

## Mountbatten King's Choice

### Present Viceroy Of India Named Governor-General Of Hindu Dominion

LONDON, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—George VI has approved the appointment of Adm. Viscount Mountbatten, present viceroy of India, as governor-general of the new predominantly Hindu dominion of India to take effect Aug. 15, it was announced tonight.

The King also approved the appointment of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Moslem League leader who raised the cry for a separate Moslem state 17 years ago, as governor-general of the Dominion of Pakistan. He too will take over Aug. 15.

Jinnah originated the idea of an independent Pakistan in 1930. By coincidence the word means land of the pure. Actually it is a coined word taken from Moslem majority areas: P for Punjab, A for Afghan (Northwest frontier province), K for Kashmir, S for Sind and "tan" for Baluchistan.

### Take Up Cry

At first Pakistan was not taken seriously, even by Moslems themselves. But, outnumbered by Hindus, the Moslems were the "have-nots" of India in the past 40 years of discriminatory governments in Hindu majority provinces. With the realization that the British must determine a final form of government for India, millions of Moslems took up the cry of Pakistan.

Britain, in the hope independent India would be a united India, and with the strong support of the Hindu Congress party, set up an interim government last September to guide India through the transition process. Although Moslems took portfolios in the cabinet, they boycotted the constitution-making assembly. The dream of a united India faded.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons June 2, unfolded a second-choice plan to partition India into Pakistan and Hindustan, each with dominion status, including the right to quit the British Empire.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, indicating Congress acceptance, said, "It may be that in this way we shall reach that united India sooner than otherwise and that she will have a stronger and more secure foundation."

Two separate cabinets were set up July 19. Mountbatten, together with the India cabinet, headed by Nehru, will remain in New Delhi. Jinnah and the Pakistan cabinet, headed by Liaqat Ali Khan, which has been functioning in New Delhi, will move to Karachi, Pakistan capital on the Arabian Sea.

India (Hindustan) will be by far the largest of the two new dominions. Except for the state of Hyderabad, in the heart of the ponderous Peninsula, it will cover a solid piece of territory populated by 198,000,000. It is more fertile than Pakistan, it gained most of India's industry by partition, and, in the division of India's native defense forces, was given the largest Army and Navy.

Pakistan's territory will be divided. See MOUNTBATTEN, Page Two

## NORWEGIAN KING RECEIVES YACHT

### Haakon, 75, Hailed As Nation's Most Popular Monarch

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—King Haakon was hailed on his 75th birthday today as "the most popularly beloved" monarch Norway has had, and was presented with the country's highest decoration, the medal for civil merit, in a special cabinet council.

The king, who has reigned since 1905, wore the new decoration on a triumphal two-hour tour of Oslo during which he was cheered by hundreds of thousands.

The official program of King's birthday observance ended when he addressed a huge throng in front of the capital's city hall.

But the celebration continued with a festival and open air dancing throughout the bright summer night, while Haakon was feted by his family and a few personal friends at the palace.

The king's birthday gift from the Norwegian people was a British-built motor yacht of 1,632 tons, the Phylante, built in 1937 for Thomas Sopwith, British multimillionaire, and purchased by popular subscription of Haakon's subjects.

## The Weather

FORECAST  
South Carolina and North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Monday and Tuesday.

(U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

TEMPERATURES  
1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 80; maximum 82; minimum 73; mean 78; normal 76.

HUMIDITY  
1:30 a. m. 89; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 85; 7:30 p. m. 87.

PRECIPITATION  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 1.10 inches.

WIND  
Direction since the first of the month, 14.

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

Wilmington	High	Low
11:30 a. m.	6:10 a. m.	6:10 p. m.
1:30 p. m.	6:15 p. m.	3:06 a. m.
3:30 p. m.	9:16 p. m.	3:05 p. m.
5:30 p. m.	7:10; moonrise	
7:30 p. m.	5:25; moonset	

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 11 a. m., blank feet.

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TWO BRAVE EMPLOYEES of the Appalachian Electric Power Co., Welch, W. Va., Imogene Thompson (left) and Opal Sutherland, display plenty of courage as they stroll along one of the town's buckled pavements. Many of Welch's streets have started to sink following a mysterious shifting of the earth and large cracks have appeared in many of its buildings. Authorities believe an underground river or extensively mining operations have caused the settling. (International Soundphoto)

## Coast Guard Will Note 157th Birthday Today

### STARTS TODAY

The series of stories detailing the history of Thalian Hall and the Thalian association begins today on the back page of the Star.

These stories represent extensive research and probably will form the most authentic history of the hall and its players now in existence.

Turn to the story now and follow it each day in the Star.

## HUNDREDS SLATED TO ATTEND MEET

### League Of Municipalities Convention Attendance May Break Records

North Carolina municipal officials, loaded with mounting problems of finance and administration, will break all attendance records at the annual conference of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at Wrightsville Beach August 24-26.

Mrs. Steed said reservations indicate that 300 or more municipal officials will attend the conference, which will place emphasis on problems of municipal finance, housing, parking, traffic and state-local relations. Attendance at the Asheville conference last year was 175.

Experts in various fields of municipal administration will speak at the Wrightsville conference, which will be the League's 38th annual meeting. In addition to a number of national figures, several key municipal officials of North Carolina will address the conference and the group sessions.

## BLAST, FIRE KILLS ILLINOIS YOUTHS

### Three Lose Lives In Backyard Clubhouse; Fourth Critically Burned

DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 3 (U.P.)—Three high school boys were burned to death early today and a fourth was reported near death after a series of explosions and a fire destroyed their backyard clubhouse.

The dead are Howard Phelps, 16; Harry L. Culp, 18, and John L. Hinner, 17, residents of the village of Tilton, two miles southwest of here. All attended Danville high school.

Paul Phelps, 17, a brother of Howard, who was graduated from high school in June, was hospitalized with first and second degree burns covering most of his body. He was not expected to live.

John D. Cole, Vermilion county coroner, said neighbors of a Phelps family in whose backyard the clubhouse was situated, reported hearing four explosions about three A.M. The cause of the blasts was not immediately determined, Cole said, the remains of a can of gasoline were found in the charred rubble.

## "Red Tide" Of Dead Fish Moves Up Florida Coast

CLEARWATER, Fla., Aug. 3 (U.P.)—The great mass of dead fish victims of a mysterious fish plague was reported near Clearwater beach today as it moved slowly northward along Florida's Gulf coast.

The huge jumble of fish with its accompanying amber colored waters has moved about five miles within the past 24 hours.

So far, said Dr. Franklin E. Campbell, Pinellas county health director, no fish have been washed ashore here. The afternoon high tide brought in none.

Further south in Pinellas county along the Indian rocks and Redington Beach areas, county workers and volunteers buried piles of fish in a trench two and a half miles long.

Dr. Campbell suggested that vacationists "just postpone their vacations" to the beaches in this immediate area temporarily. He estimated "ten days will see the thing through."

He stressed "we are not forbidding anything" and the current difficulties from the masses of dead fish were "temporary."

The so-called "red tide" with its high tide brought in none.

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# Van Mook Orders Dutch To Cease Fire In Indonesia At Noon Today; Economic Crisis Facing Britain

## Imports May Suffer Slash

### Attlee Prepares Portentous Statement For Presentation To Congress

LONDON, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—American Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas flew to Paris today to confer with William L. Clayton, United States under secretary of state, on Great Britain's economic and financial crisis.

A high government source said that the cabinet might meet on the crisis tomorrow, even though the day is one of the big holidays of the year—August Bank Holiday.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee spent the day at his country home, Chequers, writing a crisis statement as portentous as some of those his predecessor Winston Churchill wrote during grave periods of World War II.

He was preparing for a two days debate in Commons starting Wednesday. He was expected to outline an austerity program unprecedented in any big Western country in peace time.

This program was expected to include:

- 1—A \$500,000,000 cut in imports.
- 2—Sharper restriction, if not complete withdrawal, of gasoline for pleasure use.
- 3—Drastic reduction, perhaps suspension, of foreign exchange allowances for pleasure trips abroad.
- 4—Restriction of non-essential industries in order to divert man power to export production.
- 5—Reduction in the clothing tariff to free more textiles for export.
- 6—War time overtime in essential industries.
- 7—Drastic reductions in the strength of the fighting forces.

It is reported that the government will ask the United States to ease those clauses in the Anglo-American trade agreement which are expected to ease those clauses in the Anglo-American trade agreement which are expected to ease those clauses in the Anglo-American trade agreement.

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## VIOLENCE TAKES LIVES OF EIGHT

### Auto Accident Accounts For Three Deaths; River Claims Swimmer

By The Associated Press  
Three young men were killed in an auto wreck and at least five other persons died violently in North Carolina during the week-end.

Arthur O. Woods, 24, of Durham, Route 4; John Terry, 20, of Morrisville, Route 1; and Claude Churchill, 21, of Durham were killed when the automobile in which they were riding crashed and overturned on the Wake Forest highway near Durham early Sunday.

Frederick Dickson Greene, 46, of Lenoir, was found dead in a wrecked automobile near Lenoir Friday.

Nolin Thompson, 20, of Spindale, was drowned in the Broad river near Rutherfordton Sunday.

In Henderson Sunday Coroner Herbert A. Ellis ruled as suicide the death of Dr. John D. Muse, 52, who was found with a gunshot wound in his side.

Mrs. James Sullivan, 22, was found dead Friday in the attic of a nurses home in Fayetteville. Coroner Joe W. Pinkston ruled that she had committed suicide by cutting her wrists.

Jarvey R. Lowrey, 25, of Alapaha, N. C., was found dead on the railroad track at Bostic Saturday night. His body apparently had been crushed by a train.

## Along The Cape Fear

ENGINEERS' OFFICE—The United States Engineers' office is one of the oldest federal agencies in Wilmington. It is the agency, according to local authorities, who has done the most in bringing out the potential possibilities of eastern North Carolina in the way of navigation.

The original office was opened in 1885 on Second street just south of Market street. Later it was moved to the third floor of the old post office where it remained until 1916. At that time it was moved to its present quarters in the customhouse.

At the beginning there were about five employees. Now it comprises between 25 and 30 engineers, draftsmen, accountants and administrative workers. In addition there are approximately 250 field employees. Equipped with the latest technical instruments, the office is the last word in engineering efficiency.

WORK ON THE RIVER—The Cape Fear river with its length of 320 miles, the largest stream in the state, is the water way on which the engineering office has spent most of its time toward im-



NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO THE U. S., Dr. E. N. van Kleffens is pictured (right) as he addressed delegates at the United Nations Security Council, Lake Success, N. Y., on the current Netherlands-Indonesian dispute. Dr. van Kleffens proposed that some "friendly country," such as the United States, mediate the problem, but only after "law and order" had been restored in the country. Shown at the meeting are (l. to r.) Herschel V. Johnson, U. N. delegate; Col. W. R. Hodgson, Australia, and Dr. van Kleffens. (International)

## International Crisis Keeping Marshall Busy On Dozen Fronts

### THERE'S KINDNESS, SYMPATHY BESIDES WIND IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—The Washburn family of five, robbed of \$200 taken home by strangers, left for their home in Butte, Mont., today, voicing praise for Chicago.

Charles, 35, the father, was robbed of \$200 by a pickpocket Thursday and Mrs. Washburn, 26, and their three children were stranded in a downtown hotel. They had arrived from Boston Thursday en route to Montana.

A stranger, learning of their plight, offered to buy their railroad tickets home, but Washburn settled for a \$100 loan. Shortly thereafter, a young couple called at their hotel and thrust \$100 into Mrs. Washburn's hands, despite her protests that the family now had funds to travel.

### POLICE CLOSE OPEN AIR MEETING AFTER JEWS ARE HECKLED

LONDON, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—Anti-Jewish demonstrations, which broke out last night in Liverpool, Glasgow and other cities as a result of the hanging of two British sergeants by the Zionist underground in Palestine, spread today to London.

Police closed an open air meeting in London of the Jewish Servicemen's Association when a crowd of 200 onlookers shouted threats at the participants. Six windows were smashed in a synagogue in suburban Catford.

### CLEMENTS LEADS KENTUCKY RACE

U. S. Representative Has  
12,000 Democratic Lead  
For Governorship

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 3 (U.P.)—U. S. Rep. Earle C. Clements today held a 12,000 vote margin over Harry Lee Waterfield, his chief opponent for Democratic nomination as governor, but Waterfield's headquarters hoped a count of the rural vote would change the picture.

In the Republican race, State Attorney General Eldon S. Dummitt, Lexington piled up a 10,000 vote margin over his nearest opponent, John Fred Williams, state superintendent of public instruction.

Williams' headquarters also joined with Waterfield in the belief that victory lay in the rural precincts.

Williams was supported by the administration of Gov. Simeon S. Williams and Dummitt was backed. See CLEMENTS On Page Two

## WOMAN ENDS LIFE AS HUMAN TORCH

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 3 (U.P.)—Mrs. Marie Batista, 27, died in a hospital today five and a half hours after, Homicide Detective Thomas B. Lipe reported, she covered her body with a paint thinner and made herself a human torch.

Lipe said that Mrs. Batista's husband, Louis, heard her screams and rushed to the porch of their home where he found her in flames.

The detective said his investigation showed that Mrs. Batista had used a pitcher of paint thinner that had been left on the porch overnight. He said she applied it.

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## Nation Bows To UN Order

### Government Remains Convinced, However Edict Was "Interference"

BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 3 (U.P.)—Acting Gov. Gen. Hubertus J. Van Mook tonight ordered Dutch troops in Indonesia to cease firing at midnight tomorrow night (noon Monday, Eastern Standard Time).

While thus moving to comply with the demand of the United Nations Security Council, the ranking Dutch official in the East Indies declared his government remained convinced the council's resolution "constitutes an interference in the internal affairs" of the Netherlands kingdom.

The Indonesian Republic formally requested the Security Council to "continuously supervise the execution" of the cease-fire the council proposed for the rich island. The Republic announced it was "prepared to concert all its efforts for the cessation of the cessation of hostilities."

Van Mook's announcement marked the first positive result from a direct attempt by the United Nations to halt a conflict.

He emphasized that the Netherlands had accepted the good offices of the United States to bring about a settlement of the conflict between the Dutch and the Indonesians after the cease fire comes into force.

### Oppose Plan

The Republic, however, said in Jogjakarta it believed arbitration should be performed by a commission appointed by the Security Council. This implied that the Indonesians opposed mediation by the United States alone.

Van Mook told radio listeners: "I am sure the present orders will be executed by Dutch forces with promptitude and common sense and with assurance born from the righteousness of our cause."

Indicating the Dutch expect to retain control of at least some Republican areas overrun by Netherlands troops in recent fighting, Van Mook said: "As soon as reports make it possible, those parts of Java and Sumatra where the Netherlands government will take over direct responsibility for law and order."

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## CHAMPION LOVES TINKERING TASKS

### Ted Williams Perhaps Owes Soap Box Title To Mechanical Ability

Ted Williams' love for tinkering perhaps has no little to do with his achievement in capturing the Wilmington All-American Soap Box Derby last Wednesday over the local Derby Downs course. At least his father, J. C. Williams, told Derby headquarters Saturday that Ted gets a big kick out of tearing things apart to see what makes them work.

He tinkered with a changed body design but abandoned that in favor of a little more chassis weight. New wheels and axles were all that was added to the 1946 Williams car—and they proved enough to eliminate Bert Lunan, Albert King and Billy Land for the title.

Now he will represent The Star-News and the Soap Box Derby fans of Wilmington at Akron in the All-American finals on August 17.

Ted was born at Lumberton, on November 25, 1931 and received his early education in that city's school. Moving to Wilmington with his parents in 1941, he enrolled at Seagate school, later transferring to Winter Park school where he starred in baseball and basketball.

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## And So To Bed

Frank Weyland of Lumberton spent last week at Wrightsville Beach on his vacation—a vacation that he said was dedicated to fishing.

Weyland went out on the pier at least twice a day for the seven days that he was there. "The fishing was good," he explained, "but the catching was poor."

He admitted that he failed to make a catch the entire time.