FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy, windy and becoming cooler today and tonight; Wednesday fair and continued rather cool.

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TELEPHONE WORKERS VOTE TO CALL NATION-WIDE STRIKE ON APRIL 7; MARSHALL DEMANDS TROOPS SLASH

Legion Ask Ouster Of Communist Party

Americanism Committee Chairman Urges Congress To Outlaw Group Lest Soviet-Inspired Orders Come

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(U.P.) The American Legion today urged Congress to outlaw the American Communist party lest its 100,000 members and fellow travelers carry out "Russian-inspired" plans for overthrow by violence of the U. S. Government.

The plea was presented to the House committee investigating unamerican activities as it opened public hearings on legislation that would erercise the party as unfit to participate in a democracy.

At the earlier executive session the committee unanimously approved a contempt citation against Leon Josephson, New Jersey attorney and alleged key figure in an international ring that faked passports to get communist agents into this country. The citation must be approved by the House before it can be turned over to the Justice department for prosecution.

Josephson said in an interview with the Dayton (O.) Herald that he was being "smeared" by the committee. He admitted past membership in the Communist party and said he still is a "confirmed Marxist," but said the committee's charge that he is a secret Russian agent is "Too ridiculous to answer."

Two Speakers

The American Legion's position was outlined by James F. Green of Omaha, Neb., national chairman of the Americanism commit-

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MOUNTBATTEN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW INDIA VICEROY

NEW DELHI, March 24—(AP)—Adm. Lord ... was sworn in to ... of India and, ... nt-breaking s... pon India's poli... set their hous... the time the ... the country.

A short ... conferred w... dia's biggest p... They were the ... nopal, chancello... ber of Princes; Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the all-Indian Congress party; Liaquat Ali Khan of the Moslem league. Nehru and Ali Khan are members of the interim Indian government.

The swearing in and conference took place against a background of communal violence which has accompanied the inability of the dissident factions to get together on a plan for Indian independence.

A government communique from the Punjab tonight said eight persons were killed, two of them burned to death, in rioting at Hodal, near the border of Delhi province.

Carrie L Broughton State Library Complimentary DAILY & SUN.

U.S. Delegate Asks Freedom For Germans

Secretary Of State Proposes Six-Point Bill Of Rights Preambles

WANTS SPOILS CHECK

July 1 Set As Deadline For Reduction of Big Four Occupation Forces

MOSCOW, March 24.—(UP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall demanded today that the Big Four reduce their occupation troops in Germany to a minimum by July 1 and proposed a six-point bill of rights, defining basic human freedoms, for all German constitutions.

He asked also that deputies of the Big Four Foreign ministers prepare a report on compensation of citizens of the United Nations for property removed from Germany as war spoils.

Marshall submitted his proposals in three memorando today, which was the deadline for introduction of such material.

His demand for troop reduction, opening a new American drive, urged immediate lowering of occupation costs in Germany so the country can be put on a self-supporting basis.

Under the Marshall proposal the Foreign ministers would instruct the Allied Control council in Berlin to report on the minimum number of troops needed in each of the four occupation zones.

The report would be made June 1 and it would specify the num-

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Sun Queen Derailed; 20 Injured

The Seaboard Airline Railway's Miami-to-New York Sun Queen was derailed near Camden, S. C., causing injuries to 20 persons. Seaboard employes said the train ran through an open switch. Three Diesel engine units and seven cars jumped the tracks, which were torn up for a distance of several hundred feet. (AP Photo).

287,000 Men, Women Will Leave Posts

49-Member Policy Committee Unanimously In Favor of Bell Walkout

SEEK CONFERENCE

President Beirne To Contact A T & T President Re Negotiations

WASHINGTON, March 24. —(AP)— The policy committee of the National Federation of Telephone workers today voted to call a nation-wide strike on the Bell telephone system at 6 a. m. April 7.

President Joseph A. Beirne of the NFTW announced the action of the 49-member Policy committee at the close of the first day's session in what was announced as a week-long meeting.

He said the committee had voted unanimously to begin a nation-wide tieup of telephone service by 287,000 members of the 39 unions on April 7 at 6 a. m. in each time zone across the nation.

"The Bell system," Beirne told a news conference, "by its refusal to offer counter proposals to our demands, and by its action in trying to move backwards in contract matters, has restricted the course of action of the federation."

Takes Strike Step

Therefore Beirne said the policy committee had taken the strike step.

However, Beirne was instructed to contact President Walter A. Gifford and Vive President Cleo Craig of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, for negotiations with the union's national coordinated bargaining committee no later than April 1.

Beirne said he is to report to his policy committee by 2:30 p. m. tomorrow "on the A. T. and T.'s reply."

The negotiations sought by the union would cover the $12 wee'

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Assault On United States Soviet Aim, Bullitt Says

WASHINGTON, March 24—(U.P.)—William C. Bullitt, former U. S. Ambassador to Russia, said today that the American Communist party is completely dominated by Moscow and seeks to weaken the United States for an "ultimate assault" planned by the Soviet Union.

Testifying before the House committee on Unamerican activities at its first day of hearings on legislation to outlaw the Communist party, Bullitt said that Russia already has "closed its iron fist" on more than 100,000,000 people in Eastern Europe in its "grandoise scheme" to "conquer the entire world."

He said the Communist party was its most effective fifth column; that it is subject to orders from Moscow and "follows the party line laid down by Moscow with great care."

Bullitt, who served as Ambassador in the Russian capital from 1933 to 1936, appeared after spokesmen for the American Legion urged that Congress outlaw the party's 100,000 American members and fellow travelers. They said they were "willing instruments" of a foreign power—Russia—and were seeking to overthrow the U. S. government by violence.

Effective Group

Bullitt said the American Communist party and its counterparts in other nations is used by Russia as a fifth column "just in the way Hitler used them—only much more effectively."

He cited at length from writings of Nikolai Lenin to show that world revolution is a basic tenant of the party.

"The doctrine that war is inevitable between Russia and what it calls 'bourgeois neighbors' rose from what they intend as a conquest of the entire world," he said.

He said that Premier Josef Stalin, by using party organizations in the old world, "is now threatening the independence of Europe" and that there was a "good

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SENATOR BRIDGES FLAYS LILIENTHAL

New Hampshire Man Says Nominee Not Businessman Or Scientist

WASHINGTON, March 24 —(AP)— David E. Lilienthal's nomination as chairman of the Atomic Energy commission encountered outspoken objections today as soon as Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) called it up for action in the Senate.

Senator Bridges (R-NH) jumped in first with a declaration that Lilienthal is "neither a great businessman nor a good scientist" and quickly picked up support from Senator Wherry (R-Neb), the Republican whip; Senator Overton (D-LA), Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) and Senator McKellar (D-Tenn).

Hickenlooper voted for Lilienthal's confirmation in the Atomic Energy committee which he heads and is manager of the confirmation drive on the floor. In the opening hour of debate late today he got assistance from Senators McMahon (D-Conn), Morse (R-Ore), Hatch (D-Nm) and Democratic leader Barkley.

Has Majority

Although the debate may stretch out several days, there appears to be little doubt that the Senate eventually will confirm Lilienthal as Atomic Energy Commission posts. Forty-nine Senators — a clear majority—already have told the Associated Press they plan to vote for Lilienthal.

Hickenlooper told the Senate in his opening statement that evidence taken in five weeks of hearings had failed to disclose that Lilienthal is either a Communist or a fellow-traveler. On the contrary, the Senator said, Lilienthal is a man of high intelligence and great administrative ability, as demonstrated by his years of service on the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley authority. The nominee has served since 1941 as TVA chairman.

Lilienthal's nomination emerged from that committee bearing an 8 to 1 vote of approval. Only Senator Bricker voted against him.

Chairman In Doubt

Amplifying on his prepared statement, Hickenlooper said he was not sure in his own mind just what kind of man was needed as chairman of an organization pioneering in such problems as atomic eergy.

"I have come to the conclusion," he said, "that we probably need more intelligent business administration than meticulous scientific direction."

It was then that Bridges broke in to say that the nominee is "neither a great businessman nor a good scientist."

"He can probably spend the taxpayers' money faster than any other man, without accounting to Congress for it," the New Englander added.

WORLD NOT READY TO QUIT ARMING

British, United States Delegates So Tell United Nations Meeting

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 24. —(AP)—The United States and Britain told the United Nations almost in unison today that the world is not yet ready for disarmament and won't be until international security is established.

Russia, which presented the original arms-slashing proposals in a speech by Foreign Minister Molotov to the U. N. General assembly last September, remained silent on the momentous issue as the two Western powers opened debate at the first meeting of the 11-nation commission on conventional armaments.

"When peace is concluded and security is organized, reduction of armaments then will be politically feasible," American delegate Herschel V. Johnson told the initial arms session on the eve of the U. N.'s first anniversary in the United States.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate, declared that the U. N. must establish international confidence with a global police force as its bulwark before "any concrete measures to regulate or reduce armaments can be put into effect."

Both the speakers emphasized they were ready to go ahead with a study of arms reduction immediately, but held little hopes for early results.

As the discussions got under way delegates kept a sharp eye on Moscow and Washington dispatches for trends such as might be indicated by the conference between Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Generalissimo Stalin in the Soviet capital and Undersecretary of State Acheson's statement that Russia is a "potential aggressor" against Turkey.

"The regulation of armaments is not itself the ultimate objective," Johnson said. "The ultimate objective is a world in which free men can live in peace and security."

He then laid down four conditions which must be met:

1-Safeguards as an inseparable part of any system of regulation.

2-Completion of the peace treaties with Germany and Japan.

3-Conclusion of special agreements setting up an international military force.

4-Establishment of strict inter-

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INTERFERENCE BY ARMY, NAVY HIT

South Carolina Congressman Terms Present Policy Stupid

WASHINGTON, March 24 — L. Mendel Rivers, South Carolina representative, yesterday termed the army and navy's interference of the coastal airways between Norfolk and Charleston as "stupid and nonsensical".

He declared that the men responsible for the placing of bombing and strafing ranges across the coastal airways "will be investigated before the armed services committee." Rivers is a member of the armed services committee.

Rivers told Chairman James E. Landis, of the civil aeronautics board, that the army and navy have a tndency to forget that it is the people in civilian clothes who create them and nurture them.

His criticism of the army and navy was in connection with the very high frequency range program which is under consideration in Washington. The area to be covered by VHF includes Norfolk, Elizabeth City, New Bern, Wilmington and Myrtle Beach.

TEEN-AGERS SITTING WITH BABIES TO GET CASH FOR OWN BABY

BETHESDA, Md., March 24—(AP)—Local teen-agers have taken up baby-sitting on a large scale—so they can help finance the full-time job of caring for a six-year-old Belgian war orphan.

Ann Daly, president of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Pepper club, said its 35 members have "adopted" little Juliette Jansen through a national relief organization. Members agreed to contribute $180 a year to her support.

To earn money for their "international relations project" they turned the group into a baby-sitters' club, ran and ad in a community paper and now have all the jobs they can handle.

BENSON CAUTIONS AGAINST FACTIONS

Members Of Police Department Warned Of Detrimental Effects

A warning to members of the police department that a split in the force would be detrimental to the force itself was sounded yesterday by City Manager J. R. Benson.

He spoke to members of the department at a 15 minute session at police headquarters.

His warning came following reported bickerings among members of the force over who should be the choice of the department for the position of police chief. There have reportedly been several attempts made recently to align sufficient power behind one or more members to force a vote as to the department's choice for the chief's position.

Benson explained during the course of his talk that he was not attempting to advise against a discussion of matters pertaining to the department but expressed the opinion that it would be to the best interests of the force if its members would "keep their feet on the ground."

He said that it would be a wise course if the members of the department would avoid splitting into different factions, thereby bringing upon the department unfavorable publicity.

A split of the force into fac-

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BOARD OPPOSED TO TESTING BILL

County Commissioners Go On Record Against State Supported Measure

The board of county commissioners went on record yesterday in opposition to a milk testing bill now before the state legislature.

The bill, a state department of health sponsored measure, would set up certain specified methods of inspecting milk to be sold in North Carolina.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, said that the health of North Carolina depended upon the passage of the measure. He called upon the citizens of the state to demand passage of the bill.

New Hanover county commis-

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DATES FOR COURT TERMS SET HERE

Two-Week Civil Session To Be Followed By Special Criminal Term

A totalof 74 cases, 36 of which are divorce actions, are dockete for the two week term of civil superior court opening here April 7.

Following the civil term, a one week special term of criminal court has been set for April 21 with approximately 50 cases on that docket.

The special criminal term was requested yesterday by District Solicitor Clifton Moore and the county commissioners approved the request. Governor Cherry has been requested to assign a special judge for the criminal session.

Moore said that the special term was made necessary due to the illness last week of Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, who was forced to close court in the middle of the week.

A number of important cases were scheduled for trial, but were carried over to the special term.

College-Sanatorium Vote Set For Today

Registered Voters Urged To Support Measures At Polls

The community committee advocating the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium and a junior college in New Hanover county last night urged early voting in today's county-wide referendum and climaxed a months-long campaign by expressing confidence that both proposals will be approved.

The committee announced that ample facilities will be available today to transport voters to their polling places.

Automobiles for this purpose will be dispatched to voters who telephone Junior Chamber of Commerce headquarters, 2-3360, it was announced.

A substantial turn-out of New Hanover's properly registered voters for this important referendum is expected today, when the 22 polling places will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m.

A general feeling of confidence pervaded the meeting of the community committee last night, held at the Woodrow Wilson hut and attended by some 30 men and women representing organizations identified with a cross-section of interests, whose efforts in recent months have fused in ardent support of the sanatorium and junior college proposals.

The meeting was attended by

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The Weather

FORECAST:

South Carolina — Clear to partly cloudy, windy and cooler Tuesday. Colder Tuesday night. Wednesday fair and not so cool.

North Carolina — Partly cloudy, windy and becoming cooler Tuesday. Colder Tuesday night. Wednesday fair and continued rather cool.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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

HUMIDITY

1:30 a. m. 52; 7:30 a. m. 97; 1:30 p. m. 77; 7:30 p. m. 79.

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a. m. 58; 7:30 a. m. 60; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 62; Maximum 67; Minimum 56; Mean 61; Normal 55.

TIDES FOR TODAY

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

	HIGH	LOW
Wilmington	11:42a	6:39a
	—p	6:30p
Masonboro	9:27a	3:30a
	9:49p	3:42p

Sunrise 6:09; Sunset 6:27; Moonrise 8:02a; Moonset 9:50p.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a .m. Monday 13.0 feet; Sunday 13.6 feet.

NEW YARD PARLEY EXPECTED TODAY

Ports Authority Chairman, Clark To Confer With Presidential Aide

WASHINGTON, March 24 —(AP)— Rep. Clark (D-NC) said today further White House conferences will be held Tuesday or Wednesday concerning the North Carolina Ship Building company's yards at Wilmington.

Clark told a reporter that R. B. Page, Wilmington newspaper publisher and North Carolina Ports Authority chairman, will arrive tonight to help iron out differences between the Authority's plan to buy the yards and the Maritime commission's program to keep them "in standby" posiion.

The State authority offered $1,200,000 for the yards. The commission rejected the proposal and suggested a lease.

North Carolina members of Congress repeated the state offer to President Truman who asked Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman to look into the matter.

Frequent White House conferences between Steelman, Rep. Clark, Senator Hoey (D-NC), Senator Umstead (D-NC) and Maritime officials resulted in a new offer from the commission, described by the Congressmen "as materially the same as the earlier offer."

However, the Authority is understood to have ready a counter proposal which is to be presented at the White House conference.

U. S. ARMY PLANE CRASHES IN WOOD

Missing C-54 Transport Located Near Stephenville; Several Hurt

STEPHENVILLE, Nfdl., March 24. —(AP)— A United States Army C-54 transport plane carrying nine persons which had been missing since Sunday afternoon was found today crashed on a desolate plateau 25 miles south of the Stephenville airbase.

Four or five survivors were seen walking near the crashed plane by crewmen of search planes who located it. Although the transport appeared to be little damaged, signals from the survivors indicated several casualties.

Survival kits were dropped to the stranded survivors from one of the search craft, an Army ATC plane from Harmon field.

There are no roads in the forested area where the plane came down and the survivors will have to be evacuated by a helicopter which has been flown here from New York and now is being assembled.

The crash occurred only a few miles from the scene of the crash of an American Overseas airliner last fall in which 39 persons died.

The four-engined Skymaster was en route Sunday from Westover Field, Mass., to Stephenville. It last reported its position as five miles Southwest of Harmon Field, Stephenville at 2:30 p. m. (EST).

When it failed to appear over the field, search planes were sent up and a crash boat was sent cruising St. George's bay to look for signs of wreckage.

REGISTRATION TO START SATURDAY

No Candidates For City Council Positions Have Filed Yet

Registration for this year's city election is scheduled to get underway Saturday and continue each Saturday until April 19, with the latter day set aside for challenge day, according to H. G. Carney, chairman of the city board of elections.

The date for the city primary has been set for April 21, at which time nominations for the May 6 general election will be made.

So far, Carney said yesterday, no candidates have as yet filed for positions on the city council

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And So To Bed

So To Bed recently told the story about the fellow who had the fuel oil syphoned from his fuel barrel by a cold neighbor.

Now, a certain waitress in a certain cafe tells the story of the neighbor who solicitously inquired as to her working hours. When told they were such and such, she started off in the pursuit of her daily livelihood.

And since the day looked like rain might fall, the waitress decided to return to the house to get an umbrella before catching the bus.

Yep! You guessed it. She found the solicitous neighbor dabbling in her coal pile.

The moral to this story: Don't tell everything, even to your neighbors.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

Along The Cape Fear

READY REPLY — Last Thursday's column relative to the old Library Association has brought forth a reply from the Wilmington Public library staff.

The former unknown newspaper scribe who wrote in a Port City journal during the 1880's that "the records of the Library Association have been lost, or at least a major portion of them, hence little is known of its early history" apparently was slightly "off the ball" in that pre-atomic age.

Facts and figure literally ooze from the printed book mark distributed by the public library.

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RATHER OLD — According to the information printed on the book mark, the Cape Fear Library was organized in 1760 in the City of Wilmington when the Port City was a thriving community of less than 800 souls.

"From this small beginning the present Wilmington Public Library has developed," the article states.

"After the Revolutionary War the Library continued, and in 1833 was operating under the direction of the Wilmington Mercantile and Library Association.

"Soon after, this association transferred all books to the Wilmington Library Association which in 1858 moved into 'fine rooms in the new Town Hall' the present City Hall," information received via mail from the present library staff states.

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TAKES OVER — "The Freedman's bureau took over the Library rooms in 1865 and all books were removed.

"In 1874 the Wilmington Library Association again organized the Library and were in charge for over twenty years," the article continues.

You may recall that last Thursday Along The Cape Fear told how the organization of the Library Association was affected, in all probability, in 1852 by Dr. T. C. Worth, Mr. George N. Morehouse, Mr. William Utley and others. After a precarious existence for several years it suspended only to be reorganized again near the end of the 1850's with Mr. George Davis, Dr. James H. Dickson, Mr. Donald MacRae and several others as the moving spirits.

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SOROSIS CLUB ERA — In 1901 the N. C. Sorosis Club started

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Writer Of Mystery Yarns Burglar By Day, FBI Says

LOS ANGELES, March 24—(AP)—The FBI disclosed the arrest today of Ernest G. Booth, 48, on a robbery charge, identifying him as a mystery story writer who wrote the movie script for "Ladies of The Big House."

Booth was taken in custody last night as he left a Hollywood restaurant with his wife — Special Agent R. B. Hood, in charge of the local office, announced—on an indictment last July charging concealment of securities valued at nearly $250,000, stolen in a burglary in Seattle early in 1943.

Hood added that Booth also had been identified as the gunman who robbed a series of loan companies in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Glendale, Pasadena and Beverly Hills, and had been sought since last December.

A month ago today, Hood charged, Booth entered the Atlas Federal Savings and Loan company, Pasadena, ordered employes to a rest room, locked them in and removed $2,000 from the bank vault.

The FBI said two of Booth's novels, "Sirens Screaming" and "Stealing Through Life" had been sold to movie studios for picture production, reporting that "he started his writing career in 1926 while serving time in Folsom prison."

High Winds Rip Big Hole In Nashville Church Spire

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 24. —(AP)— A cave-size hole was ripped in a downtown church steeple and more than 100 telephone and electric power lines were damaged by 70-mile-per hour winds that swept Nashville today.

A hole appearing to be about 20 feet high and seven or eight feet wide was torn in the wooden-frame steeple of the First Baptist church on one of Nashville's busiest streets.. Police detoured all traffic away from the building as a precaution against the steeple falling.

Telephone officials reported damage to lines in more than six surrounding localities, and the Nashville Electric Service said between 25 and 30 power lines were damaged.

The weather bureau station at Nashville airport reported an 18-degree drop in temperature with the wind. Strongest single gust recorded reached 85-miles-an-hour, and late in the afternoon a steady wind of 70-miles-per-hour was listed.

Be Sure To Vote For The Sanatorium And Junior College Today