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Strictly Political
L'il Bit Of Gossiping By The Politicos

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The politicians were talking this week and some of them were saying:

Ernest K. Brown, on the county commission again, isn't going to toss any bombshells this time like he did last time he served, such as putting the county police under the sheriff's office.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges expects to get more unfavorable reaction to the Tax Study report than he has.

The next session of the General Assembly will be long and complicated.

The Republicans might have been able to carry North Carolina for Eisenhower if Ike had visited the state.

Pseudo-politico Harry Goddard will get a spread in a national magazine next week.

The Democratic Party in Mecklenburg is still far from getting together on differences.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott is gaining in Mecklenburg strength.

Ed O'Hernon, while sitting out this session of the General Assembly, is one of Gov. Hodges' brightest far-haired boys.

Democratic Party will come up with a "beat Jones" candidate soon and start the campaigning process early.

Rep. Charles R. Jonas may be "Judge Jones" next.

The Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly will be even more split than the last delegation.

Sen. F. J. (Jack) Blythe isn't fooling anyone—he went go to Raleigh.

Kemp Daughton is the next speaker of the House, just as was predicted by his friends months and months ago.

Too bad the Tax Study Commission was headed by Branton P. Hodges. . . . Save his name as Governor so it could be called "The Hodges Plan" . . . Had his name been Smith, etc., a different story.

W. M. Nicholson isn't thinking of resigning as Democratic Party chairman in Mecklenburg.

Look for another Tax Study report, an extension of Leslie Curbett's first comparative study. . . . And it will plant a pioneer picture than the digest released last week.

Paul Kitchen, newly elected Eighth District Congressman pulled a coup when he signed Jane Pratt as staff secretary this week. . . . She's the only woman ever to serve North Carolina as a Congresswoman. From Lexington.

Former Monroe mayor Dick Marable has a bum leg, nothing serious, but is playing it up. . . . Arrived at weekly bridge session other night in ambulance, was wheeled to bridge table.

Harold Makepeace of Sanford next State Highway Commission chairman.

Ike, Strauss Discuss Money Outlay For Atomic Weapons

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
AUGUSTA, Ga. — President Eisenhower today spent an hour and 15 minutes discussing spending plans for development and production of atomic weapons.

The conference with Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), also dealt with planned expenditures for peaceful uses of nuclear power in the fiscal year starting July 1.

Eisenhower and Strauss met at the president's vacation headquarters at the Augusta National Golf Club for their discussion of the AEC budget for the new year.

Strauss did not see reporters and White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty declined to shed any light on how much money President may ask for the AEC in the budget he will submit to Congress next month.

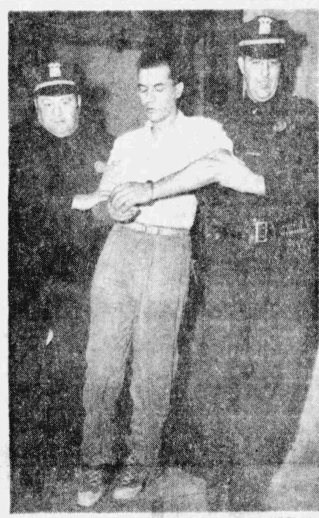
Brundage sat in yesterday at a 2 1/2-hour Eisenhower meeting with Secretary of Defense Wilson on Pentagon spending proposals for the next fiscal year.

After that conference, Wilson told newsmen "It certainly looks as though defense expenditures in the new year will be greater than the \$6 billion dollars estimated for this year."

Wilson declined comment on reports that the expected hike will add up to about two billion dollars. He said it would not be proper for him to do so in as much as he had just submitted proposed Defense Department spending to Eisenhower for study.

On arrival back in Washington, Wilson said the new Pentagon budget was not settled during his meeting with the President. The three services—Air Force, Navy and Army—reportedly has asked Wilson for study.

Spending for such items as nuclear weapons developments and



ANGILO LAMARCA (center) is supported by two deputy sheriffs as he is led from court last night after he was found guilty of the kidnap-murder of 22-year-old Peter Weinberger last July 4. The juror did not recommend mercy, thus automatically condemning him to die in the electric chair. The sentencing, set for Dec. 14, will be subject to automatic appeal.

Fellow Lawyer Says Gilliland Frank, Fair

By NOEL YANCEY

WARRENTON, Ore. — A fellow lawyer today described James D. Gilliland as "honest . . . dependable . . . diligent."

Julius Banzet, judge of the Warren County Recorder's Court, testified as a hearing on disbarment proceedings against Gilliland entered its second day.

Gilliland is accused of fraudulent conduct in handling two divorce cases, and of unethical conduct in a receivership matter.

Two witnesses testified yesterday that Gilliland, Warrenton lawyer, obtained divorces for two on the grounds of two years separation when he knew they had not been separated that long.

Banzet said he found Gilliland, as former solicitor of the Recorder's Court, was "frank with the court and fair with the defendant, a satisfactory solicitor."

One of the charges brought against Gilliland by the North Carolina State Bar Council was that he served as lawyer for a receiver and also served as lawyer for the Warren County Collections Agency, which purchased the accounts receivable of the receivership.

GOOD JOB

Banzet said he was appointed receiver in the case. He testified that Gilliland "did a good job" in collecting accounts for the receivership of the Warrenton Grocery Co.

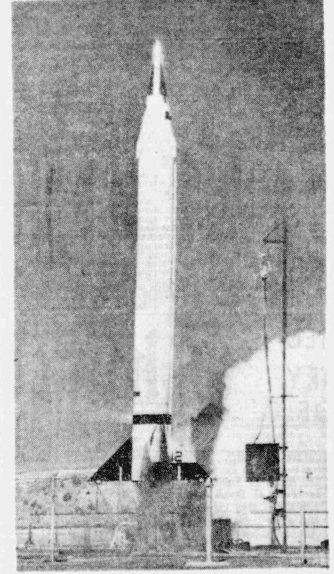
He said the accounts "had been collected as far as we were able to collect them reasonably before the remainder were sold to public auction to the collections agency."

On cross-examination, he said, "I found Mr. Gilliland honest in all matters pertaining to money, dependable in all matters between attorney and client."

Gilliland himself was expected to take the stand.

A number of lawyer witnesses, including U. S. Rep. Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, yesterday gave testimony to the effect that they had found Gilliland both ethical and honest in his law practice.

However, two witnesses testified that Gilliland had procured two divorce actions on ground of two years separation when he knew the couples had not been separated for two years.



NAVY VIKING rocket No. 12 blasts off the floor at New Mexico's White Sands Proving Grounds during tests last year. Rocket No. 13 was blasted off yesterday in tests in Florida.

Firing Seen By Writers In Florida

WASHINGTON (AP) — Naval and civilian scientists blasted a Viking rocket — dubbed "the first test rocket of the earth satellite program" — 125 miles into the air early today.

The Defense Department said the rocket reached a peak velocity of 4,000 m.p.h. before plunging into the Atlantic Ocean about 180 miles from the launching base at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Newsmen watched the huge 45-foot rocket, 15th in the Viking series from a vantage point four miles away. One reported it "rose slowly and almost silently into the air," having "a glowing bright pink trail" as it picked up speed.

The launching site was the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral.

INSTRUMENT TEST

The department said the rocket was fired to test instruments and gather information to be used later in the launching of the earth satellite planned for the 1957-1958 International Geophysical Year. It was built for the Navy by the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore.

The IGY is a worldwide cooperative research program aimed at finding out more about the earth and the air around it.

The rocket was launched by the Navy's Project Vanguard, which supports the earth satellite program sponsored by the National Academy of Science as part of the U.S. participation in the IGY.

The Navy announcement said: "After taking off from its launching platform it (the Viking) ascended vertically a short distance. From that point on it was turned slowly toward the horizontal. It reached a peak velocity of 4,000 m.p.h. and climbed to an altitude of 125 miles, ending its flight in the Atlantic Ocean about 180 miles from the launching base."

Newsmen, including a reporter for the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, watched the firing from a distance of four miles, outside the restricted area. Firing took place at 1:30 a. m.

The Pentagon announcement continued:

"A 'minitrack' radio transmitter fixed to the one which will be employed in the satellite was ejected from the rocket at an altitude of about 200 miles and tracked by Navy satellites stationed at the AFMTC."

"The rocket also carried telemetering equipment and tracking beacons similar to those planned for the satellite rocket."

"After 450 seconds of flight the instrument nose cone was separated from the rocket and allowed to descend independently, telemetering information on the rocket's speed and pressures encountered."

LAUNCHES CHECK

"Since the scientific earth satellite will be launched from the AFMTC, another objective of tonight's firing was to check out the newly installed launching facilities and ground equipment."

The rocket which carries the actual earth satellite into space will be launched in three stages, each stage boosting the satellite a bit higher and then dropping away. The final stage will put the satellite some 200 miles above the earth.

The satellite itself will be a relatively small shiny ball 20 inches in diameter, crammed with instruments to beam the waiting and watching scientists.

The launch is expected to circle the earth at a speed of 18,000 m.p.h., for perhaps two weeks, finally burning up as it plunges downward again through the atmosphere.

Hungarian Rebels Try Hit-Run War

BUDAPEST (AP)—Definite word face another outburst of violence.

The council had accused the puppet regime of dragging off officers and members of councils from their homes "without investigation or hearing," and warned that if this continues "the end will be a general strike, bloodshed and a new national tragedy."

The workers demanded an answer by 8 p.m. but none came.

Ammunition found in Port Said

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — The British-French command said today it had found thousands of rounds of rockets and ammunition smuggled into Port Said.

French Lt. Gen. Andre Beaufre said the British-French headquarters protested to the United Nations troop commander and also notified higher allied authorities "to take such representations as considered proper as this type of activity might lead to a serious situation."

"We view it with considerable concern," said Lt. Gen. Hugh Stockwell, the allied task force commander.

The munitions smuggling coincided with increasing defiance from Egyptians in Port Said as the British-French garrison dwindled.

As a precaution against any flareup by an Egyptian underground, the British-French authorities stepped up a search for arms and ammunition and banned all fishing boats from entering the Port Said area.

The announcement said an Egyptian telephoto, one of the graceful sailing craft that ply between Port Said and the Egyptian Delta to the west, carried thousands of rounds of new Czechoslovak-made ammunition and bazooka rockets to the city's western edge.

A British-French patrol found the ammunition hidden in fishing baskets being brought ashore by Egyptians in the western sector of the Port Said area, the statement said.

The boat reached the fringe of Lake Mamalia before being intercepted. A spokesman said there were some arrests. He gave no other details.

Woman Tells Gunman, 'Go Ahead, Shoot'

LOWELL, Ore. — "You'll just have to go ahead and shoot. I haven't got any money," the 33-year-old widow told the gunman.

The widow, Mrs. Dora Woodruff, said she and a partner broke into her bedroom and threatened "Give me your money or I'll shoot."

Mrs. Woodruff, who lives alone here, said they left quietly after she told them she had no money. All this happened Wednesday night. Mrs. Woodruff doesn't have a telephone and she says she didn't want to disturb her neighbors late at night. She says she did tell them the next day, but evidently someone forgot to tell the police immediately.

Police said they found a matchstick cigarette butt near her back door, tending to substantiate her account. They added there had been other break-ins in the area recently.

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City Man's 'Fireball' Proves Near-Tragedy

An airborne "ball of fire" spotted yesterday near Wilmington became near-tragedy and dramatic rescue for a pair of Marine fliers who jet fighters had collided.

The training flight collision was witnessed by coastal visitor Charles H. Starnes, 424 Eastover Rd., who said:

"First there was a puff of smoke, then a ball of fire and then it was all over. It happened so fast that we couldn't tell if just one plane exploded or if they crashed. The two planes were flying close together when we first saw them."

The Associated Press reported that both pilots parachuted safely before their burning planes crashed into the Atlantic.

The pilots were spotted within a half an hour floating in their rubber rafts. One, 1st Lt. William A. Allison, was pulled ashore by private boats. The other pilot, 2nd Lt. Boris Ortiz, was picked up from the choppy waters by helicopter. He suffered the worst injury of the two, a fractured leg.

A spokesman of the 2nd Marine Air Wing at the Cherry Point Marine Air Station declined to say what caused the crash, but witnesses said they saw the two planes, F9F7 Cougar jets, collide about 10 miles offshore. Both men were freed from their ships by ejector seats.

Allison suffered minor burns on his hands.

The Empty Stocking Fund

The question was a bald one, but it was put gently by the girl's mother.

"Are you looking for a Christmas present?"

After a short pause, the girl answered:

"No, because I know I won't have anything."

The girl is 14 and in the 8th grade at school. Her mother is an invalid, injured severely an year ago in an automobile accident. Her father is blind.

Since her mother was hurt, the girl has had to take care of herself and her mother and her father. It is she who cleans the house and cooks the meals and does the washing for the family.

She keeps herself and her parents clean but sometimes, with school and homework,

Basic Needs Are Faint Hope For Girl

the house must take care of itself.

Until her mother's injury, the family got along. Although the father was disabled, the mother could and did work.

DOING WELL

The child was doing well in school. She had friends and played with them on the way home.

Now things are changed. She must come home from school as quickly as she can to care for her parents. She leaves her schoolmates abruptly to begin the two-mile walk home, and she leaves alone.

Her interest in school and her school work has suffered.

At 14, she is self-conscious about her appearance and the ragged, outgrown clothes she must wear to school. She has no "dress up" clothes, even for church.

COLD WEATHER

Before school started, and again before cold weather

- Nancy, Jan and Wesley 15.00
- Mr. & Mrs. Rivley 5.00
- Mrs. M. L. Livermore 5.00
- Tim West 5.00
- Robin West 5.00
- Jane Craver Kirby 5.00
- Ann Porter Kirby 5.00
- Mrs. Clayton S. Linberger, Belmont 25.00
- F. A. Hutchison 23.00
- Charlotte Photo-Engraving Co. 25.00
- No. 84 25.00
- The Dogwood Garden Club 15.85
- Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Howie 20.00
- Kay Latimer 5.00
- Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Bueging 10.00
- Mrs. W. J. Keryn 5.00
- Members of Circle 5.00
- Yes, A. Avondale Pres. 12.00
- byter Church "The Alexanders" 10.00
- Mrs. Frances J. Patton 25.00
- Miss Audrey E. Friend 25.00
- A Friend 10.00
- TOTAL TO DATE \$1,025.54

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas Greeting

125c

75c

50c

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Our Weather

Fair today becoming cloudy tonight. Sunday cloudy with scattered showers.

Low this morning .49

Low tomorrow morning .50

High today .74

High yesterday .74

High tomorrow .63

Sunrise today 7:18 a.m.; sunset today 5:11 p.m.

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