

## Zioncheck Leaps From Window To Death In Seattle; Leaves A Note

### Coroner Terms Death As Suicide But Will Hold Investigation On Friday

### BODY LANDS SHORT DISTANCE FROM WIFE

### Body Plunges from Fifth Story of Building Into Crowded Street, Narrowly Missing A Pedestrian; Congressman's Mother Ill, Not Immediately Notified

Seattle, Aug. 8.—(AP)—An incoherent note found in the fifth floor room from which Representative Marion Anthony Zioncheck plunged to his death today led the coroner to believe the playboy congressman took his own life.

As the story was told by Coroner Otto Mittelstadt, Zioncheck dashed away from his brother-in-law, William Nadeau, who found him writing a note and dived through a window to the pavement.

Immediate death ended the career of the youthful congressman, whose eccentric capers made his name a household word.

It was a downtown building and the streets were busy with the usual 6 to 8 m. traffic. The body just missed a pedestrian and fell within a few feet of the automobile where his bride of four months was waiting.

From the evidence Coroner Mittelstadt said "all indications pointed to Zioncheck's death being a suicide" but an inquest was ordered for Friday.

The congressman's wife, whom he married only last April, was taken to a hospital in an ambulance. His mother, whose wish was said to have caused him to change his mind and run for re-election, has been ill lately, and she was not immediately notified of his death.

The coroner quoted Nadeau as saying they both started to leave the office, but Zioncheck whirled and ran 18 feet to the window from which he dived head first.

"It was horrible," MacFarlane said, "I was walking along and the first thing I knew, he landed at my feet."

A note found in the fifth floor room of the Arctic building and apparently written by Zioncheck, was quoted by Coroner Otto Mittelstadt as reading: "My only hope in life was to improve the conditions of an unfair economic system."

Persons who saw the 34-year-old congressman fall from the window said he apparently was killed instantly. He fell soon after 6 p. m. (9 p. m. EST) while the streets were crowded. Zioncheck had announced his withdrawal from the congressional race last Saturday, but Monday had mailed his declaration of candidacy on the Democratic ticket.

The body was taken to the county morgue, where Mittelstadt, after a brief investigation, said he believed the congressman had committed suicide.

### Fled Mental Hospital

Zioncheck returned here recently

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## Re-Election Of Roosevelt Is Predicted

### Three Men High In Democratic Circles Say Roosevelt to be Renamed

Asheville, Aug. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's re-election was predicted here today by three men high in Democratic official circles as party leaders gathered for a four state conference tomorrow at nearby Highlands.

Lawrence W. (Chip) Roberts, secretary of Democratic National Committee, and former assistant secretary of the treasury, said the trend was for Roosevelt and the New Deal. He discounted Republican claims of the industrial as "political ballyhoo" and said they were contrary to "unprejudiced surveys."

Former National Committeeman O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, and one time governor of North Carolina said "financial pages and not bias opinions of hostile editors revealed the true success of Roosevelt administration."

Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to the President, confined his remarks to the brief statement that he believed his chief's re-election was assured.

Democratic State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne, announced from his Marion home that he would be in Highlands tomorrow for the conference.

### Spared by Court



His life spared by a magistrate at Brockport, N. Y., where he was on "trial" accused of the drowning of a boy, this tawny mongrel pup—Idaho—poses for his picture. Idaho was sentenced to 26 months confinement, however, and orders were given to police to shoot him on sight if he was found at large in Brockport during the confinement. During the five-hour trial, attended by 300 persons, Idaho yelped with delight, shied away from photographers' lights and several times went to sleep. He is owned by Victor Fortune of Brockport.

—Central Press

## POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE TRANSFORMED

### Roosevelt Administration 75 Per Cent Hamiltonian In Principle

### G. O. P.'S OTHER WAY

### South Will Remain Solidly Democratic In Spite of Changes; Youth Decides for Self In Voting

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Aug. 8.—This year's election result would be easier to guess on if one knew the correct answer to two questions:

1. How large a proportion of the voters realize that the major parties of today to a great extent have traded sides in regards to states' rights and centralization?

2. Has the trend of events transformed the United States from a very conservative into a somewhat radical country?

We don't know yet what these two answers are, however.

### TRANSFORMED

The Roosevelt administration is not entirely Hamiltonian, but it is about 75 per cent so. Contrariwise, Republicanism has taken on approximately a 75 per cent tinge of Jeffersonianism.

Folk like ex-Senator James A. Reed, Al Smith, Henry Breckinridge and ex-Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts understand this, and, usually are Republicans, now viraciously are Democrats. Folk like Secretary of the Interior and Agriculture Harold L. Ickes and Henry A. Wallace also understand it, and, be-

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## ROOSEVELT, LONDON MAY TALK DROUGHT

### Republican Nominee Would Be Invited to Conference With Other Governors

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 8 (AP)—A drought parley, which may find President Roosevelt seated across the conference table from Governor Alf M. Landon, was virtually assured today as the President settled down to his last work day before returning to Washington.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that he would invite Landon along with the governors of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri to a conference, probably in Iowa early next month to discuss the state and federal cooperation in combating effects of the drought.

### Captured Rebel



A recent picture of Gen. Goded, one of the leaders of the Spanish revolt in Catalonia, who is now in the hands of the Leftist government. He was captured during the recent fighting.

## DEMOCRATS OPPOSE FDR'S RE-ELECTION AT DETROIT, MICH.

### Some Favor Supporting Landon Outright and All Aligned Against Roosevelt

### DO NOT ENDORSE THE KANSAS GOVERNOR

### Exact Policies of Group Left To Resolution Committee; Former Senator Reed, Missouri, Is One Of Opposition; Will Leave Action to Individuals

Detroit, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A meeting of Democrats opposed to the New Deal drew a sharp distinction between supporting Governor Landon and opposing President Roosevelt, and left the formulation of exact policies to a committee on resolutions.

While individually, many members of the gathering, led by men once high in Democratic party circles, said they favored an outright Landon endorsement, such a move met with determined opposition from the south.

A consequence proposal, intended to compromise these two attitudes, was that the conference should oppose the re-election of President Roosevelt, leaving the question of a Landon endorsement to its members individually.

There was no comment on an invitation Republican National Chairman John D. Hamilton issued in a speech at Cour d'Alene, Idaho, to "that great group of Democrats who are leaving Mr. Roosevelt" to enter the Republican ranks.

James A. Reed, former Democratic senator from Missouri, after a meeting of the resolution committee, which lasted long after midnight, said all present were emphatically opposed to the re-election of Mr. Roosevelt, but felt that methods of opposing him should be left to "the discretion of the Democrats here and the Democrats in the states."

## EHRINGHAUS UNHURT WHEN CAR IS STRUCK

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 8 (AP)—Governor and Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, escaped injury yesterday when their automobile was struck by a truck near Sligo, N. C. Their car was damaged, however, and the chauffeur suffered cuts and bruises.

## CONFESSION FALSE OF NIGHT RIDERS

### Columbus County Man Repudiates Signed Statement About Vigilantes

Wilmington, Aug. 8 (AP)—Solicitor John J. Burney was confronted with a repudiated "confession" today in his investigation of reported floggings by night riders in nearby Columbus county.

The solicitor revealed he had obtained an affidavit by W. L. King, 24-year old Columbus county man, declaring "false in its entirety" a signed statement made several weeks ago in which the night riding activities were attributed to a band of vigilantes organized by a preacher and three women.

Burney would make no formal comment but he had previously indicated he placed little faith in the first statement of King.

The Columbus county grand jury investigated the flogging for four women and two men of the Clarendon community early in the summer but made no report.

## INCREASED COTTON CROP IS SHOWN IN FORECAST TODAY

### Department of Agriculture Estimate Shows 12,418,000 Bales for This Season

### BIG INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S CROP

### Crop Is 9.8 Per Cent Larger Than 1935; Reported to Be 72.3 Per Cent Normal; North Carolina Crop 60 Per Cent Normal With 501,000 Bales

Washington, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A cotton crop of 12,418,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight this year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture in its first production report of the season.

Last year's crop was 10,638,391 bales; in 1934, 9,836,000 bales.

The cotton acreage this year is 9.8 per cent larger than that of last year. It is placed by the department at 29,924,000 acres, after deducting 2.3 per cent—the average abandonment for the last ten years—from the area in cultivation July 1.

The condition of the crop August 1 was 72.3 per cent of normal, compared with 73.6 a year ago, and 67.7 in 1935, through '32 average.

Indicated yield per acre was 199.7 pounds compared with 186.3 last year and 169.9 the 1923 through 1932 average.

The census bureau said ginning prior to August 1 totaled 41,139 running bales, counting round as half bales compared with 94,346 for last year and 99,787 for 1934.

The condition of the crop August 1 as indicated production by states included:

North Carolina: 60 per cent and 501,000 bales.

## Slim Chance For Counties Get Refunds

### County Built Roads Were Either Given Or Taken Over By State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—The chances are exceedingly slim that any of the 44 or more counties seeking a refund from the State for roads built by the counties and then donated to the State or taken over by it later, will ever get a penny back from the State, according to most opinion here. There are some fifteen or sixteen reasons for this belief, the first one being that by the time the recently appointed county road debt commission completes its study and submits its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, no money will be left in the highway fund with which to pay these claims, even if they are recommended. Many observers are confident the commission will never re-

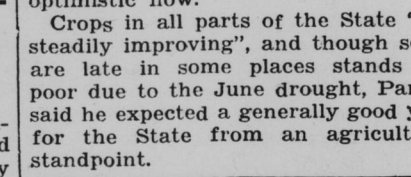
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## Outlook Of State Crops Much Better

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Frank Parker, Federal-State Agricultural statistician, said today that the "agricultural outlook in North Carolina is optimistic now."

"Crops in all parts of the State 'are steadily improving', and though some are late in some places stands are poor due to the June drought, Parker said he expected a generally good year for the State from an agricultural standpoint.

## OUR WEATHER MAN



### FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Scattered showers this afternoon, mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer in central portion Sunday.

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## General Franco Leading Moroccan Troops In Thrust Against Spanish Capital

### Blood and Sand—and Smiles



This Spanish senorita, one of the many given arms and ammunition by the Leftist defenders of Spain's government, smiles for the cameraman. But scores like her have been killed in the heavy street fighting which marks the war in Madrid and other Spanish cities.

## Johnson Suggests State Modernize Its Highways

### State Treasurer Points Way To Rebuild Arterial Highways for Heavier Traffic Without Increasing Debt Service; Many of Roads In Poor Condition

By J. C. BASKERVILL, Staff Correspondent.

Asheville, Aug. 8.—If the people of North Carolina want more and better hard-surfaced highways and want to see the 15 and 20 year old roads which are now inadequate, if not almost entirely worn out, replaced with adequate, tougher and wider roads that will stand up under heavy traffic, the State will have to issue some new highway bonds for this purpose, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said here this morning in addressing the annual convention of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in session here. Since the State has decreased its bonded indebtedness by at least \$24,000,000 since January 1, 1933, and since the State's debt service requirements will be approximately \$2,500,000 a year less by 1939 than it has been for the past several years, the State could now well afford to issue about \$25,000,000 in new highway bonds and rebuild the present inadequate stretches of main arterial highways and still not increase its debt service requirement or increase taxes, Johnson said. But present gasoline and motor vehicle taxes cannot be reduced if the people

of the State want more and better highways, he maintained.

"It is useless for us people of the State to expect any new highway construction from present revenue, since it takes all the highway income to maintain the roads and meet the debt service requirements," Johnson said. "And if the present highway revenue is reduced as a result of any reduction in gasoline taxes or automobile licenses, the roads will be poorer than they are now, since all the highway department will be able to do will be to patch the old roads as best it can."

"Fifteen years ago, when the State embarked upon its extensive road building program, it was generally thought that about 6,000 miles of hard surfaced highways would serve the demands of the State and that the remainder of the road mileage would be sufficient if it only could be graded and drained."

"The development of the State and the expansion of motorvehicle travel, especially the extensive use of school buses, passenger buses and freight trucks and the substitution of trucks

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## GAS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN RALEIGH

### Will Hold Public Meeting In Capital; Making Intensive Study of Rates

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—The gasoline price investigating commission will hold a public hearing here in Raleigh in the near future, although the date has not yet been set, Chairman Oscar G. Barker of Durham, told this bureau today. Although the commission has already held two meetings, one in Wilmington last week and one in Morehead City yesterday, these were not public meetings, Barker said. The next meeting, however, will probably be in the form of a public hearing to which any person in the State who has any facts to contribute concerning the gasoline price situation or alleged discrimination, will be invited.

"For the time being we are confining our efforts to the seeking of all the information available concerning gasoline costs, the cost of transportation, storing and handling of gasoline in order that we may become familiar with the problems of the gasoline companies," Chairman Barker

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## IREDELL NEGRO ON PRISON DEATH ROW

Raleigh, Aug. 8 (AP)—Brady Lawrence, 22-year-old Iredell county Negro, was lodged on "death row" at State's prison yesterday to await execution in the lethal gas chamber on September 25 for the murder of Clyde Erwin, of Scotts.

## LIBERALS REPORT VICTORIES OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY

### Germany Joins French Sponsored Neutrality Agreement "In Principle"

### THREAT OF WAR IS SAID TO BE LESSEN

### Germany Holding Eight Warships in Spanish Waters to Protect Her Nationals; Russian Neutrality Must Be Assured Before General Policy Effective

(By The Associated Press.)

General Francisco Franco commended today at the head of Moroccan troops in which was described as rebel headquarters at Burgos as a thrust at the heart of government power in Madrid. Other reports placed the general, who led in the first Fascist blow, at Melilla, Spanish Morocco, at Seville and also in Morocco still attempting to land troops in Spain.

No less enthusiastic reports from the Liberals asserted substantial victories were achieved over Fascists in hammering attacks throughout the nation.

Germany joined the French sponsored eight power neutrality agreement "in principle" but maintained a reserved stand. Russian neutrality must be assured, the Germans said, before a general European non-intervention policy can be effective.

While standing for peace, the Nazi government announced intentions to protect its nationals by force if necessary.

Eight German warships idled in Spanish waters, a reminder of the nation's intention to back the word with weapons.

Less was heard of war growing out of the Spanish crisis. The Madrid government has been forced definitely on the defensive.

## INVESTIGATION OF STUDENT'S DEATH

Whiteville, Aug. 8 (AP)—Officers last night continued their investigation into the killing of Harold Dean Brown, Wake Forest student, near here Wednesday.

They said newly-discovered evidence indicated he might have been run down by a motorist after being thrown from his own car. He was in a car with four others which struck a bridge and was wrecked in Bogue swamp.

## Ex-Convict Confesses To Murders

### Police Attempting to Connect Singer With Other Violent Crimes

Wabash, Ind., Aug. 8.—(AP)—While Justice Byron Kennedy arranged today to hold a preliminary hearing for Harry Singer, 25, ex-convict who confessed three murders because he "was mad", state police grilled Singer about the unsolved slaying of J. D. Bryant, 23, of Detroit, here on July 3.

Indications that Singer was suspected of other violent crimes came from State Policeman Estel Bemenderfer. He said he was at Rochester, Ind., to study axe murders of Singer's mother and brother near Rochester two years ago.

According to Bemenderfer, Mrs. Mary Singer and Lonnie Singer were hacked to death in their home near Rochester. The State policeman said another man had confessed "those slayings" but he admitted the State police "were interested in the Rochester angle."

Bryant was killed only two miles from the farm where Singer confessed slaying Mr. and Mrs. John Fielding Wesley and their 12 year old daughter, Marjorie, on July 21 because he was "mad" at the whole outfit. Authorities recovered the unclad bodies of the victims yesterday from a five foot grave in a cow barn.

Police have held Singer at an unannounced place since his confession yesterday. Wabash authorities said they "feared mob violence."