Tomorrow Is Second Registration Day: Get On The Books And Be Sure You Can Vote

Weather
Partly cloudy and continued warm through Saturday with a few thundershowers Saturday afternoon.
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U.S. AGAIN ACCUSES REDS IN PLANE CASE

A Dragon Haunts The House

Jorene, 6, Can't Go Home Again

By KAYS GARY

SHELBY — Six-year-old Jorene Parker can't go home again.

It's a quiet home, snuggled down on a hill in rural Cleveland County and so it's hard for some people to understand that this house is really a dragon with a terrifying roar and a breath of flame.

But Jorene, whose blonde curls dance sadly in rhythm with her quivering chin, knows that it is really a dragon and no one can change her mind.

She is just as firm in her belief that there are no dragons in Gastonia. That's where she is staying now — with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ford of 311 Oakland St.

STARTED 3 MONTHS AGO

It started almost two months ago in a six-room frame house twelve miles west of Shelby where Jorene and her baby sister, Gail, lived with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Parker.

Until one day in early April Jorene liked the house. She liked to run about and chase the chickens and pester the old hound dog. She liked to watch her daddy milk the cows and sometimes he would tease her by squirting a stream of milk right in her face.

Jorene was the gayest of little girls.

But then the house turned into a dragon.

A BLINDING FLASH

Early one morning Jorene was playing with her doily on the floor of a bedroom. Mama was listening to the radio and holding Baby Gail on her lap. Suddenly there was a blinding flash, a deafening roar. The house spun around and over Jorene and her flesh burned. Forever and ever came the crackling roar and the burning and the pounding in her head.

And then she was in a hospital and a doctor was treating her.

The thing that had happened gained nation-wide publicity in newspapers, with a picture in Life magazine.

A lightning bolt out of the blue of a quiet morning had struck the home, hurled Baby Gail from the mother's lap and into an opened wall vent, killed Grandpa Parker, and the children were taken to the severe shock and burns.

The interior of the home was smashed into rubble as the devastating bolt spun a web of destruction about the people inside — a web that miraculously missed them all. It left the house and traveled a wire to the barn where there were three electrical outlets in as many stalls.

Two cows, one standing under each of the outlets on the right and left, were killed instantly. E. Parker sat milking on his usual under the center outlet. He was unharmed. The outlet under which he sat was the only one on the place which was not destroyed.

This miracle Jorene does not

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Jorene holds her doll and dreams of the dragon.

Union, Company Gather For Fact-Finders' Report

Paper Based Upon Series Of Hearings

Strictest Secrecy Surrounds Content

The long-drawn-out contest between Duke Power Co. and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen involving street bus operations here and in five other Carolina cities came to another crisis here this afternoon.

The zero hour was 3 P.M.

At that hour, the fact-finding board headed by Judge Hubert Olive of Lexington gathered at Charlotte's City Hall to submit a report based on a long series of hearings aiming at averting strikes by 600 bus drivers in these six cities.

Utmost secrecy surrounding the three-man board's report was maintained until the joint meeting began with officials of the power company and the BRT. Close-mouthed public officials were solemnly silent. Leaders of the opposed groups admitted that they had not even heard a "rumor."

"LAST HOPE"

All men closely identified with this situation clearly revealed their feeling that the fact finders' report was the "last hope" for averting a strike by presenting bases for settlement.

Attested as directly as Charlotte in this tense uncertainty were Winston-Salem, High Point and Salisbury, in North Carolina, and Spartanburg and Greenville, in South Carolina, where Duke street buses are operated by BRT members.

This tensity may persist during an ensuing period of 72 hours. That is the time allowed by the fact finders, in mutual agreement with the parties involved, for Duke and BRT officials to study the report and decide on acceptance or rejection.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The BRT promised that, in the event that the board's report is rejected, the public will be given 48 hours of advance warning before bus drivers will leave their busses and go on strike.

The fact finding board was appointed March 10 in consequence of a last-minute strike effort by a conference of Mayors of these six cities to avert the strike. The BRT had set the hour and then abruptly withdrew the strike order to permit time for the board's study. So far as could be learned up to the hour of the board's meeting this afternoon, none of the six mayors had received any inkling of the contents of the board's report that could vitally affect their communities.

Vice-President W. S. O'B. Robinson is the chief of the power company's delegation engaged in these negotiations.

J. W. Brennan of New York, grand lodge representative, is the head of the BRT group of officers called into this City Hall conference.

More than 500,000 patrons of Duke busses live in the affected cities.

The BRT demands, which led to a critical transportation situation Feb. 25 for the six cities, were

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Britain Considering Step

FBI Agents May Quiz Dr. Fuchs

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Britain reportedly has proposed to give FBI agents limited access to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Russia's ex-ace atom spy now serving a 14-year sentence in London for violating the official secrets act.

It appears doubtful that the FBI will consider limited access to Fuchs sufficient for its avowed purposes of probing to the bottom the atomic spy situation dramatized by the arrest and conviction of Britain's A-bomb scientist.

There is no doubt, however, that the Fuchs case remains a sore point in British-American relations and continues to block all progress toward reviving the wartime atomic partnership which those two countries and Canada shared.

HELPED PRODUCE BOMB

It was as a result of that collaboration that Fuchs came to this country to work with other scientists cleared by the British Government during the war—and helped to produce the atomic bomb even while informing Russian Communist agents of what was going on. He made another trip here about two years after the war.

These facts plus Fuchs's subsequent arrest, conviction and conviction in Britain—he is an expatriot German — shook the very foundations of American-British co-operation on any future atomic partnership.

The FBI, according to information which came out at the time, had a hand in breaking the Fuchs case. But after the original facts were developed, chiefs of the American security force evidently felt they were not sure of obtaining all the information necessary from Fuchs to give leads on possible other Russian spies.

In addition to requesting full information from the British on the case, therefore, it appears today that the United States had also asked for the right of unrestricted access of its agents to Fuchs with full opportunity to question him on his operations and connections.

The British were apparently reluctant to accede to this request for reasons which do not show on the surface. But they now reportedly have informed the American Government that FBI agents can question Fuchs under certain conditions. These conditions are not known outside official quarters.

The British embassy, the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation itself met all inquiries on these developments with a refusal to answer any questions, at least on the record. The nearest approach to official comment came when certain informants who asked to remain unidentified said that "as for now" the British and Americans working on the case are co-operating.

Officials do not deny, however, that there are some mysterious angles to the Fuchs incident. One is the failure to date of British and American police to come up with any more arrests although it was widely predicted several months ago that the capture of Fuchs would pull the plug on a whole spy system.

New Note Delivered In Moscow

Charge Flouting Of Obligations

WASHINGTON— (AP) — The United States charged Russia today with flouting its international obligations in dealing with the Baltic plane incident.

In a new note to Moscow, the State Department declared Russia had put forward an "erroneous account" of the shooting down of the American plane on April 8.

The note said:

"The Government of the United States must warn the Government of the Soviet Socialist Republics of the seriousness with which it regards the attitude of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in matters of such grave consequence."

CLAIM REJECTED

Rejecting for the second time the Soviet claim that the missing American plane violated Soviet-occupied Latvia, the U. S. declared that this Government "is forced to conclude that Russia "has not only failed to meet but has no intention of meeting the obligations which international law and practice imposed on members of the family of nations."

"It is clear that this disregard for law, custom and the opinion of mankind constitutes a further obstacle to the establishment of harmonious relations among nations and cannot be reconciled with the Soviet Government's continued protestations of its devotion to the cause of peace."

The note made it plain that the charges and the counter-charges over the loss of the Navy Privateer in the Baltic Sea, with ten men aboard have reached an impasse.

That is a stalemate from which further progress cannot be made.

The Russians were told that "it is clearly impossible to resolve this issue so long as the Soviet Government refuses to base its position upon the facts of the case."

REPLY TO NOTE

The 400-word note was in reply to Russia's April 21 communication which rejected the original American protest and declared "verified data" showed that a B-29 Flying Fortress flew over Latvia on April 8. To the photograph Soviet defense installations."

In response, the U. S. declared again that the only American military plane in the Baltic area on the date was the missing Navy Privateer. It added that "The United States Government reiterates that this U. S. Navy airplane was unarmed and was at no time over Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory or territorial waters."

The American contention is that the unarmed plane was shot down over the open Baltic sea.

Senate Turns Down Proposal

Aid Cut Of Billion Refused

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Administration forces won their first test on the bulky foreign aid bill today—the Senate refused to cut Marshall Plan funds by a billion dollars.

The 62 to 17 vote defeated an amendment by Sen. Kem (R-Mo) to slash that $3,150,000,000 to operate economic Co-Operation Administration for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

It was the first of a long series of votes before the Senate reaches a final decision on the foreign aid bill later today.

In debate on the measure, Democratic Leader Lucas (Ill) pleaded for approval of the full amount. He said adopting an isolationist policy would turn this nation into a "garrison state" and double defense spending.

Military expenditures now are running at the rate of around $13,500,000,000 a year, Lucas said and defense costs in an "isolationist shell" would mount to $25,000,000,000 to $30,000,000,000 annually.

He spoke out as the Senate neared a vote on the $3,912,650,000 foreign aid authorization bill.

Lucas urged the Senate to approve the full amount. He said any cut in the $3,100,000,000 earmarked for the Marshall Plan would have an immediate and vital effect on the joint defense program established under the North Atlantic Pact.

Some opponents predicted the authorization might be cut as much as a half billion dollars. Administration leaders contended the full amount would be voted but said if there was any cut it would not amount to more than $250,000,000.

Senator Bridges (R-NH) said he was "pretty sure" of the $250,000,000 figure, adding: "A great many people believe that at least a $500,000,000 cut will be voted."

Chairman Connally (D-Tex), of the Foreign Relations subcommittee, who has guided the big bill through the Senate, opened the final debate, said: "We have enough votes to prevent a cut — if they all show up. If there is any cut at all it will be the $250,000,000 voted by the House."

The pending measure is an authorization bill; actual funds will have to be appropriated later.

As voting time came closer, Administration backers looked for their main trouble from amendments to limit aid (a) to countries which put up the equivalent of the $3,100,000,000 intended for Marshall Plan spending and (b) lifting President Truman's point four plan out of the measure, pending further study.

The amendment dealing with the point four program of American aid to underdeveloped areas of the world was sponsored by Senators Saltonstall (R-Mass) and Millikin (R-Colo).

Soviet Asked To Account For 1,500,000 Germans

By GEORGE BOULTWOOD

BONN, Germany —(AP)— Chancellor Konrad Adenauer charged today that 1,500,000 Germans are still missing in the Soviet union. He demanded, in the name of humanity, that the Kremlin account for their fate.

Adenauer made a special appearance before the West German Parliament after he learned of last night's Soviet announcement that repatriation of German war prisoners had been completed.

The Soviet statement dashed the hopes of families of hundreds of thousands of missing soldiers. It came as a great shock to the West German capital. Many politicians viewed it as a severe blow to the Communist Party in the West. When a Communist deputy got up to answer Adenauer virtually the entire body of lawmakers with the exception of three Communist deputies present and three others walked out.

"LAST GROUP" RETURNED

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said the last group of war prisoners — 17,538 of them — had been returned to Germany.

But Adenauer told Parliament that German figures show about 1,500,000 Germans are still left inside Russia. He added:

"These terrible figures must be cleared up. This is an appeal to the humanity of all people."

Adenauer used Soviet figures to support his claim. He said that in 1945 Tass reported 2,500,000 Germans held in Russia. Last night's announcement said 1,939,062 war prisoners had been repatriated.

The chancellor said that still leaver more than 1,500,000 unaccounted for.

Adenauer explained that no exact German figures are available. He said German army records are held by the Russians, who have failed to keep repeated promises to publish them. In addition to the unknown fate of soldier prisoners nothing has been learned of what happened to "tens of thousands" of German civilians deported to Russia, he added.

A recent survey by the West German refugee ministry indicated about 190,000 civilians and 1,148,000 military prisoners are still missing in Russia. This survey, based on reports by relatives, applied only to prisoners with relatives in West Germany or West Berlin, and did not include those from the Russian zone.

College Profs Are 'Sold' For Sweet Charity

BALTIMORE —(AP)— The president of Goucher College was sold into bondage yesterday for $180.

Scholarly Dr. Otto F. Kraushaar faces the task of being "housemother for a day" for a group of his students at the all-girls school.

His services were purchased, after spirited bidding, as the girls staged a "faculty auction" in a campaign to raise contributions to the college building fund.

Other professors, who volunteered for the auction block, now are confronted with prospects ranging from thoroughly cleaning all the chemistry lab glassware to spending an evening teaching six female collegians how to play poker.

The profs maintained a grin-and-bear-it attitude throughout and more than $1,000 was pledged for the "cause."

House Debating Costly Appropriations Sections

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House heads into the big money sections of a $29,000,000,000 appropriation bill today, with some large increases in the offing to cripple an economy drive.

Pressing to get the bill out of the way next week — it has been under consideration since before Easter — House leaders called a Saturday session.

Today's part of the 431-page bill — which finances more than 40 Federal agencies for the fiscal year beginning in July — carries allotments for the Atomic Energy Commission and a score of other independent agencies.

It will be followed by the section appropriating money for rivers and harbors and flood control projects scattered throughout the country, and finally by the $13,911,000,000 military allotment.

Blanketed in with the Atomic Energy Commission and the other independent agencies is the Veterans Administration, which is down for $5,801,782,795 of the bill's total.

No reductions are expected to be made by the House in funds recommended by the Appropriations Committee for the AEC and the Veterans Administration.

A husky increase may be voted in the $622,620,000 earmarked for the Army engineers, who handle the flood control and river and harbors projects. Some members want the fund hiked to around $800,000,000.

The Appropriations Committee already has agreed to lead a drive to add $350,000,000 for air power to the funds it originally recommended for national defense.

Yesterday the House tentatively approved a 1951 budget of $605,384,130 for the Interior Dept., adding $1,500,000 to the sum recommended by the Appropriations Committee.

ABC Of Registration

Who is eligible to register and vote in the May 27 primary?

Any man or woman over 21—or who will be 21 by Nov. 7—may register and vote if he has lived in North Carolina for one year by Nov. 7.

Where do I register?

You register in the voting precinct where you live.

How can I find out which precinct I live in?

By calling Mrs. Mabel Morris at the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections in the Law Bldg. The telephone number is 3-3280.

I thought I was already registered. Do I have to register again?

You do NOT have to register again, if:

1. You registered at the general re-registration in 1949, and
2. You have not moved to another precinct since, and
3. You told the registrar at that time whether you were a Republican or a Democrat.

YOU MUST REGISTER NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED SINCE APRIL 2, 1949, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU MAY HAVE REGISTERED BEFORE THAT TIME

(In other words, if you voted in either city election (primary and runoff) and the state road and school bond election last year and if you said whether you were a Republican or Democrat, you are now eligible.)

I registered in 1949, but I have moved to another precinct. What do I do?

If you have lived in the new precinct for four months or longer you must write or go to your old precinct registrar and get a transfer to your new precinct.

If you have lived in the new precinct less than four months, you may vote at the old one.

Why do I have to say whether I'm a Republican or a Democrat?

Because the election on May 27 is a Democratic and Republican primary. Candidates from each party will be nominated to run in the General Election Nov 7.

If you are now registered as an "independent"—that is, neither Republican nor Democrat—you must state your party preference in order to vote in the primary. You need not do so, however, to vote in the General Election.

Remember: No matter whether you live in the city or county, if you did NOT register in 1949, you MUST register again, no matter how many times before 1949 you registered.

If you have any question about your eligibility, call the Election Board office, telephone 3-3280.

What's Inside

On the editorial page today, the editors of The Charlotte News analyze the three candidates for the remaining four years of the Broughton term, discuss the pertinent issues, and give their reasons for favoring one of the men over the other two.

The News invites its readers to turn to the editorial page, 6-A, and read the editorial, "Smith Or Graham Or Reynolds?"

It also invites them to submit their own ideas about the race to the People's Platform.

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Once Over Lightly

By THE BLUE SHADES

I can remember when every family had a few dogs, some cats, a rain-barrel and a cellar. . . There's a lot of difference these days for a shack when little wifie starts charging things.

Textile Union Ends Convention

By JIM CALOGERO

BOSTON — (AP)—The CIO Textile Union wound up its biennial convention today with George Baldanzi of Paterson, N. J., still holding the job of executive vice president despite attempts by the union's administration to replace him.

Baldanzi, a 43-year-old former millhand, was re-elected for his sixth two-year term to the $12,500 job in a stormy session that had the nearly 2,000 delegates split into two bitter factions.

He defeated Mariano S. Bishop of Fall River, the union's national cotton and rayon director, who had been backed by President Emil Rieve, Secretary-Treasurer William Pollock and seventeen of the 20 vice-presidents.

The vote was 1,038 to 742.

Rieve attributed the split between him and Baldanzi to a "falling out of no serious consequence."

Rieve said: "We haven't been getting along for some time and finally reached a breaking of the ways. You know how it is between two married people who don't get along; they eventually get a divorce."

Baldanzi's retort was "Rieve and I have been married for eleven years and I don't want a divorce. I didn't think the split was such a serious problem."

Baldanzi said he will do all he can to patch the breach.

Baldanzi said this is a "first step" he would resign as the CIO's director of the Southern organizing drive to devote himself "entirely" to the affairs of the textile union.

Would Quiz Ex-Communist Treasurer

Budenz Hints Amerasia-Red Party Link

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON —(AP)— It was learned today that Ex-Communist Louis Budenz has suggested Senate investigators might develop a tie between the Amerasia case and the Communist Party by questioning Robert William Weiner, former Communist treasurer.

Six persons were arrested in a wartime raid on the offices of Amerasia, a magazine no longer published. A large number of secret Government documents were found.

Only two prosecutions were ever brought to trial but they received fines. The Justice Department said at the time that there was no evidence of disloyalty. The implication was the documents had been procured only for purpose of magazine articles.

Senator McCarthy has now charged, however, that officials of Amerasia were collecting atomic secrets for Russia.

CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE

It was learned that Budenz, managing editor of the Daily Worker until he renounced Communism in 1946, has written the committee that he has "direct knowledge" that Weiner "was involved in the Amerasia case at least in supervisory capacity and arrangements for the defense in that case."

In a speech at Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., last Friday night, Budenz said he would reveal to the committee "a very important name in the Amerasia case." He described the individual as "an important conspiratorial Communist."

The investigation of McCarthy's general charges of Communism-infiltration of government was momentarily at a standstill.

The Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, making the inquiry, adjourned until recess until next week.

McCarthy himself was working on a "vast amount" reply to President Truman's decision to hand over some government loyalty files to the Senate group.

In another development, the Justice Department said it never received any evidence from the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) to support charges that Amerasia officials and State Department employees were shipping atomic secrets to Russia in 1945.

McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, has said a former OSS agent would testify that A-bomb data did find its way to the Soviet Union in the Amerasia case. The agent, Frank Bielaski, said yesterday there is some substance to what McCarthy alleged, but he did not entirely back up McCarthy.

Senator Lodge (R-Mass), who heard Bielaski testify at a secret session, said the picture Bielaski portrayed "is very serious." But Lodge declined to comment on the A-bomb angle.

STAND REVERSED

Reversing his earlier refusal to release Government loyalty files, Mr. Truman agreed late yesterday to let a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee examine secret State Department files on 81 persons cited by McCarthy in his charges on Communism in the Government.

Senator Tydings (D-Md), the committee chairman, said in announcing the President's decision that the approval does not apply to the FBI's so-called "security" files. Tydings added, however, that "there will be FBI material" in some of the State Department files the committee gets.

McCarthy has charged that the department is infested with Communists and red sympathizers. He has contended all along that to obtain proof of his accusations, the committee must have access to the FBI files as well as State Department records.

McCarthy told a reporter "I'm going to hold my fire" until tomorrow night when he is scheduled to address a convention of Young Republicans in Chicago. He said the speech will be aired on a statewide radio network.