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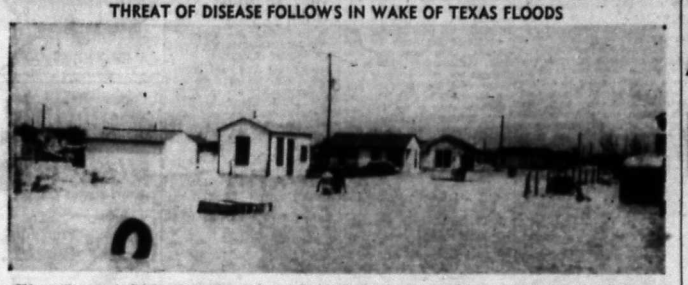
THREAT OF DISEASE FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF TEXAS FLOODS



This was the scene in Robston, Texas, after 10 days of cloudbursts had forced thousands from their homes. A lake almost three miles wide circled the city's outskirts and officials said that it would be some time before the city is free of floods. All flood water is assumed to be contaminated and authorities have been giving typhoid inoculations. High water also closed roads north and south out of Uvalde and in the Gulf Coast flatlands. (AP Wirephoto).

Agreement On E. 11th Span Made

City, Railroads To Share Costs

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Representatives of the City Government and three railroads reached an agreement today to share equally the cost of constructing a new bridge on E. 11th St. between N. College and Brevard Sts.

Each of the four parties would pay 25 per cent of the cost, according to terms worked out in a two-hour conference at City Hall.

The agreement is still to be ratified by the City Council and the railroads, but officials attending the conference said they anticipated no difficulty there.

A cost-sharing agreement was regarded as the last major bottleneck to the widening of 11th St. to provide an important new traffic artery to the main business district.

This widening has long been advocated by the City Planning Board, engineers and various City Councilmen as one of the most important needs in Charlotte's traffic network.

TOO NARROW

The present 11th St. bridge, spanning rail lines used by three railroads, is too narrow to allow street improvements.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey said he will recommend to the Council at its meeting tomorrow that Consulting Engineer Frank T. Miller be instructed to proceed with plans for the bridge.

Mr. Miller attended today's conference, along with Mr. Yancey, Engineer Loyd Richey and Traffic Engineer Herman Hoose as representatives of the City.

The Southern Railway was represented at the meeting by H. C. Libby, engineer of bridges. L. H. Hornsby represented Norfolk Southern as that line's assistant chief engineer. Seaboard was represented by its engineer of bridges, G. W. Salmon.

These men signed a memorandum of agreement which said, in part:

"After a general discussion, including all phases of the matter, it was tentatively agreed that the City of Charlotte would instruct Frank T. Miller, their consulting engineer, to proceed with plans and specifications for a new bridge on E. 11th St. over the Southern, Seaboard and Norfolk-Southern Railways, replacing the present structure.

COST AGREEMENT

"It was further agreed that the cost would be shared 25 per cent by the City and each of the railway companies, based on a 40-foot concrete structure, the cost to the said railway companies not to exceed $25,000 each."

It was also agreed that the City will own and maintain the new structure, "and that the several railway companies will be relieved of the responsibility therefor."

This item of business will be added to a growing list of street projects scheduled for discussion at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Other items up for action:

Final approval of a plan for widening The Plaza between Park wood Ave. and the city limits.

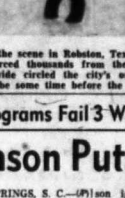
A study of recommendations by Engineer Loyd Richey for resurfacing and light-surfacing many streets with the help of money received under the Powell street-aid act.

A recommendation by Councilman Herman A. Brown that the City Government buy a 27-acre tract on Independence Blvd. from the School Board, for use as a park.

Farm Programs Fail 3 Ways

Benson Puts Finger On Grief

MINERAL SPRINGS, S. C.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today government farm programs give the farmer too little income and too little security, yet at the cost of too much dependence upon Washington.



MR. BENSON

"I am sure you agree with me that we should not pile up huge excesses of food in storage when it could, and should, go into stomachs," he said, "that we should not accumulate vastly excessive stocks of fibers at the expense of the public. Neither should we price our products out of normal markets.

"Where such conditions exist, we would be derelict in our duty if we did not seek improvements. But let it be very clear that seeking improvements in farm programs does not mean seeking lower prices or lower income for farmers."

Benson, in a speech delivered to the 117th annual meeting of the Darlington County Agricultural Society, said his department is tackling the problem in various ways, through grassroots studies and by seeking out the views of the best professional people in agriculture.

NO SINGLE RULE

"We have already progressed far enough . . . to learn that no single solution is appropriate for all commodities," he continued. "For some farm products, such as tobacco, the present program seems to be working well; for others, improvements appear necessary and practicable.

"For some commodities, many authorities feel that a two-price plan (for domestic and export markets) has promise. In any event, this and all other possibilities will be thoroughly studied. . . .

"We shall use wisely the programs of aid available, but we shall also lay the groundwork for a future in which farmers will require not more but less dependence upon the government in Washington — and will have not less but more ability to work out their own problems."

In his prepared address Benson ignored a suggestion from Sen. Maybank (D-SC) that he discuss an order requiring anti-discrimination pledges from banks which participate in the farm price support program.

The Senator, in a letter to Benson yesterday, noted the plan for today's speech and said:

"I hope you will announce at that time your decision to have this section stricken from the contracts."

CLAUSE TARGET

Maybank's target was a clause in the Federal lending agency agreements which requires participating banks to promise not to discriminate in their own employment practices on the basis of

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U. N. Court Orders Four Reinstated

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—A United Nations high tribunal ordered the U. N. today to restore jobs to four employes and pay damages totaling $122,500 to seven others. All of them America nctitizens, they were fired because they refused to answer U. S. government questions about alleged Communist ties.

The four-member International board, the highest appeals court for the U. N. staff, held for an employe to invoke the U. S. Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer such questions did not violate any U. N. staff rules.

But the tribunal upheld the firing of nine others—seven involved in Communist inquiries and two for non-political reasons — because they were "temporary-indefinite" employes whom the U. N. secretary general could dismiss if he thought such action was in the interests of the international organization.

PERMANENT CONTRACTS

Ten of the 11 granted reinstatement or damages had so-called permanent contracts of employment.

The 11th employe, Ruth Crawford, former information officer for the U. N. International Children's Emergency Fund, had admitted a year's membership in the Communist party, terminating in 1936, but was fired by former Secretary General Trygve Lie because she refused to tell the Senate Internal Security subcommittee who invited her to join the party in 1935.

The appeal of still another "permanent" employe, Eugene Wallach, a language services stenotypist, was referred back to the staff joint appeals board for another hearing. He had appeared before a federal grand jury investigating subversion. The U. N. in announcing his firing said he had not given a complete account of former employment as required by U. N. regulations.

Of the 11 employes in whose favor it decided, the tribunal ordered four reinstated in jobs, money damages of $7,000 to $40,000 to six others who do not want to go back to work for the U. N., and $10,000 damages and salary until her pension begins in 1955 to Jane Reed, 58-year-old library staff worker.

DECISION STUDIED

A spokesman for U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said he is studying the whole decision, and particularly the order to reinstate the four employes. If he refuses to restore their jobs, they can demand further damages.

All but one of the employes was

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West Germany Uncovers Red Election Plot

BONN, Germany (AP)—The West German government said today it has uncovered a Communist plot to wreck next Sunday's national election by destroying voting stations throughout the country.

The federal press office said top Red agents captured in an attempted mass sneak invasion of West Germany during the last three days had admitted the Communist plan. It was to send squads of trained toughs to attack election officials, destroy ballot boxes and frighten away voters.

The Communist "terror plan" called for groups of 20 hardened Reds to descend on each voting station, the press office said.

The captured Red agents were quoted as saying this was the master plan behind the invasion of Communists from East Germany.

Federal border police and local police have arrested 4,500 of these agents along the internzonal frontier separating West and East Germany. Most of these already have been sent back.

HUNDREDS ESCAPE

But hundreds slipped through before police clamped down strict controls on travelers from Communist East Germany. Today the border police said hundreds of others may still be getting in through isolated points on the frontier.

The 10,000 - man border police force—West Germany's elite armed unit — was ordered into full alert status to check the invasion.

Backed by more than 10,000 regular police, the border force will remain in a state of alarm until the voting ends Sunday night, the ministry said.

West German officials charge that the Red agents are being pumped into the country to stir up riots during the final election rallies this week and on Sunday, when some 25 million voters go to the polls to elect a new Parliament.

ELABORATE PLANS

They said the invasion was elaborately planned by the East German Communist security police. The agents were equipped with false papers, bales of Red propaganda, West German money and maps showing where to assemble in West Germany. More than 130,000 marks ($30,940 dollars) have been confiscated from agents in Lower Saxony alone.

Most of the agents were told, the Interior Ministry said, to gather at various points in the industrial Ruhr, the main battleground of the election campaign in which the Communists are calling for the defeat of pro - Western Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

QUEEN TO RETURN

ROME—(AP)—Queen Soraya has decided to return to Iran Saturday. An attendant said the queen wanted to rejoin her royal husband who recently returned triumphantly to his throne. The Shah insisted that Soraya remain here until the Iranian situation calmed.

POW Exchange Program Enters Fifth Week

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The Korean War prisoner exchange moved into its fifth and possibly last week today with 100 more Americans returning to freedom from North Korean prison camps.

The Communists promised to hand back another 100 Americans tomorrow, as well as 200 South Koreans for a total of 300—the smallest daily total since the dramatic swap started 28 days ago.

Besides the 100 Americans, 25 British, 20 Turks, 5 Australians and 250 South Koreans returned to freedom Tuesday.

Riding happily into Panmunjom on open trucks today were two high-ranking Allied officers, both with many months of Red captivity behind them.

One was Lt. Col. James P. Carne, commander of the 1st Battalion of Britain's gallant Gloucestershire Regiment, which was all but wiped out when cut off in the Imjin River battle in April 1951.

Carne, puffing a pipe, hopped off a Red truck and told Allied officers who greeted him, "It feels great to be back."

WEST POINTER

The other top-ranking repatriate was an American, Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles, a West Pointer who spent almost three years as a prisoner.

He told a grim tale of systematic Communist pressure on prisoners to make them sign confessions and make propaganda broadcasts. He said he and a group of prisoners who had been nearly starved to death were forced by the Reds to broadcast over Pyongyang radio. He said the alternative was a 100-mile march over frozen highways—"tantamount to a death sentence."

With the exchange moving into its final days, the Reds, as of Tuesday, had returned 2,927 Americans of the 3,313 they originally

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Employment At All-Time High

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Commerce Department reported today that employment climbed to a record high level in August and unemployment dropped to a post war low of 1,240,000.

With 63,408,000 persons holding jobs, the number of unemployed dropped by 308,000 last month to a level which officials considered close to a bare minimum.

By comparison, July employment was 63,130,000 and the number of unemployed then was 1,548,000.

Releasing the figures gathered by the Census Bureau, Acting Secretary of Commerce Robert A. Murray observed:

"Only 1.9 per cent of all civilian workers were out of jobs this August as compared with 2.5 per cent a year ago.

"Thus, with a current labor force of 65 million, unemployment is barely over the one-million mark."

High School Gridder Dies During Practice

PEEKSKILL, N. Y. (AP)—A high school football player collapsed and died today while practicing in 100-degree heat.

EVENING PRAYER

"Into Thy hands, O God, we commit our lives. Give to each of us a watchful, humble, and diligent spirit. May we seek to know Thy will in all things and to perform it gladly and perfectly through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COUPLE OF CALIFORNIANS

Vice President Richard Nixon, whose home town is Whittier, Calif., talks to Legionnaires after he introduced at the Legion's opening session by National Commander Lewis K. Gough (right), another Californian from Pasadena. Nixon addressed the 35th annual convention of the Legion. (AP Wirephoto).

Business Forgotten As Legion Parades

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The American Legion thrust aside national convention conflicts and routine today to parade for hours through downtown streets.

For many Legionnaires it was the highlight of the four-day annual convention—the chance to display colorful uniforms replete with even more colorful decorations.

It was the day for everyone to have a good time.

Put aside for the day were the expected floor fights over the Air Force budget cuts and this nation's participation in the United Nations. Those issues probably will come up tomorrow.

A sprinkling of notables, including Vice President Richard M. Nixon, joined the veterans of three wars—World War I and II and the Korean conflict—in the parade expected to take 10 hours to pass.

Traffic in the area was blocked off and streetcars and busses to the downtown area rerouted.

In addition to the veterans, uniformed groups of the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion took part. Also marching were units of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard. Military planes flew overhead at intervals.

Three hundred bands and drum and bugle corps supplied the music.

Each of the 48 state departments had delegations in the parade. Also represented were departments from Canada, Mexico, France, Italy, Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Several resolutions have been introduced attacking the United Nations in varying degrees.

VOTED DOWN

One, calling for outright U. S. withdrawal from the international body, came before the Ohio delegation but was voted down by that membership.

A former national commander of the Legion, Donard R. Wilson of Clarksburg, W. Va., put into words the feeling of some delegates yesterday.

"Make sure that it (the United Nations) doesn't eventually give away your children, your rights, your citizenship and your flag," he said in a speech.

He didn't advocate American withdrawal from the U. N., but said the Legion should make sure "the American people learn that you cannot fight a war by air-conditioned committees made up

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New Russian Blast Not Believed From H-Bomb

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia has produced another atomic explosion the government announced last night, and evidence thus far available to U. S. experts indicates it was not a hydrogen blast though perhaps of considerable power.

The date was Aug. 23, the Atomic Energy Commission statement said, and "the explosion was in the same range of energy release as our recent Nevada tests, and would appear to be part of a series."

"If this proves to be the fact," the commission added, "no further announcement will be made unless intelligence indicates information of greater interest."

There were blasts of varying power in the 11-shot series which the United States conducted last spring at its proving ground in the Nevada desert, and to which the AEC compared the latest Russian effort.

STRONGEST ON JUNE 4

The last one, on June 4, was generally described as the largest atomic explosion ever to be set off in the United States proper. It was estimated to be the equivalent of 50,000 tons of TNT, or about 24 times as powerful as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Effects of the U. S. blast June 4 were seen or felt up to 500 miles from the test site.

This was the second U. S. disclosure in less than two weeks that the Russians had produced an atomic explosion. The earlier one on Aug. 19, seven days after it occurred, gave a measure of official American confirmation to Moscow's claim that Russian scientists had touched off a type of hydrogen bomb.

The AEC said then there was evidence of both fission and thermonuclear reactions, the latter being a scientific term for the intense heat produced in the fusion process of the hydrogen bomb.

Last night's announcement spoke only of "a fission explosion . . . in Russian territory." Conventional A-bombs made from uranium employ the fission, or atom-splitting, process.

There was no immediate word from Moscow on the latest test, unlike the situation following the explosion of Aug. 12. Then the Moscow paper Pravda first broke the news to the world, and the official United States announcement followed a few hours later.

Moscow Calls Korean Commies

TOKYO (AP) — The Communist Pyongyang radio said six top North Korean officials including Premier Kim Il Sung and Foreign Minister Nam Il left by train today for Moscow.

The broadcast heard here said the trip was made "at the invitation of Moscow" but it gave no indication why.

Kim is political boss of North Korea and commander of the army.

Nam served as chief Communist delegate during the long armistice negotiations.

The Pyongyang broadcast identified other members of the party as Pak Chong Ie, vice chairman of the North Korean Labor (Communist) party; Deputy Premier Chong Il Yong, Chairman Chong Chun Taek of the National Planning Board and Minister of Railways Kim Hoe Il.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Wednesday.

High temperature expected today, 88 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 70 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 87 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 68 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:55 A. M.; sunset, 6:50 P. M.

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AIRMAN SHOWN DRAWINGS FOR U. S. PLANES

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—An American airman liberated today said he was questioned by a Russian who showed him plans for new U. S. warplanes and maps of American air bases.

Capt. Harry F. Hedlund of Fullerton, Calif., said that after his B26 bomber was shot down in March 1951 his captors "took me into a house where there was a Russian in civilian clothes. He pulled a gun and laid it on a table."

Hedlund said the Russian "showed me drawings of latest U. S. aircraft. Some of them I didn't recognize. I couldn't answer questions about them."

"Some of the drawings looked good to me," the flier added. "Among them were drawings of B51s and B47s."

Comic Dictionary

SECRET

What is either not worth keeping or too good to keep.

IN COMA

GEN. WAINWRIGHT

Corregidor Hero Is Near Death

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, 70, hero of Corregidor, has suffered a second stroke and is in critical condition, Brooke Army Hospital announced today.

The announcement said "grave concern" was felt for the recovery of the heroic "Skinny," who commanded the U. S. Army in its last stand before the Philippines fell to the Japanese in World War II.

Wainwright was 70 Aug. 23.

He was first hospitalized on July 6. On Aug. 13 he suffered a cerebral thrombosis, the medical term for what is generally known as a stroke, but had shown marked improvement.

Yesterday marked the sixth anniversary of his retirement from the Army, which awarded him the nation's two highest decorations—the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross for valorous actions. He served 35 years before retiring.

Remarried Mother Waits First Husband's Return

GALENA PARK, Tex. (AP)—Pfc. Walter B. Dixon, whose sister has two death certificates for him—one signed by former President Truman—faced a dilemma today.

Back from the dead in the continuing prisoner-of-war exchanges at Panmunjom, the 26-year-old Galena Park soldier was reported killed in action May 18, 1951.

Today, his 23-year-old wife, Mrs. Agnes Dixon of Lagrange, N. C., has a 1-year-old son by her second husband, Pfc. William S. Sasser of Lagrange. The boy was born seven months after her second marriage was annulled.

The sister, Mrs. Lorean Storey of Galena Park, said last night, "I feel sure Walter knows that Agnes married again, but I don't know if he is aware that she had a child.

"I've told him everything in many letters, but I don't know if he got all the letters. He has never mentioned the child to me in any of his letters. He did say he would do whatever Agnes wanted to do."

Mrs. Dixon, in Lagrange, refused to talk last night to newspapermen who reached her by telephone. Mrs. Storey said her sister-in-law revealed no plans to her in a letter she had from North Carolina last week.

"But she did say she was very anxious to see Walter," the sister said

Mrs. Storey said Agnes legally cannot divorce Pfc. Dixon until he returns to the United States. The couple were together only five days after their April 5, 1950, marriage, Mrs. Storey said. He was ordered to the West Coast and about a month later shipped to Korea.

It was not until late in 1951 that the Communists released his name as a war prisoner.

The Secret's Out! Betty Boyer Brings You A Famous New Orleans Shrimp Recipe in Tomorrow's Grocery News