

WESTERN POWERS OFFER TO LOOSE UNLIT Old Age: New Problem

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Sixty-five.
Make a note of the number. Translated into years of a man's life, it means sudden change, psychological and sociological.

It means reclassification by the Census Bureau. From "middle-aged" to "aged."

It may mean retirement and a pension and a rocking chair on the front porch. Or blind, straddling frustration in a search for a job.

It may mean illness and poverty and slow death. It most certainly means loneliness.

NO RETURN
Sixty-five is an iron-door age, easily passed through, by which there is no returning. It should mean new development, broader self-expression and family life, and continued social usefulness.

But it hardly ever does. In a nation where youth is idolized, there is no room for the aged. They are crowded out of the public eye by movie stars and baseball players.

Meanwhile, in a characteristic, quiet way, the group over 65 is increased by 900 Americans every day. Every year, a net increase of 300,000 people over 65 is added to the American population.

Every day, Mecklenburg County has one more person over 65 than it had the day before.
115,671 IN 1939

The increase in the over-65 population is one of the most known—and most important—social and economic facts of mid-century America. In North Carolina, where the aged population has multiplied far slower than in most of the nation, there were 115,671 people over 65 in 1939, 3.7 per cent of the state total.

By 1969, the figure had soared to 252,871, and the percentage to 5.6. It is even higher today.

Nationally, more than 12 million people, or 8 per cent of the total population, are 65 years of age or over. By 1975, there will be over 21 million—and a huge percentage rise to 12 or 13 per cent of the population.

The cost? It is staggering, but there's no way to nail it down exactly. A single figure, however, is enough to give a rough idea of the total.

Three million dollars.
That's how much Social Security and Public Welfare will pay out in Mecklenburg County before it fits this year under just two years.



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Old Age: A Rocking Chair, A Cane, And Little To Do

the financial programs for the aged, Old Age and Survivor's Insurance and Old Age Assistance to the needy aged.

Add upkeep costs of the County Home about \$175,000 per year, the undermanned out-of-employment service, help for the aged, payments to Mecklenburg's

11 nursing homes, the work of charities, hospitalization and the personal costs of the independent aged and those in household—and the price of being old, both to the public and to the aged themselves, adds many thousands of dollars to the base figure.

The forces that have combined to increase the older population are easily singled out: A long-time receding of the national birth rate; more recent decline in the death rate, particularly at the younger ages; virtual cessation of immigration.

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High Of 100 Is Predicted

By EMERY WISTER
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A high of approximately 100 degrees was predicted for this afternoon, as the sun blazed away without opposition.

At noon today the mercury stood squarely at 85. There wasn't a wispy cloud in sight to cut the power of the rays.

And nothing stands between the sun and its 100 plus goal today tomorrow or the next day. There's some cool air to the north but it's far, far away, on the northern edge of the Great Lakes, in fact.

BREEZE MISSES US
A good breeze is stirring this cool air now and there's good chance it may move south, but only as far as New England and maybe an eastern state or two.

After playing with the Carolinas for a week or two, the July sun went to work this weekend. It was 91 Saturday, 97 yesterday. If it doesn't hit 100 this afternoon, you won't be able to tell the difference.

And don't blame the humidity, blame the heat. Yesterday's humidity was 43 per cent when the sun was at the height of its power. That's not exactly too humidity, but it isn't high either.

WHOLE MONTH HOT
And today was the 13th day this month the temperature has been only as far as New England and maybe an eastern state or two.

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Our Weather

Sunny and hot today and tomorrow with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunder-showers. Fair and warm tonight.
High yesterday—97.
High today—100.
High tomorrow—88.
Low this morning—71.
Low tonight—72.
Sunrise 5:22 a.m.; sunset 7:30 p.m.

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Interest Lack Cited

Bowles Resigns As NAAWP Head

MILFORD, Del. — Bryant Bowles resigned as president of the National Assn. for the Advancement of White People yesterday, citing lack of interest in the pro-segregation organization he helped found.

"I am resigning because of lack of interest," he told a crowd estimated at between 250 and 300 at the nearby Harrington Airport. "I don't feel like helping people who don't try to help themselves."

Bowles' organization received national attention last fall when he led a successful fight to prevent integration of Negro pupils at all white schools here.

Bowles indicated he would return to his home in Florida. The Delaware Board of Education has been ordered to submit plans for integration of students by Aug. 15, following U.S. Supreme Court rulings against school segregation.

Charlotte One Area Of Little Interest
A lack of interest in a pro-segregation organization was the reason Bryant Bowles, president of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, said yesterday he was resigning that position.

Among the areas which showed little interest was Charlotte. Mr. Bowles told The News last week that there was a lack of interest in his group here. A rally three weeks ago brought only 200 people into Memorial Stadium.

The outspoken advocate of segregation in the schools flew here for a rally after receiving encouragement from some local citizens. However, he found a little interest in his group here.

R. L. Smith, a local Bowles supporter, indicated last week that a

Soviets Invite Four Baptists

LONDON — Soviet clergymen today formally invited four prominent American Baptist ministers to visit Russia next month and preach all over the country.

"They will be free to preach on whatever they like, to go wherever they like and to make any arrangements they feel necessary," a spokesman for the Baptist World Alliance told newsmen.

"It is purely a religious visit. Politics won't come into it at all. There is only one purpose—to spread the word and the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The American delegation will consist of Dr. Arnold T. Oehr, Washington, D.C., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; the Rev. W. Carney Hargrove, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and a past president of the American Baptist Convention; the Rev. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.; the Rev. Joseph H. Jackson, Negro pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, who is president of the U.S. National Baptist Convention.

The four plan to leave Aug. 4 and stay in the Soviet Union two weeks.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to go to Russia and meet up with our Baptist brethren there," Oehr said.

The formal invitation was delivered by the Rev. Yakov Zhukov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists of Soviet Russia.

Zhukov leads the nine-member Russian Baptist delegation to the golden jubilee congress of the Baptist World Alliance now in session here.

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Voters Defeat Bid

FAYETTEVILLE — Cumberland County voters, in a special election Saturday, defeated a proposal to levy a five-cent tax increase for the support of a Negro public library.

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Virginia County Asks Delay In Integration

COURT PETITIONED FOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS

RICHMOND, Va. — Prince Edward County and the Commonwealth of Virginia today asked a three-judge federal court to authorize continued operation of racially segregated schools in the county for an other year.

Request for this authorization was made in a decree proposed to the court by counsel for Prince Edward's school officials and the state.

Further, the proposed decree would have the court continue the case and direct the county school board to report by Aug. 1, 1956, on progress made to abide by the Supreme Court's mandate for integration of the schools.

REASONS GIVEN
Submitted to the court along with the proposed was a petition setting forth reasons why the county could not immediately integrate the races in its schools.

Accompanying the petition were affidavits from Prince Edward's superintendent of schools and county chairman and the state superintendent of public instruction.

The county said it could not integrate immediately because it would be impossible to make the changes necessary in state law to permit integrated schools by September of this year; and because the county board of supervisors has not appropriated the necessary funds for school operation.

"The only question this court can decide now," said the petition, "is whether the schools can be operated" on a racially segregated basis until the state's laws can be changed.

NO PROPOSED DECREE
After Attorney General Robert E. Conrad read the county-state petition and proposed decree, Circuit Judge Armistead M. Dobie asked counsel for the Negro pupils if they desired to offer a proposed decree.

Spottswood W. Robinson III of the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said they had none.

Attorney T. Justin Moore Sr. of Prince Edward's counsel then opened arguments for the decree.

The Prince Edward case was the second involved in the historic Supreme Court decision of last May 31 to reach the argument stage before the special district courts charged with dissolving segregation.

The first such case, involving the Sumner school district in South Carolina, was heard by a similar three-judge court at Columbia, S.C., last week.

Prince Edward County lies in south central Virginia, in the heart of the state's so-called "black belt."

S. C. Insurance Fraud Charged
COLUMBIA, S.C. — The sale of the life insurance company whose management was the big issue in last year's gubernatorial campaign was one of the million-dollar loss for an \$80,000 pay-off warrants here charged.

The warrants charge former State Insurance Commissioner D. D. (Pat) Murphy and two insurance men with conspiracy to defraud the State Insurance Commission.

The sale, the warrants of arrest charge, was for "one million dollars less than originally offered and less than its worth."

He explained that his men can — and do — stop a vehicle without a warrant and conduct a search and, if non-South Carolina's taxed whisky was found, the carrier could be fined at the discretion of the local magistrate. Fines have already been as high as \$100 and costs.

CIGARETTES TOO
Cigarettes, he said, also are classed as "contraband" under South Carolina law. The law,

which is being strictly enforced for the first time, requires a South Carolina tax stamp on liquor and cigarettes.

The enforcement, he said, is the result of a big drop in liquor revenues in the state and the knowledge that South Carolinians are going out of the state to make purchases.

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Between Ike, Zhukov

Khrushchey Takes Over Conversation

GENEVA — President Eisenhower and Georgi K. Zhukov greeted each other warmly today — but Nikita Khrushchey soon took over the conversation.

Zhukov, Soviet defense minister who is a delegate to the summit conference, was talking with Eisenhower for the first time since 1945. Then Khrushchey, boss of the Soviet Communist party, came up. He grabbed the President's hand and said:

"Mr. President, my daughter is getting married in Russia this week and I suppose I should have stayed for the ceremony, but I didn't want to come to Geneva and meet you."

MEETING DESCRIBED
The meeting took place at the summit conference got under way at the Palace of Nations. It was described by a member of the U. S. delegation.

James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower press secretary, said the President and Zhukov "had a very enthusiastic meeting."

Hagerty said Eisenhower's first greetings today were extended to the Russian delegation. The President shook hands first with Premier Bulganin, then with Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchey, then Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov. The "very enthusiastic meeting" with Zhukov came next.

Eisenhower, Hagerty said, inquired about the health of Zhukov's wife. Zhukov in turn asked about the President's son, Maj. John Eisenhower, an aide to his father at the conference.

The president will be host at dinner tonight to Zhukov and other members of the Russian delegation. Hagerty said Eisenhower told the defense minister he was looking forward to seeing him tonight.

Private doctors, Dr. Bethel said, have been plagued with phone calls about the possibility of inoculation. He stressed that private doctors do not have supplies of the vaccine.

The meeting to make the decision on whether to resume inoculation with the new vaccine will be held in the Doctors Bldg. municipal library at 5:15 p. m. this afternoon.

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Ike Faure And Eden Advance Ideas

HISTORIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE OPENS

By MAX HARBELSON
GENEVA — The summit conference opened today with the Big Three Western powers laying before Soviet Russia a series of new proposals for European security, but rumors of a united Germany.

In quick succession President Eisenhower, French Premier Edgar Faure and British Prime Minister called advanced separate ideas as to how Russia could be safeguarded against a united and renewed Germany.

Eden also put forward a proposal that the Big Four seek agreement on arms ceilings for Germany and neighboring countries, with the four powers joining in a system of control to prevent violations.

U. S. NOT BOUND
Despite the appearance of a coordinated program by the West, it was understood the leaders of the U. S. delegation were concerned about some of the proposals in Faure's speech. Informed quarters said the United States would not be bound by points it had not approved.

These included a proposal that arms reductions be controlled in the national budgets and Faure's call for inclusion of Germany in a general European security organization.

Eisenhower disclosed the West would agree to consider new guarantees for the Soviets if Russia would go along on German reunification.

He called for an end of the "dreary exercises" of the cold war and urged East-West negotiations on a new Germany.

6-POINT PROGRAM
Eisenhower laid down a six-point program of action aimed at ending the cold war, including: 1. Insuring in a period of atomic plenty and ringing down iron curtains all over the world.

2. Working for reduction of the world's "burden of costly armament" and at the same time setting up a new international activities of international communism.

A cut in the arms burden he said would not only insure that part of the savings would flow into the less developed areas of the world to assist their economic development.

"Unification of Germany should be given top priority by the summit meeting," Eisenhower said, but the problem should be solved with proper safeguards for Russia's "legitimate security interests."

Eisenhower did not make specific proposals on European security, but stated simply that the United States would be willing to consider additional safeguards if Russia thought she would be threatened by a united Germany.

EDEN PROPOSALS
Faure suggested the general European pact, along with a series of mutual guarantees, and Eden proposed still other steps. Eden suggested:

1. That Britain would be prepared to become party to a security pact including the United States, Russia, France and a united Germany.

2. That Britain would be ready to consider a new security pact.

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