



## IKE SCOUTS TALK ABOUT APPEASEMENT

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he just can't believe the American people think he will fall into any appeasement trap at international conferences. He also said he feels some good might come if, at the proposed Big Four conference of Eisenhower and the prime ministers of Britain, France and Russia, he could sit down and talk with Marshal Georgi Zhukov, the Soviet defense minister and a long-time friend.

Eisenhower's remarks to his news conference were a follow-up to last night's nationwide television broadcast in which Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles made clear that they are preparing for the Big Four session in the hope that it may prove a "new dawn" of peace is breaking.

Eisenhower was asked about the contention of some members of Congress that any top-level conference which includes a Russian representative is likely to end in appeasement.

He doesn't believe for a minute, the President said, that the leaders of Congress who meet with him regularly feel there ever will be any appeasement on his part. Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, and Chairman Bridges (NH) of the Senate GOP Policy Committee have raised questions as to the possible results of any top-level conference. They are among congressional leaders who meet with the President weekly.

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# Bank In Western N. C. Robbed Of \$19,000



## Two Flee Hot Springs With Loot

HOT SPRINGS, N.C. (AP)—Two gunmen today robbed the Hot Springs branch of the Citizens Bank of Marshall of between \$15,500 and \$20,000 after forcing the manager to open the safe.

Joe Tilson, manager and only employee of the bank in this small Western North Carolina town near the Tennessee border, said the two robbers, one of whom he pointed at him "looked as big as a sewer pipe."

The other robber held a gun on the only customer, Bob Davis, operator of an auto body store here.

FORCED INTO VAULT  
The robbers forced Tilson and Davis into the vault and made Tilson open the safe.

Tilson and Davis were not harmed and were able to get out of the vault about five minutes after the robbers left.

Authorities said that the bank's getaway car, a 1952 Oldsmobile stolen in Knoxville, Tenn., yesterday, was found abandoned a mile from the bank.

Tilson said the unmasked robbers were "rough looking cut-throats," and the one who forced him into the vault wore a lumberjack's jacket.

ESTIMATES LOSS  
He estimated the loss at between \$15,500 and \$20,000. He said it was all the money in the bank except for about \$200 in mutilated bills he kept hidden.

He said the robbers scooped up the money in his cage plus the cash in the safe.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol established roadblocks to the west. Hot Springs is only seven miles from the state line.

Officers said they were looking for two men in their 30s and probably driving a grey Ford.

They said the men were believed to have used the Oldsmobile as their getaway car, switched to a Pontiac, and then to the Ford.

SUSPECTS DESCRIBED  
The suspects were described by officers as follows:

No. 1—Between 35 and 40; 180 pounds; about 5 feet 10; ruddy complexion; wearing a T-shirt and cap.

No. 2—About 36; 140 to 150 pounds; about 5 feet 7; ruddy complexion; wearing a black sweater and railroad-type cap.

It was North Carolina's third bank robbery of the year.

A pink-gloved gunman held up the New River branch of the First National Bank of Jacksonville April 14. He escaped with \$3,872.

Two armed men got \$3,666 April 28 at the Wabash Banking and Trust Co. in Evansville, Ind.

Nobody has been charged in either of the two previous robberies.

Smart Housewives buy the Real Mayonnaise that blends perfectly with their salads.

Serve the Spoon Bread Mix that's water ground and insures a custardy-soft bread with real corn meal flavor.

Use the Shortening that's as digestible as sweet cream butter. Win A Cruiser!

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## General Urges Action

# Marshall Backs Atlantic Union

WASHINGTON—Gen. George C. Marshall, former secretary of state, issued a statement today in which he endorsed a proposal for a conference to explore Atlantic Union and strongly urged that such a conference be held.

General Marshall, who also is a former secretary of defense, World War II chief-of-staff of the army, and author of the Marshall Plan for European recovery, termed the Atlantic Union conference resolution "prudent" and called for its adoption.

The statement was released at a press conference here by Clarence Street, a member of the board of governors of Atlantic Union, and author of the widely discussed book, "Union Now."

General Marshall's statement: "A few days before the death of Justice Owen J. Roberts I accepted his invitation of May 5 to become a member of the Council of the Atlantic Union committee which he has headed since its foundation in 1949.

In accepting I wrote him on May 12 'I am honored to be counted among those who support the unity of free nations.' 'Justice Roberts' services to defense as well as to the judiciary were manifold, but per-



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## Church Arsonist Given 5-Year Jail Sentence

A 20-year-old Negro received a five-year prison sentence today after he pleaded guilty to setting fires in three Negro churches in the Oaklawn community.

Fredrick Henry Quick, 730 Main St., did not take the stand in his Criminal Superior Court trial which took less than 15 minutes before Judge Francis O. Clarkson.

Quick, who was quoted as saying that liquor told him to set the fires, received a three-year sentence for setting fire to a table at Oaklawn Community Center, and a two-year sentence for burning the piano at Second Presbyterian Calvary Church.

In addition to the two active sentences which will be served consecutively, Quick was given a two-year suspended sentence for setting fire to the altar at the Church of God, the church attended by Quick and his grandmother.

Lt. Neal Forney, the only witness to testify, said Quick told him that after setting the fires, he waited to see the fire department extinguish the blaze.

Quick was quoted as saying that he set the fires on May 8, 12 and 13, on his way home from a tavern.

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Evening Prayer

Gracious God, open our eyes that we may see that Thy care is ever about us. O, may we dare to hope and believe all good things in Thee, for Thou art able beyond all our comprehension to fulfill Thy precious promises to Thy children. We praise Thee for Thy matchless resources made available to us through Christ our blessed Lord. Amen.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler today. Fair and cool tonight. Tomorrow: partly cloudy and a little warmer.

## 4 U. S. Jets Set Record

NEWCASTLE, Australia (AP)—Four U. S. Thunderjets landed here today to complete a record in 12 hours to complete a record.

The speedy single-engine fighters, each capable of carrying an atomic bomb, refueled in the three times during their 4,840-mile hop—over Guam, Manus Island and Townsville, Australia.

The flight, part of a U. S. Air Force goodwill mission to Australia, extended the nonstop over-water record for single-engine jets by 55 minutes. Col. David Shilling set the previous mark of 4,835 miles in 1953 on a flight from Turner Air Force Base, Ga., to North Australia.

The F4s set down at the Royal Australian Air Force's huge Williams Air Force Base here at 5:32 p.m. Australian time (2:32 a.m. EST). Newcastle is 60 miles north of Sydney, on Australia's southeast coast.

The flight had left Yokota Air Base, near Tokyo, at 2:30 p.m. EST Tuesday in balmy spring weather, but landed here in the southern hemisphere's May autumn. A chill gusty wind lashed the oceanic airport and black clouds scudded across the darkening sky.

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## Nike Makes People Nervous

By ELTON C. FAY  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army, embarked on a billion-dollar program of building Nike sites, is seeking to reassure communities nervous over close-by installation of the deadly antiaircraft missiles.

Partly for this purpose, the Army yesterday took newswoman to a new Nike site at Lorton, Va., part of the antiaircraft defenses of the capital, about 15 miles to the north.

Maj. Gen. Gilman C. Mudgett, chief of Army information, told the newswoman the Nike "is being literally installed in the back yards of households all over the nation."

KNOTTY PROBLEMS  
And Brig. Gen. R. R. Hendrix, commander of the Washington-Baltimore Nike defense area, said this "has touched off some knotty problems."

"As you may know," he said, "Army engineers have met with some strong resistance during the process of acquiring real estate for Nike sites. Some local communities have not been at all sympathetic with our program, particularly in land matters or in the stationing of troops in residential areas."

Hendrix contended a Nike site "is not dangerous, but as safe as a gas station, as important to security and as much a part of the local community as the police and fire departments."

"There was no mention at the press conference of an incident a month ago when a Nike missile at Ft. Meade, Md., was fired accidentally, falling onto a usually heavily traveled highway but without injury or damage to passers-by."

TYPICAL BATTERY  
The Nike battery at Lorton is "typical of others that are being built at more than 15 cities. Eventually, Hendrix said, the Nike system will be extended to "all our large industrial and population centers."

Army spokesmen said land and construction for a Nike site costs, on an average, about one million dollars. The weapons themselves cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 each. Army officials estimate the entire program will take several years to complete and will cost upwards of one billion dollars.

U. S. COMPARISON  
In the age group of lowest rate of persons 65 years of age and over showed Mecklenburg with 50 such persons per 1,000 as against the U. S. average of 81 per 1,000.

Mecklenburg's live births in 1950 were 26 per 1,000 as compared with 24 per 1,000, the U. S. average.

The death rate for that year in Mecklenburg was seven per 1,000 as against 10 per 1,000 in the U. S. average.

Mecklenburg families with annual income of \$5,000 or more

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## Bill To Clean Up Comic Books OK'd

RALEIGH (AP)—The Senate Committee on Proposals and Grievances today unanimously approved a House-passed bill to ban the sale of comic books portraying acts of mayhem, sex or use of narcotics.

The President also dealt with these other topics.

VACCINE SUPPLY—Eisenhower said his information is that the supply of Salk vaccine on hand in the night is enough to take care of the program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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## Local Economy Enjoys Excellent Ranking

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are top notch in their economic rankings with other cities and counties.

Charlotte stands second among 17 competing cities, six with larger populations than Charlotte.

Mecklenburg ranks first in a variety of economic categories among 39 counties throughout the United States within Mecklenburg's population range, among 50 counties in the South Atlantic states and among North Carolina's 100 counties.

This information was disclosed today by City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter.

This information is contained in a brochure, copies of which will be mailed tomorrow to New York City buyers on the eve of next Tuesday's sale of \$1,600,000 city and county library bonds.

The economic data affecting Charlotte and Mecklenburg County also will be used in the promotion of a sale of the \$8,830,000 municipal bonds approved at the May 3 election and scheduled for sale late this fall.

Charlotte is shown to be in second place with 1,607 points, and behind first-place Little Rock with 1,942 points.

FACTORS NOTED  
The economic factors reflected in the compilation include the following:

Gain in population, area and population density, age groups, potential voters, income bracket, labor force, industrial groups, retail and wholesale trade volume, manufacturing establishments, new dwellings, use of electrical energy, city government finances, post offices, city schools, and hospital facilities.

In determining the rankings of these 17 cities Mr. Ledbetter gave each city points according to their rank in these various factors.

On this basis the groupings according to the number of points were:

Little Rock 1,942, Charlotte 1,607, Oklahoma City 1,004, Greensboro 983, Raleigh 918, At-

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