

RED, ALLIED LEADERS MEET THURSDAY

Talks First Step Toward Resuming Conference Planning

By JOHN RANDOLPH AND WILLIAM C. BARNARD

PANMUNJOM (U.S. envoy Kenneth Young said today Allied and Red liaison officers will meet tomorrow in the first step toward resuming talks to set up a Korean peace conference—apparently on Red terms.

The Communists asked Monday for the low-level meeting—but only to discuss a date for reopening preliminary talks broken off Dec. 12 by the United States.

The Allies replied Tuesday with a note asking that the staff officers discuss both date and conditions for resuming the conference. The Reds answered with a new note Wednesday.

TO DISCUSS TERMS

When he first announced that the officers would meet Young said they would discuss the conditions.

He did not release the text of the Red note, but paraphrased it in this way: "The Reds agree to a meeting... to agree on the date for political discussions regarding a political peace conference."

When asked later about the absence of the word "conditions" in the paraphrase, Young said the latest Red note did not mention "conditions," but only the time of the meeting.

Peiping radio said earlier the Communist liaison officers were prepared to discuss only the date and not conditions for resuming the preliminary talks. Peiping said:

"The only condition required to reopen the discussion is that the Americans come back to the conference table. There can be no other condition..."

The Allied note to the Reds did not give any details of what conditions would be discussed.

RETRACTION DENIED

When U. S. Ambassador Arthur Dean broke off the preliminary talks in December, after six weeks of haggling, he said he would not meet with the Reds again unless they retracted a charge of American "spy" treatment.

The Reds have given no indication they will withdraw the charge. Sources here have indicated the United States might accept something less than a full retraction in order to get the talks started again.

Young said yesterday is one of the things the liaison officers would have to "work out."

POW ISSUE

Meanwhile, the Korean repatriation commission prepared to meet tomorrow on a secret Indian proposal reportedly designed to solve the touchy issue of releasing war prisoners by turning them back to the commands that formerly held them.

The Allies demand that all prisoners be released after midnight Jan. 2 under the armistice terms. The Reds insist they be held until a peace conference can discuss their fate.

Swiss delegate Armin Danerter termed the Indian plan "the most human proposal."

Sources here say the Swiss and Danish delegates probably would vote for the Indian plan against the Communist Czech and Polish delegates.

Judge Slain In Courtroom

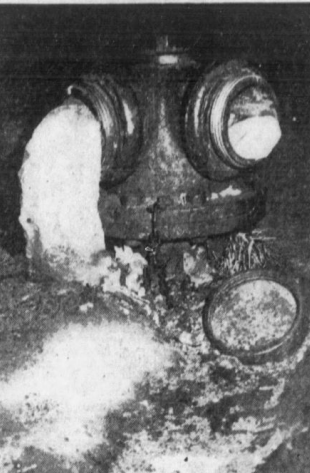
WARREN, Pa. — Judge Allison D. Wade of Warren County was shot to death while presiding in his courtroom today by a man cited for non-support payments to his wife.

The man, identified as Norman Moore of Conestoga, Pa., later shot himself six miles west of Warren after a bullet from a state policeman's gun halted his car. He is reported in critical condition at Warren Hospital.

Dist. Atty. Myer Korncrich said the shooting occurred just as Judge Wade called Moon to the bench to explain why Moon was in arrears of his support payments.

Judge Wade, 51, was elected resident judge in 1941 and re-elected in 1951.

THE FIRE WAS OUT



The Midwest's zero and sub-zero cold wave left this fire hydrant's outlets frozen solid right after firemen who used it to fight a small fire had departed. The shock on the rear of the property was consumed, but the hydrant froze up after use. (AP Wirephoto)

Few Sections Of U. S. Escape Cold

Freezing cold covered all the nation except the Far West and Deep South today.

Temperatures in the snow-covered northeastern area ranged down as low as 7 below zero in northern Vermont.

But it was even colder at some points in the central section of the country.

Minimum temperatures included Eau Claire, Wis., 23; International Falls, Minn., -17; Duluth, Minn., -15; Escanaba, Mich., and Green Bay, Wis., -11; Bismarck, N.D., -10; Minneapolis-St. Paul, -6; Milwaukee, -4.

Light snow fell from western Oklahoma and Kansas northeastward to the upper Mississippi Valley and in northwestern Montana.

At least 76 deaths were attributed to the second snowstorm in the northeast. But skies were clearer over most of that section today.

In New York state temperatures were predicted to range from 4 above to 10 below.

It was 14 in New York City early today with continued cold in prospect today and tonight. More snow also was forecast in the western states Friday.

Maryland reported a low of 20 today and 10 below at the Washington National Airport. The 11 above at Newark, N. J., was a record low for Jan. 13.

There were some mild spots in the country. It was 64 above this morning in Brownsville, Tex., and the fairly warm weather prevailed.

Ike Would Leave Strike Vote Timing To Congress

WASHINGTON (U.S. — President Eisenhower said today he is leaving up to Congress whether a workers' strike vote should be held before or after a walkout.

The President declined at his news conference to say whether he regards his proposal for a strike vote as "must" legislation.

Such a vote was among his recommendations he sent to Congress Monday in outlining a 14-point program for revising the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Act.

In his special message, the President phrased his strike-poll idea in general terms. He said that before a walkout or after the losing party is so important to the individual worker, he should have a chance to "express his choice by secret ballot held under government auspices."

"This left it unclear whether the President had in mind a poll taken before a walkout or after the workers were on strike.

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House Begins Work On Tax Law Revision

Various Deductions Boomed In Congress

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

WASHINGTON (U.S. — The House Ways and Means Committee buckled down today to the mammoth task of rewriting most of the nation's tax laws amid growing talk of new income tax relief for everybody.

Chairman Reed (R-N.Y.) called the committee into closed session. Rep. Boggs (D-La.) predicted that some Democrats would press for a \$100 boost in personal income tax exemptions. The present law allows each taxpayer a \$600 exemption for himself and each of his dependents before his remaining income is taxed.

If enacted, the liberalized exemption would save taxpayers about 2 1/2 billion dollars annually. Low-income groups and large families would profit most from it and several million low-bracket taxpayers wouldn't have to pay any income tax.

INCOME REDUCTION

Republicans also were talking—more vaguely—of a possible new income tax cut in addition to the 10 per cent average reduction which took effect Jan. 1.

The Eisenhower administration, struggling to balance the budget, would probably favor such revenue losses for now, though holding out hope for such action in the future.

Recommendations prepared by Treasury and congressional staff experts do not deal with major tax rates, but would yield about \$1,300,000,000 annually in tax reductions through major lesser changes.

These would involve new or bigger deductions for medical expenses, dependents making more than \$500 annually, child-care costs of working widows and widowers, depreciation, dividend income and so forth.

CLAIRIFICATION

Much of the rewriting is aimed at clarifying and simplifying the tax structure that has grown haphazardly for over 70 years without any general overhaul.

March Draft Call 18,000

WASHINGTON (U.S.—The Army to day issued a draft call for 18,000 men in March.

The March quota is the same as previously announced for February, when the selective service call was reduced from the 20,000 level maintained since last July.

Girls Missing From Homes

BOONE, Mo. — Two attractive blonde school girls, members of prominent Watauga County families, disappeared from Cove Creek High School Monday afternoon and wide inquiries as to their whereabouts have been fruitless, it was disclosed today.

The girls are Betty Horton, 14, daughter of S. F. Horton, principal of Cove Creek High School, and Margaret Sue Isaacs, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Isaacs. Both families reside in the Sugar Grove section near Boone.

Both families reported there had been no domestic disruptions and the girls were doing well in school.

The girls are North and South Carolina, where the Horton girl has relatives, disclosed no one there had seen the girls up to this morning.

BLONDE GHOST, ESCORT APPEAR IN 3-D, COLOR

DUDLEY, England.—Edward Westwood says there is a blonde ghost in his house who wears lipstick and walks around nights with a bald-headed sugar daddy.

He appealed to the Birmingham Psychic Research Society to have investigators spend a night in the place and find out what is going on.

Bernard Payne, who has moved out of the house pending developments, says the pretty blonde apparition has tipped one member of his family out of bed, grabbed another by the hair, and made the nights hideous by ringing a ghostly alarm clock.

He said she is sometimes alone and sometimes squired by the bald-headed chap, who apparently just goes along, he told reporters.

"Nothing will persuade me to enter that house again," he told reporters.

PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN HEARING



Top figures in the four-day preliminary hearing that has just ended were Judge J. C. Rudisill, left, who sat as committing magistrate, and Charlotte's police chief, who was charged with willful neglect of duty. The superior court judge failed to find probable cause against Chief Frank N. Littlejohn (right) and said there is not "one iota" of evidence of wrongdoing. Judge Rudisill's announcement came at the conclusion of the state's evidence. Chief Littlejohn did not take the stand.

Littlejohn And Stogner Cleared Of All Charges

By ANN SAWYER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn was back on the job today after a Superior Court judge found no probable cause in four charges against him.

In dismissing the charges of willful neglect of duty, Judge J. C. Rudisill said:

"You can't convict a man on imagination, and I don't propose to do it. I've got to have something concrete to go on."

"It is a singular thing to me," Judge Rudisill said, "that of all the witnesses who have been here, the only ones who have testified anything against anybody were some who were just as deep in the mud as they could be, themselves."

Stogner also was cleared of all charges.

Not an outstanding citizen of this county, this town, or this city, has uttered a word that could be considered any violation of any law against any officer or any of his body in your county, nor in your city.

That strikes me as quite singular. Before he could hold anyone, Judge Rudisill said, "I've got to have some evidence from some body that I will believe, some responsible person..."

NO EVIDENCE

The fermentation and adultery charge against Detective B. W. Stogner also was dismissed.

There is not one iota of evidence in here showing probable cause... Judge Rudisill.

Conclusion of the four-day public hearing yesterday ended a 2 1/2-day hearing that began this last summer and reached their peak in a two-week grand jury investigation and the hearing.

Thirty-five different witnesses were called to the stand by Solicitor Basil L. Whitener and Assistant Solicitor Robert G. Sanders.

(Complete text of Judge Rudisill's decision on Page 4-A.)

Twenty-nine of them testified in the now defunct Friendly City and Flamingo clubs; C. C. Doe, Sharpe, described in the hearing as the former "king-bee" of the local Moose Lodge; and Almon G. Squires, an ex-jockey and former governor of the Moose Lodge.

Developments came rapidly yesterday afternoon when the questioning of one witness led to the subpoenaing of another.

Stogner's attorney—Everett W. Wilkinson—found himself unable to be jailed for contempt of court.

Sheriff's deputies with search warrants were unable to find slot machines that had been stored at Carolina Transfer & Storage Co., the Moose Club secretary, J. B. Elminger—recalled to the stand—said he asked Eastern Trans-Co. to remove 15 cartons of "toys" from Carolina Storage.

Upon order of the Court, the cartons were opened at Eastern Trans-Co. and the "toys" were missing slot machines.

They were confiscated and destroyed by order of Judge Rudisill.

Wilkinson's attorney, Almon G. Squires, transferred to the stand to answer questioning that he thought the "toys" might be the Moose Club-owned slot machines.

For his action, Judge Rudisill See CHIEF on page 9-A

Disposition Of Three Warrants Unsettled

As the debris from the Chief Littlejohn hearing was being cleared up today, there still remained three warrants against the witnesses.

Solicitor Basil L. Whitener said he had not decided on the disposition of the warrants against Frank Raticelle and C. C. Doe.

At the time they were issued, he said, the primary interest was to get the witnesses here. "The warrants were machinery through which it was done," he said.

President Sure Flexible Plan Is Preferable

Not Certain It Will Pass In Election Year

WASHINGTON (U.S.— President Eisenhower said today he is convinced his farm program is the right one. He declared, with reference to misgivings about it without over party, that the time will tell whether the program is politically feasible in an election year.

Eisenhower gave his views briefly at a news conference held less than 24 hours after some GOP senators had voiced doubt whether his proposed shift from rigid to flexible farm price supports could be adopted with a Congressional election coming up.

Over the long run, Eisenhower's plan—sent to Congress Monday—would point toward declining Government expenditures for farm programs.

For one thing, it would permit the Government to drop price supports as low as 75 per cent of parity compared with the 90 per cent support now given basic crops.

In response to questions about the political feasibility of the plan, the President told his news conference he does not regard himself as too smart a politician.

He went on to say he does not believe anyone can study the farm program as carefully as his administration has studied it and still believe a present system is workable and helpful to farmers.

He declared his conviction that the system he proposed will work toward prosperity for agriculture.

TO FIND OUT

If it is not politically feasible to adopt this system, the President said, we will find that out.

But in any case, he said firmly, he believes the plan he put forward is the right one.

He added that much legislation so complex it is impossible for a President to veto is enacted because he does not like a particular part of it.

The President also said today this country's preliminary atomic talks with Russia are encouraging, but it is too soon to tell whether the Soviets are acting in good faith.

The President also: 1. Said a capsule of State Dulles was only stating a fundamental truth when he declared in a speech last night that the United States has made a basic decision to meet any future Communist aggression by relying primarily on instant massive retaliation.

2. Lauded an effort to find out whether he intends to seek a second term. His political friends, Eisenhower added, have advised him never to deal with that subject.

3. Expressed confidence that the United States is achieving better results than it has in the past.

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Freight Train Jumps Tracks

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (U.S.—Twenty-two cars of Southern Railway freight train jumped the tracks today at Powell, 12 miles northwest here.

Southern officials said the tracks on the main line from Knoxville to Oakdale, were damaged extensively, but no one was hurt.

The cause of the derailment was not determined immediately, but a Southern spokesman said one car apparently left the tracks and pulled the others off with it.

A boxcar slammed into the Powell station, causing extensive damage. The station was not occupied at the time.

The train, pulling about 75 freight cars, was eastbound from Oakdale to Knoxville.

REDS SENTENCED

CAIRO (U.S.—Twenty-eight persons convicted of conducting Communist propaganda were sentenced yesterday to jail terms ranging from five years to 10 years and fines of from \$5 to 100 pounds, it was announced here today.

OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and continued rain or cold today, not so cold tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy and not quite so cold, with chance for rain or freezing rain beginning tomorrow afternoon.

Low temperature this morning, 15 degrees; low expected tonight, 25 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 25 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 40 degrees; high expected today, 35 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 38 degrees.

More Weather Data on Page 9-A

EVENING PRAYER

O God, if we look around us at all who are doing with Thy word, the fire in our hearts is quenched. But if we look at Thy art working with them, we want to help. Make us fit for Thy service. In Christ's name, Amen.