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## Navy Fires German V-2 Rocket At Sea

### Top Expert Calls Performance "New Era In Naval Weapons" As He Reports On Test From Deck Of Big Carrier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. —(AP)—The Navy opened up what its top expert called "a new era in naval weapons" today with the announcement that a German V-2 rocket was fired last Saturday from the Carrier Midway at sea.

It was the first recorded launching of one of the mass destruction weapons from any moving platform.

The Navy refrained from calling the whole demonstration a "success" using that word only to describe the actual launching operation. Nevertheless the test brought fearfully close the day when any target within V-2 range of a coastline may be menaced by the weapons that bat-

tered London and shattered Antwerp.

The announcement, chary of details, said the V-2 "after being launched successfully x x x traveled about six miles and exploded." No explanation was given of why the missile went only such a short distance.

Navy officials, who would not be quoted by name, told a reporter the test had been planned for maximum range. The Germans were firing V-2's up to 200 miles toward the close of World War II.

The V-2, more than 40 feet in length and weighing about 26,000 pounds when fully fueled and its warhead loaded with ex-

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## Letter Urging Curfew Law Lays 4 Months On Desk

### GOVERNING BODIES IGNORE JURY PLEA

### City Council, County Commission Fails To Act On Recommendations

Three months after the June report of the New Hanover county Superior court grand jury had been handed up to Judge Clawson Williams, the Wilmington city council and the county board of commissioners have failed to act upon its recommendations.

That was disclosed last night as budgets of both the city and county had received their final approval and no appropriations included in either for the asked-for improvements in tracking down criminals and escaped convicts.

On last June 10, the grand jury report was comprised of recommendations toward that end. Specifically suggested was the purchase for the sheriff's office of city police of bloodhounds to be used. The report pointed out that bloodhounds are not available in this county.

No consideration toward the purchase of such animals or other means of tracking down criminals was taken either by city or county officials during discussions of the budget.

City Attorney William B. Campbell, however, at one point in a council session expressed his belief that "it was no affair of the grand jury" how the city government is operated.

### PENNSY LOCOMOTIVES NOW GET LAUNDERED WITHIN 15 MINUTES

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A giant washing machine that will launder an electric locomotive in 15 minutes has been completed, the Pennsylvania Railroad announced today.

The huge semi-automatic machine will be used to scrub, rinse and polish some 100 engines every 24 hours. It used to take workers two hours and 55 minutes to do one locomotive by hand.

The machine, is some 300 feet long and towers about 15 feet above each side of the track.

### HEAT ABOVE NORMAL HERE FOR PAST FEW WEEKS, HESS STATES

Weather in Wilmington and vicinity has been above normal for the past three weeks, according to averages recorded by Weatherman Paul Hess.

Hess said that last week's temperature was 6.2 above normal and the other two weeks were 7.3 and 3.5 above normal, respectively.

He also said that the local area will have some showers today, but there will be no initial change in temperatures.

## The Weather

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TEMPERATURES: Wilmington, Sept. 8: High 77; Low 57. Sept. 9: High 75; Low 55. Sept. 10: High 73; Low 53.

## Efforts To Pass Juvenile Delinquency Law Comes To Naught Here

Efforts to pass a modern juvenile delinquency law as a part of a Wilmington municipal program to keep children from wandering into the streets at late hours and getting into mischief and more serious crimes, has come to naught.

That was brought to light last night with the revelation that a letter from juvenile authorities to City Manager J. R. Benson urging a curfew law has lain on the city manager's desk for approximately four months without any action.

The letter points out that the municipality is without "adequate laws governing juveniles." The letter states that juvenile authorities believe some form of a curfew law should be enacted prohibiting youngsters of certain ages from roaming the streets unaccompanied, attending late shows and other events.

It is pointed out that the city police have handled their job in the matter excellently but are without the proper authority to deal with the situation.

Several cases recently have come to light through the Recorder's court, one in which the parents were brought into court and warned that their youngsters must be kept at home or in proper care.

Other cases include ones in which boys under 16 years of age were taken into custody.

## PRICES INCREASE ON BORDER BELT

### Good Lemon Cutters Advance To \$62; Eastern Quotations Steady

By The Associated Press  
Stronger demand carried prices upward from \$1 to \$6 per hundred pounds on tobacco markets of the Border Belt yesterday (Monday), the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture reported.

On the N. C. Eastern belt, meanwhile, price levels remained about the same with primings, lugs and cutters steady to slightly higher while most leaf and smoking leaf grades were firm or slightly lower.

Some grades on the Border Belt reached their highest marks of the season, including good lemon cutters which advanced to \$62 for the first time. However, most of the Border advances were in a \$1 to \$3 range.

The general quality of offerings on the belt was better.

Average prices for a limited number of U. S. grades on the Eastern Belt follow:  
Leaf—Good lemon \$53, up \$2; fair lemon \$49, unchanged; good orange \$47, up \$1; fair

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# Bearded Sikhs With Three Foot Swords; Slaughter Men, Women, Children At Delhi; UN Groups Approve Atomic Control Plan

## Soviet Delegates Soundly Trowned

### Two Committees Override Vigorous Russian Objections To Report

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Two United Nations Atomic committees overrode vigorous Russian objections today and approved a report laying down principles for creation and operation of an international atomic control agency.

After losing consistently to a majority of ten delegates in the committees, Prof. Dmitri V. Skobeltsyn charged that the majority did not desire to achieve unanimous agreement.

Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, chairman, promptly reminded him that any country could suggest changes to the full U. N. Atomic Commission, which will meet Wednesday for final action on the report.

### Day's Development

The day's prime developments were:  
1. The Political committee approved the backbone of the report made up of six papers dealing with organization and functions of the proposed control agency. The vote was 10 to 2, with Poland and Russia opposed.

2. The Working committee, made up of the same delegates, approved these papers also plus all other sections of the proposed report. The vote was the same on the papers.

The committees worked all day against a deadline set by order of the Security Council last March for the Atomic commission to produce a second report before the U. N. Assembly meets in New York on September 16.

The work today meant that the delegates finally have agreed upon a draft of what they say is merely a progress report for

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## CHILDREN INJURED WHEN BRAKES FAIL

### Crowded School Bus Slides Backward Down Hill Near Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Brakes on a packed school bus failed on a steep incline near suburban Fairburn today and the vehicle slid backward down the hill and overturned, injuring 12 screaming grammar school children and two adults in the wreck.

The injured were taken to Fairburn by a passer in a pickup truck and none were hurt seriously. From there they were brought to hospitals in Atlanta in emergency ambulances and automobiles.

Preston Stanfield, 15-year-old student and passenger on the bus which carried 40 children and

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## MAN, THREE WOMEN FACE MAYHEM COURT AT OCALA, FLORIDA

OCALA, Fla., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A man and woman, proprietors of a roadside tavern, and two waitresses in the establishment were charged today with beating up another waitress, cutting her hair with a pocketknife, stripping off her clothes and leaving her naked in the woods.

Police said charges of assault and battery and mayhem had been filed against Jack Upham and his wife, proprietors of the tavern; Billie Kirby, 23, and Donnie Miccicher, 22, for the attack on Mrs. Louise Bennett, 26.

Police said Upham and his wife accused Mrs. Bennett of taking \$20 from the cash register.

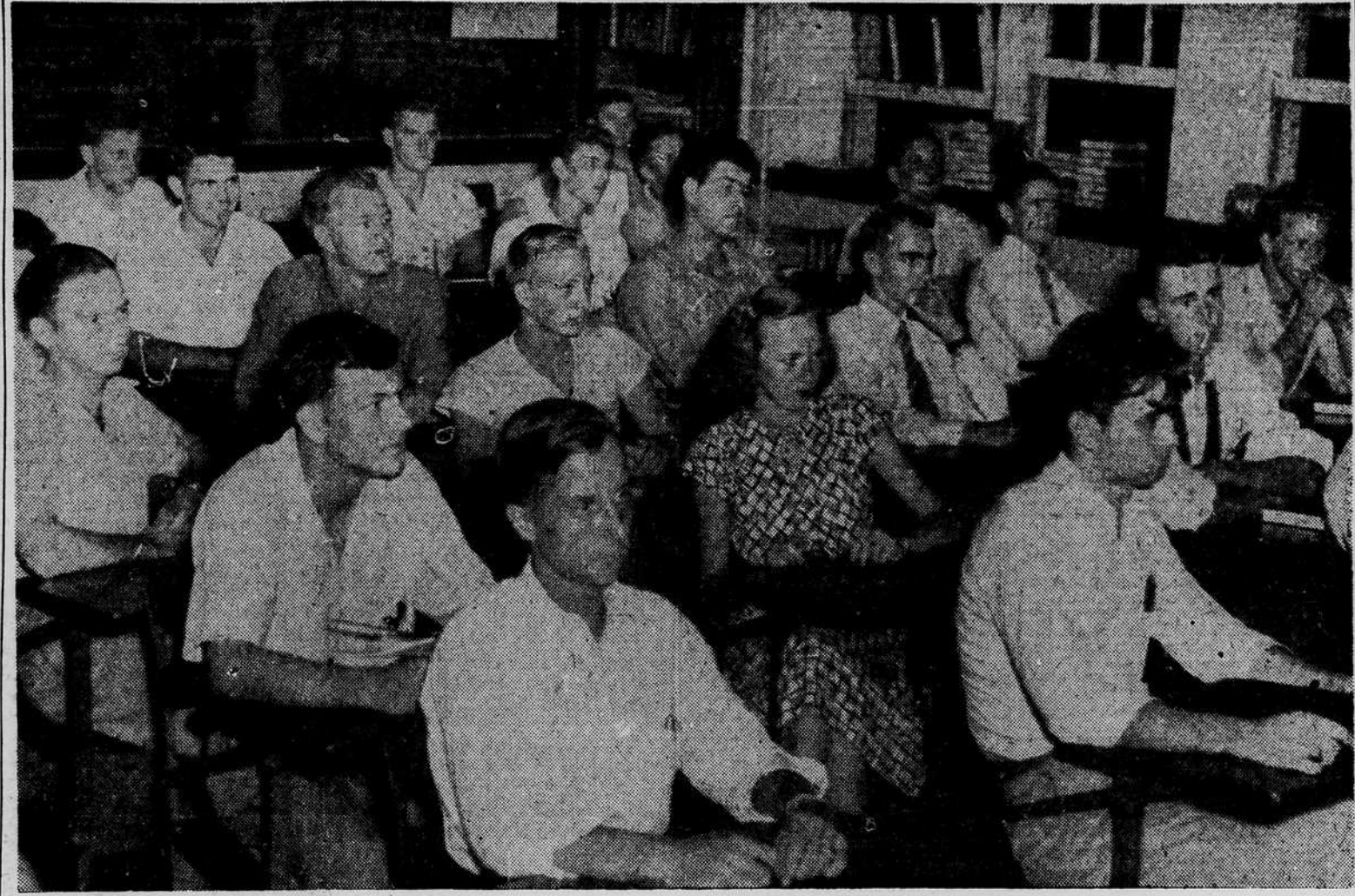
## Escapes Prefer Jails To Everglade Jungles

### EVERGLADES, Fla., Sept. 8.

—(AP)—Two escape artists who worked their way out of an "escape proof" jail at Lebanon, Ind., last week admitted to authorities today that no man-made jail was ever as bad as the wilds of the Florida Everglades.

Identified as William J. Abney, 23, and John Sylvester, 28, the two men tried to elude officers by working their way into the swamps near here. They failed to find their way and were finally captured by a small posse eight miles north of here.

They attracted suspicion of Deputy Sheriff J. R. Williams



WILMINGTON COLLEGE OPENS—History was made in the New Hanover High school building last night when the Wilmington college formally opened its doors to students of Southeastern North Carolina. Pictured above are a group of students composing a portion of the 159 students enrolled. While the college has 53 less students than the college center which operated last year, Dean Dale Spencer says he expects a greater number to enroll after the first semester. Classes begin at 4 p. m. and close at 9 p. m. (STAFF PHOTO BY MAYNARD)

## THREE CHILDREN KILLED BY BLAST

### Five Others Injured When Boy Drops Bazooka Rocket On Pavement

NEWTON, Mass., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A Bazooka rocket explosion which killed three children and injured five others in their farm home was under investigation today by Fort Riley officials.

The Bazooka, which Arnold Schmidt, father of the children, said he had picked up near Fort Riley, exploded last night after one of the youngsters threw it on a cement walk.

Killed instantly was Calvin Schmidt, 11. Portions of the child's body were found scattered over a wide area. Caroline 7, and Paul David 9, died enroute to the hospital.

In a critical condition and not expected to live are Donald 15 and Lorene 5. The three other

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## CRASH OF FERRIES DROWNS 30 PEOPLE

### Two Passenger Boats Collide In Darkness Near Nicheroy, Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Thirty persons were drowned or injured fatally last night when two passenger ferries plying between Rio and the town of Nicheroy collided in the darkness, police reported today.

Another 71 persons were injured. One of the ferries capsized quickly after the collision, trapping nine of the victims inside. The water-logged vessel was

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## Dry-Icers Make Rain For Dry Winstonians

### Blows Out

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A small tropical storm which moved along the Mississippi coast this morning blew itself out late today, the U. S. Weather Bureau announced here.

The Weather bureau ordered all storm warnings lowered from Valparaiso, Fla., to Biloxi, Miss., at 4 p. m., EST, and said no further advisories would be issued.

## MARGARINE DROPS FIVE CENTS POUND

### However, Meat, Coffee, Butter, Tallow Advanced In Price Yesterday

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Meat, coffee, butter and tallow advanced in price today, but margarine manufacturers announced a price reduction of about 5 cents a pound.

Another bright note came from Kansas City where cattle receipts reached a new high for the year, foreshadowing larger supplies in the future.

The present, however, was gloomy enough, with Porterhouse steak retailing in New York at \$1 a pound—31 cents higher than a year ago.

Spot butter added another cent on the New York Mercantile Exchange for a new 1947 high of 84 1-2 cents, an increase of 12 3-8 cents a pound since Aug. 1.

Two of the largest grocery chains advanced coffee 2 cents a pound equaling the highs set Feb. 17.

Soap manufacturers found

## Along The Cape Fear

FORT FISHER LAND FACE—The land face defending Fort Fisher during the Civil War was built to withstand the heaviest possible artillery fire, especially from vessels. No moat was constructed, however, to be used in halting advancing land forces due to the steady shifting of the sands that made such a task virtually impossible.

The work was designed and carried out under the direction of Colonel William Lamb, commander of the fortification during most of the time it was held by the Confederacy.

The outer slope was about 20 feet high and was sodded with marsh grass, which grew luxuriantly in spots. The parapet was not less than 25 feet thick and had an inclination of only one foot. The top of the parapet or the revetment was five feet, nine inches from the floor of the gun chambers. The guns all were mounted on carriages, no guns in the fort being stationary or placed in casemates. Each gun chamber had one or two

gun chambers, guns were placed between those chambers to the number of 20.

As protections against fire, cross-pieces or traverses that ran at right angles to the fort proper, were erected. They were in the form of trenches running back more than 30 feet from the gun chambers.

SEE FACE—The sea face of the fort was of the same massive construction as the land face built to resist artillery fire and particularly the heavy guns of battleships.

A crescent-shaped battery intended to house four guns was erected on the north end of the face. After its construction, however, it was made into a bomb-proof hospital. A series of batteries ran along the sea for about three-quarter miles. These batteries were about 12 feet to the top of the parapet.

Further along where the channel ran close to the beach, a mound battery 60 feet high was

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## PRESS REACTION PLEASES TRUMAN

### President Reads Clippings On Speech As "Mighty Mo" Sails North

ABOARD BATTLESHIP MISSOURI, Sept. 8.—(AP)—President Truman sailed homeward through the choppy waters of the Tropic of Capricorn tonight, satisfied that his good-neighbor visit to Brazil had been a personal and diplomatic triumph.

Mr. Truman was taking life easy, enjoying his first real vacation of the summer, as the mighty Battleship Missouri moved Northward toward the equator at 18 knots.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the President spent some time this morning reading clippings from American newspapers, flown to him from Washington. Ross said Mr. Truman was pleased with the editorial comment on his hemispheric solidarity speech to the Inter-American Defense Conference at Petropolis, Brazil.

Mr. Truman was said to feel that U. S. reaction to his trip,

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## SCHOOLS TO GET AID FOR LUNCHES

### Agriculture Department Allocates \$48,750,000 For Program This Year

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today allocated \$48,750,000 for this year's national school lunch program.

That amount, the department said in an announcement, came out of the \$65,000,000 Congressional appropriation for the school lunches.

It will be used by state and territorial educational agencies to pay schools taking part in the program for part of their purchases of food for school lunches.

Aside from the amount needed for administration of the program, the announcement said that the Agriculture Department itself will use the remainder to buy food needed by

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## "Forgotten Landlady" Gets No Rent Sympathy

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna E. Boyer, the self-styled "Forgotten American" Landlady, stuck today to a professed diet of ice water and olive oil and vowed to die of hunger unless federal agencies permit rent increases in her dilapidated two-story apartment dwelling.

The 73-year-old woman says that since last Thursday she has taken only two or three quarts of ice water daily, and, for "medical purposes," an occasional teaspoon of olive oil.

No sympathy came, however, from federal rent authorities. The Area Director, Robert J. Travis, said that differences between Mrs. Boyer and the authorities came to a head this morning before she began her professed hunger strike. She was called upon to refund an alleged \$25 rent overcharge on a basement apartment. Travis said he did not know whether she made the refund.

The area director also said

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## Train Passengers Victims Of Hate

### United Press Man Counts Fifty Bodies At Main Capital Station

BY JAMES MICHAELS  
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NEW DELHI, INDIA, Sept. 8.—(UP)—Bearded Sikhs pulled Moslem men, women and children from a railroad train in the main station of this Capital of Hindu India today and killed them with three-foot swords as Hindu troops and policemen stood by, watching, but not interfering.

The train was attacked as it arrived from Lahore, which is in the Moslem part of the Punjab. It was loaded with refugees who had escaped from the Eastern part, which is Hindu.

I counted at least 50 bodies, all chopped and cut, piled on baggage trucks, lying in compartments of the cars, or stretched across the tracks.

In a similar incident on a smaller scale in Karachi, the Capital of Moslem Pakistan, Moslem refugees from the Eastern Punjab burst into the railroad station and killed 12 Hindus and Sikhs. Four Sikhs were killed in other incidents there.

Panic spread in Capitals of both the New Dominions among law abiding people because of the total failure of efforts of the authorities to stamp out the flaming fire of hatred between

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## AMERICAN PILOT FOILS BOMB PLOT

### Birmingham Man Gets Scotland Yard Protection From Stern Gang

PARIS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Nine persons, including an American Rabbi, were held today for police investigation of an alleged plot to "bomb" London with Stern gang leaflets, but Reginald Gilbert, 24-year-old Birmingham, Ala., native who was engaged to pilot the "bombing" plane, was released and flown to England in an RAF plane.

Gilbert, arrested with Rabbi Baruch Korff and the latter's woman secretary at an airport near Versailles Saturday, worked with police to foil the plan to drop the Jewish underground propaganda leaflets on London.

The young pilot was reported by friends to have been put under Scotland Yard's protection until he can return to the United States.

Korff announced he was on a hunger strike when he appeared in the police line-up today. He and eight others were brought before Judge Fernand Golletti and charged with possession of "pamphlets of foreign origin."

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## THREE WORKMEN DIE FROM BLACK DAMP IN STEEL MILL WELL

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Three workers were killed by black damp today during repairs on a 45-foot deep well at the Follansbee S. I. Co. Charles Fowler, 60, a pipe fitter foreman, was the first to be overcome. Roger Ryan, 34, a pipe fitter's helper, and John Schmitts, 30, a pipe fitter, were overcome in rescue attempts.

All three were dead on arrival at Gill hospital, Steubenville, O. Seven other workers were affected by the gas while trying to bring up the bodies of the three men, but six were discharged after treatment, and the other was to be discharged tomorrow.

## And So To Bed

Jennings Otts, State immigration officer, related yesterday how he was about to get the obituary editor of the Star a news item.

Otts said that Sunday night, he heard a scrambling noise on the upstairs porch of his home. As time passed, the noise got louder.

Finally, he said, he got nerve to go up to the porch. When he did, he saw what appeared first to be a cat.

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