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State ports with Wilmington favored in proportion with its resources. To include public terminals, tobacco storage warehouses, ship repair facilities, nearby sites for heavy industry and 35-foot Cape Fear river channel.

The Weapon Is Authorized, But...

In the referendum conducted to decide whether New Hanover's county commissioners should be authorized to levy a tax of not more than five cents per \$100 valuation for construction of a modern tuberculosis sanatorium, there appeared little opposition to the highly worthwhile proposal and it was approved by a handsome vote.

The 34-foot Channel Project

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One reason the Soviet government wouldn't let a Russian woman leave her country to join her Canadian husband, Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky explained the other day, is that "women talk too much."

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Victim Of A Bad Neighborhood

Pity poor, helpless, little Czechoslovakia. Born in the aftermath of a great war, she enjoyed less than a generation of freedom before the dissolution of her sovereignty at the hands of a totalitarian leader at Munich. This was because this despot, Adolf Hitler, knew the necessity of controlling her as the basis of further European expansion.

The fall of Czechoslovakia brought appeasement into such distaste that free people looked upon this bending of knee as only a respite to prepare themselves for the war that all knew must eventually come.

Czechoslovakia's only sin was that she was in the way of a totalitarian expansion. The war was fought and, through the Four Freedoms, the Czechs were given new hope. Again, they believed, their independence would be sustained.

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changed her mind because "acceptance as action against the Soviet Union." The entire cabinet, according to the report, approved the change in decision after a telephone call from Communist Premier Klement Gottwald in Moscow. He made the call after an interview with Soviet Prime Minister Stalin. Thus, Russia changed Czechoslovakia's mind.

Today, the little country in a member of the Soviet bloc boycotting an economic effort to return normalcy to Europe. Others are Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and Finland. All are vassals to Communism. They are not even free enough to take badly needed aid, offered by those who have no desire to influence their present or future politics.

The East-West rift in Europe is wider today than ever before. On one side are Russia and her eight friends. On the other are Britain, France, Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Eire, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, Greece and Turkey. Spain was not invited.

While Alf M. Landon recently declared that Republicans stand a better than 2-to-1 chance to elect the next president, a survey by the Institute finds that a sizable majority of voters say they would cast their ballots for the Democratic party—not the Republican—if a presidential election were held right now.

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The Gallup Poll Democratic Party Found Leading G.O.P. As Result Of Recent Impressive Gains

Fifty-Five Per Cent Declare They Prefer Democrats As Of Today

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion PRINCETON, N. J., July 12—The Democratic party has made impressive gains in voting strength in recent months.



The trend of Democratic party strength is shown above, as measured by Gallup polls on the question of what party voters would favor if a presidential election were being held today.

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Behind The News

Bloc Is Given A New Meaning

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Now that the Russian "Bloc" of satellite nations in Eastern Europe has been designated clearly we shall find it illuminating if we pause to devote a bit of thought to the meaning of the term "bloc."

A bloc of nations, in its generally accepted sense, is a group which has willingly combined to achieve some objective of common interest. Membership in the bloc is voluntary.

Now in examining the Russian bloc we find an interesting deviation from the ordinary definition. The element of willingness is lacking in much, if not all, of this association.

So the Russian bloc is an unwilling and unhappy one. The mere fact that a Communist government may be in control of a country doesn't necessarily mean that it speaks for the population as a whole.

Moscow had several reasons for creating this bloc. One was to spread Communism. Another was to increase the political and economic prestige of the Soviet Union.

On paper the bloc is a formidable one that at first glance would seem to fulfill all the purposes for which it was built. However, when we consider that it is made up of unwilling units we see that it provides a highly unstable barrier between Russia and the Western democracies which she distrusts so much.

It is unstable because it cuts across a section of Europe which includes countries that long have been famous for their love of liberty and for their fierce defense of freedom.

Ford Co. Changes Time Card Rule, Smoking Ban Enacted

DETROIT, July 12—(AP)—A tradition established by the late Henry Ford, that salaried employees right up to top-bracket executives punch time clocks, will be terminated by the new management of the Ford Motor company.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: According to its citizens, Independence City is suffering a peculiar plague. Ladies who call themselves the "Blue Star Mothers" recently the "Mothers" attacked John Rogge for his prosecution of the alleged seditionists (natch... Last year they invited ex-jailed and former Bund leader, Ernest Elmhurst, as a speaker. The year before they raised funds for Lizzie Dilling (but of course)... And in the war years they demanded a "negotiated