

Back In Budget Post

Umstead Restores Coltrane Authority

RALEIGH—(AP)—William B. Umstead tackled his new job of being Governor of North Carolina today and one of his first actions was to restore to Assistant Budget Director D. S. Coltrane the full powers and duties of his office.

Umstead did this in a letter to Coltrane shortly after he and Coltrane had conferred. Coltrane said before the conference that the Governor had "asked me to come over."

The letter said, "This is to advise you that I, as governor, am hereby restoring to you all your rights, powers and duties, as necessary to the just and proper discharge of the duties of your position and powers useful, as to the office of assistant director of the budget."

Scott last summer stripped Coltrane of all powers except those the law specifically requires the assistant budget director to perform. His action came after Coltrane refused Scott's demand that he resign. Coltrane remained in his office but declined to accept monthly checks on his salary of \$12,180 a year.

TERM ENDS IN JUNE The term to which Scott appointed Coltrane expires next June 30. Umstead's letter makes no indication of whether he will remain as assistant budget director after that date.

Coltrane said he was "very grateful to the governor and shall look forward to working with him in his office in helping to perfect his program. I shall do all I can to see that the taxpayers money is judiciously spent."

Coltrane attempted to fire Coltrane a few weeks after last Spring's primary in which Coltrane backed Umstead. Scott had named appointees to support Hubert R. Oliver of Lexington.

In the months since Coltrane refused Scott's pay checks, totaling about \$3,500 have accumulated in the state auditor's office. Coltrane said he would begin accepting his checks from now on.

CARL GOERCH IS PERMANENT READING CLERK

RALEIGH—The House today elected Carl Goerch, Raleigh magazine editor and radio commentator, as permanent reading clerk for the 1953 session.

Ralph Monser Jr., of Sanford, who filled the post during the 1951 General Assembly, had turned down an offer to take the job again.

Goerch, who has pinch-hit as reading clerk many times, won the job over two others, D. T. Terry of Fayetteville and William Fleming of Raleigh. All three men tried out their voices for the legislators earlier this week.

Gaston County's David P. Dellinger, a former reading clerk, has been reading bills introduced since the House convened Tuesday.

Hope Fades For 40 On Plane

MONTEPELLIER, Idaho (AP)—Despite continued reports of various lights and a radio signal in Idaho, Wyoming and Utah, hope that 40 persons aboard a missing C-46 would be found alive was beginning to fade today.

Three civilian crewmen, including a stewardess, and 37 Korean combat veterans were aboard the plane that was last heard from over Malad City, Idaho, Wednesday.

One of the biggest aerial searches in Rocky Mountain history was to be resumed today after it failed to turn up new clues yesterday.

Added to the searcher's worries last night were reports of an F3H Mustang missing in about the same area.

The Mustang was one of a four-plane group turned back by bad weather on a flight from Hill Air Force Base in Northern Utah to Great Falls (Mont.) Air Force Base.

OUR WEATHER Cloudy with showers today and tonight, cooler tonight, and cloudy and colder Saturday. High temperature yesterday, 63 degrees. Low temperature expected today, 38 degrees. High temperature expected tonight, 48 degrees. Sunrise, 7:23 A. M.; sunset, 5:24 P. M. More Weather Data on Page 11-A.

BACK ON JOB

Truman's Last Budget Asks For \$7.8 Billion

Republicans Talk Of Sharp Slashes

D. S. COLTRANE Assistant Director of the Budget

Legislature In Action

School Building Bill Offered In House

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislation to provide another 10 million dollars to be used in building schools was proposed in the General Assembly today.

Rep. T. J. Collier and two other House members sent forward a bill to appropriate 25 million dollars for the school building program and the remaining 25 million would be raised through the sale of state bonds.

Collier said the bill was designed to "save the state the trouble and expense" of bond taxation. Evamynberg recognizes the need for more school building funds, "he said.

The measure would provide for the issuance of 12 1/2 million in bonds during the two-year period beginning next July 1, and the remaining 12 1/2 million during the following biennium.

Under the Constitution the state can, without a vote of the people, incur debt in any two-year period for a term not exceeding two-thirds of the amount of debt retired during the preceding two years.

Collier said he assumed that debt retirement would be enough to permit the state to issue the bonds.

Churchill Off To Jamaica

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill is expected to leave for Jamaica today, according to a White House spokesman.

The 78-year-old British leader is expected to arrive in Jamaica today, according to a White House spokesman.

Neither President Truman nor Secretary of State Acheson saw him off at the airport in contrast to previous visits here by Churchill.

The top American official to bid him good-bye was the State Department port officer. A freshly lit cigar clinched in his mouth, Churchill waved his famous black bowler to a handful of spectators at the airport before climbing the carpeted ramp into the plane.

His plans are to spend 13 days in Jamaica and 10 in the Caribbean before returning by plane to New York Jan. 22 en route back to London.

Senate Okays Changes In Size Of Committees

Morse Likely To Lose Important Posts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today approved a new plan to increase the size of nine committees and decrease four others.

One result of the new scheme, announced by Republican source said, is that Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) likely will lose the chairmanship of the subcommittee on the economy.

The plan, approved by voice, clears the way for assignment of new members to the committees and their formal organization, probably next week.

The plan, as finally adopted, differed in one major particular from the proposal offered by the Republican leadership two days ago.

The Democrats balked at this proposal, and insisted on Morse's being assigned to the subcommittee on the economy.

So, the GOP source said, the Republicans yielded to the Democratic demands and agreed to hand over the chairmanship of the economy subcommittee to Morse.

There still was no official report as to the exact number of men killed or wounded, but it was described as "several." Nor was there any confirmation of some unofficial reports that it was an Allied plane, or planes, that was responsible for the deaths.

However, a soldier who declined to be named said the plane was an F4U Corsair, a single-engine fighter plane that was shot down and crashed in a field.

The soldier said a truck loaded with fuel was set afire and a jeep riddled and its driver killed. He did not report on other casualties.

In Tokyo, Brig. Gen. William P. Nickols, information officer for the Far East Air Force, said, "As I've reported, the plane was a very old and worn aircraft."

It's cold now but Officer T. B. Gardner can testify that, all in all, it was a pretty warm year.

Stomms Lash North And South

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The worst storm of the season buffeted the Northeastern states today and a twister cut a mile wide path of destruction through down-town Sarasota, Fla., causing damage estimated at \$500,000 and a million dollars in property damage.

Freezing drizzle and rain slicked streets and highways in Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana, and Ohio and along the coast.

The storm in the northeast halted several plane flights and delayed buses. Schools closed in Troy, N. Y. At mid-morning, there was an 15 inches of snow in streets and highways in Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana, and Ohio and along the coast.

The overnight storm in the northeast broke limbs off trees and damaged power lines.

The sudden wind storm that slammed into Sarasota from the North, and broke for the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce building.

Residents described the storm as a twister. It knocked out power in some downtown sections, damaged roofs and put some telephone poles down.

Skies appeared clearing over the Midwest, and far Southwest.

BUDGET DIRECTOR SHOWS HANDIWORK



Frederick L. Lawton, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, is shown above as he studied a copy of the new Federal budget, which is being submitted to Congress by President Truman today. (United Press Telephoto.)

Truman Asks Federal Aid For State Health Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman called on Congress today to set up a program at once that would "bring adequate health care within the financial means of all our people."

Truman said that at a time when the country is devoting its energies "in the world-wide struggle against Communist aggression, we can ill afford to neglect the essential needs of our people in the protection and improvement of their health."

He said his commission concluded that, among other things, "we are in urgent need of programs to provide more physicians, dentists, nurses, and health technicians. We must have additional health facilities including medical schools, hospitals and local public health units."

And, he noted, the commission found that most of the people who now lack adequate health services are in that position "because of cost factors that are beyond the individual's control."

32 Seamen Reported Safe

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese patrol ship reported tonight that 32 crew members of the shattered Swedish tanker Arava have been rescued and that eight more are either dead or missing.

The Arava was radiated from the Kusakagi, a patrol ship of the Japanese Maritime Safety Board at sea off Kyushu Island.

Twenty-one of the aboard the Japanese freighter Kanaru Maru, 11 aboard an unidentified Chinese Maritime ship, and one more aboard the British vessel Eastern, the board said.

The Kusakagi said it had confirmed that the crew list totaled 41, leaving eight still unaccounted for.

Rescued seamen aboard the Kanaru Maru said eight had perished when the tanker broke in two in the rough seas.

Another report, still unconfirmed, said all the ship's navigation officer had and the chief engineer had been lost.

Dear Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may practice this every hour of every day. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THAT'S WHAT THE FIGURES SAY

Weather Was Hotter, Colder Than Normal in Past Year

By EMERY WISTER Charlotte News Writer

Maybe you don't like the rain, but never say Charlotte's weather is not so hot. Winters, scorching in the heat spells last summer raised the 1952 average temperature to 61 degrees, 2.3 degrees over the normal figure.

The Weather Bureau topped up its figures today to show 1952 was 2 degree warmer than 1951. Average temperature was 60.8 degrees, warmer by 1.6 and 1949 warmer still with 62.8.

There were nine days with temperatures of 100 degrees or more. Six of these were in July, 1952. Coldest was the 20th of January when the mercury had a 60.8 average.

There were 50 days when the mercury went over 90 degrees. That's twelve more than the normal figure.

Clark Hill And Kerr Reservoirs Funds Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—Navigation and flood control projects for which President Truman today recommended new appropriations for construction included:

Georgia and South Carolina: Clark Hill Reservoir \$2,250,000. North Carolina and Virginia: John H. Kerr Reservoir \$1,450,000.

Comic Dictionary

MARRIED LIFE The period when you make progress if you break even.

It's cold now but Officer T. B. Gardner can testify that, all in all, it was a pretty warm year.

Evening Prayer