the Defense Department without interfering with the agency's own space programs.

The President transferred $4,-072,250 from Defense Department appropriations to the space agency to finance jet propulsion laboratory projects.

Man to Die For Attack On Woman

Governor Refuses To Halt Execution

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Hodges announced yesterday he will not intervene in the case of Matthew Phillip Bass, a Raleigh Negro janitor scheduled to die Friday in the state's gas chamber for the rape of a white woman.

The governor's announcement came after a morning conference with Herman Taylor of Raleigh, figures yesterday as the mailing out of individual farm allotments was begun.

Hodges said Taylor "had no new evidence to present for consideration." The governor added, "After full consideration of all the facts available in this case, I have decided not to intervene with the sentence imposed by the jury and upheld by the State Supreme Court."

Bass, a husky 42-year-old father of six children, was accused in the rape and brutal knife slashing of Mrs. Sarah E. Mahler.

The 33-year-old mother of three children, attacked last June 12 as she worked after hours in the office building where Bass was a janitor, remained in critical condition at a Raleigh hospital for weeks.

A Wake Superior Court jury last July convicted Bass and did not recommend mercy, which meant an automatic death sentence. The State Supreme Court on Nov. 19 said it found no error in the conduct of the trial.

Barring any last minute developments, Bass will be led into the gas chamber at Central Prison here Friday morning.

Since he has been confined on death row, Bass has been involved in charges of mistreatment by prison guards. On the request of Taylor and Mrs. Bass, an investigation was conducted by SBI agents. They reported that guards had used no more force than necessary in subduing Bass.

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Twin City Artists Given State Honors

RALEIGH (AP) — Five Tar Heel artists received awards Wednesday night at the climax of a day-long program by the North Carolina State Art Society.

Presentation of the awards was followed by a reception and the opening of the North Carolina artists competition exhibition, sponsored each year by the society, in the State Art Museum.

The equal prizes went to:

James Bumgardner, Winston-Salem, a painting "Owl Watch."

Bumgardner, an instructor at the Richmond, Va., Professional Institute, won a similar award last year and also a scholarship given by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ann Mercer Kesler, Winston-Salem, a painting "Arena." She also will receive the $200 scholarship given annually by the women's clubs federation.

Maud Gatewood, Vanceyville, a painting "Field's Edge."

John Gordon, art professor at East Carolina College in Greenville, a painting "Boddie at Table."

Robert Howard, Chapel Hill, sculpture award for "Landscape VI." Howard, an art professor at the University of North Carolina, also won the sculpture award last year.

The competition exhibition will last through Dec. 28.

At a luncheon, Gov. Hodges turned over to the art museum the Gari Melchers Gold Medal awarded to the State of North Carolina for leadership in support of the fine arts. Hodges accepted the medal from the Artists Fellowship Inc., at ceremonies in New York Nov. 20.

James B. Byrnes, acting museum director, accepted the medal from the governor. He promised it would be treasured by the art museum and placed on public exhibition.

Byrnes pointed out that one of the first paintings presented to the art society years ago by Mrs. Peter Arrington was a painting by Gari Melchers, the American artist in whose name the award was founded.

Hodges remarked that North Carolina was given the medal in recognition of its cultural leadership demonstrated by establishable orbit around the sun.

Army's First Moon Rocket Is Readied

May Never Return If It Is Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —Juno II, the Army's first moon rocket, is being readied for a trip that may carry a satellite millions of miles through outer space.

The huge launching rocket sat in the open for a brief period Tuesday after the service tower was rolled back as part of the early countdown for a launching expected in a few days.

What was seen was the familiar shape of the Army's powerful Jupiter intermediate-range ballistic missile. The top of the rocket, where the 30-pound satellite will be housed, was covered however.

The Army hopes to blast the satellite further into space than any other man-made object on its first try. As in the previous three Air Force attempts, the chances for success are slim.

Dr. Wernher von Braun, the Army's German-born rocket chief, said recently that if all goes well Juno II could become a man-made planet, never returning to earth.

Unlike the Air Force probes, which were fired toward an orbit around the moon, the Army space vehicle could soar millions of miles beyond the earth and moon until it fell into some unpredict-

Appropriate Marker Proposed

Drive Started to Restore Grave of Tom Dula

By Douglas Eisley

STATESVILLE — Tom Dula may have killed Laura Foster, but he fought bravely in time of war.

So local Legionnaires want to remove his grave from honeysuckle vines and restore it as a reminder that thousands of American soldiers lie buried in unmarked graves.

"We're sincere about this thing," said J. Pierce Vanhoy, commander of the North Iredell Post of the American Legion.

All the post is asking for the restoration task, he said, is permission of Dula's descendants and approval of "the good people of Wilkes County."

Then the Legionnaires will relocate the grave—or restore it —and mark it in a manner befitting an American soldier.

Action on the restoration project came during a post meeting Tuesday night, when 35 members expressed doubt that Dula was guilty of his alleged crime.

But that, said Vanhoy, is beside the point. The tragedy of Tom Dula, he said, is that he lies covered by honeysuckle briars "on the banks of the Yadkin River out of view of even the rabbit hunter."

"That's a disgrace to an American soldier," he remarked.

A soldier Dula was — in the Civil War — but when he came home to Happy Valley in Wilkes County, his fortune turned aside.

Laura Foster was murdered, and Tom Dula was convicted and hanged for the crime.

"We do not in any way condone any evil acts that he may have performed," Vanhoy said for the post, "but we know that he served his country honorably in time of war.

"The records show he was a brave and courageous soldier. So outstanding was his performance that his commanding officer, the late Gov. Zeb Vance, defended him in his battle for life."

But it was a fruitless battle, and Dula was put to death as the court ordered on May 1, 1868, in the southern sector of Statesville.

"It was the consensus of the 35 members present Tuesday night that Dula did not actually commit the crime," Vanhoy asserted, "but out of his love and devotion to Mrs. Melton, he took the rap."

Mrs. Melton (Ann Melton) was one of Dula's numerous lovers. She was charged with Dula in the crime, but Tom penned a note just before he died exonerating her of any guilt.

If approval is given for the restoration project, Vanhoy said, small contributions will be asked to carry out the undertaking.

Funds over and above the amount to restore Dula's grave will be used to place markers on the tombs of other forgotten soldiers, Vanhoy said.

"In doing this, we hope to bring to the attention of the American public the fact that thousands of our soldiers now lie buried throughout the length and breadth of the nation in unmarked graves," Vanhoy added.

Israel, Syria Swap Gunfire Along Border

JERUSALEM (AP)—Syria and Israeli artillery exchanged heavy gunfire for an hour Wednesday in the pastoral hills of Galilee.

The big shooting was set off by an incident involving shepherds tending their livestock.

Israel reported one shepherd was shot dead and three Israeli settlers wounded. Israeli villagers were terrorized and damage to their property was reported.

A U.N. spokesman said the artillery duel ended at nightfall, 15 minutes after a U.N. demand for a cease-fire.

U.N. truce supervision organization observers are preparing a report.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency said the Syrian shelling pinned down men, women and children in villages along a 10-mile front and set a huge fire raging in Shamir.

17,000 Acres Burned

Huge Calif. Brush Fire Is Half Under Control

MALIBU BEACH, Calif. (AP)— Firemen Wednesday claimed 50 per cent control of a brush fire that overran with explosive swiftness miles of home and ranch-dotted hills behind this resort area.

But, with winds expected to continue Wednesday night, they declined to predict when complete control is likely.

The big blaze had blackened more than 17,000 acres of brush, destroyed an estimated 29 homes and routed hundreds of families in 24 hours. There were more than 1,500 men fighting it along a 42-mile perimeter.

Much of the fire was burning over the same ground covered by blaze that charred 42,000 acres and ruined 99 homes two years ago.

Officials, noting the unfavorable forecast of continued winds, high temperatures and low humidity, said the new fire could be as bad.

The fire broke out Tuesday — arson is suspected—and lashed by hot desert winds up to 60 m.p.h. raced quickly from the inland slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains to the sea.

It cut a swath of ruin roughly five miles long and eight miles wide, charring ranchlands and roaring down half a dozen canyons lined with homes.

Flames reached brush only a quarter of a mile from the famed Malibu film colony, a strip of seaside homes where film figures dwell. But a massed array of firemen and pumper trucks checked the blaze at the coast highway before it could do damage.

Winds along the ocean were only around 15 m.p.h. Wednesday enabling firemen to check the flames along most of the perimeter. Temperatures were in the high 80s.

Two hot spots occupied their attention: Malibu Canyon, back of the film colony, and Zuma Canyon, eight miles west. Both are heavily populated.

Tongues of flame licked at the $2½-million-dollar Potter Pacific Co. laboratory in Malibu Canyon. The entire hill on which it stood was aflame, but the glass and concrete structure did not itself catch fire. It does research in the missile field.

Sheriff's deputies using loudspeakers urged hundreds to evacuate, and many did. Those that left the canyons Tuesday were barred from re-entry.

All highway in the area, including U.S. 1A along the coast, were closed to nonresidents.

Winds Tuesday carried the fire over the ranches of Bob Hope, Ronald Reagan and Glenn Ford, but their ranch buildings were saved. The 20th Century-Fox ranch was scorched.

In the back country, near the Malibu Lake resort, half a dozen expensive homes were burned.

Then, streaking toward the sea, the fire took 16 homes in Latigo Canyon, half a dozen in Corral Canyon including actor Lew Ayres $50,000 place, and one in Udell Cayon.

Flames billowed so madly before the wind firemen were helpless. Several times parties were trapped and cut off. Eight firemen were burned and two trucks destroyed by one flareup. The injured, none in serious condition, were evacuated by helicopter.