

LIQUOR AND ROADS BATTLE SETTLED IN NC LEGISLATURE

Deadlock on Schools Yet To Be Broken

Gas Tax Hailed As Scott Defeat

RALEIGH (AP)—“Two down and one to go” was the count this week on major issues as the Legislature apparently settled the liquor and roads controversies but still faced a deadlock over schools.

Gov. Scott suffered his greatest setback of the session as the General Assembly agreed to make a proposed 1-cent gasoline tax increase contingent upon approval by the people of a \$200,000,000 rural road bond issue.

Scott To Take Stump For Road Bond Vote

RALEIGH — W. Kerr Scott, who while in 1948 campaign brought him the governorship of North Carolina, is going to stump the state again next month, he says, this time for his Senate-backed rural roads program.

He told reporters at a press conference that he would campaign as hard for the success of the \$200,000,000 road bond issue-tax increase election as he did for his own success in 1948.

It is well known that the road question is to be put to the people this Summer. Will not be the strong one that Kerr Scott wanted. He had asked the Legislature to submit the \$200,000,000 bond issue to the people, but he wanted the Legislature to raise the tax on gasoline by one cent.

Senate opponents of the Governor wanted the people to get a

GOP Will Force Airing Of Treaty

Taft Calls For 'Full Discussion'

BY JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—In Senate Republicans will force “full discussion” of the North Atlantic Security Pact, Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said today.

His statement came in answer to a suggestion by Sen. McGrath of Rhode Island, the Democratic National Chairman, that Republicans planning to use debate on the treaty as a legislative roadblock against other measures on President Truman's program.

Writing in the weekly party pamphlet, “Capital Comment,” McGrath charged the GOP had delayed passage of the \$5,500,000,000 European Recovery Bill by a “slowdown” in the Senate.

“This strategy will not fool the American voter,” McGrath said, “but it will cause him to scan closely the Republican record on the treaty to determine whether the Republicans will continue to use the peace program as a legislative roadblock.”

Czechs Free U.S. Woman

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—Miss Vilas Vrak, an American girl held in prison since the outbreak of the war, was released today by the Czech government.

She had been held for a year and a half in a prison for political prisoners.

She told an American consul, earlier this week, after being held incommunicado three days, that she thought she was being released for humanitarian reasons.

The American embassy had demanded her early release and had asked to be informed of the “specific charges, if any” against Miss Vrak.

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Air, Water, and Search Intensified

C. A. Butler Is Drowning Victim

By TOM FERGUSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A large party of men continued searching the Catawba River, the jungle-like woods along the shore, and even hunted from the air today, in an intensive effort to find a nineteen-year-old Charlotte boy whose boat overturned yesterday.

Charlie and neighbors and Boy Scouts combed the dense forest of Copperhead Island near Buster Boyd Butte and the nearby mainland in the hope that Charles K. Walker, who had swum ashore and become lost.

A raw wind whipped across the water during mid-afternoon. Finally forcing police and the crews of four boats to tail a halt to their chase of the search.

They hoped to resume their work during mid-afternoon.

Charles joined in the hunt, flying low over the water and the woods along the shore.

Captain Joe Whitley of Mecklenburg County Police set up a search headquarters at the intersection of Main and Third Streets.

At 12:30 o'clock yesterday, his

Legislator Raps Daniels For Critical Editorial

RALEIGH (AP)—A critical editorial in the Raleigh News & Observer brought a bitter reply in the Legislature today.

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Smith Declares Stalin's Health Is Quite Good

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Walter Bedell Smith says he believes Russian Premier Joseph Stalin “will live for a long time.”

The former U. S. Ambassador to Moscow was questioned about Stalin's health during a “meet the press” interview over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

“I don't think Stalin is a very sick man,” he said. “He is rugged. He looks well. Georgians are normally long-lived.”

Smith, now commander of the First Army, discounted predictions that Stalin would die within the European continent in two or three weeks.

“The Russian Army is a magnificent organization,” he said, “and the difficulties of supplying it in a long and rapid advance are enormous.”

He added the “Russian army has fought well in defense of mother Russia.”

He said he doubted if Russia had an atomic bomb in “quantity production,” but that “Soviet science is as good as any science in the world.”

News & Observer Hits Back—'Contemptible'

RALEIGH—The Raleigh News & Observer struck back at the General Assembly today with a retort that the “contribution of this Legislature is contemptible.”

Answering a resolution adopted in the House and Senate yesterday criticizing an editorial that the News & Observer said today:

“The Legislature is not merely the mouthpiece of the people, but it is the conscience of the people. It is the duty of the Legislature to stand for the principles of justice and to oppose any measure which is unjust or oppressive.”

Eight Escape Alcoholic Ward

RALEIGH (AP)—Eight inmates of the alcoholic ward at the State Hospital here escaped last night, authorities reported today.

The fugitives are not considered dangerous, he said.

The eight walked out while one of two attendants was in the building was at supper. Dr. Young, hospital superintendent, said the escape occurred at 11:30 p.m.

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Blood Test Announced For Early Cancer Detection

DETROIT (AP)—A blood test that can reveal cancer anywhere in the body, was announced today by Dr. Charles B. Higgins, University of Chicago surgeon.

The test is simple, cheap, and “reasonably sure,” Dr. Higgins, president of the American Association for Cancer Research, declared.

It is a step toward solving one of the biggest problems in cancer—detecting the hidden disease early. Early treatment saves lives.

The test still is “somewhat rough,” and not perfect, he said. It is being used in a clinical trial.

Also, a positive result can mean cancer, or sickness from pneumonia, tuberculosis or meningitis. But other tests can show whether the patient has these ailments.

The test could be made to detect cancer of the stomach or other laboratories. It would take time before the methods can be used in a detection clinic.

The test was developed with the aid of new clues to understanding cancer. Dr. Higgins said these findings may be even more important than the new test.

The work was done by Dr. Higgins, Dr. Elwood Jensen and Gerald Miller, a medical student at the University of Chicago.

The test is made by heating a sample of the diluted blood, stirring it, and then adding a small amount of normal blood to it. A certain amount of heating, caused by a cancerous patient, takes much longer to cool.

Communists Call For Bridgeheads

HANKING (AP)—Chinese Communists are demanding “bridgeheads” in the Yangtze. South bank positions are sought, as a guarantee that the Nationalists will carry out the Red's peace terms.

The Communists want these scores said, unopposed landing for their troops between Nanking and Shanghai and upstream along the middle stretches of the great river.

These bridgeheads could be quickly expanded for an offensive into the Yangtze valley. Nationalists back at any stage the Red's peace terms.

There was no indication, whether the new Red demands came in the form of an ultimatum.

Czechoslovakia And Hungary Sign Treaty

BUDAPEST (AP)—A twenty-year pact of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance was signed by Czechoslovakia and Hungary today.

Premier Antonin Zapotocky and Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis signed for Czechoslovakia. Premier Jozef Dobi and Foreign Minister Laslo Bak signed for Hungary.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Wallace Beery, actor in the movie “Boys for the Good-Hearted,” died last night of a heart ailment.

Beery, who had been in pictures for 16 years, was conscious up to the time of his unexpected death at his home. He had been under treatment for some time for a heart condition but appeared to be improving.

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The husky actor underwent heart treatment last Nov. 19. He said he suffered some heart strain last Summer during a trip to his lodge at Jackson, Hole, Wyo. At that time doctors said he would have to slow down.

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After a brief tour with Keystone comedies, he started playing radio and picture careers started in 1935.

Rejected Suitor Kills Father Of Ex-Girl Friend

MERRICK, N. Y. (AP)—A 22-year-old rejected suitor killed the father of his former girl friend today, then held off police with a shotgun while pleading for forgiveness in a tear-filled bedroom.

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Airlift Tonnage At Train Level

BERLIN (AP)—The Allied airlift of nearly 10,000 tons of supplies into Berlin today—at least as much as they moved daily by train before the blockade—was a record.

The unofficial total of 12,319 tons flown in during the 24 hours ending at noon (German time) today was equivalent to what would have been moved by train in a day.

Today's tonnage “exceeded by a wide margin” the record of 8,241 tons set April 11.

The tremendous effort also showed a new weekly tonnage record of 10,000 tons in one day.

The effort to smash the previous record came at a cost of 10,000 tons in one day. This goal was surpassed by almost 30 per cent.

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