

## News Report From Washington

**WORLD CRISIS APPROACHING—WAR HANGS IN BALANCE—THE ECONOMY: NEW CARS COMING—DEFENSE SPENDING UP—**

Washington—A somber world crisis, putting U. S. policies at the crossroads, is quietly approaching in both Europe and the Far East. The Communists have won the first round—getting France to scuttle the European Defense Treaty organization this country has been pushing for two-and-a-half years.

Now the Red effort is to keep Asian countries from joining in an effective defensive alliance against Chinese aggression in Asia. The usual peace propaganda conceals the Communist purpose—to keep Asia weak and divided—but Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was well aware of the Communist intent at Manila.

The Moscow strategy seems to be to keep Germany unarmed and split into zones, and to keep Asia divided and Japan unarmed. If this succeeds, U. S. efforts will be dealt staggering blows, for the U. S. defense against Communism is based on the assistance of a strong Germany and Japan—traditional enemies of Russia.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany is being outspoken about France's Pierre-Mendes-France these days, and is by-passing Paris in an effort to win sovereignty. At the same time he is telling Washington and London that Mendes-France cannot be counted on to retain power, that he does not have a real majority behind him and that the extreme Nationalists and Communists were responsible for his knifing of the EDC treaty organization.

If London and Washington buy Adenauer's plan, they will okay the rearming of West Germany without French approval. But this might shake the solidarity of what has been commonly called the Big Three western allies.

In Japan the public is being fed a steady dose of Communist lies—that the United States is seeking to rearm Japan to fight Communism, to fight America's battle in an aggressive scheme against Russia and China. Since the Japanese were enemies of the United States just ten short years ago, and killing our soldiers, this propaganda sometimes plays on old sentiments and takes effect.

Japanese officials are well aware of considerable sentiment in Japan against rearming (just as has been built up in Germany by the Reds) and the test is whether the United States can win the Japanese people over to a strong defense in time despite the big Communist drive to scare the Japs away from such a course.

It could be that the success or failure of the effort to rearm Germany and Japan holds the key to peace in the next ten years. A Japan and Germany rearmed would hold Russia's hand, but divided and weak, they could tempt the Communists before they complete their build up of their forces, especially in China, with the economic and manpower mobilization they are now concentrating on.

Car-makers are hoping to give the nation's economy a boost in the arm with new and highly powerful 1955 cars—which will begin hitting the advertising pages next month. The official sales figure for 1954 is proving disappointing and those who had said the industry would sell 5.5 million cars this year were too optimistic—it is now certain.

The figure is more likely to be just over 5 million—maybe as high as 5.2 million, but not up to 1953 totals. Industry spokesman are hoping the new lines will prove so popular, sales in 1955 will surpass the 1954-model figure by at least a third of a million units.

The new luxury cars next year are expected to have horsepower ratings up to 250 horsepower and above, and even the Big Three, in the lower priced field, may have ratings up to and above 150. In addition to more power there will be more body style changes this year than in some years. If this doesn't stir up consumer interest, the industry will have to cut prices, and if that happens, someone won't survive the next three years.

Defense spending is being stepped up to pick business up a bit as fall approaches. The Administration—some weeks ago—urged departments spend money faster to spur business, and this added to the prospect that defense spending might have to be increased—might help create an upturn by November.

The only trouble with such a policy is that a reaction could result next year—if defense appropriations aren't increased. If the Republicans should ride to victory on a business upturn this fall, which petered out in a few months, the voter might register his disgust in 1956. But right now, all eyes are on 1954. The big drive is to get business parking up in the next sixty days.

### HOWELL REUNION

The Howell family had their annual reunion Sunday, September 5th at Hertford Beach where a picnic lunch was served to those attending. Those present were Mrs. Herbert C. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gregory and children Jacky, Paul and Thomas Gregory, Miss Becky Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ber-

ry and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lane and Mr. and Mrs. William Spruill and sons of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spruill and daughter of Roper; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Spruill and children of Laurel, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gregory and son Timmy of Fentress, Va.; Mrs. Beatrice H. Harris, Mrs. Irving Stobbs, Miss Jane Stobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayman and sons of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mercer and children of St. Brides, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Landing, Billy Landing, Mrs. Cassie H. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and children of Greenville.

### LIBRARY NEWS

New books in the Perquimans County Library this week are: "The Seduction of the Innocent", a book that should be read by every person who is interested in the young people of today. This is a carefully done study and report on the influence of comic books on children and young people; "Marriage for Three" by Seifert; "Love is Eternal" by Stone; "Madness in the Spring" Denniston are better than average novels. Then there is one new western "The Red Sombra." Three juvenile books are: Pet Parade, how to choose, care for, and enjoy the animal best suited to different ways of life; "Crab and Roan" is a new horse story; and "The Nameless Cat" is an interesting story of a big black cat.

### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Willie Lane and Mrs. William Moore were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower Monday night at the Hunters' Lodge near Burgess, complimentary to Mrs. Edgar Ray White. The lodge was tastefully decorated with summer cut flowers and green. Contests and games were enjoyed with Mrs. William White, Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Dan Berry, Mrs. Colon Jackson and Miss Annie Lou Lane winning the prizes.

About 62 gifts were brought or sent

to the shower. The bride opened and gratefully acknowledged each gift. From the bride's cake Anne Lane drew the ring, Ruth Ayscue the thimble, Annie Lou Lane the heart, and Bettie Lou White the wish-bone. The cake was then cut by the bride and served by the hostesses to the guests with mints, nuts cookies and punch.

### BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Francis Nixon entertained her bridge club Thursday night at her home. Those playing were Mesdames W. E. Drake, Vivian Mathews, William Cole, Jarvis Ward, J. W. Dillon, Henry Stokes, Charles Murray, Eldon Winslow, J. L. Harris, W. E. Harrison, Misses Dorcas Knowles and Miss Ruth Tucker. The high score prize went to Mrs. Drake; also she was presented a going-away gift and the floating prize was awarded Miss Knowles. A sweet course was served.

### Unlimited Recruiting Now In Coast Guard

The Coast Guard has announced that its recruiting quota in the Fifth District is now unlimited. All young men between the ages of 17 and 26, or ex-servicemen, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to launch an exciting career in the United States Coast Guard.

For many months the Coast Guard recruiting quotas have been very limited, and for extended periods recruiting was stopped altogether. As a result, many people have the idea that it is quite impossible to get into the Coast Guard. In contrast, unlimited quotas have just been assigned to recruiting offices in this district by Coast Guard Headquarters.

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