

News Report From Washington

A Fight With China? Where Would It Lead? Business Would Feel Change—The President And 1956—

Washington — President Eisenhower and his Republican Administration have been, and are, doing everything possible to quiet business and war fears and continue the blossoming prosperity of the moment. The election defeat of 1954 really surprised the President and he is all-out for a reversal of last year's defeat in the 1956 elections.

But there is one danger which still looms ahead and when even the President may not be able to circumvent, and that is the danger of a serious military incident in the Formosa Strait. The President has been trying, in recent weeks to play down the danger of war, or a military clash with China.

Yet reports continue to come in from the Far East indicating the Chinese Communists are going to attack the Matsu Islands or maybe Quemoy. (The danger seems to lie more in the Matsu group now.) U. S. policy is not clear concerning such a probability. Few people actually know what the President would order in the event of various emergencies.

The prevailing belief among one segment, in the military, is that we are ready to use atomic weapons, on a tactical basis, if the Chinese attack the Nationalist-held islands. This would mean the United States would be rotating against a major power in behalf of its ally, the Nationalists, over an off-shore Chinese island. The British call this policy too bold. They say the mainland Chinese government should have control over these off-shore islands, anyhow.

There is some reason to suspect the U. S. is ready to employ military force against the Reds if they attack the Nationalist islands. Secretary of State Dulles has warned the Reds of such a danger. The President is largely mum. Secre-

tary of Defense Wilson has said the President would decide what to do in a final emergency situation. The big question is what Russia would do about a defensive alliance she has with China if the U. S. assaults China with atomic bombs. The Chinese would claim the U. S. had initiated hostilities against the mainland, and that Russia was obligated to come in. Of course, Russia would do what she found to be in her best interests at the time, regardless of a treaty. She might find it highly pleasing to secretly encourage such a clash while supplying China with war material, weapons and planes—as a means of weakening the U. S.

Washington does not want a declared war, even if there are hostilities near Formosa, probably would not initiate a formal state of war under most conditions. If U. S. air and sea forces were capable of teaching the Red Chinese a lesson, and the matter could be left there, the President would be content to see fighting end with the repulse of invasion attempts, which would then be incidents and not a new war. All this is clouded in doubt.

Meanwhile, business booms and prospects are that the rest of 1955 will be good. But a new fight in the East could bring on another inflationary rise. It could affect business, and the segment of U. S. industry which would handle stepped up defense orders, depending upon the extent of U. S. military involvement. If things came to the worst, with Russia aiding China, an all-out war would be close at hand, with rationing, price control, etc., all over again.

This the President is striving daily to avoid. But the answer to this \$64 question lies in the hands of Communist Chinese leaders, and no one can definitely foretell the future. It is pretty certain that 1955 is a crucial, momentous year. And what happens in the Formosa Strait this year could well determine whether Mr. Eisenhower runs again in 1956.

Farm News

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County Agent

There has been an indication that some of the farmers plan to try to certify their soybeans in 1955 especially in the case of the Leo Soybean. If you have any idea of trying to certify these beans please be sure that the land you plant these beans on did not have soybeans planted on it last year and that there is at least five feet separating the beans you want certified from any other soybean. Application for certification must be made by August 1st. The sooner you send your application the better it will be. Those wishing to certify peanuts must be sure that they have not planted peanuts on that land for a period of two years and should keep these peanuts separate from the regular field type of peanuts. Application for certification on peanuts should be made as early as possible. If you desire information on certification of your crops contact someone at the County Agent's office and we will be glad to give you assistance in making these applications.

LIBRARY NEWS
"A Good book is the best companion." —H. W. Beecher

The Perquimans County Library this week calls the attention of those of its patrons who are also garden enthusiasts to the special display of books on the subject of gardening in all its phases and flower arrangements. This library has a number of books of this sort, and also available by the inter-library loan plan are numerous other books covering this subject from large scale landscape gardening to the simplest detail of plant care.

Filling a long felt need, the library has recently added five foreign language dictionaries: namely, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Latin (Polish and Russian are ordered). A new collection of old "Proverbs and Epigrams" is another of this week's additions.

For the Boy Scouts, the library has 15 Merit Badge books and others will be available as soon as they can be obtained.

For smaller children there are several new and attractively illustrated picture books.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB GIVES HYMN PROGRAM

The pastor and members of the Hertford Baptist Church were cordial hosts Friday evening to the Hertford Junior Music Club when they gave their annual hymn program to an audience of parents and friends.

Hymns-of-the-month were featured, and children from six different churches played and sang their favorite hymns.

They were ably assisted by Shirley Tarkington, Mary Ellen Edwards and Dellie Rae Copeland, and the Baptist Youth Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. White and the Rev. J. O. Mattox.

Club members taking part were: Ann Lane, Letitia McGowan, Margaret Williams, Amanda Lou Corprew, Linda Bass, Diene Hallowell, Johnny Corprew, Jimmy Rogerson, Sandra Keel, Julie Lane, Mary Frances Baker, Mary Lou Jordan, Glenda Lawrence, Franklin McGowan, Gail Johnson, Edward Matthews, Harry Walton Winslow, Becky Hobbs, Barbara Harrison, Jerry Sullivan, Rachel Bass, Faye Long, Harriett Williams, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Counselor.

Ruins are the legendary tables of the past. —Sir Walter Scott.

Gold is tried by fire, brave men by affliction. —Seneca.

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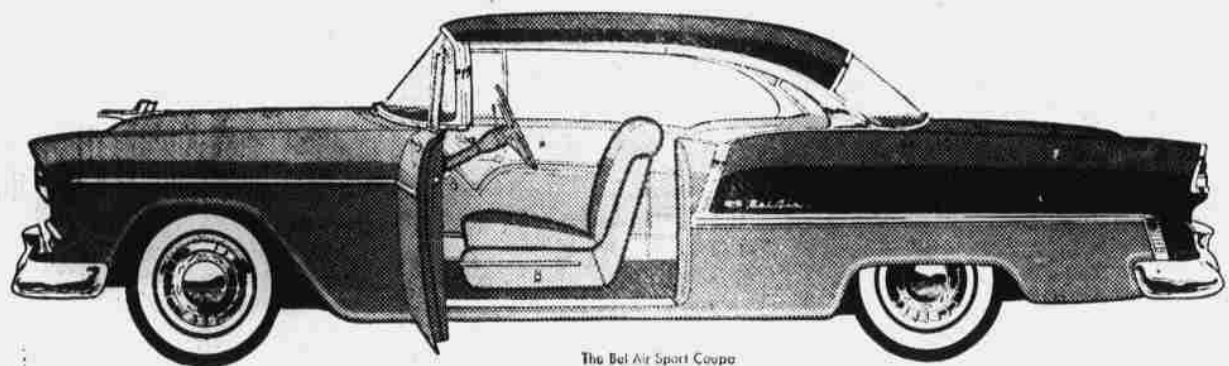
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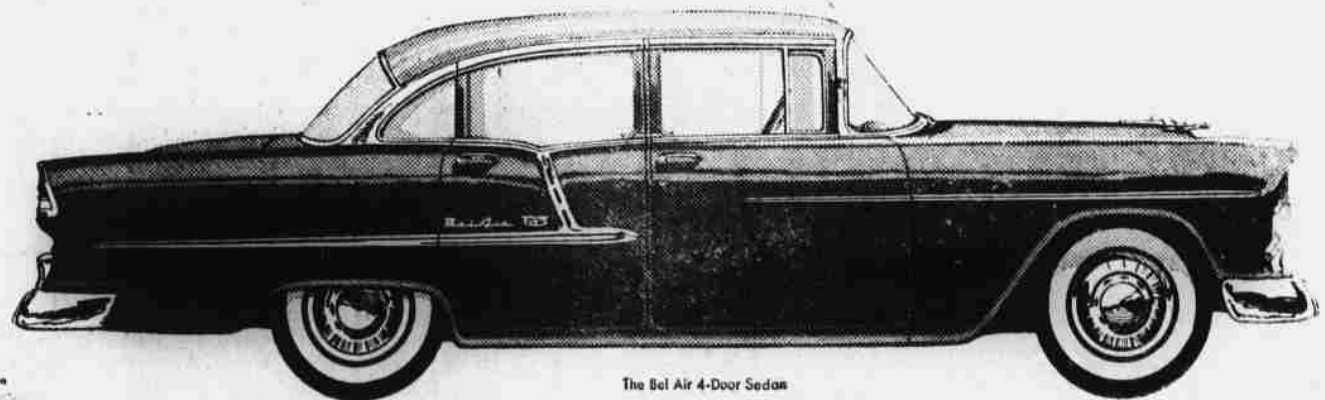


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Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan in "BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK"
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Saturday, April 2—
Gary Merrill in "THE BLACK DAKOTAS"

Sun., Mon., and Tues.,
April 3-4-5—
Jane Powell, Tony Martin, Debbie Reynolds and Vic Damone in "HIT THE DECK"
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April 6-7-8—
Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker in "MANY RIVERS TO CROSS"
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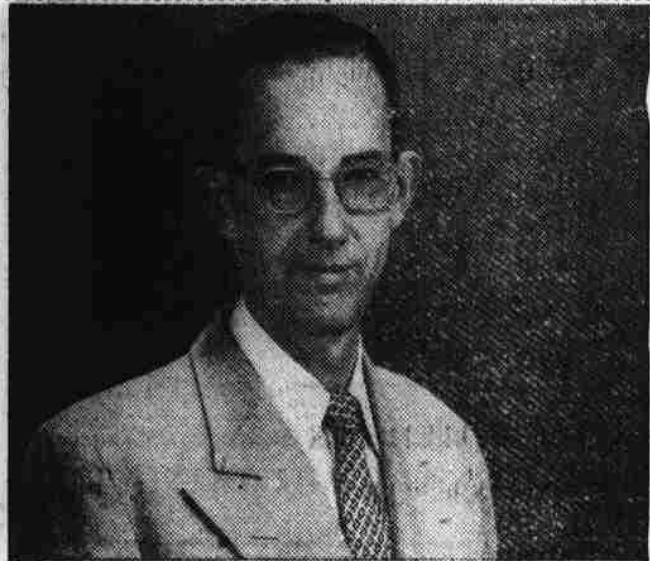
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