

ROTARIANS HOSTS TO LOCAL POLICE

Chief Charles H. Casteen, 39 Members Of Force Guests At Meet

City merchants and business men yesterday became acquainted with local law enforcement officers when the Wilmington Rotary club was host to Police Chief Charles H. Casteen and 39 members of his force at its noon luncheon meeting.

After the meal Chief Casteen extended thanks to the club for himself and his officers. He called on each policeman to rise and

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introduce himself, stating his name, duty, and length of service, explaining to Rotarians the advantage of knowing your peace officers.

Speaking of Rotary's District conference to be held Thursday and Friday at the Ocean Terrace hotel in Wrightsville, the chief assured the club "at every courtesy would be extended to visiting Rotarians by the Wilmington Police department."

Officers present were Lt. O. V. Thompson, Lt. Coy Etheridge, Sgt. L. B. Rourke, Sgt. Thomas B. Hughes, E. J. Hale, R. L. Gardner, J. G. Hall, W. C. Jordan, W. N. Jordan, H. E. Williamson, C. E. Merritt, E. T. Rhodes, J. H. Carter, W. West, W. H. Leitch, H. Hayes, J. O. White, W. E. Stuart, M. M. Jeffords, L. A. Teague, N. J. Wolfe, I. B. Murray, Charles L. McClucas, R. N. Williams, C. Hinson, J. W. Wilson, J. O. Flowers, Ralph W. Roper, R. A. Grissett, John J. Padrick, E. P. Herrey, L. G. Slater, Don O. Pearson, Harry L. Walden, Homer L. Gurley, R. O. Cohard, James W. Burrell, J. Q. Butler, R. A. Jarrell.

Club President Tom Lilly announced that Carroll Tinsley, Boy Scout executive, had been chosen as a member of the Soap Box derby advisory committee.

It was further announced that Richard Rogers, H. A. Marks, and Charles B. Newcomb have been selected as the club's official delegates to the Rotary District conference.

West Virginia's state flower, the rhododendron, is in bloom during late June and early July.

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It has, moreover, long been clear what was fundamentally wrong in our post-armistice diplomacy. It is that Mr. Stettinius at the beginning and Mr. Eyrnes after him—

for they have had the same advisers on the crucial question in Europe—allowed themselves to be distracted and diverted from the primary to the secondary issues. It is easy to see how this happened. Germany was prostrate in defeat; on the other hand the Red Army had overrun Central and Eastern Europe, and the Soviets were pushing into the Mediterranean and the Middle East. What was more natural than to leave Germany to one side and to sally forth to check the Russians?

When I argue that our policy has been mistakenly conceived, I do not mean that it is a mistake to check the Russian expansion. I mean that it was a mistake to think that it could be checked by guerrilla diplomacy in the Balkans and in the Middle East. If the Joint Chiefs of Staff had dealt with the war as the State Department has dealt with the peace, we might still be fighting costly little campaigns in all the subordinate theaters.

I remember well hearing General Marshall say how, sitting at his desk in Washington, he was bombarded with urgent pleas for more and more troops and more and more supplies from each of his many theater commanders. Each had an excellent case. But if he and Admiral King had yielded, they would have dispersed American power all over the globe, and would never have been able to concentrate the force that Eisenhower, MacArthur and Nimitz

needed to force a decision. General Marshall, I believe, used to call his troubles "theateritis," and recognizing it as a well known military disease, the Joint Chiefs of Staff stood firm in insisting that our main effort must be concentrated in the main theaters. This was hard on the secondary theaters. But it was strategy and generalship.

Now the State Department has fallen into the error which the Joint Chiefs of Staff saw and resisted. It has spent itself, with little to show for its efforts, on Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgarian Greece, on Iran, Trieste, Italian colonies, while the main problem, which is Germany, has been neglected. This was an elementary strategic mistake to lead to a diplomatic failure.

Not the least of the reasons for attending to Germany first is that we can act more effectively in Germany than we can in the countries which are behind the iron curtain. The most important part of Germany is occupied by the British, and it has always been open to the British, the French, and the Americans to make a settlement—if they agreed among themselves—which would apply to a good two-thirds of Germany, and would act as a powerful lever upon the remainder—the Russian part. There has never been any reason—I mean any Russian reason—why the three western zones could not be reconstructed on the pattern of a German federal union. All that was needed was to apply in the British and French zones the political principle which General Clay has used so well in the American zone.

Nor was there ever any Russian reason why the Ruhr could not have been constituted as one of these federated German states, with special stipulations to meet the French view that officials in the Ruhr dealing with coal and steel shall never be appointed from Berlin. Nor was there any Russian reason why, when these things had been done, a central German administration should not be set up, as agreed to at Potsdam.

This would not have been a final settlement of the German problem. But it would have been enough of a settlement to put the Americans, the British and the French in an immensely strong position to bargain for a full settlement. It would have united them on a constructive proposal liquidating the artificial division of Germany into four military zones. For the alternative to the four military zones would have been clear: it would have been a German confederation. Without the alternative the zones cannot be abolished. To do so would mean the restoration of a centralized Germany.

This should have been the central objective of our diplomatic strategy. Unhappily it has not been treated seriously as any kind of objective. Yet the failure to work for this objective has left Germany, or at least Prussia, where it is today—an area in which the British and the Russians are in conflict over the control of a centralized Germany. It has left Germany without the promise of a good though modest future and has incited all the worst instincts of the Germans to make them bet on getting something magnificent for themselves out of a war between Britain and Russia.

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TRAINMEN HURT IN ROAD CRASH

ACL Freight Involved In Accident With Southern Train

VALDOSTA, Ga., May 21—(AP)—Two trainmen were injured Tuesday when an Atlantic Coast Line freight train crashed into a moving Southern railway freight at a right-angle crossing in the yards here.

The engine boiler of the ACL train exploded, and four freight cars of the Southern train were derailed. Another car was overturned, and the Southern's engine was damaged.

E. H. Herring, fireman, and C. Courtney, Negro brakeman, of the ACL crew, were injured, but Engineer J. A. Robinson was not hurt. All three jumped just before the ACL engine plowed into the Southern freight.

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