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Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers today. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Continued mild.

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British Claim Plane Shooting Is Plain Murder

BERLIN (AP) — Britain accused Soviet airmen today of "murder" in the shooting down of a British bomber by Soviet MIG jet fighters with the loss of six lives.

Britain's strong protest charged the fatal attack on the plane was a "deliberate and brutal act of aggression involving the murder of British airmen."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill conferred with his top advisers on the note and presumably took a personal hand in its wording.

The protest was made today in a letter from British High Commissioner Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick to the Soviet commander in Germany Gen. Vasily I. Chuikov.

Six of seven crew men of the Royal Air Force bomber were killed when the plane was shot down yesterday near the British-Russian zone border in Germany. A seventh man parachuted into the Soviet zone and the Russians said he was in the hospital.

The British protest was made shortly after the three Allied high commissioners met in the Bonn office of French High Commissioner Andre Francois-Poncet.

DISCUSS ATTACKS

The meeting was believed to discuss attacks on British and American aircraft in Germany this week by Communist fighters—and possible defensive measures to be taken.

Kirkpatrick sent his letter to Chuikov today shortly after he had received one from the Soviet commander which charged the British bomber had violated Communist Eastern Germany territory and fired first at the Russian fighters.

A Royal Air Force spokesman denied the Russian claim the Lincoln bomber was over the Soviet zone—he insisted radar plottings showed the plane was over the British zone at the time of the attack.

Kirkpatrick's note, handed to Chuikov in Berlin, demanded that those responsible for the "outrage" be punished and that the Soviet Union pay reparation for the damage committed.

Group Capt. J. Stapleton, operations chief of the British 2nd Tactical Air Force headquarters at Bad (Continued On Page Four)

Reds May Block UN Leader Vote

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Russia may cast her 8th veto in the United Nations Security Council today to block the nomination of Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines as secretary-general.

The council meets in closed session for its first round of balloting to choose a successor to Trygve Lie for the U. N.'s \$56,000-a-year top post.

Romulo, backed by the United States, was expected to be black-balled by a Soviet veto. And it was possible a second veto would be used by the Russians to turn down Lester B. Pearson of Canada, whose nomination is supported by Denmark and Britain.

But observers did not expect the prospective vetoes to represent Russia's final stand in the search for a new secretary-general. There was a possibility one or both negative votes later might be recanted.

U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. nominated Romulo at the outset of a closed-door meeting Wednesday. Soviet delegate Valerian A. Zorin then proposed Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw (Continued On Page Seven)

Erwin Eastern Star Names New Officers

Mrs. R. E. (Hank) Hanna was elected Worthy Matron of the Erwin Chapter of the Eastern Star at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Hall in Erwin last night.

Other officers elected were: Worthy Patron, Earl Whitman; Associate Matron, Mrs. Roy Cameron; Associate Patron, Ernest Davis; Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Swanson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Adams; Conductress, Mrs. John Moore; and Associate Conductress, Mrs. Carl Lucas.

Officers appointed by Mrs. Hanna were: Chaplain, Mrs. Vera Lee Wilkins; Marshal, Mrs. Luella Muse; Organist, Mrs. Louise Tew; Adah, Mrs. Irene Dearborn; Ruth, Mrs. Hazel Godwin; Esther, Mrs. Martha Brock; Martha, Mrs. Maga Jane Godwin; Electa, Mrs. Leola Lupold; Warden, Mrs. Naomi Matthews and Sentinel, Mrs. Myrtle House.

The new officers will be installed (Continued On Page Five)



SEE PLAYS THE BIG ONES — Pretty Miss Ethlyn Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maxwell, is shown here practicing a march on the big kettle drums as Band Director Willard Burrage looks on. The 49-piece Dunn High Band will furnish the music for the annual banquet of Alcoholics Anonymous here tonight. Miss Maxwell is a member of the fifth grade, and a popular member of the band. Playing the bass horn in the background is Harold Bass.

Spring Concert Set By Band; Glee Club

The annual Spring Concert will be presented by the Dunn High School Band and Glee Club on Tuesday night, March 17, in the Dunn High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m. It was announced today by Band Director Willard L. Burrage.

One purpose of the concert is to provide an opportunity for the organization to perform in public. The numbers they will play and sing in the District Contest, scheduled for March 20th and 21st at Meredith College, in Raleigh.

The concert numbers the mixed chorus will sing include: "O Bone Jeau" a 18th Century Poliphonic number by Palestrina; and a short, full anthem by Martin Shaw. In addition to the concert numbers, the mixed chorus will sing several other selections, including "We (Continued On Page Two)

Army Says Harnett Land Impractical

The Department of Defense has not yet made up its mind which direction Fort Bragg expansion will take but latest information today indicated Western Harnett County may change its mind.

United States Senator Willis Smith, in a telegram to John W. Speers, president of the Harnett County Farm Bureau, said: "Army advises informally that use of Harnett County area un- (Continued On Page Two)

Dr. McCorkle To Speak In Dunn

Dr. William H. McCorkle of Atlanta, Ga., Director of Evangelism for the Presbyterian Church, will speak at the First Presbyterian Church in Dunn Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. It was announced today by Rev. Dick Gammon, pastor.

The Dunn church was able to secure Dr. McCorkle for this appearance due to the fact that he is in the State to conduct an evangelism training program for the Fayetteville, N. C., area. (Continued On Page Five)

U. S. Demands Reds Apologize

Assembly Kills Motor Vehicle Inspection Bill

RALEIGH (AP) — The North Carolina Senate gave sudden death today to an attempt to restore the system of compulsory motor vehicle inspection, without a recorded vote.

The action came swiftly after brief debate, on a voice vote. The author, Sen. James H. Pou Bailey of Raleigh, and Sen. Lunsford Crew of Halifax, were the principal opposing figures.

"To me this bill is so obnoxious, I don't think I would be fair to my conscience or my constituents if I did not oppose it," Crew said.

Bailey said the bill would simply enforce the motor vehicle safety laws already on the books.

Bailey admitted that the inspection law which was killed by the General Assembly in 1949 was a "terrific nuisance," but he said the legislation he proposed would eliminate the "long lines at inspection stations." Bailey's bill would have allowed inspection at any time during a 12-month period.

Crew is a member of Bailey's Judiciary committee which approved the inspection bill Wednesday by a 6-4 vote. Bailey had refused to allow a vote in open session on the legislation.

HELP GARAGES

Crew said "this law will do nothing except put \$1,300,000 into the pockets of garage men across the state." He said a survey in Texas showed that the average car owner has to pay \$4 for repairs to pass each inspection.

He said "if that proved true in North Carolina, garage men would profit more than \$5,000,000 each year from the inspection system. Crew also attacked the inspection law in Virginia as "worthless." Virginia requires inspections three times a year.

He would provide for only one inspection a year, but the Department of Motor Vehicles would seek to make it two inspections a year. (Continued On Page Two)

Last Minute News Shorts

NEW YORK (AP) — The State Supreme Court appellate division in a split decision today upheld the ruling of General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente in excluding the press and public from the Minot F. (Mickey) Jelic vice trial during presentation of the state's case.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Swedish-American liner Gripsholm was reported to have collided with an unidentified vessel in the harbor of New York harbor today. Harbor men reported the crash "could be heard for a mile around." Coast Guard units and harbor patrol vessels were alerted.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department announced today that it has fired 16 homosexuals and five other persons since Jan. 29 as security risks. Department Press Officer Lincoln White also reported that three applicants for State Department jobs have been turned down on security grounds.

LUENEBURG, Germany (AP) — British Air Force authorities said tonight that all British military planes have been ordered to keep at least 10 miles away from the Iron Curtain frontier.

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Radio Free Europe reported today that it had monitored a report from Prague radio that Czechoslovak President Klement Gottwald is seriously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy. (Continued on page two)

BULLETINS

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A Czech military plane was reported to have landed today in the British zone of Austria and three persons aboard asked for asylum. The plane landed at the Civil Airport at Graz, the reports said. British Embassy officials in Vienna said they were checking the reports.

CHICAGO (AP) — County Clerk Richard J. Daley offered free marriage licenses today, Friday the 13th, to anyone born on a Friday the 13th.

DILLON, S. C. A state witness was charged with perjury today as the trial of two men charged with the murder of Darlington attorney J. U. Red Watts Jr. entered its third day in general sessions court here. State attorneys (Continued on page two)



ADMIRING NEW FORD TRUCK — William A. (Bill) Glover, head of truck sales for Auto Sales and Service (without hat) is shown explaining the new features of the 1953 Ford truck, which went on display today, to a group of potential customers. The "work horse" of the Ford production lines, the new model brings out some of the latest advances in truck design, which make it easily the biggest value in Ford history. Auto Sales and Service invites your inspection of the new model. Left to right are Little McLamb, Leslie Taylor, Shep McLamb, who bought the first 1953 truck, Jim Elmore and Bill Glover. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn)

Landowners To Meet With Army

FORT BRAGG (AP) — Protesting Hoke County citizens were told today that no final decision has been reached on plans by the Defense Department to acquire 50,000 acres of farm lands to expand this huge infantry base.

Leaders of a citizens committee which outlined the basis of protests to military officials were informed by officials in Washington that the final decision is still pending.

In Washington, the Army said T. A. Young, special assistant to the secretary, will confer March 17 with residents of Hoke county, and will give them results of the survey. He will "consider any recommendations they may have in connection with this acquisition prior to submitting proposed plans" to Secretary Robert T. Stevens.

The conference may be a public hearing, a spokesman said. The committee which came here today restated that one major objection is that the proposed "corridor" to connect Fort Bragg and Camp McCall to be used as an artillery firing range, would almost "wipe out" the already tiny county. When Bragg was established the army took a huge bite of the county.

They said it would mean moving homes, a school, a hospital and churches from the rural area, and farmers would lose rich agricultural lands and the county would lose taxable land.

Should the military decide against expanding into Hoke County, officials have indicated they may seek more land in neighboring Moore or Harnett counties. But the latter areas are more thickly populated and groups there also have protested.

Attorney W. A. Johnson of Lillington headed the five-man group (Continued On Page Four)

Porter Asserts His Innocence

Gilbert Porter, well-known Dunn restaurant operator who was one of six local business men and women indicted for conspiracy and receiving stolen merchandise, told reporters today that he is "absolutely innocent of the charges" and asked his friends and others to withdraw their support. (Continued on page two)

Meeting Slated To Form Radio Group

On Friday night, March 20 at 7:30 p. m. there will be a meeting of all amateur radio operators from the surrounding communities at the City Hall auditorium for the purpose of organizing an "Amateur Radio Club" for Harnett County. All interested operators are invited to attend, as well as anyone interested in becoming a "ham" operator. There are approximately 15 amateurs in Harnett County (Continued on Page Two)

D And S Railroad Plan To Modernize

Plans for modernizing the Durham and Southern Railroad through the replacement of the present steam engines with modern diesel engines were revealed yesterday at the annual meeting of directors and stockholders held in Durham.

At this meeting, announcement was made that the first in a series of tests of diesel engines were held this week and from them the company will determine the type (Continued On Page Two)

Everything Set For A A Banquet Tonite

A crowd of nearly 1,000 is expected to gather in the Dunn Armory tonight for the annual ladies' night banquet of the Dunn chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is the biggest banquet held here each year and tonight's affair is expected to set new records in both attendance and excellence of the program.

Members of the organization—all of whom remain anonymous in accordance with the organization's rules—said this morning that all plans have been completed and everything is in readiness for the event.

Dr. Sam D. of Bristol, Va., one of the country's outstanding orators and a top-speaker in the AA movement, will deliver the only address of the evening.

Music will be furnished by the Dunn High School Band. Members of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Jaycees and various other civic, social, fraternal and business groups are meeting with the AA group tonight in lieu of (Continued On Page Five)

MARKETS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Fayetteville, Florence: 25 cents higher at 26.25 for good and choice 180-240 lb. hogs and gilts. Wilmington, Washington, New Bern, Jacksonville, Wilson, Tarboro, Smithfield: 25 cents higher at 25.00. (Continued On Page Five)

Accuse Czechs Of Provocative Act In Attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States today accused Communist Czechoslovakia of a "provocative" act in attacking two American jet fighters over Germany and demanded "immediate compensation" for the U. S. plane that was destroyed.

The United States, in a strongly worded note delivered to the Prague government, also flatly rejected as "falsification of facts" a Czech complaint that the two F-84 Thunder jets which were attacked had penetrated Czech territory.

This government, said the Czech argument was a false attempt to cover up its clear responsibility for the "inexcusable" attack.

The U. S. note was disclosed after Britain protested to Soviet Russia about the shooting down of a British bomber. The British called it an act of aggression and murder of British crewmen.

The note was delivered to the Czech Foreign Office at 2 p. m. Prague time 10 a. m. EST.

DEMAND APOLOGY

1. Demanded an apology for the "irresponsible" attack on the American planes by the MIG-15 fighter planes.

2. Demanded assurances that no further incidents "will occur again."

3. Demanded that since Czechoslovakia was "clearly responsible" for the destruction of one Thunder jet that the United States be paid (Continued On Page Four)

Wade Man Gets Term In Prison

A 44-year-old Wade Negro Thursday was given not less than one year more than eight years in prison by Judge Leo Carr after he was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of David McPhail, 26, Negro, of Wade.

The defendant, John Stedman, had pleaded not guilty to charges of second degree murder, and taking the stand, told the court the shooting was accidental. McPhail was a found fatally wounded by a pistol shot from a foreign-made automatic on November 16, 1952, in the yard of the Stedman home at Wade.

Several witnesses for the state testified earlier that Stedman held McPhail on the ground with one hand while he fired the fatal shot.

In sentencing Stedman, Judge Carr commented that the shooting seemed to indicate a reckless handling of firearms.

REVIVAL PARTY

The Johnson-Houser Evangelistic Party of Greenville, N. C., will conduct a week-end youth revival beginning Friday night at 7:45. Services will also be held Saturday and Sunday nights at the same hour. These two young ladies are students at Eastern Carolina College and spend their weekends in evangelistic work. Miss Houser, a member of the party, is a chaperone and will draw a picture in each service which will be given to someone in the congregation as a souvenir. The public is invited to attend these services.

Bishop Will Visit Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Edwin A. Penick of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, will make his annual Lenten visit to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin on Sunday, March 15. It was announced today by Rev. W. Robert Insko, Rector of the Church.

The Bishop will deliver the sermon at the Morning Worship hour at 11:00 a. m. and will conduct confirmation of several new members of the church. A luncheon will be served in the Parish House at the close of the services.

A native of Kentucky, Bishop Penick won his A.B. and B.D. degrees at the University of the South, his M.A. degree at Harvard and his D.D. degree at Virginia Theological Seminary. Subsequently, the bishop was awarded an LL.D. degree from the University of North Carolina. For a number of years, Bishop Penick was rector of the Church (Continued on page two)