

China Peace Hopes Fade as Reds Issue Threats MAJOR BATTLE IN NORTH CHINA

His Roots Are Deep In The Soil North Carolina's New Governor



LOTS OF LETTERS—Governor-Elect and Mrs. Kerr Scott find much of their time is taken by the flood of mail that pours into their Alamance County home on the eve of his inauguration as Governor of North Carolina.

(NOTE—This is the first of a series of three informal articles about the background, home life and general policies of W. Kerr Scott of Haw River who will be inaugurated governor of the State next week.)

By TOM FERRISMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer

HAW RIVER—When William Kerr Scott is inaugurated governor of North Carolina in Raleigh Jan. 6, he will wear a customary coat and a stovepipe hat, in the great tradition—whether he likes it or not.

"I say they like the people like a lot of ceremony as a time like that," the governor-elect said. "They say we don't have enough of it, like they have in Europe. I'm not alone with them. Already I bought my suit, and I'll probably never wear it again."

When he was a child, Scott's father offered to let him use the one he bought when he took office as governor, and I guess I could've used it. It was some prize in it, but I went ahead and bought myself one.

"Got the stovepipe hat, too. But I'm kind of scared of it. Think I'll only use it on the day it is so. If it slips down over my ears, I can still see."

Kerr (pronounced Char) Scott, the man who came from behind to defeat Charles McJohnson in the second Democratic primary and then easily trounced Republican George M. Pritchard, is a plain farmer who neighbors describe as staying pretty close to the home on his big farm here.

For Scott intends to remain a plain farmer, whether he is in the Governor's mansion on Raleigh's Blount St. or in his own seven-room frame house on a rough dirt road in the Hawfields community of Alamance County.

It's here that many of the important points of the Scott governmental program are being worked out, discussed, studied, argued. It is here that mail comes, by the arm-load, in a crowd routine, who trudges through the kitchen and piles the letters high on the dining room table.

Here, on the dairy farm, Scott and Mrs. Scott frequently go to the front door in answer to the knock for better weather today. But that's the way it'll be frequently during the four years of Scott's administration.

It's a mile and a half off the highway, surrounded by dry roads that are slippery with mud during

'War Crime' List Given In Broadcast Would Punish Chiang, Others

By HAROLD K. MILKS NANKING — (AP) —

Hopes for peace in China faded today, Communist radio broadcast of a list of "war criminals" to be punished by a "people's court" sent them glimmering.

Heading the list were Chiang Kai-shek, Madame Chiang, Premier Sun Fo and most of the national top military and political leaders.

Surprise that the Communists would publish such a list at this time, when there seems a possibility of the warring factions reaching some sort of agreement, was expressed in both foreign and Chinese quarters.

"Communists by their action have definitely closed the door on any hope of ending the war by negotiation," said one official.

NANKING BOLSTERED His statement was echoed by the article of more than 200 articles, indicating that Chiang and his followers are detainers of the war by possibly turning the Capital into the next battlefield.

In view of the Communist radio declaration, it seems unlikely that any of the national officials listed would participate in peace negotiations and the only avenue left to them is to flee.

Communist publication of the list and a subsequent proclamation making frequent use of a "people's government" strength.

From a study of the "People's Government" movement, it seems that the Government in the North and the Nanking-Shanghai area is definitely with its weak flank being on the West side.

The dining room is the dining room. It's large. It contains an old upright piano that's been in the family for years.

The legs for the fireplace are stacked on a porch off the room, and when the fire gets low, Scott interrupts the conversation to fetch more wood himself.

If there's any pony to be associated with the government, it'll be confined to Raleigh.

The state's new first family includes three children.

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Found Unconscious In Field 'Welles' Condition Still Serious

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Sumner Welles, former Undersecretary of State, was reported reacting favorably today to treatment for exposure suffered when he lay unconscious for several hours in a snow-flecked farm field early Sunday.

Welles' fingers and toes were frozen when a farmer found him. His condition remains serious.

Welles apparently had lain in the field for several hours. The temperature was below zero when he was found.

The 56-year-old former diplomat, an invalid since 1937, was frequently unable to walk late at night to help him get to sleep.

Welles regained consciousness yesterday afternoon but was unable to say what had happened, his physician, Dr. George R. Huffman, said.

The doctor added it would be a day or two before he would know whether any of Welles' fingers or toes might have to be amputated.

Circumstances indicated that it was left in the snow for several days.

Three other persons were frozen to death, two in Maryland where the temperature dropped to near zero, and one in Tennessee.

The death toll by states (traffic and miscellaneous) was: Alaska, 1-1; Arizona, 3-1; Arkansas, 2-1; California, 37-12; Colorado, 2-1; Connecticut, 0-3; Florida, 5-3; Georgia, 8-3; Idaho, 1-0; Illinois, 1-2; Indiana, 15-3; Kansas, 1-2; Kentucky, 9-0; Louisiana, 4-0; Maine, 4-0; Maryland, 2-3; Massachusetts, 7-8; Michigan, 24-1; Minnesota, 8-4; Mississippi, 1-0; Missouri, 3-5.

Nebraska, 0-1; Nevada, 2-0; New Hampshire, 0-1; New Jersey, 2-12; New Mexico, 1-0; New York, 11-4; North Carolina, 4-3; Ohio, 23-3; Oklahoma, 10-4; Oregon, 2-1; Pennsylvania, 10-4; Rhode Island, 0-1; South Carolina, 6-1; Tennessee, 4-1; Texas, 15-3; Utah, 1-0; Vermont, 6-1; Virginia, 2-1; Washington, 1-0; West Virginia, 3-2; Wisconsin, 13-4.

Berlin — (AP)—U. S. Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall charged today that Soviet Russia is a major violator of the Geneva Convention, including a large number of women and children, into forced labor camps in Russia.

Royal said the 12,000,000 include prisoners of war, 2,000,000 Germans and 2,000,000 of other nationalities, such as Poles and Czechoslovaks.

Royal was questioned sharply by the House of Representatives. He said he would not say whether the Geneva Convention was violated.

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Israel Army Would Expel Egyptians News Blackout Hides Details

TEL AVIV, Israel — (AP) — The second battle of the Negev swelled today into a full-scale fight for the barren southern desert.

A virtual news blackout existed on the Israeli side, but it appeared on the fifth day of the fighting that Israeli commanders this time are seeking to hunt the Egyptians back across their own frontiers.

Earlier this month Welles had been called before the House Un-American Activities Committee to answer questions about the widely published "pumpkin papers" which Whitaker Chambers said he had stolen from State Department files in 1937.

10-year-old boy, Robert Kerr, first saw Welles lying in the field about 10 miles from the Welles' farm.

It also is known that the fighting continues over a large area of land in the air by both sides.

The Negev battle began immediately after recent preliminary negotiations over a cease-fire broke in two yesterday.

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Frankfurt, Germany — (AP)—The Russians also were seized by the Russians last night while patrolling the U. S.-Soviet border near the town of Widenhausen.

Hessian police said one German border policeman accompanying the Americans also was seized.

The Americans were taken by the Russians to Widenhausen, in the Soviet zone, where they were held.

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Holiday Death Toll Rises to 395 Total

Accidents during the Christmas week killed at least 395 persons throughout the nation.

Traffic mishaps took 216 lives and 2,000 injuries during the week, according to the National Safety Council.

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Pair Rescued Off N. C. Coast

ELIZABETH CITY — (AP)—Coast Guard today rescued two men from the stern portion of an Argentine merchant tanker which broke in two yesterday.

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Air Rescue Movement Slowed

ABOARD USS SAIPAN IN BATTLE OF THE PHILIPPINES — Slowed almost to a snail's pace by lashing winds, this carrier stood for better weather today.

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Saipan Battles Rough Seas

around 100 miles an hour yesterday. The skipper, Capt. Joseph L. Kane, first ordered the carrier slowed to 22 knots.

The storm roared on and at 6 P. M., Kane reduced speed to 15 knots. Still later he cut down to ten knots.

Behind the Saipan was expected to arrive in the Philippines today. The Saipan, which left Norfolk Saturday, is due off the rescue launching point Wednesday.

Frigid Weather To Break Soon

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Bisher, Quincy To Cover Sugar And Gator Bowls

Charlotte News Sports Writers Purpus Bisher and Quincy Winters were bound today.

Bisher is heading for New Orleans to cover the Sugar Bowl classic in which the University of North Carolina Tar Heels will meet the Southern California team.

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How Much Do You Know

... about the percentage of income chickens and turkeys are raised in only the farms of the country?

Too, there are a dozen other features in today's Carolina Farmer, a page a week with a development of exceptional interest.