

Wilson Sees Truman At Florida Retreat

Bill Would Reapportion Membership

Guilford, Forsyth Also Would Gain

RALEIGH.—(AP)—Legislation to reapportion membership in the State House and Senate was introduced in the Legislature today. The Senate and House received bills which would reapportion membership of the Senate so as to give the State's three most populous counties—Guilford, Mecklenburg and Forsyth—two Senators each.

A bill passed in the House today would give all counties four the same representation in the House they have now. Alamance and Rockingham counties would each have two representatives instead of one, and Cabarrus, Forsyth and two of the other counties would have one each.

West Draws Up Reply To Soviet Russia Proposes German Treaty

PARIS.—(AP)—The Western Big Three delegations met at the French Foreign Ministry today to frame their answers to a Russian-proposed agenda for a foreign ministers conference.

The meeting was preliminary to a resumption of four-power talks later today, when representatives of Britain, the United States, France and Russia start sifting ideas and juggling words in an attempt to reach agreement on an agenda for their bosses.

The United States and British delegations worked late last night on their reports to Washington and London of yesterday's opening meeting. Today they received reactions from their home governments.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman was in contact with his delegation.

Western delegations also discussed this morning how they would advance their own proposed agenda at today's and subsequent sessions of the Big Four.

Sen. Murray Defends Role in Hotel Loan

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Senator Murray (D-Mont.) today defended his role in approving a \$100,000 loan to a Miami Beach, Fla., hotel for the Republic of China.

In a statement, the Senator said that what he did was "routine" and "consistent with long-established Congressional practices."

He demanded that Senate investigators should "cease to be publishing a complete listing of all phone calls, interviews and letters between the members of the Senate and the agency (RFC) since its inception."

A Senate committee developed evidence yesterday that James Murray, a Washington lawyer, received \$21,000 in fees in connection with that hotel loan.

As to his connection with the matter, Senator Murray said: "I am a lawyer conducting private business and serving my clients; and I can see no reason why, because he is my son, I should be treated differently than I would any other lawyer."

"When he called my attention to the problems he and his associates were encountering in connection with this matter, and when investigation convinced me that his facts were correct, I voted in favor of the loan."

Conscientious Objector No 'Category' For Max So He Faces Five Years in Prison

By TOM FESPERRMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Max Frederick Parsdue, a Winston County boy who refused to be inducted into the Army here yesterday, said today he still couldn't change his mind, even if it means a five-year prison term for him.

Max, a slender young lumberhandler, was being held in Mecklenburg County Jail after the Federal Bureau of Investigation took over his case from the Army Induction Station.

He was unable to make a \$5,000 bond which was set in a hearing by U. S. Commissioner Nat G. White.

Max continued to say today, in an interview with this newspaper, he wouldn't let him serve in the Army.

NO CATEGORY FOR HIM

But officials said he was charged with a Federal violation because he didn't fit into the category of the conscientious objector.

He is not a member of any religious sect or organization which is founded on the principle of objection to military service.

Max, an individual, along with his father, in his beliefs, said he didn't even know whether he would have a lawyer when his case is called in Federal Court.

He never had had one, he said. Nobody seemed to understand him, Max said this morning, as he sat just outside his cell on top of the Courthouse.

BASIS OF BELIEF

It wasn't that he was opposed to war alone. It wasn't that he objected merely to bearing arms. "I'm not good enough to have an opinion about another man, or another country," he replied.

His father was called to jury duty in Wilkes County one time, he said, and his father refused to take the oath. When the judge asked why, his father said he couldn't have an opinion against other men in the courtroom.

"I couldn't say, Max, whether the Russians are right or wrong, or whether the Chinese Government are doing what's right or what's wrong?" he was asked.

"I'm not good enough to say."

Max's mother, like his father, appears immovable in her objection to the young man's going into the Army. She told the County Selective Service Board No. 98.

Huge New Red Force Moving In

Ridgway Confident Allies Can Hold

TOKYO.—(AP)—Parke-clad American Marines attacking over new fallen snow drove slowly ahead today in central Korea. The Chinese Reds resisted bitterly.

The Leathernecks were pushing toward the key communications center of Hoengsong, 115 miles north of recaptured Hoengsong. Some of the Marine elements were eleven miles from Hoengsong.

On the Marine right flank elements of the U. S. Second Division were reported to have advanced more than a mile despite the snowstorm. This was in an area southeast of Hoengsong and north of a lateral highway.

A. P. Correspondent Nate Polowinski said the doughboys had "hundreds of enemy dead" in the area.

The Chinese Reds are believed to have concentrated their largest front-line forces at Hoengsong. General MacArthur said another big Red force—the Chinese Third Field Army—moving toward the front from northeast Korea to support the Communist Fourth Field Army.

MacArthur's report was the first indication of a large shift by the Third Field Army. He said it was comprised of several army corps, possibly up to 90,000 men.

BIG ENEMY ARMY

Despite losses of an estimated 22,250 troops since the United Nations resumed its limited offensive, Feb. 21 the Chinese and North Koreans are believed to number 100,000 below Parke's 381 in South Korea.

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of Allied ground forces in Korea, told a news conference the Reds have plenty of men to launch a big counter-offensive.

But he expressed belief such an attack is not imminent. Ridgway added that his forces "at the moment" could stop a Red offensive.

The ex-paratrooper general spoke confidently of his Eighth Army's capabilities and praised the support he received from General MacArthur.

Ridgway went to Korea from Washington to succeed Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, who was killed in a jeep accident north of Seoul in December. Ridgway commanded the UN air division in Europe in World War II.

SNOW SLOWS PUSH

On the battlefield, a six-inch snowfall slowed the determined UN advance through the rugged, craggy mountains and rice-fieldd valleys across the peninsula east of Seoul.

Units of the First Marine Division took hill 336 three miles northeast of Hoengsong Tuesday after other elements punched to points five miles north and northwest of the rubbled town Monday.

The Red pumped artillery, mortar and machine gun fire into the UN lines Tuesday but fell back. Air spotters reported an estimated three Chinese battalions directly ahead of the Marines from five to six miles north and northwest of Hoengsong.

On the east-central front, Korea, the Reds' bitterest fighting log bunker dugouts on rugged ridges near Taemi, a mountain stronghold which they were routed Monday.

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Army Calls For 60,000 In May

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Army today called for 60,000 men from the draft in May.

It is the largest the Army requests for draftees to 500,000 since drafting began last year.

The other military services depend upon voluntary enlistments for their manpower.

The Army call for 60,000 in May is 20,000 under the monthly requests it has made since January.

Despite Dry's Moral Victory N. C. Liquor Referendum Dies In House

RALEIGH.—(AP)—Dry advocates of a state-wide liquor referendum won a moral victory in the House today when a majority of the House voted to take a bill calling for a referendum from the favorable calendar.

The vote was 58-40.

However, the motion failed because it would have been 73 in this case was necessary.

The case was given an unfavorable report last week by the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances. It would have called for a state-wide referendum on the question of whether to prohibit the sale of liquor, wine and beer.

Rep. Walter E. Crissman of Guilford, who sponsored the bill along with 28 other House members, made the motion on which the House voted. It was made in the purpose of making the House members report their stand since there was little chance of getting the necessary two-thirds vote.

In other actions today on the liquor issue, the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances approved a bill calling for an ABC stores election in Winston-Salem on opening of ABC stores and killed a bill to reduce from one gallon to a quart the amount of liquor that can legally be transported into a dry county.

returned an old standby—the wisecrack—to his news conference today. Recent conferences have been highlighted by razor-sharp statements in which the Governor threw in no soothing sauce.

"Would the Governor comment on rumors that legislation will be introduced to let the Legislature introduce the Governor name special Superior Court judges and members of the Highway Commission?"

"That's to take it out of politics," the chief executive cracked.

The Governor concluded that if the Legislature took over the power of appointing officials "they're doing it for the next Governor. They may be trying the next Governor's hands, he asserted.

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Hunter Shoots At Crow, Gets Unexpected Results

PEARL RIVER, N. Y.—(AP)—A hunter aimed at a crow, pulled the trigger—and up went the fireworks factory.

A small fireworks plant blew up here today, sending a cloud of shrapnel for a mile around, communities fifteen miles away were rocked.

State fire wardens came running, and police and firemen sped from nearby New York and New Jersey towns.

Hundreds of sightseers flocked to the plant near here on the Hackensack River near the state boundary.

Three men three miles away said he was thrown from his couch.

The frightened hunter, Frank Perkins Jr., 24, forgot his crow. He jumped in the river, he was so scared.

Ambulances raced to the scene, 200 men were injured.

Employees of the fireworks plant had finished their day's work at 20 minutes earlier.

When the fires were extinguished and a dripping Perkins related his shot at the crow, police and firemen decided that the hunter's shot had hit a building of the Barnabas Fireworks Co. plant near the town of Pearl River, spaced about 50 yards away.

The structures were leveled.

Perkins said he had crunched in a thicket from where he set the Barnabas Buildings, spaced about 50 yards away.

"I lit my gun and fired," he said. "I saw the flame building, but I guess I hit the buildings."

Nobody disputed Perkins' opinion of his aim.

The crow took off.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and a little warmer today, tonight and Wednesday. Showers tomorrow and Tuesday.

Sunrise, 6:46 A. M.; sunset, 6:23 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 4-A

Storms Are Migrants

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At Least 20 Dead In Storm

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A new blizzard and cold wave knifed into the snow-plagued Upper Midwest region today leaving at least four victims from Western Canada and Montana.

The storm, accompanied by intense cold, scoured across Montana and Canada and Montana and pushed into Wyoming and the Dakotas for below zero in Montana and for below zero in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

A mother and her two children perished today in a blizzard in Montana. More than 35 passengers were expected to die above five below to 15 below zero today in North Dakota.

Wind up to 70 mph and an hour raked parts of Nevada. The winds ripped away 40,000 square feet of roofing in a two-story housing project at a city, forcing 17 families to leave. The gale also smashed Carson City ship west, then smacked off big trees at his base.

It Seems 'The Devil' Hates The Preacher

Police are looking for "The Devil" who stole a pen from the study of the Rev. L. E. Carter, pastor of the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church here.

The thief left a note reading: "I hate you, The Devil."

7 REDS EXECUTED

ATHENS.—(AP)—A firing squad executed seven Communists in Salonika yesterday.

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