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## WORLD NEWS

### Threat Eases

SHREVEPORT, La.—(P)—Flood threats along the rain-swollen Red River eased slightly today, but the Air Force threw 400 men into the battle against rising streams and seeping backwater.

### New Program

WASHINGTON — (P)—The Navy today announced a new "selected reserve" program to train civilian sailors for immediate action in fully ready ships and aircraft in event of war.

### Agency Need

WASHINGTON — (P)—Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) said today Congress must create an agency unlike any other in the government to direct space developments and keep close supervision over it.

### Help Wanted

LA PAZ, Bolivia.—(P)—President Hernan Siles Zuazo has asked the United States for 200 million dollars in aid over the next four years to buy time for Bolivia to solve her economic problems.

### Tests Concluded

LONDON — (P)—Britain announced today she has concluded her latest nuclear weapon tests in the Christmas Island area of the Pacific. A foreign office spokesman said all interested countries had been notified that the area no longer is dangerous to shipping.

### Insurance Probe Set

NEW YORK.—(P)—A Senate investigator said today the forthcoming probe of the insurance industry will be broad scale, including a look at the role big insurance companies play as money lenders.

### Strikers Aided

VIENNA.—(P)—A dozen patients in a suburban hospital today refused to eat to support doctors striking for higher pay. Hospital authorities feared the hunger strike would spread.

## Civil Rights Action Delayed

WASHINGTON.—(P)—A move to start Senate hearings on new civil rights legislation has been nipped in the bud. Several bills have been introduced to strengthen the Civil Rights Act passed by Congress last year over the bitter opposition of Southern opponents. At a closed meeting yesterday of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Chairman Thomas C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo.) announced that he planned to begin hearings in two weeks on these and other civil rights measures.

But Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-NC) countered with a motion to postpone any civil rights hearings until such time as a majority of the subcommittee approved. This carried by a 3-2 vote, and a similar vote defeated Hennings' motion to start hearings on May 15. While the votes of individual members were not announced, Ervin reportedly had the support of the two Republican senators present. They were Sens. Arthur W. Watkins of Utah and Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska.

The position would be in line with the stand taken by the Eisenhower administration in favor of a cooling-off period on civil rights legislation this year. Hennings said in a statement later that "the possibility of Senate civil rights hearings this year depends upon obtaining majority vote in the subcommittee to schedule them."

### Our Weather

Cloudy and cool with a chance of scattered showers this afternoon. Cloudy and cool tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and mild. Low tomorrow morning 47. High today 63. High tomorrow 68. More Weather Data on Page 2-A

# County PTA Groups Urge School Merger, Board Promises Action



Mrs. Coker Holds Flowery Tribute

## Service Cited

## South Carolinian Named '58 'Mother'

NEW YORK.—(P)—Mrs. May Roper Coker of Hartsville S.C., was named today as the Her selection was announced by Mrs. Daniel A. Politz, president of the American Mothers Committee, Inc., at the opening of the annual Mothers' Conference at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

She was chosen from among nominees of state groups throughout the country.

In addition to other qualifications, Mrs. Coker was cited as "a consecrated and tireless worker and leader in promoting programs for improving race relations."

COMMITTEE HONOR

She is to be honored at the Mothers' Committee annual awards luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Friday, along with mothers of the year from each state.

On May 11 she and Mrs. George P. Abel Sr., the American Mother of 1957, will leave on a plane trip to Europe to see the Brussels World Fair, meet Queen Juliana and attend functions planned by the French Mothers' Committee.

Mrs. Coker, a native of Gibson, N.C., is the daughter of David C. Roper, who served as assistant postmaster, general, and commissioner of internal revenue and secretary of commerce.

## 30 Of 32 Units Call For Move

By JULIAN SCHIEER  
News Staff Writer

The county school board received overwhelming support today for a city-county school consolidation from county residents today.

The school board quickly promised to start immediate negotiations with the city school board on the consolidation question.

The surprising turn of events took place at the county school board meeting today.

More than 50 members of county PTA groups presented resolutions in favor of consolidation from 30 of the county's 32 parent-teacher association groups. Most of the resolutions had passed unanimously at heavily attended meetings.

This support from the PTA groups, who have been urging consolidation for three months, is considered the first major move in consolidation planning since a Chamber of Commerce study committee came out in favor of consolidation in January.

### FILL COURTROOM

Mrs. Charles Ramsey, president of the county PTA council, spoke in behalf of the members who filled the courtroom's small claims courtroom.

The members said PTA meetings in the past three months were attended by an estimated 3,000 members.

Their plea for consolidation move, she said, was based on the belief that the loss of the perimeter area would "seriously jeopardize" the future educational opportunities in the county.

The perimeter area will be annexed by the city in 1960. There have been no plans for the city to take over schools in the perimeter.

### THE RESOLUTION

After receiving resolutions from the 30 PTA groups, board members voted to accept the following resolution which was unanimously passed by the full board.

"Whereas we have received resolutions from 30 of the 32 county PTA units expressing their concern over the pole event of the Charlotte city limits extension on the county school system, and the resolutions by one indicating an overwhelming desire to consolidate the two systems rather than have a controversy over the perimeter area, the loss of which would be disastrous to the county school system;

"Be it resolved that we consider it our duty to support the great number of resolutions presented here, all of which passed by large majorities, as a true expression of opinion from our people and we pledge our support to the consolidation of the two systems."

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Dear Lord God, Thou hast given us all our days. Make us faithful stewards of all Thou has entrusted to us. We pray for our time and talents through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

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—\$10,000 A YEAR, TAX-FREE—

## Soured On Women? Try This

By JOHN W. RECKLER  
LOS ANGELES.—(P)—Like a job on a South Seas island where they serve food fit for a king, drinks cost 2 cents each, and a man can bank \$10,000 a year? Where living expenses are \$15.50 a day and movies and television are free?

Such are the inducements that lure men to the tropic isles where the United States tests its most devastating nuclear devices. If it sounds like near paradise, it is, with this trifling exception: There are no women.

Operators of this enterprise are Halnes & Narver, Inc., a Los Angeles engineering firm hired by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1948 to turn Eniwetok Atoll into a proving ground.



While Her School Future Was Being Discussed, Deborah Morgan, 3, Is Unconcerned



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County PTA Delegations Jam Courtroom To Present Consolidation Views

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PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY

LINCOLN.—(P)—The paintings of Lem Nolen of Cooke are on display in the lobby of the First National Bank of Lincoln.

Defense Drill Fires Into Apartment

'Vexed' Man Hits 9 With Gunblasts

By Associated Press

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## Stand Pleases City Board

City school officials today welcomed the interest of county Parent-Teacher Associations in the consolidation of city and county school systems.

The three members of the consolidation study committee of the county residents had moved for consolidation.

Douglas Aiken, chairman, Ben S. Horack and Al Belchold, were certain that the interest from the county residents will give impetus to the movement.

If the consolidation proposal advances to the point of agreement, then enabling legislation will have to be sought, it was pointed out.

Belchold expressed that the approach to consolidation will be action by the legislature calling for an election to permit citizens to express their view of whether the two systems should be made one.

The contents of the city school board members' were:

Douglas Aiken — "I'm delighted to learn of the action of the county PTAs. It shows interest in consolidation on the part of county residents and it should give decided impetus to the movement. If the people think consolidation will provide better educational opportunities and want it they see that it is attained. I for one say let them have it."

Ben S. Horack — "It is with great pleasure and gratification that I learn of the interest of the county PTA. I am sure that we of the city board will welcome their opinions and suggestions to assist us in working out the solution to the best interest of all."

Al Belchold — "I'm certainly complimentary that county folks are taking such an interest in this matter and I am sure that their interest will aid in serious consideration of this question and help in arriving at a solution that will best serve all."

FILMS, OIL LINK

HOLLYWOOD.—(P)—Argentine actress Linda Cristal, 23, says she is engaged to marry Robert Champion, brother of dancer Gypsy Champion. Champion makes his headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela.

Senator Seeks Tax Decision

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-NJ) called today for a decision now on whether Congress is going to cut income and excise taxes.

But Sen. William F. Knowland of California, the Senate Republican leader, said he does not believe any Eisenhower administration decision in this field is imminent.

Case said a group of Republicans who have been urging greater efforts to counter the economic recession said in a statement he believes the uncertainty about tax cutting "has undoubtedly contributed to hesitation on the part of consumers and investors which has had a cumulatively depressing effect on the economy."

Case said that despite anti-recession measures already taken he doesn't find any significant indications of a business upturn.

"April unemployment figures suggest at most a possible stabilization," he said. "While consumer incomes and individual savings remain at high levels, compensation of employees, gross private domestic investment and expenditures for new plant and equipment have dropped off significantly."

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