

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers and continued warm today; Saturday fair with moderate temperatures.

Eaton Would Shun Russia

Foreign Affairs Chairman Says Psychology May Halt "Conquest"

NEW YORK, July 31—(AP)—Rep. Charles A. Eaton, (R-N.J.) chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee, declared today that the United States must warn Russia to stop her "world conquest" attempts or face ostracism from the United Nations and possibly war.

"I think we can still block Russia with psychology; if we don't we must defeat her by force of arms," Eaton wrote in American magazine. "It is time we told her so."

He said Russia has "shown very clearly" that "she intends to take Europe, then the world." He added that whatever changes might have been made for outward appearances "she hasn't changed her tune. I mean the tune of world conquest."

"We can put Russia in her place now without resorting to force," Eaton continued. "We can stop her by asserting our leadership of the other members of the big five group and of the smaller nations who aspire to our democratic ideals."

"If she doesn't give in and behave like a civilized nation, we must read Russia out of the United Nations and proceed without her. . . if we don't stop her now, there may come a time when we may have to keep her out by force of arms."

"It may be a hard job then, because she may have outclassed in numbers and weapons. But we will have the atomic bomb, and I am sure that Russia has not, at least as yet. . . .

"Once kicked out of decent society, Russia must either seek to retain good standing or be disciplined by the military action of the union of decent nations. I am sure Russian leaders have learned from Germany's two unhappy experiments . . . that it is not an easy job to lick the world."

CHAMPION RESTS FOR AKRON TRIP

Ted Williams Receives Friends' Congratulations On Derby Victory

Wilmington's Soap Box Derby champion, Ted Williams, rested at his home, 809 Park avenue today in preparation for his forthcoming trip to Akron, Ohio where he will represent The Star-News in the national finals on August 17. His racer, now in custody of the Star-News, will be repainted today and early next week will be shipped by express to "Topside" at Derby Downs.

Throughout the day, the youthful champion received scores of telephone calls of congratulation from friends and many of the boys he competed against on Wednesday. They all wished him luck at Akron and advised him to bring home the bacon in that "shark's mouth."

While Ted rested at home, Soap Box Derby headquarters was busy making arrangements for the champion's trip to Akron. Present plans call for departure over ACL at 7:25 p.m., on August 12 with arrival in Washington the following morning. Ted will be accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams and a representative of The Star-News. The party will spend the daylight hours of August 13 on a sight-seeing tour of Washington and will depart from the capital at 8:30 o'clock that night over the Baltimore and Ohio for Akron.

On arrival in the Soap Box Derby city the following morning, Ted and his party will be met by a motorcycle escort and whisked in a new Chevrolet sedan to the Mayflower hotel where Ted will be domiciled with the 152 other local champions. Ted will make his trial run over Derby Downs on Friday morning, enjoy three days of fun before the finals on Sunday, and leave for home, win, lose or draw on Aug. 18.

LEAVE BONDS

WASHINGTON, July 31—(AP)—The treasury advised ex-GI's tonight that they can cash their terminal leave bonds at any bank or after Sept 2, simply by showing their discharge papers.

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers and evening showers Friday and Saturday. Continued hot, except not so warm North Saturday.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers Friday, not so warm over North Friday, Saturday fair with moderate temperatures.

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

7:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 81; 5:30 p. m. 81; Minimum 61; Maximum 82; Normal 78.

TEMPERATURES

7:30 a. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 81; 5:30 p. m. 81.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: .02 inches.

Total since the first of the month: .02 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

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

Wilmington — High 10 a. m.; 4:15 a. m. 9:45 p. m.; 4:17 p. m. 1:17 p. m. 7:30 a. m.

Myrtle Beach — High 10:15 a. m.; 9:45 a. m. 9:45 p. m.; 4:17 p. m. 1:17 p. m. 7:30 a. m.

Sunrise 5:23; Sunset 7:14; Moonrise 4:04; Moonset 4:40.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 7 a. m. Thursday 9.7 feet.

Morning Star Plans Thalian Hall Saga

Series Of Narrative Dramas To Be Staged In 150-Year-Old Cradle Of American Drama Effort

Wilmington and the rest of the Cape Fear region are richly endowed with historical background. The thought is advanced that the abundance of significant historical material in this area might well form the backdrop for a pageant or platform production depicting the origin and development of the Lower Cape Fear section.

Such a production conceivably could be presented annually during the summer season for the cultural benefit and entertainment of the thousands of tourists who each year visit Southeastern North Carolina.

But the responsibility lies, not with a few, but with all those citizens of the Cape Fear community who are interested in preserving tradition and passing it on to posterity.

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Croom Plans Conference On Fire Boat Purchase

CHANNEL ASSURED

Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, July 31.—President Truman's signing of the War Department civil functions appropriations bill today assured the full budget request of \$300,000 for the improvement of the Cape Fear river at Wilmington, N. C.

The signing of the bill also assures the flood control project on the Neuse river at Goldsboro, \$85,200.

The \$300,000 was the full amount requested by the U. S. Engineers for carrying on and completing the project of deepening the Cape Fear river channel from 30 to 32 feet and widening it from 300 to 400 feet.

ARMY SUPERFORTS LAND IN ALASKA

Seven Of Eight Planes Make Flight From Tokyo In 15 Hours

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 31—(AP)—Seven of eight Army Superfortresses making a long-distance flight from Tokyo to Washington, D. C., landed at Elmendorf Field at 2:25 p. m. (P. S. T.) today. The eighth plane was forced down at Adak, in the outer Aleutians, by a bad fuel connection.

The planes flew through seven hours of fog and overcast on the long 3,500-mile hop from Japan and saw the ocean only part of the time, pilots said. They hopped from Tokyo at 3:09 P. M. (1:09 AM EST) yesterday.

Capt. W. J. Webster, Fort Worth, Tex., one of the pilots, flew a Texas state flag from his big plane immediately after landing here. The planes planned a stop of about three hours before taking off on the next hop non-stop to Washington.

The first plane landed at 4:12 p. m. (EST). The pilot was Horace C. Nicholas, Ardmore, Okla.

Lt. Col. Howard F. Huges landed 10 minutes later. With a ceiling of only 1,100 feet and a rain squall blowing up, the first plane had a close call as another plane came in and veered away, narrowly missing it.

Whether the plane which landed at Adak would be able to continue the flight was not immediately known.

The time of the flight for the first plane from Yokota field, near Tokyo, was 15 hours and 10 minutes. The Tokyo-Washington distance is 7,086 airline miles.

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BALTIMORE OFFICERS ARREST CHARLOTTEAN AT POINT OF PISTOL

BALTIMORE, July 31—(AP)—Police today arrested at pistol point a man they identified as James F. Rogers of Charlotte, N. C., and said he escaped last week from the North Carolina State prison at Raleigh, where he was serving an eight-year term on a criminal assault conviction.

Sgt. James M. Murray reported he and two patrolmen spotted a car in which Rogers was seen riding with another man soon after his escape from the prison. They found Rogers a block away, hustled him to headquarters, and returned to find the car missing.

Police throughout the city were asked to watch for the car.

Larceny Count Faces Carter

Suspect Was Subject Of Investigation In April; Ex-Fireman Charged

Charles M. Carter, 37-year-old superintendent of the New Hanover county home, was arrested by City police yesterday afternoon on charges of larceny and receiving. Arrested at the same time was Clarence Croom, 45, former city fireman.

The warrants, signed by Eldridge Fergus, local sea-food dealer, read as follows: "Did wilfully, feloniously take, steal and carry away \$450 in money, the property of Robert Fergus, with intent to deprive him of the use thereof, and did receive same knowing it had been stolen, in violation of chapter 15-151 of the general statutes of North Carolina."

According to statements by police officers last night Robert Fergus is alleged to have lost the sum of \$450 while in the company of Carter and Croom. Fergus told his story to his brother, Eldridge Fergus, who signed the warrants against the two men.

When police first confronted Carter he is alleged to have denied any knowledge of the charge. Later during the afternoon Carter is said to have returned some of the money and told police he was trying to get the matter straightened out.

Croom is reported to have said that Carter asked him to divide the money. However, police failed to say how the money was obtained from Fergus.

It is alleged that Fergus missed the money after he had been in company with Carter and Croom in a South Front street business establishment. The incident is reported to have occurred during the afternoon of Wednesday, July 30.

Carter was released on a \$600 bond signed by J. J. Mohr, local bondsman, yesterday afternoon. He was arrested about three o'clock and released shortly afterward. Croom was still being held in jail in default of a \$600 bond at midnight last night.

The two men are scheduled to appear before the county clerk tomorrow.

TORNADO RIPS UP BUENA VISTA, VA.

Force Of Storm Lifts Building, Whirls It Down On Cleaning Plant

BUENA VISTA, Va., July 31—(AP)—A tornado which whipped up winds to 60-mile-an-hour velocity tore through this Shenandoah Valley town of 3,000 today, killing one man and slightly injuring three others.

The force of the storm picked up the Sea general store and whirled it down on the Augusta Cleaners where the dead man, a new employee whose name was not immediately known to townspeople, was working. Three persons in the general store were slightly hurt.

Trees were uprooted and communications were knocked out as the tornado was followed by a severe electrical storm.

Trunk lines of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company were completely out throughout the Shenandoah Valley area, but the severity of the storms and winds appeared to be subsiding tonight.

(At Richmond a bolt of lightning struck the Carillon theatre late today but no one was reported injured. A crowd of nearly 300 was in the theatre watching a motion picture when the bolt struck the building. There was no fire and the audience remained quiet.)

Small Tropical Storm Brewing Along Gulf

NEW ORLEANS, July 31—(AP)—A small tropical storm with center winds ranging up to 40 miles an hour, is brewing in the Gulf of Mexico about 150 miles Northeast of Vera Cruz, the U. S. Weather bureau here reported tonight.

The storm was said to be moving West Northwestward at a velocity of 10 to 12 miles per hour, and indications were that it would pass near the coast.

WILMINGTONIANS SWELTER AT 91

Real Heat Wave Leaves Pavements Spongy, Shirts Soggy Here

Wilmingtonians crossing the streets yesterday felt the soft and spongy asphalt under the feet and wondered how hot it was.

If the streets were melting then you could surely fry an egg on them.

But the U. S. Weather Bureau here reported it was only 91 degrees. Hot, yes, but not as hot as the 94 degrees recorded on June 30 this year.

And it is going to continue to be hot, according to the forecast. There is some possibility of thundershowers this afternoon but they were expected to do little toward relief.

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Ford Offers To "Ignore" Labor Measure Provision; Police Arrest Home Head

Some Pledges Asked By Firm

DETROIT, July 31—(AP)—The Ford Motor company offered tonight to ignore damage suit provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law if its 107,000 organized workers gave certain pledges in return.

Henry Ford II, president of the company, announced the offer after a conference with CIO President Philip Murray earlier in the day.

Ford acted in the face of a strike threat from the CIO United Auto Workers, who will decide Saturday on a proposal to walk out at Ford plants, probably next week.

Ford, in a statement, laid down the following proposal: "We have, to be specific, proposed that the company will agree not to institute suit against the union for damages arising out of illegal strikes under the following 'good faith' conditions: '1. If the union has not inspired or authorized such an illegal strike, and

"2. If the union will agree promptly to denounce publicly such an illegal strike, and

"3. If the union and its responsible officers and agents will agree to use prompt and honest effort to prevent or end any such illegal strike, and

"4. If the impartial umpire who, by agreement with the union, decides other points of difference arising out of our contract and who has always had the complete confidence of both the union and the company, can be the final judge as to whether the union has taken these reasonable steps in regard to illegal strikes."

The Ford-Murray conference took place in New York city at the request of the 20-year-old company president.

Ford's proposal with respect to the Taft-Hartley law was contained in a letter which he said he handed to Murray.

REBEL ARMY SAILS ON ATTACK FORAY

Dominican Republic Goal Of Communist Revolutionaries, Report

WASHINGTON, July 31—(AP)—The Dominican Embassy said tonight a three-ship expedition left from Cuba last night on this morning to invade the Dominican Republic.

Jose Vega, secretary to the ambassador, told newsmen the "expedition" was composed of two landing barges and one corvette equipped with cannon and machine guns.

He placed the point of departure between Antillas and Barrocoa on the eastern tip of Cuba.

Vega had no estimate of the number of men aboard the vessels.

Dominican Ambassador Julio Ortega Frier told reporters Saturday that 3,000 men recruited from Cuba, Guatemala, Venezuela and Puerto Rico were poised in Cuba to attack his country.

This was denied by officials of Guatemala, Venezuela and Cuba. A State department spokesman said the department had heard about "rumor" that an army of Communists was preparing to sail from Cuba to invade the Dominican Republic but that its information from its own representatives was insufficient to make any comment.

The Dominican ambassador described the men as "Communist revolutionaries" and indicated their purpose was to overthrow President Afael Trujillo.

And So To Bed

There's a little brown and white fox terrier waiting at 407 South Second street for four-year-old Nicky Giovinetti, whose own puppy went to dog heaven the other day.

Little Nicky lives at 12 Summit Walk, Lake Forest, and his father is the regular army instructor for the Wilmington National Guard.

Nicky's a three-month-old pup, Buddy, liked the shade so well that his habit of sleeping under parked cars cost him his life.

And So To Bed related Nicky's heartbreaking loss.

Now comes Mrs. W. C. Matthews, a 407 South Second street, who says she has a fox terrier pup for Nicky.

But, Nicky, you'll have to wait a couple of weeks, because the puppy Mrs. Matthews has for you is only three weeks old now.

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Roving Reporter Reefs On Reefer; No Results

They are apparently made to be smoked very rapidly for mine, burned quickly — after I finally got it lighted with six matches.

The first drag was taken with some apprehensiveness and after a warning to those present not to hold me responsible for anything I did.

I inhaled deeply and then exhaled. The cigarette was much milder than I expected. Milder than an ordinary cigarette and I didn't have the sensation of

By CARL CAHILL
Star Staff Writer
I smoked a marijuana cigarette yesterday.

But the "reefer" must have lost its potency — at least on me. I didn't float on a fleecy cloud in my dreams. I didn't lose conception of time and a beautiful girl would have appeared to me about as much as a cobra.

The only effect it left on me was a slight dizziness and an oily film in my mouth.

The small cigarette with twisted ends, showing it to be home made, was smoked as an experiment and was closely supervised.

For almost 60 days he busied himself uprooting the palmettos, which were about 15 feet high.

They were loaded on barges and lowered up the river to the Sprunt home and unloaded.

About 12 were planted near the street and on the grounds and to this day all of them are thriving. Some are about 30 feet tall now.

It is believed they are the only palmettos of their type in Wilmington.

ODD CLIMATE—It was noted in a previous column that Bald Head Island had a strange climate in which semi-tropical plants thrive.

And it is reported that frost has never touched its shores. This is due to the high sand dunes that are to the north and south, and the proximity of the Gulf Stream and its strange situation in the Cape Fear River.

Other plants grow in profusion there and nowhere else in this section.

Vegetables can be cultivated there the year round.

Strange indeed is this island in the Cape Fear.

Along The Cape Fear

PALM TREES—From Henry B. Rehder comes the story of the palm trees in front of the Elks Temple on Front street.

The article about Smith's or Bald Head Island, as it is now called and its unusually warm climate for its latitude, brought to mind the story of the palmettos and how they got to Wilmington.

The story begins in the late 1800's when James Sprunt, the owner of the building that is now the Elks home, commissioned Will Rehder to transplant some palmettos to his home.

His purpose was because the building was of historical value, it being the home of one of North Carolina's governors, and he wanted to identify it with some unusual plants.

At the time Will Rehder was landscaping Orion plantation, also owned by Sprunt. But for the next two months he was busy on Bald Head Island. There the palmettos are native. Unaware that they would grow if transplanted, Rehder began work.

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Greenboro Man Orders VFW Members To Take No Part In Drawing

GREENBORO, July 31—(AP)—The Major George E. Preddy, Jr., Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars tonight was ordered by its commander, Robert E. Merritt, to take no part in the proposed raffle of an automobile next Tuesday night at Memorial stadium.

Commander Merritt's order came after E. O. Snead of Wilmington, state VFW commander, had directed the post to abandon plans for the lottery under the threat of revocation of the local post's charter. Merritt reiterated that at no time has the post sponsored the lottery but that it is sponsored by an individual member of the organization.

Snead in a telephone conversation told local post officials that members had no authority to vote to do an illegal act. He ordered the money refunded to holders of tickets which were sold by the post.

Merritt, who had opposed the plan to hold the drawing on the automobile and other prizes, said that the matter was submitted to the state commander. Wednesday evening after post members had voted to go ahead with the raffle.

Warning Issue
Earlier today, Herman Wilson, city attorney, had warned that responsibility for carrying out the lottery would rest on the shoulders of those leasing the baseball park for the night. Police Chief Jarvis had declared that, "We will indict the man who gives it away and the man who receives it." E. D. Kuykendall, solicitor of municipal county court had reaffirmed his stand that the proposed drawing would be in direct violation of the law and he would press action if the drawing were carried out. He also said that purchasers, as well as sellers, of lottery tickets were liable to prosecution.

ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED
ROCKINGHAM, July 31—(AP)—Spencer T. Latane, 38, Charlotte grading contractor, was killed last night and three other Charlotte men were slightly injured when their automobile overturned at Elberle.

Yancey Knight, 32, and Joseph Loved, 31, were treated at a hospital in Hamlet. Rockingham police said the driver of the car was C. C. Edwards, an employee of the Veterans Administration.

Princess Elizabeth To Wed In London's Westminster Abbey

LONDON, July 31—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth, 21-year-old heiress presumptive to the British throne, and Philip Mountbatten, 26-year-old Royal Navy lieutenant, will be married in Westminster Abbey November 20, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

The place and date of the marriage were announced after the prospective bride's father, King George VI, appeared before the Privy Council today and, in a 175-year-old ritual, gave his formal consent to the union.

The Buckingham Palace statement said "The King and Queen have approved that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten shall take place at Westminster Abbey at 11:30 a. m. on Thursday, 20th November, 1947."

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