

Partly cloudy and cooler today, with some chance of scattered showers or thundershowers. Partly cloudy with little temperature change tonight and Tuesday.

Gaiety, Pageantry, Excitement Reign In Britain

An Open Letter To Dunn's City Council

(AN EDITORIAL)

GENTLEMEN: We are in receipt of a mimeographed copy of a letter addressed to the Editor of The Record asking us to retract an article "stating that the meeting of the city council held on May 25, 1953 was a secret meeting."

The Record is happy to publish your letter in its entirety. However, we very definitely will not publish any such retraction as that requested because this newspaper has published no such statement to be retracted.

We invite the council — as well as our other readers — to read the article again and we challenge you to show that anywhere in the news article did The Daily Record say you held a "secret" meeting. We also challenge you to prove that there was one word in the article not absolutely true.

The amazing thing about your letter is that Commissioner J. V. Bass, who originated the letter, admitted to The Daily Record that he had not read the article. The same admission came from another member of the board.

It is hard to believe that an official duly elected by the public would sign his name to a statement concerning a news article which he admits not having read. We hope that other official matters are not handled in such a careless manner.

The Daily Record, realizing a solemn duty to the public, very properly reported that: "Dunn's city council last night held a special, unannounced, unscheduled and unpublicized meeting at the city hall."

As far as we're concerned, that adds up to the same thing as a secret meeting because the public was not informed of the meeting and citizens were not given an opportunity to attend. But nowhere in the article did The Record brand the session as a "secret" meeting.

Whenever this newspaper makes a mistake (and we are always happy to make a correction and always do so willingly and cheerfully).

But we are not going to publish a false retraction to save the hide of any politician or group of politicians.

It comes as a surprise that the Mayor Hanna and the two old members of the council should suddenly become aroused over the subject of secret meetings, because they have not been uncommon during the past four years. They have been held frequently — and always disclosed by some member of the council.

If the council now realizes the mistake of holding secret sessions — which are also against the law — this newspaper feels that it has won something of a victory in pointing out the evil.

Taking another unfair swing at this newspaper (which appears to us to be obviously merely political retaliation), the board asks for less "rumored" criticism of the council, but fails to cite a single instance of "rumored" criticism.

It should not be necessary to remind the council that a newspaper is liable for the statements it publishes. We feel sure that had such "rumored criticism" been published that this newspaper would have been sued by the councilmen long before now.

We believe this letter from the board to be inspired by nothing more than a desire for political revenge because this newspaper has had the courage to oppose the board on those matters which we felt in the best interest of the public.

It is true that this newspaper has fought and campaigned against reckless and wasteful spending; we have fought for a reduction in Dunn's outrageous tax rate; we have opposed the firing of good and faithful public servants in secret sessions without giving the public a reason;

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China Issue Being Debated By Congress

By UNITED PRESS

The controversial proposal to cut off U. S. funds for the United Nations if Red China is admitted came up for debate in the Senate today.

Some GOP senators predicted privately that President Eisenhower will intervene personally to block the move—a rider tacked on an appropriation bill. They said the President has decided to exercise more leadership to put his administration programs across.

Mr. Eisenhower already has called the proposal very drastic. But it appeared likely his direct intervention would be needed to prevent the rider from passing.

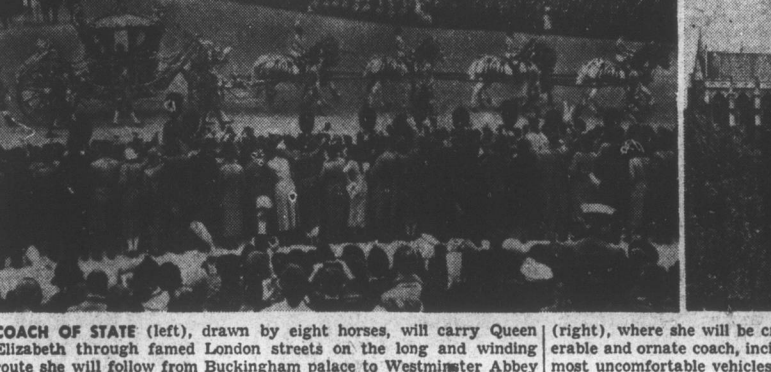
The Senate Appropriations Committee, headed by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) overwhelmingly approved the rider, sponsored by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.). Only four Democrats dissented.

Other congressional news: Taxes: Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey was the lead-off administration witness as the House Ways and Means Committee opened hearings on the President's request for a six-month extension of the excess profits tax. A majority of committee Republicans want the tax to expire schedule June 30.

DEFENSE TESTIMONY: Defense: A Senate Appropriations subcommittee today called Navy Secretary Robert B. Anderson and Adm. William M. Fechteler, outgoing chief of naval operations, for testimony on President Eisenhower's defense budget which lopped \$5,000,000,000 off Air Force requests for new funds. At the same time a leader in the Democratic attack on the proposed defense budget predicted it will pass Congress "pretty much" the way it was submitted.

DANGEROUS RETREAT: Atomic: Rep. Chet Holifield, (D-Calif.) (Continued on Page 3)

Route Queen Elizabeth Will Follow to and From Coronation



COACH OF STATE (left), drawn by eight horses, will carry Queen Elizabeth through famed London streets on the long and winding route she will follow from Buckingham palace to Westminster Abbey



(right), where she will be crowned, and back to the palace. The venerable and ornate coach, incidentally is regarded as one of the world's most uncomfortable vehicles in which to ride. (International)

Millions Will Line Route Of Great Parade

By JACK V. FOX (P) Staff Correspondent

London — (P) — Queen Elizabeth II, radiant in a summery cream-colored dress, entertained 11 prime ministers of her commonwealth at a state lunch today while thousands of her subjects set up camps — complete with cooking stoves — along tomorrow's coronation parade route.

Little Prince Charles, 4½ year old heir to the throne, delighted the thousands massed outside Buckingham Palace by appearing at a window to hear a guard's band play "Teddy Bear's Picnic" while his mother received the premiers. The great coronation invasion approached its peak.

BAD WEATHER FORECAST Only the weatherman refused to cooperate. He forecast occasional showers, blustery winds and "perhaps hail" with only an occasional glimpse of the sun in prospect. Ocean liners, channel steamers, planes, trains and buses brought more thousands to London. More than 2,000,000 persons will line the parade route tomorrow.

The wide Mall leading from the palace to Trafalgar Square resembled a battlefield strewn with bodies at dawn, but it soon became a scene of great activity.

Overnight campers rolled out of their blankets and started making coffee and frying bacon.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS The queen's guests at the palace lunch were Prime Ministers Winston Churchill of Britain, Louis St. Laurent of Canada and the premiers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Ireland and Malta.

Queen Elizabeth received her guests in the palace picture gallery. Standing with her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in front of a portrait of King George III, who lost the American colonies.

The queen wore, with her crown dress, white gloves, white pointed shoes and a spray of diamonds.

QUEEN HAPPY AND GAY She was smiling, bubbling with happiness as she talked gaily to the statesmen about her coronation tomorrow. After the reception, the lunch was held in the state dining room. Present, in addition to the royal family and high commissioners of commonwealth countries.

So great was the crush in front of Buckingham Palace this afternoon that Churchill's limousine was brought to a halt as he left after lunch. He grinned and waved at the people who rapped on the car windows before police cleared a path.

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County Board Meeting Today

Harnett County commissioners were busy Monday considering 50 written applications for the position of paid deputies. At noon no action had been taken on any appointments, but the board was expected to act on this item and budget matters after lunch.

The county fathers set a special meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 8 p. m. to allow county banks to present arguments why they should be selected as the county's official depository. The First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Dunn is the present depository, but the Bank of Lillington and the Bank of Harnett also seek to render this service.

The Commercial Bank of Dunn is automatically eliminated because its president, Lofton Tart is chairman of the county board.

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WIEGMANN HONORED — A large crowd turned out at Reed Memorial Christian Church Sunday to hear a sermon by their former pastor, the Rev. F. W. Wiegmann of Indianapolis, Indiana, and to honor Mr. and Mrs. Wiegmann and their family at a social hour afterwards. Left to right are: Lofton A. Tart, W. F. Willford, who was chairman of the church board during Mr. Wiegmann's pastorate here, Mrs. Wiegmann, Mr. Wiegmann and Dr. George F. Gifford, pastor of the church. Yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Wiegmann was presented a Doctor's Degree by Atlantic Christian College of Wilson. (Daily Record Photo).

Erwin Workers To Hear Bamford

James Bamford, Southern Director of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO), will speak to the members of Local Union 250 of Erwin at their regular meeting Tuesday night. It was announced today by Business Manager Lacey Dawkins.

Bamford will discuss the purchase of stock in the Erwin Mills by the Abney Mills and its possible effect on the workers in the mills at Erwin.

The mills at Erwin have a two year contract with the CIO local and if the mills are taken over by the Abney interests, the status of this contract is a source of worry to workers there, union and non-union alike.

Bamford's talk is expected to clear up the major points in this problem for the membership of the local. He is also coming to Erwin to check the progress of that local and offer suggestions on what might be done for future progress and stability.

Area Director Julius Fry and administrator for the Erwin local Scott Hoyman, are also scheduled to be present at the meeting.

City To Furnish Supplies To Pool

Dunn, that the City Manager be; and he is hereby authorized to furnish the necessary supplies to the operation of the Dunn Swimming Pool during the 1953 season, and that the said supplies to be paid out of funds not in excess of \$1,000 to be appropriated by the Budget for the fiscal year 1953-54, said appropriations to be made from proceeds of Schedule "B" License Tax and or proceeds of Beer Tax (Continued on page two)

Over the objections of Mayor Ralph Hanna, the town board in a special meeting Friday night, decided to let a resolution adopted at a previous meeting to furnish supplies for the operation of the swimming pool, remain unaltered.

The resolution, adopted at the meeting held on May 21, ordered the following: "Be it ordered by the Board of Commissioners of the town of

Council Unhappy Over Criticism

Dunn's city council has requested The Daily Record to retract a statement never published in The Record, and at least two members of the council who signed the letter admitted they hadn't read the story. Although secret meetings have been customary frequently during the last four years, it seems that Mayor Hanna and other board members became infuriated when The Record reported last Tuesday that on Monday night the council held "a special, unannounced, unscheduled and unpublicized meeting at the city hall."

Nowhere did The Record say the council had held a secret meeting, although most people will agree that when the board meets without announcing it and giving citizens an opportunity to attend that it adds up to the same thing as a secret meeting.

BROUGHT PUBLIC CRITICISM One commissioner told The Record that so many citizens had "gotten on us about it, that we just couldn't stand it."

Even the letter denying the recent session did not originate at the council meeting, but apparently was prepared—and mimeographed—earlier by the board or its aides.

Mayor Protom J. V. Bass, who admitted he hadn't read the article in The Record, merely pulled out (Continued on page two)

Duties Of City Manager Defined Again For Board

City Attorney L. E. Williams on Friday night had to straighten out Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, once more on the duties and powers of the city manager.

The matter of hiring a city tax collector came up and Mayor Hanna started talking about how the board should begin receiving applications.

At that point, City Attorney Williams spoke up and reminded His Honor that neither he nor the commissioners had anything at all to do with hiring subordinate employees.

"That's right," agreed Mayor Hanna apologetically. "I'm sorry," he added.

The same question arose over the firing of a chief of police here last year, with the city attorney repeatedly warning the officials not to try to perform the duties of the city manager.

Local Masons Plan Events

Palmyra Masonic Lodge is planning for its stated communication tomorrow night and for its regular Past Master's night on Friday night. It was announced today by Curtis E. Annis, Secretary.

The stated communication will be held in the Masonic Hall tomorrow night at eight o'clock. A very interesting program has been planned and all members are urged to make every effort to attend.

The annual Past Master's night will be held Friday night, starting at 7:00. The examination of candidates for the Third Degree will begin at that time, followed by the Third Degree work.

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (P) — Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey, one of the nation's leading financiers, said today, "it's harder to spend" (Continued On Page Two)

Tae Believes Reds Will Accept Plan

By LEROY HANSEN (P) Staff Correspondent

SEOUL, Korea — (P) — South Korean Foreign Minister Pyun Tong Tae said today his country believes the Communists will accept the latest Allies truce proposal.

The new proposal is exactly what the Communists have demanded, Pyun, who also is acting premier, said. "And now we come to the point where we cannot compromise further."

"If the Communists still distort world war," he said. "This I do not believe. Therefore, they will agree this time to the United Nations proposal."

Prowler Bound Over To Superior Court

Three positive identifications of Arthur Matthews, Dunn Negro, as a peeping Tom and burglar, proved enough this morning at a hearing before Judge H. Paul Strickland, to find probable cause and bind him over for Grand Jury action without privilege of bond.

Claude Cheek testified that on the night of May 24, he awakened to find a Negro peering in the window of his home while he and Mrs. Cheek were in bed.

He told the court that he was within three feet of the Negro and that with the light from a lamp and from a nearby street lamp, he was able to get a good look at peeping Tom.

He said he took a good look at a brown street and saw a Negro started to run. He and police officers in the neighborhood went to the house to find the Negro, but he had disappeared.

The Communists are expected to give their reply to the last U. N. formula to break the war prisoners deadlock next Thursday in the truce hut at Panmunjom.

U. S. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U. N. negotiator, handed the proposal to the Communists on May 25 and both sides then agreed to a seven-day reprieve. The Reds asked for a three-day extension Sunday.

Pyun reflected his government's view on the Communist attitude toward the latest U. N. proposal following a top secret cabinet meeting with South Korean President Syngman Rhee at the president's summer home on the south coast.

He told the court that he was

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