

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with little change in temperature today; Tuesday, increasing cloudiness and warmer.

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Wiley Favors Union Of All Democracies

Wisconsin Republican Proposes Congress Urge U. S. Of Europe

WOULD AID DEFENSE

Nine Nations Specified As Possible Members Of New Organization

WASHINGTON, March 30—(AP)—Senator Wiley (R-Wis) proposed today that Congress go on record in favor of a United States of Europe composed of democratic countries.

He said the nations could thus join in defense "against the ideological warfare waged against them by dictator states. They would evidence to Russia the vitality of democracy."

He noted the group "could formulate military plans against any potential aggressor." He said a democratic union movement would help achieve the aims of the proposed U. S. to help block Communism.

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, explained in a statement that his idea is to set up the new union within the United Nations. He urged that Congress go on record and that the State department's policy be to lend encouragement.

He suggested the union include England, France, Switzerland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium and Denmark and possibly others.

Sharp Division
Wiley said the time is not right to bring in all nations of Europe because of the sharp division "between the camps of democracy and dictatorship."

"A democratic-dictator hodge-podge of United Nations of Europe would experience the same frustrations and stumbling blocks that

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VIOLENCE TAKES LIVES OF EIGHT

For First Time In Many Weeks, Highway Accidents Few In State

By The Associated Press
Violence cost the lives of at least eight North Carolinians during the week-end.

For the first time in weeks, automobile accidents did not lead the grim parade of fatalities. Deaths of three persons were officially termed self destruction, two others perished when their small boat overturned, one died in a highway collision and two others died as a result of wounds inflicted by assassins.

At Asheville, the deaths of Charles Henry Moore, 29, of Rock Hill, S. C., and his wife, Mrs. Estelle Thorpe Moore, mother of five children, were said by Dr. P. R. Terry, coroner, to have resulted from bullet wounds inflicted by Moore.

Coroner W. N. Dalton reported at Winston-Salem that Mrs. Lucy Esther Beard, 40, killed herself Friday by turning on the gas jets in her kitchen.

Two Durham Negroes met sudden death Saturday night. One, Ernest Barnes, was said by officers to have been a homicide victim and the death of the other, Jack Graves was termed by investigating officers as the result of "apparent" self-inflicted shot-gun wounds.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
By Alley
I SHO'D DONE MAHSE-F
PROUD LAS' NIGHT—
I SUNG SICH DEEP
BASS HIT SHUCK!
ME LAK A CHILL!

(Released by The Bell System)
Circle 11
Trade Mark
Reg. U. S. Pat. Office
3-91-47

Miner Holiday May Crimp Fuel Supply

Nation's 400,000 Diggers To Follow Call By John L. Lewis For Six-Day Period Of Mourning For Blast Victims

By The Associated Press
While the usual calm prevailed over the nation's soft coal fields in advance of a six-day work-pause called in mourning for the Centralia, Ill., mine slaying, the industry expected some belt-tightening would be necessary to stretch supplies.

Grain Exports Now Seen As Vital Economy Threat

UNION, INDUSTRY LEADERS TO MEET

Federal Conciliator Sees Hope Of Averting Telephone Strike

NEW YORK, March 30—(AP)—Federal Conciliator William Margolis, tending the situation "hopeful," announced today that union and industry representatives would meet jointly for the first time later tonight in current negotiations aimed at averting a telephone strike.

Margolis cautioned, however, against over-optimism. The two groups of negotiators, representing the American Union of Telephone Workers and the long lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, had before have met separately with conciliators.

John J. Moran, president of the AUTW said no progress had been made toward settlement of the dispute except for agreement to meet jointly.

Margolis is seeking to establish a pattern agreement between the company and the long lines workers union which is affiliated with the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

LOCAL TEACHERS WIN NCEA OFFICES

Four Faculty Members Picked During Recent Asheville State Meet

Four Wilmington teachers were named to divisional posts at the concluding session of the North Carolina Educational Association meeting in Asheville Saturday.

A. C. Draxton, of Southern Pines, was named vice president, winning the office of T. C. Roberson of Buncombe county.

It had been the custom in years past to elevate the vice president to the presidency.

Old timers in the ranks of the teachers read into the precedent-breaking proceedings the ditching of the more conservative element of the association.

Fritz was the leader in the program which gained for the teachers approximately 27 and one-half per cent increase in pay during this session of the North Carolina general assembly.

The more conservative side of the association had signified its intention to ask for a 20 per cent pay increase and an additional salary boost only if the cost of living increased.

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN
On Criticism of the Press
The Commission on Freedom of the Press which began its inquiry about three years ago has now issued its general report, which calls "A Free and Responsible Press." The members of the commission were appointed by the chairman, Mr. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, and on the principle that a good critic had better not be a producer or a playwright or an actor. Mr. Hutchins appointed no one from the working press. He chose instead able and distinguished men from among law-

Sensational Evidence May Hit Oil Quiz

Capitol Observers Expect Hot Developments When Wheeler Takes Over

HIRED BY BREWSTER

Montanan Apparently Has Truman Backing For Probe Of Charges

WASHINGTON, March 30—(UP)—Capitol observers looked forward tonight to sensational developments in the Senate investigation of the government's Middle East oil deals now that former Sen. Burton K. Wheeler has been hired as special investigator.

They said the Montana Democrat who gained national prominence by the way he handled the Teapot Dome oil scandal 25 years ago, would not associate himself with "a chicken feed investigation" and pointed out that he conferred with President Truman before taking on the job.

Wheeler was hired by Chairman Owen Brewster, (R-Me) of the Senate War Investigating committee to spark its inquiry into charges that companies selling Middle East oil "deliberately defrauded the U. S. government."

"This investigation is of too great a magnitude to be done haphazardly," Brewster explained.

Wheeler's exact status was not clear. He said he had been asked to "take over the inquiry," but Brewster said he had been retained "as a special assistant" to study the case and make a report.

Committee counsel George Meador, who has carried the ball up to now, said he understood Wheeler would have "a sort of consultant job." He was told, he said, that the Montanan would "review the material the committee has collected and report back on what future action should be taken."

In the one day of hearings held thus far, the committee was told by oil man James A. Moffett that: 1. The Arabian-American Co., jointly owned by the Standard Oil

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AIRLINES CLERK SLAIN WITH STONE

Son Of Prominent Boston Attorney Murdered After Leaving Inn

NEW YORK, March 30—(UP)—William Albrecht, a 22-year-old unemployed war veteran confessed tonight he murdered Fiske Dellenger, an airlines reservations clerk and son of a prominent Boston attorney.

Police quoted him as charging that Dellenger made improper advances to him after they had spent last night drinking together at the Bull Fiddle tavern.

NEW YORK, March 30—(UP)—A 24-year-old reservation clerk at La Guardia field, son of a prominent Boston attorney, was murdered in suburban Jackson Heights today by an assailant who struck him over the head with a 25-pound stone and left his body in a vacant lot.

The body of Fiske Dellenger, the head crushed in, was found by a woman passer-by shortly after 7 a. m. Besides his body was the blood-covered rock with which he had been killed.

Inspector John Appel, commander of detectives in Queens county, said police had not yet been able to establish a motive.

An expensive wrist watch was (Continued On Page Two; Col. 6)

COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BOMBAY

TAKE TOLL OF FORTY LIVES; BRITISH SEEK ARMS SHOWDOWN

Cadogan Will Quiz Soviets On Intentions

Issue Of Disarmaments May Come To Head Before Council Tuesday

THREE-POINT PLAN

Empire Delegate Wants Principles Established As Treaty Guides

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 30—(AP)—Great Britain will seek a showdown with Russia on disarmament principles before plunging into a United Nations program to slash the world's arms, an authoritative source said today.

The issue was expected to come to a head Tuesday with completion of policy speeches in the 11-nation commission on conventional armaments. Britain's move would supplement her previous assertion that the world was not ready to disarm and wouldn't be until international security was established.

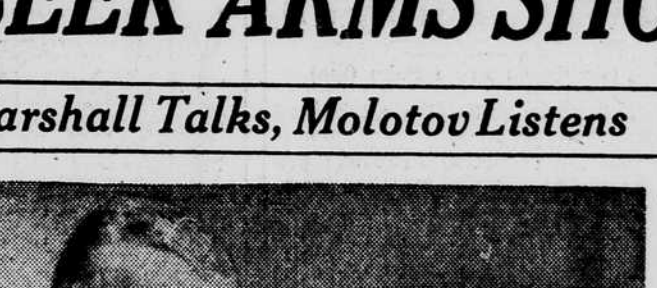
Despite Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's call for speed when he tossed the original arms reduction proposal into the General Assembly last fall, the Soviet Union so far has declined to speak in the new commission.

Regardless of whether Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko chooses to deliver a major speech, the source said the British were determined that all nations go on record over disarmament.

Three-Point Program
Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate and veteran of previous world disarmament conferences, (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)

Marshall Talks, Molotov Listens

U. S. Secretary Of State George C. Marshall (left) gestures as he talks with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at the first formal dinner held in connection with the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference in Moscow.



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Star-News Salutes Robeson On Program

The Weather

Tribute Written And Directed By Ben McDonald Heard Over WMFD

Robeson county, the second largest county in the state, was saluted yesterday on the Sunday Star-News reel over WMFD by the Star and the News in the eighth of a series of Sunday radio visits to the counties in Southeastern North Carolina served by the Star and the News.

The program, written and directed by Ben McDonald, Star-News, round-the-town-reporter, featured the agricultural and industrial development of the county as a whole and highlighted a number of interesting features concerning the communities that make up Robeson county.

The script for yesterday's program as narrated by McDonald stated: Robeson county is known as one of the richest agricultural producing counties in the nation. It is the largest tobacco producing county in the United States and ranks near the top in cotton growing, hogs, corn, beans, peas, potatoes and hay. With an annual crop

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GRACE METHODIST PLEDGES MOUNTING

Campaign Leader Says About \$54,000 Raised In Initial Drive

M. H. Lander, general chairman of Grace Street Methodist Church's restoration program, said last night that approximately \$54,000 of a \$200,000 goal had been reported by workers in the Sunday campaign.

Lander said that due to the rain last night, all workers had not reported their solicitation success. He said the \$54,000 represented only subscriptions from the congregation and did not take into account subscriptions from the special gifts group.

A complete accounting of Sunday's solicitation will be made today, Lander said.

Prior to Sunday's solicitation campaign, Lander said, the church had received pledges totaling \$14,453.

The church was almost totally destroyed by a fire on March 21. Workers for the Sunday solicitation campaign were appointed at a meeting Saturday afternoon in St. Paul's parish house. The 110 campaigners worked from 2 to 5 o'clock in their canvass of the church's membership.

Eight Thousand Reenact Christ's Jerusalem Walk

Jerusalem, March 30—(AP)—

Thousands of Christians walked along the rocky slopes of the Mount of Olives past Getsemane into the old walled city of Jerusalem today, in the traditional Palm Sunday reenactment of Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Churchmen of high rank, government dignitaries and thousands of other worshippers carried palm branches, in commemoration of the welcome which Christ received almost 2,000 years ago from his palm-bearing followers.

Police Bring Quiet To City With Gunfire

Hindus, Moslems Clash On Nineteen Occasions Throughout City

137 ARE WOUNDED

Fighting Also Occurs In Calcutta, Cownpore And Howrah

BOMBAY, Monday, March 31—(UP)—Forty persons were killed and 137 were wounded yesterday in communal riots that broke out in four different sections of Bombay, the provincial director of information announced today.

Similar riots occurred in Greater Calcutta and Cownpore, causing at least nine deaths and more than 50 other casualties.

The Bombay disorders between Hindus and Moslems were brought under control only after police fired into crowds in various sections of the city on 19 occasions. A curfew was put into effect to clear the streets of the rioters.

A. A. Cuffin, Bombay chief of police, said the local military organization had been ordered to stand by for duty later today when the curfew is lifted.

Newsman touring Bombay streets saw Cuffin's police squads move into areas where screaming rioters abandoned their activities and fled, leaving only the litter of the disorders under the light of overhead gas lights.

Rumors as to the cause of the fighting, all of them unconfirmed, swept the city immediately. The report receiving the most circulation (Continued On Page Two; Col. 6)

LAW-MAKERS FACE STRENUOUS WEEK

Joint Finance Committee To Debate Ports Bill Sometime Tuesday

RALEIGH, March 30—(AP)—The law-makers will return to Raleigh early tomorrow for afternoon meetings to clear pending bills out of committee hoppers and to get a running start on an anticipated sine die adjournment Saturday.

The recurring issue of alcohol looms as one of the biggest problems before this week's assembly. A sub-committee of the House Finance committee is expected to report a local option beer and wine measure by Monday.

A sub committee of the Senate Finance committee may act by Tuesday on two House "pattern" bills, vesting authority in local governments to regulate beer sales, and report on a number of local wine and beer measures introduced in the Senate.

The Solons were still looking toward a pre-Easter adjournment last week, but so many issues still crowd the program, the session may run past Easter.

Some measures to be debated this week are: an expense allowance for legislators; financial responsibility for automobile drivers; a safe-driving bill requiring semi-annual mechanical inspection of motor vehicles, quadruple re-issuance of drivers' licenses, 55-mile-per-hour speed limit, subjecting farm cooperatives to income and franchise taxes; and bills to decrease powers of the State Board of Barber examiners.

The joint appropriations committee will meet Tuesday and may act on measures to appropriate from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000 to aid counties in building schools, appropriate \$1,000,000 for permanent improvements at state ports and \$1,000,000 for a state art gallery.

And So To Bed

It doesn't seem right in this day of fast travel. A large automobile with a New York license plate pulled up to a curb here yesterday and the driver, a gray haired man of middle age, opened the window of his car and asked, "Would you be kind enough to tell me the way to the DeSoto hotel?" "The what hotel," came the reply. "The DeSoto." "There is no hotel in Wilmington by that name," the man on the sidewalk observed. "Wilmington!" came the exclamation, "I thought this was Savannah."

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