

Red Reaction To Policies Now Awaited

American Officials Apprehensive Over Russian "Resentment"

U. S. "IN THE DOCK"

Soviet Answers To Two Protests Expected To Clarify Issue

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—American officials waited Wednesday night with some trepidation Moscow's reaction to the application of President Truman's new firm policy toward the Soviet Union.

They expected retaliation, but possibly not until the United Nations Security Council reconvenes in New York on March 21.

At London the Russians found the application a convenient forum for attacking British policies. There is some feeling here that the Russians might attempt to put the United States "in the dock" at New York.

Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave the Soviets partial working basis in his Fulton, Mo., proposal for an Anglo-American military alliance to counteract the Soviet Union's "expansive and proselytizing tendencies." The Russians have always feared and long contended that the western powers were "ganging up" on them.

Churchill's address, delivered with the blessing of President Truman and in the midst of worsening "Big Three" relations, was frowned upon in some high quarters. There appeared to be two general interpretations of its possible effect:

1. It could influence Russia to return to even greater isolationism than she has practiced before the war. Diplomats agree that this could be fatal to the United Nations.

2. It could persuade Russia to abandon unilateral action in critical areas which so exasperates both Britain and the United States and violates the many pledges for joint big power action. This would be evident if the Russians relaxed their demands in many regions.

More immediate reaction is expected on the two protests by the United States about Soviet policy.

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THOMAS WILL AID CHANNEL PROJECT

Appropriations Chairman Promises Personal Attention In Matter

Efforts by Senator Josiah Bailey and the Wilmington Port Commission to get the Cape Fear river channel deepened from 30 to 32 feet were assured "my personal attention" yesterday by Senator Thomas, chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee.

The proposed project had previously been approved by U. S. Army engineers, but the federal budget bureau eliminated it from the War department civil functions bill in a drastic slash in this year's fiscal budget.

In a letter to J. T. Hiers, manager of the Wilmington Port Commission, Senator Bailey enclosed a communication from Senator Thomas which promises both Bailey and the commission "my personal attention to your recommendations, and if I find wherein I can be helpful I shall avail myself of the opportunity."

Senator Thomas also invited Senator Bailey to appear before the hearings now being conducted by the appropriations committee and submit a statement concerning the 22-foot deepening project.

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GREED FOR GOLD

Truman Flays Selfishness In Speech To Churchmen

COLUMBUS, O., March 6.—(AP)—President Truman Wednesday attacked "the rule of greed" in other governments. He asked for church support in a battle against greed, selfishness and intolerance which, he said, were gnawing at "our relations abroad" and at "our economy at home."

Mr. Truman addressed a special post-war problem meeting of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, then hurried to Washington by plane.

There were some parts of the

President's address which were regarded as a follow-up to the frank challenge of Russian motives made Tuesday by Winston Churchill, former British prime minister, at Fulton, Mo.

"Dictatorship," the president said, "by whatever name, is founded on the doctrine that the individual amounts to nothing; that the state is the only thing that counts; and that men and women and children were put on earth solely for the purpose"

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Here Today



Rep. J. Bayard Clark will be the principal speaker at the Farmers' club supper in the Wrightsboro Home Demonstration clubhouse tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Representative Clark, motor-ing here from Fayetteville, is due to arrive at noon and keep engagements with local business and civic leaders and officials of the N. C. Shipbuilding company.

R. W. Galphin, county farm agent, said he expects farmers from all sections of southeastern North Carolina to attend the meeting tonight.

PORTS TO RECEIVE \$45,000 AT ONCE

Authorities Write Official Here Money Ready For Survey In State

Definite assurances that \$45,000 will be made available to the State Ports Authority for the purpose of beginning preliminary survey on state's potential tonnage and port improvements almost at once, was received yesterday by R. B. Page, chairman of the authority in a letter from H. S. Sanders, acting for O. T. Ray, division engineer of the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, Atlanta.

Execution of required papers is now all that stands in the way of prompt completion of an agreement between the Bureau of Community Facilities and the State Ports Authority and consequent advance of \$90,000 for preliminary plans and estimates for port facilities in North Carolina, Mr. Page said last night.

Notices to this effect was contained in the following letter received by Mr. Page yesterday:

Dear Mr. Page: We have reviewed your application for Advanced Planning for Non-Federal Public Works for economic investigations and studies, and preliminary plans and cost estimates for port facilities in North Carolina.

The Bureau of Community Facilities is prepared to enter into an agreement with you to advance the amount of \$90,000 for this purpose. We are attaching five copies of BCF Form 405, Agreement and Public Voucher. If agreeable please execute all copies of these forms and return them to us at your earliest convenience. They will then be accepted by the bureau, one copy returned to you, and an initial payment of 50 per cent of the agreed advance sent to you. In order to have a complete record of the advance, it is requested that a copy of any agreement entered into with an architect or engineer for this plan preparation be submitted upon execution.

H. S. Sanders (signed) acting for O. T. Ray

Division Engineer Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities

Completion of the required papers will in all likelihood be attended to at a conference of members of the North Carolina State Port Authority, representatives of the Frederick R. Harris Engineering company of New York, Robert and Company, Inc., of Atlanta and

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President May Stop RR Strike

Under Railway Act Truman Could Delay Walk-out For Period

NO ACTION HERE

Union Officials Indicate Willingness To Abide By Decision

Although local officials of Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen could shed no new light on the newly-announced strike, set for March 11, it was clearly indicated by the officials of the two union lodges that definite effects may be expected locally soon.

D. Bruce Sellers, president of Lodge No. 80, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said that action locally is at a "standstill, and we will have to wait now to see what action will be taken by the president of the United States."

"For 18 months we have waited," Sellers said, "I have no comment on the 30 to 60 day waiting period which it has been suggested will have to be given, to see what the president has planned, or what negotiations he can make."

E. C. Carson, chairman of the Lodge said he had no further information.

L. E. Broadhurst, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, local, could not be contacted last night, as neither could A. L. Council, former president of the Engineers.

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HANSON EXPECTS FAVORABLE ACTION

Coast Guard Station At Wrightsville Beach Is Thought Probable

Favorable action by the District Coast Guard officer, Charleston, S. C., is expected by Louis A. Hanson, chairman of a committee, appointed by the town of Wrightsville Beach to "contact the proper authorities regarding establishment of a Coast Guard station at the beach."

Contacted last night, Chairman Hanson said "we hope the Charleston officials will see the urgent need of a station being located here."

The brief, forwarded to the Charleston station Wednesday, was accompanied by the personal note of the chairman, and was forwarded to the district officer for endorsement and subsequent forwarding to the Coast Guard commandant in Washington.

A directive made by Congress in August 1939, called the enabling act, was recalled in the material forwarded the Charleston offices by Hanson.

Attached to the letter, was a resolution that the signees are vitally interested in the establishment of a Coast Guard station at the beach.

Signing the resolution were the following groups and individuals:

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wilmington, the New Hanover county Board of Commissioners, the Board of Aldermen, Town of Wrightsville Beach, the Propeller club and Rotary club of Wilmington, the (sailoria) Yacht club, and the Wilmington Lions club.

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STELLE WILL FLY HERE FOR REUNION

Legion National Commander To Spend Two Days In Wilmington

John Stelle, national commander of the American Legion, will be guest of honor, at a reunion of company C, 115th Machine Gun Battalion to be held here March 28 and 29.

The commander will fly here from Indianapolis, taking off on the morning of the 28th in a twin motored, six passenger plane piloted by Col. Roscoe Turner.

His party will include John McCauley, commander's aide, and Count Brandon who has been assigned to travel with the commander as a liaison officer.

Douglas Coming

En route to Wilmington the plane will set down at Charlotte to pick up Ben Douglas, former mayor of that city and Oscar Mills, both of officers in the old company.

Gov. R. Gregg Cherry will join the party when the plane, a new machine named the Legionnaire, stops at Raleigh.

Expected to arrive at 4 p. m., Commander Stelle will meet the seventh member of his group, Judge Henry L. Stevens, past national commander of the Legion.

Banquet Planned

A banquet, tentatively arranged to take place at the Famous Grill, will be held that night. Seventy-five former members of company C are expected to be present.

Stelle's party will be guests of honor at the local American Legion home the following day and will leave Wilmington about 3 p. m.

NAVY REPORTED READY TO TAKE OVER CAMP DAVIS AS ORDINANCE STATION; PERRY TO HEAD BLUETHENTHAL BOARD

Group Named To Operate City Airport

Authority To Develop And Operate \$11,000,000 Field Here

MANAGER SOUGHT

County Commissioners Act Swiftly To Assure Best Service

In a decisive, lightning-swift move, a separate airport authority to take over, develop, and manage Wilmington's \$11,000,000 Bluethenthal airfield was created by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners yesterday afternoon.

The new airport authority is composed of five prominent air-minded, community-minded citizens. Albert Perry, well-known insurance man and aviation enthusiast, is chairman. Hamilton Hicks, U. S. Army engineer who helped develop Bluethenthal field and knows it like the palm of his hand, is secretary.

Other Members

The other three members are County Commissioner Harry Gardner, Lenox Cooper, recently discharged executive officer of the U. S. Navy air-arm and Hargrove Bellamy.

The decisive move made in one short hour, took place in the Wood-

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Ft. Fisher Sale

170 BIDS MADE ON \$2,500,000 WORTH OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

A total of 170 bids on Fort Fisher property were opened yesterday in the Raleigh office of Walter F. Williams, project manager for North Carolina of the South Atlantic division of U. S. Engineers.

G. B. Rowland, on the office staff in a phone conversation with the Star last night said that a number of the bids were from the Wilmington area, but that they had also been received from a wide spread

section, including Alabama, Ohio and New York.

It was understood that some of the bids were for large sections of the property, which includes all plumbing, wiring, housing units and fixtures in the Army area at the historic site.

Results of the bidding on the \$2,500,000 worth of property will be announced in about 15 days, it was said.

All bidders were required to deposit 10 per cent of their total bids which will be refunded in event of an unsuccessful bid.

Included in the property placed on the block was 20,000 feet of electric cable, 100 heavy-duty safety line switches, 40,000 water-tight bushings and approximately 100,000 other electrical hardware items.

War Assets corporation representatives were on hand for the past several days to furnish information to prospective bidders and accept sealed bids. Deadline for filing bids was 4

MACARTHUR OKAYS JAP CONSTITUTION

New Nip Charter Would Reduce Hirohito To Ceremonial Figurehead

TOKYO, March 6.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur Wednesday approved for submission to the Japanese people a new Democratic constitution which would outlaw war, reduce the Emperor to the status of a ceremonial figurehead, and abolish Japan's feudal governmental system. Japan would maintain no military forces.

The proposed constitution, drafted by Premier Kijuro Shidehara's Japanese cabinet and indirectly sponsored by Emperor Hirohito, was given MacArthur's "full approval" as a "new and enlightened" instrument placing sovereignty "squarely in the hands of the people."

Abolish War Right

The draft constitution would forever abolish Japan's right to go to war, renounce the use of force in international disputes, and forbid maintenance of any armed forces.

It would strip Hirohito of the vast powers under which he ruled wartime Japan, leaving him only "a symbol of the people's unity" and "severing for all time the shackles of feudalism," the supreme allied commander said in his announcement.

The powerful hereditary House of Peers would be replaced by a new house of councilors, corresponding roughly to the United States Senate, which, together with the lower chamber of the Diet, would be empowered to make laws without requiring the Emperor's approval.

Executive Power

Executive power would be vested in the cabinet, which would be responsible to the Diet. The prime minister would be designated by the Diet instead of being named by the Emperor as under the old constitution.

In restricting the powers of the Emperor—formerly treated as "sacred and inviolable"—and endowed with absolute sovereignty—the new constitution states:

1. "The Emperor shall be a symbol of the state and of the unity of the people, deriving his position from the govern will of the people."

2. "The imperial throne shall be dynastic and succeeded to in accordance with the imperial house law passed by the Diet."

3. "Advice and approval of the cabinet shall be required for all acts of the Emperor in matters of state, and the cabinet shall be responsible for them."

4. "The Emperor shall perform only such state functions as provided for in this constitution. Never shall he have powers related to government."

WILMINGTON AND SO TO BED..

The homing-pigeon may supplant the eagle as America's favorite bird.

The other night two Marines met on a local street corner and stopped to chat about this and that, which included the campaign ribbons pinned above each one's left breast pocket.

"You know," said one, "I'm sure proud of my ribbons and medals. I wish I could win some more."

"I'm proud of mine, too," replied the other, "but I'd trade 'em all for that one little homing-pigeon."

"Homing-pigeon?"

"Yeah, You know—discharge button."

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Local Operators Fail To Vote On Walkout

Only Long Lines Operations To Be Affected, Officials Here State; Last Minute Efforts Made To Stop Strike

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Officials of the National Federation of Telephone Workers were reported authoritatively to have agreed on terms for settlement of the threatened nationwide telephone strike.

A labor department official said announcement of the basis of the agreement between the Federation and the American Telephone and Telegraph company was being delayed pending agreement by member unions of the federation to the terms.

Wilmington's telephone workers will not strike this morning.

Late last night after a meeting of Local 615 of the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers in the Cape Fear hotel, Miss Minnie Boone, chairman, informed the Star

"there will be no strike and no picket lines here, even if the strike does come off as planned."

No Vote Here

According to Miss Boone, the local union members did not even vote on the question, as had been anticipated.

"The strike, as far as I know, will affect only long lines operators, and since there aren't any of them here we didn't have to vote," she said.

"And frankly," she added, "most of us are glad about it, because we don't want to strike anyway if we can help it."

Will Feel Effects

She said it is quite possible, however, that if the long lines operators' strike does go through, Wilmington will feel the effects.

"We'll probably be limited to local calls and semi-long distance calls," Miss Boone said. "Anyone who tries to put in a call any great distance away probably won't accomplish more than get his phone off the hook. And that goes for incoming long distance calls, too."

TRUST BUILDING CHANGES HANDS

Willetts Planning Extensive Remodeling Of 8-Story Structure

The eight-story Trust building on the northeast corner of Front and Market streets, slated to be remodeled into one of Wilmington's most modern office buildings, was transferred to its new owner, Fredrick Willetts, by Horace Pearsall and family yesterday.

It is estimated that the improvements plus the purchase price will run into an investment of about \$100,000.

Willetts said yesterday that he plans to remodel all eight floors as well as the exterior of the building. He added that, although his plans aren't fully developed yet, "when completed, it will be one of

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Marines May Leave Site By April 1

Naval Officers Reported Looking Over Davis During Past Week

SEEK 100 HOMES

No Official Announcement Yet Forthcoming On Possible Move

Camp Davis, the nation's largest anti-aircraft training center during the war, and more or less an "orphan" since the declaration of peace, may shortly be taken over by the U. S. Navy.

In a telephone conversation with the Star last night, J. L. Tucker, housing manager of Holly Ridge homes, revealed that last Wednesday and Thursday seven "big Navy men" from Washington, D. C., "including an admiral," made a thorough inspection of the camp and Sears Landing.

Tentative Plans

According to what Tucker could learn from them, the Navy has tentative plans of taking over the camp and Sears Landing and turning it into a Naval experimental ordinance station, with new-type rocket projectiles perhaps the feature item of experimentation.

The men not only asked Tucker

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DRAFTEES PLACED AMONG 'DOUBTFUL'

53 White Men To Be Examined Here Before Leaving For Bragg

As the New Hanover Selective Service Draft Board delved into the 4-F files yesterday reviewing registrants in this group who might be eligible for pre-induction under lower physical examinations, a total of 53 whites and 56 negroes were placed in a separate group as "doubtful" and to be examined by local physicians before being sent to Fort Bragg for pre-induction.

Boards No. 1 and No. 2, which consolidated last year, met yesterday as one board, for the purpose of carrying out a complete review of all 4-F registrants presented by the clerks to determine whether any of the men concerned should, under existing policies, be granted a deferred class other than 4-F.

The State Director of Selective Service in Raleigh informed the board this week to complete the review as soon as possible, and advised the local board that an examining physician should be requested to review the remaining files to determine which men might be returned for pre-induction for the April call.

Dr. Sam Warshawer, head of New Hanover County Medical association was contacted by the board members and it was agreed that the local physicians would handle the doubtful cases. Dr. L. W. Up-

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

354,466 Visit Lounge Since January, 1923

"A home away from home," is the tag which has quite often been given the ladies lounge, located on Princess street.

Since January, 1923, more than 354,466 visitors have taken advantage of the clean "homey" atmosphere of the lounge.

Managed for the past 21 years by Miss Margaret M. Price, who serves as hostess, the lounge has catered to transients at home and from abroad.

During the past month

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The Weather

FORECAST: (Eastern Standard Time) North and South Carolina: Cloudy and continued warm Thursday.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Temperatures: 1:30 a. m. 59; 7:30 a. m. 61; 1:30 p. m. 71; 7:30 p. m. 62.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 73; 1:30 p. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 78.

Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

Wilmington — High 7:37 a. m., Low 12:49 p. m., 7:45 p. m.

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Along The Cape Fear

TEA PARTY — While our tabulators are compiling the data you folks have sent in about the Old ACL and Old Spofford Mills

Whistles, we're going to relax for the first time in a long time.

We're going to drift way back into the peaceful memories of early Americana and pillow our head in the comfy remembrances of the innocuous little social functions of our ancestors.

The particular little function we're thinking of re-living and relaxing about is the ancient American custom of the tea party.

And the one we're especially dreaming so cozily about is the one that took place in Boston on December 16, 1773.

IN BOSTON — What a pleasant jolly tea party that was. Ladies and gentlemen, coyly disguised as Indians, boarded an English vessel in Boston harbor and merrily threw innnumerable bags of tea into the water.

What a splashing good time they had. And, as one old dowager, her war-paint streaked with tears of jollity, said, "How ever in the world are we going to heat up up Boston harbor enough to boil all this tea?"

Like Olsen and Johnson, she almost stopped the show.

IN WILMINGTON — But now, come to think of it, we wonder

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