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The sports department's second "Absorb of the Year" in Charlotte goes to Don Thomas for his...  
Page 4-B of the Sports section. He is the fourth man selected by the sports writers in the series.

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# Best Rejects Soviet Plan for HAMLETON

## THE MIRACLE LOOKS GOOD

Men interested in saving the soil gathered today at the Kelly Brothers' Miracle Farm to see what has happened since the event witnessed by 60,000 persons last October took place. Perhaps the most interested person was Chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service Hugh H. Bennett (third from the left) who is remarking that the field has "pretty nice wheat" ... perhaps 25 bushels to the acre. ... Those also on hand are, left to right, County Agent George Hobson; State Conservationist E. B. Garrett; Mr. Bennett; District Conservationist T. W. Bridges; Conservationist W. B. Little; and Chief of the local SCS bureau, J. Earl Teague.

Kelly Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

## 'Miracles' SOP For Hugh Bennett

## Kelly Job 'Really Something'

By TOM SCHLEINGER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Hugh H. Bennett may not be the most religious man in the country, but he has probably witnessed more "miracles" than any other living person. "You," he said, "they call them 'miracles' some places, like Hingham, other places. ... they even call them life-saving operations." The chief of U. S. Soil Conservation Service was referring to the one-day soil saving operation which he had witnessed at the Kelly Brothers' Miracle Farm among the top operations of its kind in the country. He walked today through the fields of wheat, admired the rich brown color, fence and orchard grass, noted the contour plowing

the strip farming and other sound practices. After an hour of tramping he came to a conclusion. "This is really something." Afterwards he reminisced with state and national conservationists about the Soil Service which had its beginning fifteen years ago in Anson County. "By increasing our present facilities," he predicted, "we could finish the major conservation job in this country by 1950. Then on it would be just a maintenance and improvement job." Both Houses of Congress voted substantial increases in SCS funds this year, he pointed out. See BENNETT on page 5-A

## Inquiry To Open Tomorrow

## Lilienthal Called To Answer Charges

By OLIVER W. DE WOLF  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—David E. Lilienthal will be called before the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy tomorrow to meet the charges of "incredible mismanagement" leveled against the Atomic Energy Commission by Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa). Chairman McMahon of the joint committee made the announcement after a four-hour closed door meeting of the committee. The public hearing bringing Lilienthal before the committee will start at 10 A. M. (EST). McMahon said he plans to leave the questioning of Lilienthal to Hickenlooper, the next ranking member.

## Markets Have Bad Setback

NEW YORK—(AP)—Stock, bond and grain prices dropped abruptly today. Leading stocks declined a few cents around \$2 a share in one of the year's worst setbacks. The general price level of the market hit a new low for 1949. Many individual issues sold at the lowest price for a longer period. Wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade cracked sharply, following a recent decline in the price of cash wheat at Kansas City. Rice also weakened.

## U. S. Air Policies Questioned

By HOWARD DOBSON  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Armed Services Committee today began an investigation of the relations of the United States with the Soviet Union. The committee is authorized to ask the House for a \$500,000 expense fund. Vinson opposed the investigation, saying it would be a "wasteful expenditure of money." Vinson told reporters, "This is not a worthwhile investigation."

## Once Over Lightly



By ALBERTO ALVAREZ  
LA PAZ, Bolivia, (AP)—Bolivian troops huddled for a long time in a battle with Bolivian strikers in the wake of blood week-end rioting in the Andean tin mine area. All Bolivia is under a state of siege declared by the government. The strikers were declared a "state of emergency" and the Government said it would use force to break the strike. The strikers and troops battled in the area of the Huancabamba where Howard Keller, a U. S. citizen who was superintendent, was held as a hostage. MORE MINERS CLOSED  
Two more mines and a railroad were reported closed in the highlands. At least 20 persons, including two women and children, have been killed thus far. At Huancabamba, some 2,000 miners were reported striking about 20 regular soldiers. All four segments of the mine area were being evacuated to

## Proposal Is Made By Vishinsky Western German Regime Denounced

PARIS — (AP)—The Western powers voted today Russia's proposal to invite a delegation from the Communist-dominated German People's Congress to appear before the Foreign Ministers Council, French sources reported.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei V. Vishinsky made the proposal during a speech in the Soviet Congress which, once again, he denounced the West German state establishing in the Germanies, British and French sources of Germany.

In anticipation of Vishinsky's request, the Soviet People's Congress of Soviet-occupied Germany yesterday passed a 21-man delegation which was to present a case to the foreign ministers. Earlier, the three Western power foreign ministers held an unannounced meeting to consider how best to react to the proposal.

Official British sources reported the meeting was being held. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault were accompanied by their top advisers.

The Western ministers presumably also met to discuss the advance which they agreed to the four-power talks collapse. Earlier, just before the meeting, the West would like to salvage some form of economic unity for Germany, but the conference was broken up by the Western ministers.

The Western ministers remained in session until shortly after noon. Later an American source said the three delegations devoted much of the talk to the Berlin currency issue. It was agreed that they should avoid technical aspects of the currency issue and concentrate instead on broad principles.

It was agreed that each of the three would make brief statements of general policy on the German issue, one of the main problems in the cold war, and then seek to have the details turned over to a committee of experts. Berlin has two currencies—the Western Deutsche mark and the Russian-sponsored East mark, warring a quarrel as much.

A ranking British ministerial review of the situation with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who came last night for a 24-hour visit to the United States, said that the aspects of the international situation, British officials said.

Bevin conferred in New York with Americans and Russians on the Greek question, the United States Navy to guarantee transport and communications between the East and West.

The West lowered its sights, aiming at some sort of economic unity with the East and to guarantee transport and communications between the East and West.

Congressional inquiry into the whole subject. The controversy involves national defense policies of the Air Force and the Navy. Pushing the P-38 as a power fighter, the Air Force has claimed it could deliver more effective action in circumstances which substantially outweighed the B-29 as a collective as guaranteed employees under the act.

Gen. Clay Ends His Army Career  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Gen. Louis D. Clay, former U. S. governor in Germany, retired from the Army today in a ceremony at headquarters by Fort Myer. He has served 31 years. In recognition of his combat record in the last war and more recently on the present Truman administration, Congress approved, by a 387-10 vote, a bill to honor him on hand to hold the General's rank. He was Acting Secretary of the Army from 1945 to 1947. He was also Secretary of the Army, Chief of Staff, and other high-ranking offices.

## Richardson Proposal Brought Up Presbyterians Debate Will Case

By REM PRICE  
MONTECLAIR—(AP)—The calm of the Southern Presbyterian's General Assembly shattered last night in a suit whose sole purpose was to construe Richardson's will. Richardson, said the report, "The General Assembly deeply regrets the late Mr. Richardson's family for the mistakes that have been made." A floor fight developed immediately, sparked by Dr. William V. Gardner of Atlanta, who offered a substitute motion that the Assembly set up a 71-man commission to investigate the dispute and then issue a final conclusion in the name of the Assembly. Dr. Gardner and others argued that to adopt the committee's recommendation would, in effect, amount to a repudiation of the action of the Southern church agencies that entered the suit originally.

## Don't Destroy That Bill; It May Not Be Counterfeit

By EMERY WISITER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
That new balance on the White House is causing more trouble than it's worth. That and a lot of new shrunken bills are being put into circulation. That and a lot of new shrunken bills are being put into circulation. That and a lot of new shrunken bills are being put into circulation.

## Wage Increase Ruled Unfair

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Supreme Court today held that a union must be notified before a wage boost can be granted during a strike. The ruling was made in a case involving the CIO Textile Workers Union which had been denied a wage increase.

## Tydings Proposes That Congressmen Take Cut In Pay

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Tydings (D-Md.) said today Congress members ought to be willing to take a 5 per cent cut in pay if they order all Federal expenditures to be reduced. He expressed that view when he introduced the Senate Expenditures Reduction Act of 1949. The resolution has been introduced. Unofficially, Tydings said he would not be surprised if his proposal were passed.

The President could work out a deal with the House. Tydings said he did not think the resolution should be cut out of Congress and the House should be retained the time being in other Chinese cities conquered by the Communists, including Nanking, Peiping and Tientsin.

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Reports from the tin mine area said two more miners were killed and six were wounded yesterday in a strikers' attack on the police and the army. The strikers were reported quiet today, however, with the Army on the alert to maintain order among the strikers. Acting President Mamerto Urteaga, who had said earlier the strike was aimed at overthrow of the government, announced the imposition of a state of siege.

## 3 Negroes Hunted By Huge Posse Shooting Laid To Murder Suspect

CHARLOTTE—(AP)—Steady drizzling rain slowed down today by a hundred law enforcement officers as they plodded behind bloodhounds through a swampy woodland south of here this morning in search of three armed Negroes, one of whom shot a young Hamlet policeman about dawn today. Meanwhile, motorized posess of State Highway Patrolmen and Richmond County officers spread out in search of the Negroes east of here as Rex A. Howell, 29-year-old policeman lay near death in Hamlet Hospital.

## Howell Escaped a Near Death

Howell escaped a near death at the hospital this morning identifying the three Negroes as James Diggs, 30, Howell said he was unable to talk, but returned to the hospital where he had the note scribbled on the wall. Howell's note said he had stopped a car carrying three Negroes when he was about 6 o'clock this morning. He was driving on the road when he saw the car. He was unable to identify the young officer, but the hospital where, fully conscious, but unable to talk, he returned to the hospital where he had the note scribbled on the wall.

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