

## JAP WOMEN SCORE

Conservatives Triumph  
In First Free Elections

TOKYO, Saturday, April 13.—(UP)—Conservatives won an overwhelming victory in the Japanese Diet's lower house Friday as complete unofficial returns from Japan's first Democratic election showed 80 women elected among 80 candidates.

The four conservative parties rolled up an impressive majority as tabulation of the 30,000,000 votes cast among 40,000,000 eligibles ended. A source close to Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the Supreme Commander would compliment the Japanese people on their heavy polling.

The final, semi-official count for the 466 seats in the House of Representatives gave the liberal

party 139, the Social Democrats 92, the Progressives 91, the Cooperatives 16, Communists five, Independents 84 and minor parties 38.

The total elected was only 465 because Social Democrat Yoshio Domori, although he placed fifth among the five electable in Fukui prefecture, failed by 83 votes to garner the total required by the election law. A re-election will be held in the prefecture for the fifth seat.

Of the total elected, 373 members have never been in the house before. Many of the candidates up for re-election were earlier barred by order of the high command under MacArthur's orders.

TRUMAN TO CARRY  
OUT FDR'S PLANS

President Pledges Support  
Of Program At Dedication  
Of Shrine

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 12.—(P)—President Truman Friday pledged to "carry on in the way of Franklin D. Roosevelt" as he dedicated the late President's Hudson river estate as a national monument.

The former President died one year ago.

Standing bareheaded on the stone veranda of the Roosevelt stone and stucco mansion, President Truman said "we shall continue to fight" for his predecessor's "progressive and humane principles of the New Deal" and "principles of International cooperation."

**Saw Clearly**

The President said "Mr. Roosevelt saw clearly that we cannot continue to live isolated from other nations" and "recognized, above all, that our hope for the future of civilization, for the future of life itself, lay in the success of the United Nations."

He added that the former Chief Executive's foreign policy "called for fair, sympathetic and firm dealing with the other members of the family of nations."

**Distinguished Crowd**

The President spoke before an audience of several thousand, including many government leaders as well as the ambassadors or ministers of 18 foreign countries.

Millions more heard him via a world-wide radio hook-up.

The President, as he stood before the crowd which assembled on the estate's gravelled driveway and park, wore a dark double-breasted overcoat, buttoned against the chill breeze sweeping down the Hudson valley.

**On Front Porch**

Behind him on the white-pillared front porch from which Mr. Roosevelt customarily had acknowledged with a laugh and a wave the election night cheers of his neighbors, were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Interior Secretary J. A. Krug, and many others who had been friends and associates of the late Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt was dressed in black. She stepped forward to a post behind a battery of microphones and in formally presenting the house, her husband's rose garden grave and its surrounding green acres, she said:

**Spirit Lives**

"My husband's spirit lives in this house, in the library, and in the quiet garden where he wished his body to lie."

She said that after her husband's death the family found a memorandum which suggested that they waive their lifetime claim to the estate.

"He thought we would be happy if we did not try to live here," Mrs.

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## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

MEN DON' WUK FUM  
SUN TO SUN NO MO'  
NOW HIT'S JES' FUM  
STRIKE TO STRIKE!!

DRAFT "HOLIDAY"  
SWEEPING HOUSE

Vinson Amendment Would  
Prohibit Inductions  
Until Oct. 15

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(P)—A strong tide of sentiment for a draft "holiday" swept through the House Friday as it began debate on legislation extending the Selective Service law beyond May 15.

It was whipped up by members of the Military committee and by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the Naval committee. Enthusiastic reception by the membership indicated strong support Saturday when the actual voting begins.

**Would Raise Age**

Sharing popularity with Vinson's amendment to extend the draft law until Feb. 15, 1947, but to prohibit inductions before Oct. 15, 1946, was a proposal by Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the Military committee to raise the minimum draft age from 18 to 20. Vinson's idea is to give voluntary enlistments a trial.

As it came to the floor of the House with Military committee approval, the measure calls for a straight nine-month extension, with a service liability of 18 months. A ban against induction of fathers and a ceiling on the strength of the armed forces.

**Pay Raise Plan**

Tied in with that, but in a separate measure, is a House committee proposal to raise the pay of privates from \$50 to \$75 a month and give boosts, proportionately smaller as rank increases, to all grades up to colonel. The pay bill is proposed to spur voluntary enlistment.

On the Senate side of the capitol, the Military committee Thursday reported out a measure for the full year's draft extension urged by the administration, with limitations similar to those which the House committee approved.

**Senate Bill**

Along with the draft extension, the Senate group passed out for consideration on the floor a whole armload of pay raise plans, ranging from a raise for enlisted men only—\$15 a month for privates down to \$2 for top sergeants—through an extra \$50 a month for everybody serving overseas, to a straight 20 percent increase for all officers and men.

With such divergences between the Houses, the guessing in the corridors was that the final version will be written in a Senate-House conference after each branch has passed its own bill.

NEWMAN APPOINTS  
LANEY TREASURER  
OF HOSPITAL FUND

Emsley A. Laney, president of the Morris Plan bank, has been appointed treasurer of the Holy Family hospital fund campaign, Harris Newman, campaign chairman, announced yesterday.

Newman also disclosed that the drive, originally scheduled to start April 15, has been put forward to April 22.

The reason for the one-week delay, he said, is to give a little more time to perfecting the campaign plans.

There May Be Light Coat  
Of Frost On Lawns Today

By LARRY HIRSCH

Now that you've got your morning paper off the front porch and the sleep rubbed out of your eyes, you might look out the window for something you haven't seen for some time—a light spring frost.

If it is there, you might now take a look at your outdoor thermometer. Does it register above freezing? It does?

**Confusion Reigns**

Now you are as confused as we were before we had a frost talk with Paul Hess, head of the Weather bureau here.

Yesterday afternoon, you see,

RUSSIANS WILL DEMAND UNO SANCTIONS  
AGAINST SPAIN IN SUPPORT OF POLAND;  
COAL OPERATORS FEAR LEWIS PROPOSALMiners' Seeking Plan  
For Welfare

Firm Positions Of Each  
Group Slow Chances Of  
Settlement

## NO PROGRESS MADE

Schwellenbach Seeks Plan  
To Bring Disputants  
Together

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(UP)—Soft coal operators were revealed Friday night to have informed Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach that they fear the granting of a tonnage assessment to the United Mine Workers for a health and welfare fund would establish a precedent which other unions might attempt to follow.

But UMW President John L. Lewis has told Schwellenbach, it was reported, that the health and welfare fund must be provided by the operators on a tonnage basis if the present contract deadlock is to be broken.

Lewis is demanding that 10 cents a ton coal mined be paid by the operators into a union administered fund for hospitalization and other

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DOCTORS SEEKING  
HOSPITAL MERGER

Consolidation Of Baker  
Sanatorium And Thompson  
Memorial Asked

LUMBERTON, April 12.—Dr. W. S. Rankin of Charlotte, director of Duke Endowment, and Dr. H. H. Bradshaw, head of the department of surgery of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, heartily recommended consolidation of Baker Sanatorium and Thompson Memorial Hospital—Robeson County's only hospitals—in addresses before the Robeson County Medical Society at a dinner meeting at Lorraine Hotel attended also by the boards of trustees and representatives of the auxiliaries of the two institutions.

No action on the proposed merger was taken at the meeting, though it was announced that a majority of the trustees of both hospitals favor such consolidation.

**Advantages Listed**

The advantages, economic and professional, were pointed out by the visiting physicians. Dr. Rankin told of provisions in the Hill-Burton Senate Bill 91, which has already passed the Senate and is now before the House. A goal of 225-250 beds would be possible with a consolidated hospital, he said, as compared with the 155, or 2 per 1,000 population, now at the two institutions, with a record of average daily occupancy of 80 per cent.

One well-equipped hospital would attract the best-trained men, said Dr. Bradshaw. There could be at least 5 internes, 3 resident physicians, outpatient service, departmentalized medicine based on co-operation rather than competition as at present.

Dr. Murray Kinlaw of Pembroke, president of the society, presided. Dr. T. H. Mees, resident at Baker Sanatorium, and Dr. Fred Ford of Maxton were approved as new members of the Medical Society.

## Along The Cape Fear

MARRIAGE MIRAGE—If the Gallup-Poll man ever comes to our house and asks us whether we are pro or con on the subject of love, we're going to make him chalk a big X in the pro column.

And if he should go further and ask us whether we believe that love should be followed up by a trip to the preacher, we shall point out to him the well-beaten paths to the preachers' house and the churches in Wilmington.

We hope, though, that the Gallup-Poll man doesn't pay us a visit right soon. Because if he does, he might be led to believe that marriage hereabouts is merely a mirage.

DELICATE CARGO—Sad to say, folks, but the S. S. Holy Matrimony, like the S. S. Meat Larder and the S. S. Sugar Bowl, is stuck on the snag of shortages. There just aren't any bridal gowns in Wilmington.

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## Wilmington To Lose Outstanding Minister



Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist church, will leave Wilmington next fall to become Dean of the School of Religion at Wake Forest College.—STAR STAFF PHOTO BY PETE KNIGHT.

GOVERNOR CHERRY  
IN HEALTH PLEAS

Executive Advocates Life  
Of Better Things For  
More People

CHAPEL HILL, April 12.—(P)—Advocating a future of "more and better things for more people" in North Carolina, Governor R. Gregg Cherry Friday night called for more attention to "the health and physical fitness" of this generation.

To assure progress, he said in a speech prepared for delivery at a dinner for delegates and guests attending the final exercises in the University of North Carolina's sesquicentennial celebration, "we must join forces and work to the end that North Carolinians live fuller lives, make more money, have more of the things of life, get ahead, and do more and see more."

## Shares Program

Cherry shared the program with John Walker, chief curator of the National Art Gallery, Washington, who talked on American painting. More than 250 delegates from colleges, universities, learned societies, foundations, and from several foreign countries, attended the banquet.

Declaring that "our young people are our number one asset," the Governor said that by solving the matter of better health and physical fitness for young people "we

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## MAY SCRAP PLEDGE

Separate Treaties  
Will Be Next StepWILMINGTON CENSUS  
COUNT MAY BE READY  
BY WEDNESDAY NEXT

The census takers have finished knocking on Wilmington's doors.

It is possible, however, that there are still a few people in the city who have not been enumerated.

If anyone falls into this classification, he is asked to clip out the form on page eight in today's paper, fill it in, and send it to the census office immediately.

## Split Possible

The possibility that the victorious Allied powers might split over the secondary treaties with Germany's satellites was raised by a highly-placed informant. He said that if no accord were reached at the preliminary Big Four meeting which opens in Paris on April 25, the Allies might be forced to negotiate separately or in blocs with Italy, Finland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

The latter course, for example, would mean that if the United States and Britain agreed on a treaty with Italy they could conclude that pact. But Italy still would have to work out separate treaties with the other United Nations which did not join in the Anglo-American agreement.

A second alternative would be to submit disagreements among the

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BOSTON BUILDING  
PREY TO FIREBUG

BOSTON, April 12.—(UP)—A firebug's torch touched off a fourth Back Bay apartment house blaze bringing death to an elderly woman, Friday, even as police held one suspect and questioned another in connection with incendiary fires that have killed eight persons. When firemen battered their way

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Moscow Pointing World  
Against Franco Regime

Three Power Talks Reported To Be Held  
Soon Against Spain; End For  
Franco Rule Is Forecast

NEW YORK, April 12.—(UP)—Russia will demand that the United Nations Security Council apply the UN charter against Spain when it considers next week the Polish charge that the regime of Generalissimo Francisco menaces world peace, it was indicated Friday.

First positive news of Russia's stand—known to be strongly anti-Franco—came in a Moscow radio broadcast, heard in London, in which a commentator said the time had come to invoke the charter for joint world action against the Spanish regime. Implicitly answering the United States-British position that the situation is one for Spaniards to work out, Moscow said that the "Fascist policies" of Franco "are certainly such that they can not be considered a purely domestic affair."

CAROLINA BERRY  
MARKETS ACTIVE

Removal Of OPA Ceilings  
Yesterday Brings Price  
Increases

Removal of ceiling prices on strawberries brought an immediate hike in prices on southeastern North Carolina markets with increases running over \$4 in some instances above the previous ceiling of \$10.56 per crate.

Effective yesterday, the price removal, approved by the OPA and the Department of Agriculture and oked by Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles, was immediately reflected in markets contacted by the Star last night in prices, said to be the highest in many years.

## Roundup

A roundup of the strawberry section shows:

In Burgaw: T. P. Parker reported an estimated 500 crates sold yesterday, most of them at a top of \$15.25.

In Tabor City: Ben Nesmith, cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company, reported the sale yesterday of 150 crates at comparatively increased prices. Four hundred crates have been sold to date, he said.

In Wallace: Joseph H. Bryant, prominent warehouseman, reported that prices had average \$13 to \$14 with 416 crates being sold. Other quarters reported a few offerings bought at higher prices but John Winfield, market newsman for the State Agriculture department, gave figures agreeing with Bryant's in describing the general market picture.

In Chadbourn: Chief of Police J. M. Ezzell set the high price paid on the market at \$14.60 with approximately 300 crates being sold.

## Overall Picture

The overall picture as reported by the Associated Press, indicates

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## The Weather

## FORECAST

North Carolina and South Carolina — Saturday and Sunday fair and warmer. (Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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

Temperatures:  
1:30 a.m. 60; 7:30 a.m. 44; 1:30 p.m. 50;  
7:30 p.m. 48  
Maximum 54; Minimum 43; Mean 48;  
Normal 61.

Humidity:  
1:30 a.m. 89; 7:30 a.m. 93; 1:30 p.m. 72;  
7:30 p.m. 69.

Precipitation:  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. 0.04 inch.  
Total since the first of the month 1.07 inches.

Tides for Today  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

Wilmington — 7:39 a.m. 2:16 a.m. 8:06 p.m. 2:42 p.m.  
Masonboro Inlet — 5:45 a.m. 11:54 a.m. 6:12 p.m. 1:54 p.m.

Sunrise 5:43 a.m.; Sunset 6:42 p.m.; Moonrise 4:15 p.m.; Moonset 4:37 a.m.; River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a.m. Friday, "No report" feet.

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## Official Policy

The Moscow radio is regarded as authoritative and London dispatches took it for granted Friday's broadcast reflected official policy.

There were indications that Great Britain might try to head off any Security Council action against Franco by proposing a United States-British-French discussion of the entire situation.

If Britain went through with such a move she and the United States, while agreeing to a full discussion of the Spanish situation by the Security Council next week, might seek to delay action. A State department spokesman in Washington said nothing was known there of any proposal for a three-power talk. The London reports, however, indicated that while Britain had not yet made the proposal she might be on the point of doing so.

Correspondents in London, dis-

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USO CLUB PLANS  
FRIDAY SERVICES

Demand Of Servicemen  
Makes Full 24-Hour Day  
Necessary At Present

Due to necessity and demand, the Second and Orange USO club will remain open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday, Director Charles E. Robertson said yesterday.

The club, one of the last existing in the city, went on a 15-hour day last January, every day except Saturday.

## Open Friday

"With the demand of the large number of servicemen coming into town now, the operating committee has deemed it necessary to open the club on Friday, holding the same hours as are practiced Saturdays," the director said.

He said that 75 of the club's 100 coats, used for servicemen, could have been used last Friday, and indicated this club facility will be available to the visitors.

## Closes June 16

USO workers will close the club officially June 16, as announced at a meeting with national, regional and local representatives last month.

Director Robertson said he had not had definite announcement as to what steps, if any, the city is planning to take regarding the future of the club.

The club's operating committee last month voted to ask the city government to take over the operation of the club, after USO moves out.

## And So To Bed

Joe Jarrot tells us this one: Yesterday a man started to walk out of a local store with a package under his arm. "Hey," said the proprietor, "how about a kiss?" "Are you speaking to me?" asked the man. "I am. How about a kiss, chum?" "Say, what's the big idea?" said the man, his face, reddening with anger and embarrassment. "You haven't paid me for that package," answered the proprietor, "and I'd like to have some way of remembering the transaction."