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THE WEATHER

Even Congress Doesn't Do Very Much About It

(Editor's Note: In its struggle to learn Nature's secrets in order to save lives and millions of dollars lost annually through storms and droughts, the U. S. Weather Bureau has developed exciting new projects and a traditionally slim budget. Here's a closeup of how the bureau goes about its work, vital to every American. This is the first of a series written by one of the Associated Press' top reporters at the suggestion of The Charlotte News.)

By DON WHITEHEAD
WASHINGTON.—Congressmen like everybody else, complain about the weather. And, like everybody else, they don't do much about it.
For, despite the fact hurricanes, violent storms and drought cost Americans hundreds of millions of dollars annually and take a heavy toll in lives, the Federal Government—through Democratic and Republican administrations alike—has long treated the U. S. Weather Bureau as an official stepchild.

In keeping with what has almost become a Washington tradition, the Weather Bureau has available for their research in 1955 only one-sixteenth as much as the eight million dollars which is paid for a single B52 jet bomber. The \$500,000 earmarked for the bureau's 1955 budget, one of the bureau's \$24,750,000 budget, one of the more modest of all Federal budgets.

The big money in weather research and operations is spent by the Air Force and the Navy with programs geared largely to military needs.

EVEN SOME MILITARY WEATHER SECRETS KEPT FROM THE BUREAU

A top Weather Bureau official says the bureau doesn't even have access to all the "classified" weather secrets uncovered in military research.

This doesn't mean the Weather Bureau operates independently and without the benefit of the huge military weather network spread around the world. The Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau work together on many projects and share most of the benefits of their collective effort.

But in money and personnel, the Weather Bureau is running second to the military. The Air Force has some 12,000 officers, noncoms and civilian personnel in its weather service and the Navy has another 3,000.

The Weather Bureau can number only about 3,900 plus a few part-time workers on the forecasting payroll.

Many of America's top government experts have worked for years in cluttered offices around the world. The Air Force, because there's no use to put them. Only a few have the luxury of private offices and none the comfort of air conditioning.

But in these down-at-heel surroundings, there is an excitement of men reaching out into the unknown—an atmosphere of enthusiasm spiced by a sense that "big discoveries" may be just around the next corner, discoveries which will save lives and money.

Today the Weather Bureau is correct 85 times out of 100 in its forecasts. But that 15 per cent is too great a margin of error. The military forecasts of warning can mean deaths and suffering, with losses running into many times the amount of money the government spends on its weather service.

HURRICANES REMIND US OF MAN'S AGE-OLD BATTLE WITH ELEMENTS

The recent hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna" were painful reminders of man's struggle with the elements ever since the beginning of history.

A man who has spent 40 years trying to piece together the puzzles of weather is 64-year-old I. R. Tannehill, assistant chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

"They claim it's a good thing the Weather Bureau until he's 65," Tannehill quipped. "So I figure I'm still a greenhorn."

Tannehill is optimistic about the chances of predicting weather accurately for an entire season—and of outlining a weather pattern in advance for a span of years. But the experts admit that except for short-range weather predictions, they still are in the groping stage trying to match theory with fact.

Perhaps the most exciting developments in the Weather Bureau these days revolves around these projects:

1. A promising new method of pinpointing the paths of tornadoes may mean the vicious twisters aren't likely to strike without warning as they now do so often.

2. A new method of making more accurate weather forecasts by a mathematical formula fed through a huge computing machine.

3. Long-range weather forecasts.

The new research into weather represents the sum of man's knowledge about the weather gleaned over the first meteorological writing that had any real authority.

Nobody improved much on Aristotle's thinking. Invented the first thermometer and the first barometer were built some 2,000 years later.

Slowly over the years men pieced together bit by bit the records of how storms and weather patterns and the violent reactions that came on masses of cold air moving together.

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Delay Asked In Signing Of Dixon-Yates Contract

WASHINGTON.—The Subcommittee on the Atomic Energy Commission to hold up the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract until the subcommittee completes its investigation.

The motion was passed with only two members of the five-man subcommittee present. They were Chairman Langer (R-ND) and Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

This is the subcommittee's second request to the AEC to delay conclusion of the contract for private power for the area served by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

After two days of hearings about two months ago, the subcommittee passed a resolution requesting the AEC to delay further action until the Senate group fully explored the proposed contract. The subcommittee

OUR WEATHER
Partly cloudy and warm to day. Increasing cloudiness and warm tonight. Thursday, considerable cloudiness and warm with scattered showers.
High temperature yesterday 93 degrees.
High temperature expected today 88 degrees.
High temperature expected tomorrow 88 degrees.
Low temperature this morning 65 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight 66 degrees.
Sunrise 6:16 a.m.; sunset 6:19 p.m.
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SEN. MCCARRAN

Pat McCarran, Veteran Nevada Senator, Dies

HAWTHORNE, Nev. (AP)—Veteran Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada, a lone wolf Democrat who battled national Democratic administrations most of his 22 years in Washington, died last night—brief moments after a vigorous speech aimed at strengthening his waning grip on state Democratic circles.

The 78-year-old lawmaker, fourth in Senate seniority, collapsed as he walked up an aisle surrounded by well-wishers following a Democratic rally in this western Nevada town.

Chattering and shaking hands, the white-haired McCarran suddenly fell to the floor of the civic center. He was pronounced dead 20 minutes later after two doctors had worked over him with a respirator.

Dr. E. F. Hanson, Mineral County health officer, said McCarran died of a coronary occlusion—a blocking of a blood vessel leading to the heart.

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Friends said McCarran, however, was thinking ahead to 1956 when he planned to run for his fifth Senate term. His state organization, which he ruled with an iron hand, had been slowly crumbling under the rigging of young Democrats.

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French Allies Agree On Arming Germany

Compromise Plan Reported Set

LONDON.—(AP)—France and her Western allies, striving to forge a common defense for Europe, were reported today to have agreed on a compromise plan for rearming West Germany within the Atlantic family of nations.

Top level sources close to the nine-power conference on German sovereignty and Western defense said the plan called for a new seven-nation alliance and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to share the job of safeguarding against runaway German rearmament.

France has consented to the simultaneous entry of West Germany into NATO and the seven-nation pact, these sources said. The new alliance would consist of West Germany, Italy, Britain, Holland, Belgium, France and Luxembourg.

These developments were reported against a background of personal conferences between leaders at the nine-power meeting which opened at Lancaster House yesterday.

This morning French Premier Pierre Mendes-France conferred more than an hour with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Then Mendes-France and Adenauer both attended the morning session of the nine-power meeting.

The afternoon session Mendes-France went to the U.S. Embassy for a talk of more than an hour with U.S. Secretary of State Dulles.

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Information Furnished By Refugee

U.S. To Ask Fields' Release

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Battle Looms Over McCarthy Censure Move

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Signs of a gathering storm over the proposed censure of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) became clearer today as chairman Jenner (R-Ind.) of the Senate Rules Committee disclosed he intends to call Sen. Watkins (R-Tenn.) for questioning.

Among other things, Jenner said in an interview, he wants to find out why Watkins "conducted a one man hearing" as chairman of the special committee of three Republicans and three Democrats who unanimously recommended Sen. McCarthy for certain aspects of his conduct.

This was a reference to a closed hearing at which Watkins questioned the Senate parliamentarian, Charles L. Watkins, about the validity of a Senate Elections subcommittee which issued a report critical of McCarthy on Jan. 2, 1953.

One of the counts on which the special committee recommended McCarthy be censured was that he was "contemptuous, contumacious and denunciations" toward the Elections subcommittee in its 1951-1952 investigation of his financial affairs.

Since parliamentarian Watkins—no relative of Sen. Watkins—had been ill, the committee and McCarthy's lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams, agreed to submit a set of questions. However, the parliamentarian later was questioned in Sen. Watkins' office.

Williams subsequently protested that the questions asked by Sen. Watkins went beyond the scope of those agreed on in advance. Williams asked to cross-examine the parliamentarian and his request was granted.

Jenner has been conducting hearings on proposed "codes of fair play" and subpoenas, sent on trial yesterday, charged with the slaying of Irene Marian Conole, former Rochester, N. Y., telephone operator.

She, like Strickland, was stationed at the nearby Patuxent Naval Air Test Center when she died last May 29.

The battered body of the pretty brunette, who is to have left for a sailor then to sea, was found partly submerged on a lonely Chesapeake Bay beach at nearby Point Lookout.

She had been beaten with a soft drink bottle found near the body and a sailor's uniform, she was drowned when she was of death.

Dr. Henry C. Friemuth, Baltimore toxicologist, testified yesterday Miss Conole had not been raped.

He also said that stains found on clothing worn by Strickland and later discarded were Type O blood, the same as Strickland's blood.

EVENING PRAYER
O Father, too often amid our striving to succeed in worldly things we give little thought and thanksgiving to Thee. Help us to be still so that Thou canst teach our hearts Thy plan and purpose. Thou art ever watchful over us and waiting to help us. Teach us to wait upon Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WHAT'S INSIDE
A REPORT ON THE SOUTH by James Street, the distinguished Tar Heel author who died last night in Chapel Hill. It is today's top editorial page feature. It was among his last writing efforts. Turn to page 10-A.

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MAMA PIERCE
Mrs. Beatrice Pierce, 14 years old, became the mother of twin girls born in New York Hospital yesterday. Equally proud is the fa-

PAPA PIERCE
ther of the twins, Arthur Pierce, who smokes the traditional cigar. Papa Pierce is 21. The twins weigh 14 pounds—together.

CHANCELLOR ADENAUER
The European continental troops and the supply of weapons be exercised completely by the severest nation authority.

But conference sources reported that he is now willing to go along with the idea that some of these safeguards should be under the supreme NATO commander, U.S. Gen. Alfred Gruenther. West Germany, backed by Britain and the United States, would have preferred to have all of these controls work through the Atlantic pact commander.

The compromise was reported shortly after French sources had claimed that the nine-power conference had agreed to Mendes-France's earlier plan. Later other

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TV VERSATILITY: ONE SCRIPT, ANOTHER IMAGE

SAN FRANCISCO.—An electronic monster here went berserk last night, giving television viewers a picture from one network and sound effects from another at the same time.

For one minute and seven seconds, "Truth or Consequences" disappeared from the NBC-TV network picture screens and was replaced by "Life With Father" from CBS-TV.

But as viewers watched "Father" they heard the "Truth or Consequences" commercial.

Swamped with inquiries, NBC told set owners: "It's not your set—it's the whole network."

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. said a relay machine at the main switching point near San Francisco went out of order, but engineers quickly flipped some switches and set it right.

Death Penalty Asked For Accused Tar Heel

LEONARDTOWN, Md. (AP)—Miss Conole's blood type was not brought out in the testimony. Sheriff William Long of St. Mary's County, who went to Rocky Mount the day after the slaying and arrested Strickland, testified the sailor said he cut his finger on a knife while opening a can of roast beef, that he had on his clothing removed it and threw it away.

Long said Strickland had a deep gash on his right index finger.

Long said he recovered the clothing—a shirt, trousers, shorts and socks—about 12 miles north of Leonardtown near Budd's Creek. Strickland had denied killing the Wave. He told police he was with Miss Conole the night before the body was found. But he said she was alive when he let her out of his car at the beach with an unidentified hitchhiker they had picked up at her beach.

Strickland, pale from nearly four months in jail awaiting trial, said composed during the three and a half hours required to pick a jury yesterday, and more than six hours of testimony, including a night session. The defendant smiled at everyone who looked.

His small, dark haired wife, who drove with him to Rocky Mount Bay, Miss Conole's body was found, said nearby. With her were Strickland's father, Larry Strickland, and the defendant's brother-in-law, Sam Jenkins, both of Rocky Mount.

Forty-nine prospective jurors were questioned by opposing counsel before the 12-man panel was seated. All 12 said they were not opposed to the capital punishment penalty for which State's Atty. Joseph A. Mattingly asked.

Only two other witnesses were called yesterday. They were Dr. Julian Lane, county medical examiner, and Deputy Harry Lancaster.

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