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Fountain To Debate Red China Question

NEW YORK. . . U.N. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg announced Wednesday that Congressman L.H. Fountain will represent the United States in debate opposing the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

Debate begins Thursday on the question which has arisen annually at the instigation and with the support of countries such as Cuba, the Soviet Union and India. They propose that Nationalist China be thrown out of the U.N. and Red China admitted in its place.

This question has come before the U.N. in one form or another every year since 1950. Thus far the U.N. General Assembly has refused to seat the Chinese Communists in the place of the Nationalists.

In addition to the opposition of the United States and other countries, Red China's own terms for admission have prevented its being accepted.

The Chinese Communists have insisted that, before they would become members, the Nationalists must be expelled, the U.N. resolution condemning Red China as an aggressor in the Korean War must be canceled, the U.N. Charter must be revised, all "imperialist puppets" must be expelled, and all "independent states" must be admitted.

FBI Director Hoover Hits Times Article

Claims Peoples' Letter Caused "Publication Of Baseless Allegations"

The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, has taken issue with an article published in The Franklin Times on November 14, disclosing allegations by a Henderson attorney that the FBI had intimidated his clients.

In a letter dated November 20, addressed to Mr. Linwood T. Peoples

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of Henderson, Mr. Hoover states: "It has come to my attention that the November 14, 1967, edition of the Henderson, North Carolina, 'Franklin Times' quotes from a letter you wrote the Attorney General in which it is stated you have been told FBI Agents questioned your clients as to how they came to hire your firm. Your letter also alleges that it was unethical for the Department of Justice to have your clients interviewed and that such interviews could serve no purpose other than intimidation".

The Times article disclosed that Peoples had written a letter to U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark asking that FBI agents leave his clients alone. Peoples represents 16 Negro parents from Franklin County who are seeking to intervene in the Coppedge vs the Franklin County Board of Education School desegregation suit now on appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court in Richmond. These parents favor freedom of choice in school selection, a plan torn down by the August 27th ruling by the U. S. Eastern District

Court at Raleigh. Children of the sixteen parents are now attending predominantly white schools against the wishes of the parents, according to reports.

Mr. Hoover stated in his letter, "This matter has been thoroughly reviewed and I am furnishing you the following facts to set the record straight.

"Certain of your clients were interviewed by FBI Agents in the course of an official investigation conducted at the specific request of Mr. John Doar, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice. I can assure you these interviews were conducted in a completely businesslike and ethical manner. Your clients were not questioned as to how they came to hire your firm nor were they intimidated in any way."

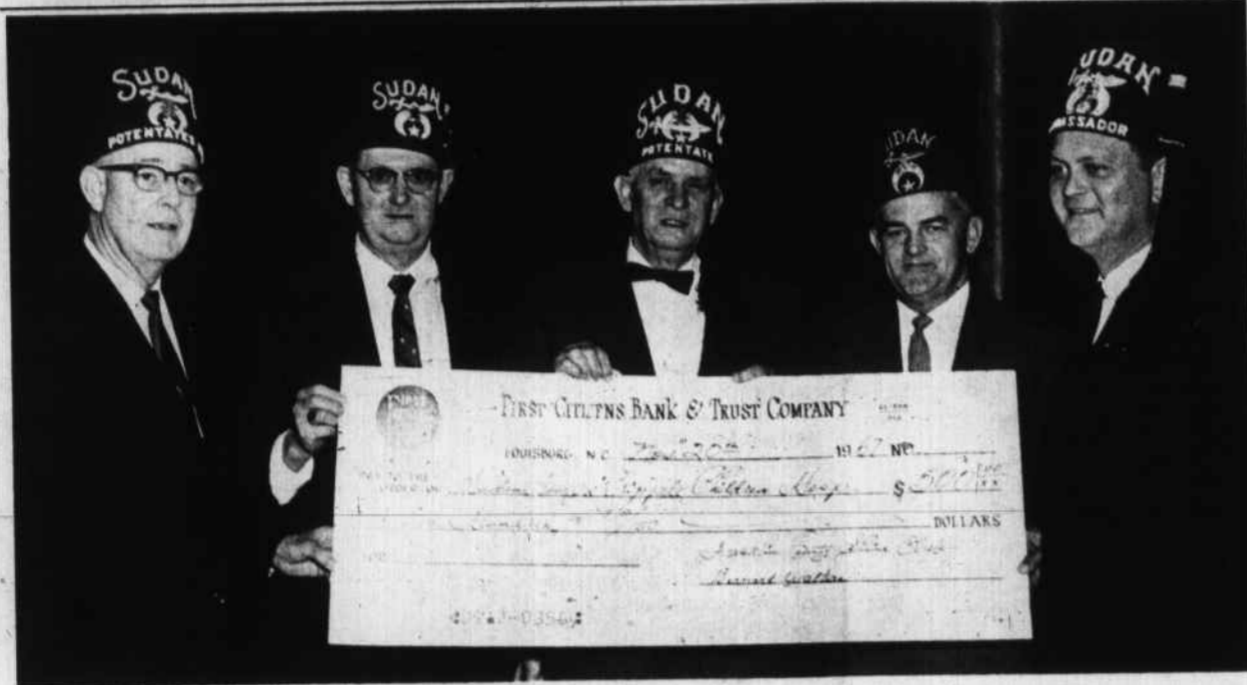
Mr. Peoples letter had stated: "It seems to us that this is highly unethical for your agents to bother our clients as your department is a party to the (court) action. We cannot believe that this action could serve any purpose other than to intimidate our clients. We are asking that you instruct your agents to leave our clients alone. If there is any information you desire about us, our clients or the action, we would be glad to furnish the same to you as a courtesy".

Mr. Hoover concluded his letter with: "If you should ever again have any doubts as to the propriety of any conduct on the part of FBI personnel, I trust that you will give me an opportunity to furnish you with the facts before action is taken which results in the publication of baseless allegations."

The disclosure of the Peoples' letter was made when The Times came into possession of a copy of the correspondence and excerpts were quoted from the letter in the article. Times Editor Clint Fuller said, "We attempted to contact anyone in the Justice Department to get a statement about the letter. We talked with a switchboard operator, a Miss Gallager, a Mr. Hocutt and were told we would have to talk with a Mr. Hubbard, who was not in at the time. We asked that Mr. Hubbard return our call. When the call was returned, it was from Mr. Frank E. Schwelb, chief Justice Department attorney in the case, and he had no direct comment on the letter. We did not call the FBI because we assumed the letter would be answered by the Justice Department since it was directed to that agency. We have still not received a statement from the Justice Department, although one was requested."

"We feel the disclosure was proper, that it was in the people's interest and that this situation falls in the category of the people's right to know," Fuller concluded.

ATTEND THE LOUISBURG
CHRISTMAS PARADE,
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
AT 4:30 P.M.



Shriners Make Donation, Elect Officers

Shrine officials are pictured above displaying an enlarged copy of a check for \$500 donated by the Franklin County Shrine Club to the Crippled Children's Hospital, a Shrine charity. Shown, left to right, are Frank McBride, Potentate Aid; Herman Spencer, President of the local club, Arthur T. Moore of Fayetteville, Potentate of Sudan Temple, New Bern, N. C., Winston Davis, secretary and Bernard Walters, treasurer of the local organization.

The Shriners were feted to a steak supper at Spencer's home here Monday night and the check presentation, representing proceeds from a recent fish fry, was made. Officers were elected at the meeting for the coming year and were announced as follows: H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys, President, Payton Brown of Raleigh, vice president; N. C. Mullen, treasurer and Herman Spencer, secretary.

Staff Photos by Clint Fuller

Light Vote Expected In Saturday's Bond Election

A relatively small turnout is predicted for Saturday's election on the issuance of \$200,000 in county courthouse improvement bonds. The issue has been one of unusual quietness since the election was called for by the Board of County Commissioners last September.

With no other issues at stake and no political races to bring out the voters, some observers are predicting a turnout similar to the November 1965 election which saw only 2,239 of the near 12,000 registered voters in the county, go to the polls. At stake in that off year election was the statewide road bonds and the appeals court referendum.

The Courthouse Bond Committee has distributed leaflets throughout the county explaining the financing of the improvements. The leaflets show that no additional taxes will be necessary because of the approval of the bonds. There has been no organized opposition to the election and the Committee and other supporters of the bonds are predicting a victory in what is expected to be a light vote Saturday.

Franklin usually votes some over 6,000 in elections involving personalities but elections on issues when not coming at primary or general election times usually draws little attention.

In the November 1964 vote on the local hospital improvement bonds, 6,461 persons cast their ballots. This vote came in a presidential election, however. In the November 1966 off-year balloting only 3,439 voted in the election which involved several races for public office.

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The record off-year vote came in the 1966 primary when 6,342 votes were cast. The record for any year recently was in 1964 when 6,638 voted in the May primary.

At stake Saturday is a massive renovation of the present courthouse facility to allow additional space for present offices, and to make available necessary space for the new offices which will be housed in the courthouse in December 1968 when the court reform takes effect in Franklin County. Included in the plans are two two-story wings on the north and south sides of the present structure, plus inside renovations.

The State of North Carolina will take over the salary of the Clerk of Court and employees of that office, salaries for magistrates who will replace the present Justices of the Peace, Mayor's and Recorder's Court Judges

The Bond Committee explains that the savings to the county will be some over \$10,000 annually in excess of the \$27,000 expected to be needed to pay off the bonded indebtedness.

The Grand Jury called for additional space in the courthouse in its report in January and February here and the issue is supported by a number

of community leaders, the Bar Association, the Board of County Commissioners and Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood.

Ten Complete Drivers Course

(FRK. B.W.) Ten of the twenty-four registered students in the Driver Improvement Program in Franklinton were presented certificates on Thursday evening at Franklinton High School.

The following had attended eight hours of classroom instruction and had participated in the activities of the class: Mr. Robert Ayscue, Mrs. Robert Ayscue, Willie Clapton, Jr., Mrs. Julia F. Carr, Miss Inez Fulle, Mrs. Raymond Harris, A.J. Perkinson, Thomas M. Ragan, Miss Kathleen Rowe and Mrs. Richard Whitfield.

Others enrolled, who missed some classes, were: Mrs. D.O. Langston, F.A. Coulter, Mrs. F.A. Coulter, Rhonda Payne, Linda Wright, Mrs. R.W. Moore, Mrs. A.J. Perkinson, Mrs. W.P. Pearce, Jr., Mrs. E.P. Osborne, Jr., Douglas Hoyle, Vallen Wright, Mrs. W.A. Eaton, and Mrs. B.J. Conyers and Kenneth Peterson.

On behalf of the local Woman's Club, Mrs. Floyd Bell presented copies of the book, "Vision and Driving" to the two instructors, Mr. Woodrow Tingle of Raleigh and Mr. William Tunstall of Durham.

The Franklinton Rescue Squad and the local Lions Club sponsored the course along with the Woman's Club.



Presentation

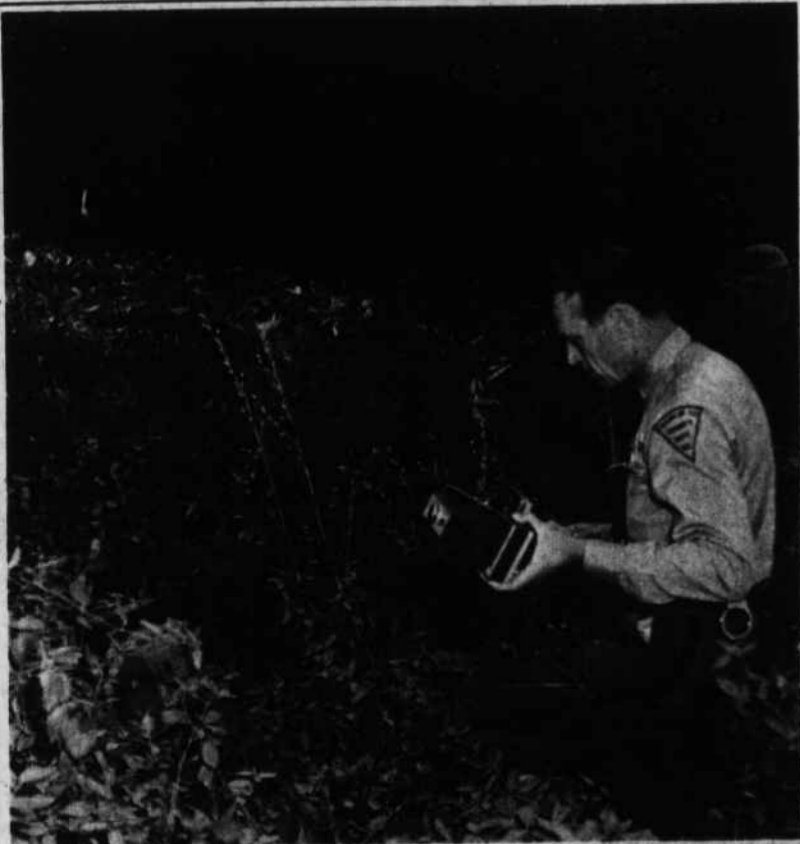
Mrs. Floyd Bell, President of the Franklinton Woman's Club, is shown above presenting copies of a book, "Vision and Driving" to Woodrow Tingle left of Raleigh and William Tunstall of Durham, both instructors in the recently held Defensive Driving course sponsored by the Woman's Club at Franklinton.

Courthouse Bond Election: Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S Note: Saturday Franklin voters will decide the fate of the \$200,000 County Courthouse Bonds. This is the third and concluding part of a series of questions and answers published here in the public interest.

- Q. If the bonds are approved, will the new and larger facility be more costly to maintain?
- A. In all probability, cost of maintenance for an enlarged facility will cost more. However, convenience of the structure and the fact that rental will be paid by the state will more than offset the increased cost. No tax increase is expected due to this additional expense.
- Q. When were repairs last made to the courthouse?
- A. 1936-37
- Q. Will the newly installed boiler be sufficient to take care of the new additions?
- A. Yes. The local heating firm that installed the boiler checked the plans beforehand. The firm says the boiler is adequate for all the new additions.
- Q. Will the facility be airconditioned?
- A. Yes. The new and the present structure will both be airconditioned.
- Q. How many are expected to vote in the election?

- A. Between 2000 and 3000, perhaps less.
- Q. Are there any other issues at stake Saturday?
- A. No. This is the only ballot.
- Q. What offices will be contained on the second floor, if the bonds are approved?
- A. Superior and District Judges and Solicitors offices; Superior and Civil and Grand Jury rooms; conference room, law library, a new civil court room and the present superior court room.
- Q. What additional space will be added on the first floor?
- A. Additional space in the Clerk of Court's office, the office of the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff and the County Accountant; also quarters for the Veteran Service Officer, new vaults in the Clerk's and the Register's offices and the present County Commissioner meeting room. Each department will have a private office.
- Q. How much additional space is to be added?
- A. The present structure contains 5,316 sq. ft. on the first floor and the same on the second floor. The plans call for an additional 2,880 sq. ft. on each floor. This will enlarge the structure from 10,632 sq. ft. to 16,392 sq. ft.



Missing Cash Register Found

Franklin Deputy Sheriff Lonnie House is shown above at the scene where a cash register taken from the Louis Dorsey Store at Mitchner's Crossroads was discovered Tuesday morning. The cash register was found by John Lee Wilder while working nearby, just off an unpaved rural road about one mile from the Dorsey store. The store was entered Friday night, November 10, and thieves made off with \$1,100 in checks, \$500 in cash and a large quantity of groceries and cigarettes. The cash register was taken to SBI lab in Raleigh for inspection and it was not learned if any money was inside.

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