

WEATHER

Cloudy and some warmer with showers today. Showers and cooler tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and cooler.

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STALIN REPORTED AT POINT OF DEATH

President Calls Conference With State Officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today took note of Josef Stalin's illness by issuing a statement asserting his belief that the Russian people as a whole share the American desire "for a friendly and peaceful world."

The President issued a statement while the National Security Council was in session which was directed to the Russian people, rather than expressing even formal solicitude over Stalin's condition.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other members of the National Security Council brought their studies up to the last minute for a meeting with the President.

The Russian Embassy said he was still alive according to word received at 9:30 a. m. EST.



JOSEF STALIN

Party Leaders Take Command Of Russia

By HENRY SHAPIRO United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW (AP) — Premier Josef Stalin lay paralyzed and unconscious from a brain hemorrhage today, and the stunned Russians—from whom the news had been withheld for 48 hours—learned that state and party leaders had taken over his duties.

There was no indication as to Stalin's possible successor in the event of his death, but information reaching London indicated that Vyacheslav Molotov, as senior vice Premier, would sit at the head of the Council of Ministers during the emergency.

There was speculation that should Stalin die, the world might not hear it for hours or even days. When Vladimir Lenin, his predecessor, died on Jan. 21, 1924, Moscow censors delayed transmission of the news to the outside world for 18 hours.

A medical bulletin as of 2 a. m. 6 p. m. Tuesday EST and repeated again at noon without change, disclosed that the 73-year-old Stalin was not responding to treatment.

Alexis, patriarch of all Russia and primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, asked the clergy to pray for Stalin's health and recovery. Other clergymen joined in the request.

Harris To Preside At March Court

Superior Court Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh will preside over the annual term of Hargett Superior Court starting on Monday, March 16. It will be a one-week term.

Car Inspection May Go Through

RALEIGH (AP) — Sen. James H. POU Bailey said today he thinks there is a "good chance" that his Senate Judiciary Committee will give a favorable report on Bailey's bill providing for compulsory motor vehicle inspection.

Smith Scores Enemy Aliens

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Sen. WILSON Smith (D-NC) last night criticized immigrants in this country who don't try to "Americanize" themselves.

Lasater Appointed To Welfare Board

County commissioner D. E. Lasater, Jr. of Erwin on Monday was named as the board's member on the Hargett County Welfare Board.

MARKETS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Kinston, Fayetteville, Florence: 35 cents higher at 30.00 for good and choice 150-200 lb. hogs and pigs.

Referendum Hearing Brings Big Crowd

RALEIGH, March 4. — Militant Drys bore down strongly yesterday on their rights as citizens of a democracy as they sought to persuade a House committee to approve a bill calling for a State-wide referendum on the sale of liquor, beer and wine throughout North Carolina.

Just as vigorously, opponents of the referendum bill claimed that the present local-option system is the real democratic method of handling the alcoholic beverage problem.

Bad Roads Still Hit County Board

Bad roads, like the poor, seem to be with the county commissioners always, judging from the road complaints which reached the county fathers at their regular session on Monday.

School Board Asks Loan Of \$50,000

Large expenses, resulting from various maintenance jobs in county schools, prompted the county board of education to ask the county commissioners on Monday for a temporary loan of \$50,000 from the school bond fund.

Legislature Today

Both houses convene 12 noon. House Committees: Local Government 9 a. m. Counties, Cities and Towns 9:15 a. m.

BULLETINS

NEW YORK (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived aboard the Queen Elizabeth today for vital talks with the Eisenhower administration on diplomatic problems suddenly thrown into new light by announcement of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin's serious illness.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — CIO shipyard workers agreed to end today one of two strikes which had halted all work for two days at a major drydock here and at one in Mobile, Ala.



NEW TRANSFORMERS FOR BENSON — Progress in the Benson area is manifest by its increased use of electricity. To meet these increased demands, Carolina Power & Light Company has replaced six old 150-KVA transformers at the Benson sub-station with three new 500-KVA models.

Van Fleet Asks Change In Draft And Rotation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet called today for changes in the rotation system and for a "stagger" because replacements for American troops in Korea are "running short."

Erwin Lions Told Of Operation Skywatch

The importance of public participation in "Operation Skywatch" the Air Force name for the Ground Observer Corps, was brought home to the members of the Erwin Lions Club last night by Lieutenant R. S. Price and Sergeant Charles Watkins of the Durham Filter Center.

New Leads Checked In Stewart Search

CAR planes today awaited a break in the weather so that new leads can be checked in an effort to locate the missing plane containing Worth Stewart, prominent Charlotte theatre executive and former Dunn resident missing since last Thursday.

Hooks Is Endorsed For Seat On Bench

SMITHFIELD — The Johnston County Board of Commissioners Monday voted unanimously to recommend to Governor William B. Umstead that District Judge Jack Hooks be appointed a resident judge of Superior Court should the legislature pass a pending bill creating an additional resident judge for the Fourth Judicial District.

Ballenger Gets Year On Roads

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ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP) — James A. Hard, the nation's oldest war veteran fought on today in the toughest battle of his 111 years—the one for his life.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

MARRIED 57 YEARS WITHOUT QUARREL

Uncle John McNeill, 77-year-old Negro of Dunn, Route 1 who says he lived with his first wife for 57 years without a fuss, has been remarried.

RED AND SILVER PLANE SEEN

Dr. Johnson said two different people in the vicinity of Goat Island, near the Savannah River, had reported seeing a silver plane with red trimmings appear to be going down last Thursday and one of them said the motor was whining like it was in difficulty.

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