

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness with scattered thundershowers today; Thursday mostly clear with scattered thundershowers, moderate temperatures.

Article Hits USSR Thesis

Marshall's Top Advisor Regarded As Author Of Strong "Expose"

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall's top advisor on Russia has reported reliable information that the author of a current anonymous magazine article bluntly analyzing Soviet foreign policy and attempting to answer the question: "What is Russia up to?"

The article has created considerable interest here and has become a reading in State department and diplomatic circles where it is regarded as a faithful portrayal of current U. S. policy toward the Soviet Union. Had it appeared under the suspected author's name, it would have been a more popular read magazine, it may have created a sensation, if not a diplomatic incident.

The article sees only political and economic conflict between the U. S. and USSR and warns the U. S. to expect only secretiveness, lack of frankness, duplicity, wary suspiciousness and basic unfriendliness of purpose in the conduct of Russia's foreign affairs under the present regime.

It proposes—and observers agree that its proposals are present U. S. policy—that the United States enter "a policy of firm containment" designed to comfort the Soviets with "unalterable counterforce" at every point where they show signs of encroaching upon the interests of a peaceful and stable world.

No Confirmation

There is no official confirmation of who wrote the article. But every diplomat who has read it and was asked about it had no doubt that the author was George F. Kennan, career diplomat whose specialty has been Russia and who recently was named by Marshall to head his new long-range foreign policy planning staff.

The article appears in the current issue of an erudite quarterly

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DAHLIA MURDER BAFFLES POLICE

Twenty-Year-Old Woman Latest Victim Of Sex Maniac On Coast

LOS ANGELES, July 8—(AP)—The nude and mutilated body of pretty Mrs. Rosenda Mondragon, 20, was found in the old Mexican section within a few blocks of the city hall today. She had been strangled with a silk stocking.

The slain woman's estranged husband, Tony Mondragon, 41, told police his wife visited him briefly at about 2 a. m., and appeared slightly intoxicated. He said they conversed briefly and she left, saying she had a date. Mondragon

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NATIONAL AIRLINES DC-6 CRACKS MIAMI-NEWARK TIME MARK

NEWARK, N. J., July 8—(AP)—A National Airlines DC-6 set a new commercial speed record between Miami, Fla., and Newark today, flying the distance in three hours and 23 minutes.

The four-engine airliner, piloted by Ed Taaffe, left Miami at 9:36 a. m., EDT and was timed across the Newark airport control tower at 1:01 p. m., EDT.

The previous record was set about two weeks ago by an Eastern Airlines Constellation which made the trip in three hours, 29 minutes and 11 seconds.

The Weather

North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday with continued moderate temperatures. Scattered thundershowers Central and East portions Wednesday.



Bevin Hails Marshall Aid

British Foreign Secretary Says Plans Step Toward Unity Of Peoples

LONDON, July 8—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today hailed the Marshall aid offer as a step toward the "unity of peoples" and "participate in the wide recovery plan."

Bevin brushed off as "political propaganda" the proposal by former Prime Minister Winston Churchill for a "United States of Europe."

"On the other hand," he added, "there is a prospect—and a very happy prospect, I think—now, of trying to produce something without touching the political side at all, without even raising it, and certainly not accentuating it, to have an opportunity of approaching the problem from an economic basis."

"If built upon rightly and worked out properly, this may yet make the biggest contribution to the unity of the peoples of Europe."

"By working on the basis of unity, it may be that even in our day and generation we shall find that we have contributed at last to a great unity of peoples throughout the world."

Bevin said the Marshall proposal, originally put forward by the American secretary in an address at Harvard University, was contained in an "unrehearsed speech, like a bolt out of the blue."

He welcomed Czechoslovakia and other countries which have accepted a British-French invitation to the Paris Economic conference opening Saturday, and added:

"I do not know what others will come, or who will stay away. But I can assure you and the British public and the great public of the United States, which is behind Mr. Marshall in his great offer, that having put our hand to the blow we are not turning back."

Without mentioning Russia by name, Bevin reiterated that the door was still open for those who had declined to cooperate and that he would like to see them "by example where we cannot now satisfy them by argument."

He said Britain was determined not to "quibble" over the details of the Marshall offer and not to "become annoyed" at criticisms. This apparently was a reference to critical articles which have appeared in the Russian press.

"To tell us now we are dividing Europe really is nonsense," he said.

TEACHERS TO GET DATA ON SALARY

State Education Board To Set Schedules For Year On Thursday

RALEIGH, July 8—(AP)—School teachers of the state will learn Thursday in dollars and cents the amount of salary increase they will receive next school year.

The answer to the question the 1947 General assembly increased appropriations for their salaries will be forthcoming when the State Board of Education meets here Thursday to adopt a budget for the coming school year.

The board's finance committee, which has been studying the budget for several weeks—and particularly the question of a teacher salary schedule—will make its report at the meeting.

Available for operating the school's next year is approximately \$59,000,000 compared with approximately \$45,000,000 being spent this year.

Approximately \$50,000,000 of the total available for operating the schools has been earmarked for salaries for the 25,000 teachers and principals.

GOP-Backed Tax Reduction Bill Passes In House By 302 To 112; Lewis Orders Miners Into Pits

Union Leader Scores Again

UMW Chieftain Wins Biggest Wage Increase Ever Granted

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—John L. Lewis ordered three-fourths of his 400,000 soft coal miners back to the pits tonight to work for another year—when "able and willing"—at the biggest wage increase he ever won.

"Who's looney now?" he demanded of his critics in general as he jubilantly told reporters of the precedent-shattering pact.

Coal operators paraded to United Mine workers headquarters to sign on Lewis' terms. For those who didn't sign the terms were: take it or leave it.

The Southern Coal Producers association was the only sizeable group to leave it. They hit Lewis for modifications in a closed meeting, apparently got nowhere, and decided to convene tomorrow at 12 noon (E.S.T.) for a "final decision."

One of the Southerners predicted they would be "forced to accept," as a group or individually. In fact, a scattering of them had already accepted. But Southern

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NEW COTTON CROP MAY FALL SHORT

Nation Now Faces Smallest Supply In Quarter Of Century

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—The United States faced the prospect today of the smallest supply of cotton for the coming marketing year in nearly a quarter of a century.

The Agriculture department's acreage figures—the first cotton report of the season—indicated that production this year possibly may fall nearly 2,000,000 bales short of estimated requirements.

The department reported the cotton acreage in cultivation on July 1 at 21,389,000 acres, an increase of 17.6 percent over last year but about 10 percent below the government's recommended goal.

The department made no production forecasts, but the crop would be about 10,495,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight if the acreage abandoned is equal to the ten-year average and the yield per acre is equal to the long-time average of about 250 pounds.

The first official production forecast will be issued August 8. In setting a goal of 24,000,000 acres, the department last winter estimated needs for the marketing year beginning August 1 at about 12,360,000 bales.

Thus a crop of 10,495,000 bales

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COURT CLERKS MEET AT ATLANTIC BEACH

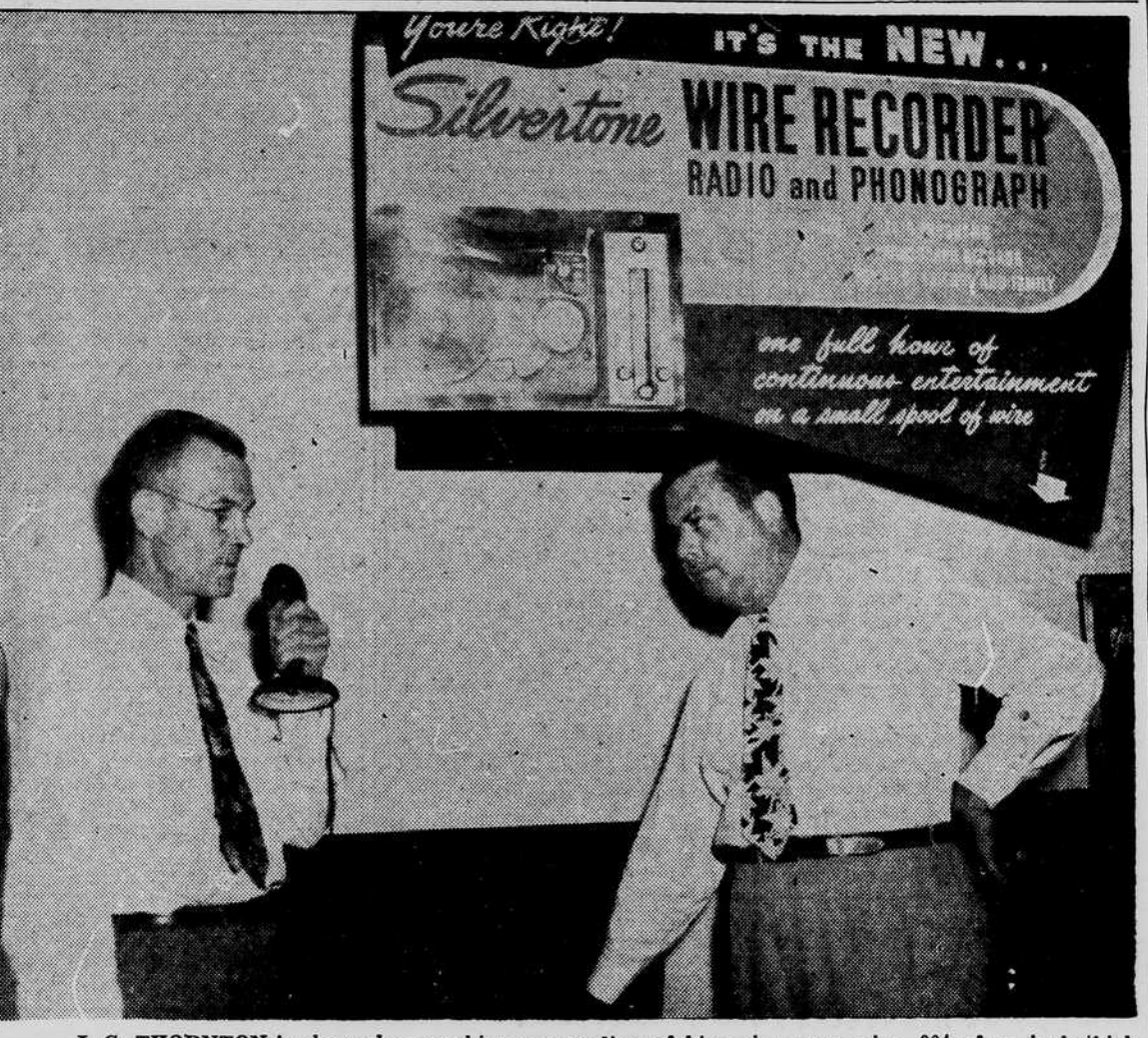
August L. Meyland, clerk of the New Hanover county court, will be one of several scores in attendance at the annual convention of the Association of Superior Court Clerks of the state beginning today at Atlantic Beach and lasting through Friday.

Up for discussion will be new state laws, child adoption procedures and other matters. Speakers will include Peyton B. Abbott, assistant director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, who will speak on the new laws, George R. Hughes, Trenton attorney, and K. S. Cate of Chapel Hill.

Along The Cape Fear

ODD BURIALS—John Paul Jones, the early American naval hero and a Wilmington woman, apparently had similarities in being interred in a lead casket filled with alcohol. C. C. Chabourn, 415 South Front Street, has noted in a letter.

Chabourn recalled the oddness of the burial of the naval hero after reading an editorial in a recent paper. "It is interesting to recall," he wrote, "that a French friend as a mark of courtesy to this country and in case this country ever desired to bring the body (that of J. P. Jones) home, placed it in a lead casket filled with alcohol and there it remained for over a century."



J. G. THORNTON is shown here making a recording of his voice on a wire .004 of an inch thick while Fred Farrar, manager of the radio division of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store here, adjusts the mechanism. The new wire recorder will make recordings of broadcasts, records or of the voices of family friends. The placard above the pair shows the recorder from a top view and the controls necessary to operate it. (STAFF PHOTO).

Army Whips Up Saucer Flurry However "Find" Finally Fizzles

SEARCH FOR HOSPITAL SITE HAS NOT "NARROWED DOWN"

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—Contrary to published reports today, Rep. J. Bayard Clark's office said tonight that the Veterans Administration had not narrowed its search for a hospital site to three eastern North Carolina towns.

The Veterans Administration, the announcement said, has a policy of not considering any town under 10,000 population. Any eastern North Carolina city with a population above the administration's set minimum still has a chance at the institution.

While Wilmington will be visited by representatives of the administration in its search for a hospital site, it cannot now be said that the search is confined to this city, Wilson, and Goldsboro, the announcement added.

POWER SHOVEL SAVES OLD GRAY MARE FROM 'OOZY' CANAL DEATH

PHILADELPHIA, July 8—(AP)—Bessie, an old grey mare, was found mired and slowly sinking in an old muck-filled canal in South Philadelphia today.

Policemen tried to lasso the horse and drag her out. No luck. Agents of the Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals donned hip boots and waded to the rescue without success. Bessie continued to sink into the ooze.

A big power shovel was put to work, shoving aside tons of muck until it reached the scene. Then it hoisted Bessie to safety aboard a rope attached to a 50-foot boom. Stableman Abraham Rathblatt wrapped Bessie in blankets and led her back to the barn.

He was overheard muttering something about old grey mares. . . .

ELOPEMENT

CLINTON, Ia., July 8—(AP)—Popeye and the "frog-legged girl," both featured attractions in the Mills Brothers circus, were missing today, and circus cronies believed they had eloped.

Popeye, 20, who always goes by that name, pops his eyes in the side show. Bertha Haffley, 17, is billed as the "frog-legged girl." The couple disappeared during the night from the trailers in which they travel with the circus.

RECORDERING UNIT SHOWN AT CLUB

Invited Group Witnesses Demonstration Of New Wire Instrument

Ever had your favorite radio program interrupted by a salesman knocking at the door and when you return you find you missed an important part? Want to listen to an hour of symphonic music over and over and do you want baby's first few Da-Da's preserved forever? Just get a wire recorder from Sears, Roebuck and Company and your worries are over. You get a cabinet model wire recorder which will also play records and has a six-tube radio built in with a loop antenna. You will get 7,500 feet of wire which will

Senate Plans Quick Action

Speculation Rife In Capital As To "Over-Ride" Strength

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—The Republican-backed \$4,000,000,000 income tax reduction for 49,000-000 taxpayers sailed through the House again today by an overwhelming vote of 302 to 112. This is 28 more than the two-thirds needed to override a second presidential veto.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass) personally took the floor and asked the body to make its vote so decisive "as to persuade the President that the people should have this delayed justice."

Anticipating another Presidential veto, Martin declared the House should exert its right to perform its constitutional function of determining what taxes shall be levied on the people.

The measure was tossed over to the Senate, where Republican leaders said they hope to rush it again to President Truman's desk before the week ends.

Some Democratic leaders said another veto is certain. The measure is identical with the one the President returned June 16 as "the wrong kind of tax reduction at the wrong time"—except that the effective date of the tax cut has been changed from July 1, 1947, to January 1, 1948.

While a veto-overriding vote

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CALIFORNIA LOOT FOUND IN STATE

Charlotte Police Recover \$25,000 Worth Of Silverware, Jewelry

CHARLOTTE, July 8—(AP)—Charlotte police announced today they had recovered in a pawn shop and home here silverware and jewelry estimated to be worth \$25,000 allegedly stolen in California, and alerted Winston-Salem police to look for \$1,500 more in silverware.

Littlejohn said Robert Gene Smith was being questioned by detectives in San Luis Obispo, while he had asked Seattle police to arrest Robert (Sonny) Sundberg. Both Smith and Sundberg formerly lived in Charlotte, Littlejohn added.

The police chief said these articles had been recovered here: A massive silver tea set and a 10-pound sterling tray, estimated worth \$20,000; 39 flat pieces of silver; a \$1,500 watch; other silver table articles; a long strand of pearls and another necklace of diamonds and other stones.

Discovery of the silver and jewelry here followed a request from detectives in San Luis Obispo for police to check on Smith, who had been arrested there after he had pawned a silver-plated pistol allegedly stolen in San Francisco.

Littlejohn said he had learned that Sundberg had given Smith the pistol after Smith, in the automobile painting business here, had painted Sundberg's car. Both later left for the West coast, Littlejohn said.

GALLUP POLL GIVES VOTE ANALYSIS OVER TAFT-HARTLEY BILL

The fight over labor legislation hit the political interests of American voters like a rip tide. Now that Labor Management Law is in effect what opinion does the voting population hold of President Truman, Senator Taft and other participants in the clash between pro and con?

The American Institute of Public Opinion polled a cross-section of voters before and after the law was passed.

Dr. George Gallup, the Institute's director, will analyze the results of these intensive polls in a series of four articles. In one following political trends in this country cannot afford to miss the series.

The Morning Star will publish Dr. Gallup's Articles beginning July 11.

UMW Inner Sanctum Has Fat Desk, Fat Rugs, Lewis

During the oncoming rainy weather yesterday afternoon, a beautiful young baby (about 22) was waiting in the doorway of the Murchison building for a way to get home.

Suddenly a gentleman walked in. He stood beside her, apparently without paying any extra attention to her.

Then he said, "How are you going home?"

"I am waiting for someone to give me a ride," she replied.

Then the man said, "Are you married?"

"Yes," she said.

"Well," the man said, "the buses run every 10 minutes."

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