

Wang Puts U.S. On Spot

Cancellation of Treaties Between China and Other Countries Hits America.

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Raleigh Press Columnist

Raleigh, April 3.—Wang Ching-Wei, Chinese minister to the United States, today announced the cancellation of treaties between China and other countries.

When Wang speaks of his government of "Central China" he means, of course, "Eastern China" he means, of course, the capital is Nanking, quite near the Pacific seaboard.

Backed by Japan, he undoubtedly is in control of the coastal strip as far as Nanking, as well as an indefinite area westward.

Beyond that is the still-contested region usually is "Central China." It is exactly a case of civil war between Wang's eastern belt and the western interior, because Wang's eastern belt has not much strength left that he has Japan's Chinese puppet.

It actually continues to be a Japanese-Chinese conflict, not a Chinese civil war.

However, with Japanese support, Wang, for a fact, dominates the situation and it's only by way of the United States that America trade can get through.

Wang has announced he is cancelling all previous treaties between China and other countries. This means that America, among others, is being cut off from traffic through the interior, except on his conditions.

Wang is honest-to-goodness ruler of the interior. But every-thing shows that Japan will do the dictating.

American traders have important treaty rights in China, and Wang's government, both inside and outside, is committed to their protection.

Uncle Sam going to stand pat on his rights, as recognized by China's legitimate government, or permit them to be checked into the discard by a Japanese counterfeit of a Chinese government, nominally under Wang Ching-Wei?

It's up to Uncle Samuel to make the right kind and pretty soon, too. Situation Can't Wait.

It isn't a situation that can be held along. Wang's Japanese dominated "Central China" government already are abrogated.

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Nevertheless, there are some who refer to him as a strong, patriotic Chinaman. He's been premier of his country. They say he was a capable administrator. He's mentioned as a "realist"—whatever that may mean at the present juncture.

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If so, he's gambling up the cards to America's prejudice as well as to Nippon's.

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Candidate Visits Here



MAJ. EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

Maj. Edward F. Griffin of Louisiana, candidate for Congress from the Fourth District, was in Henderson yesterday in the interest of his campaign.

Griffin was a member of the 1933 and 1935 State Senates, being a member of the powerful finance committee in 1933 and chairman of the public welfare committee in 1935, in addition to other committees.

He has been a member of the North Carolina National Guard for the past 16 years and now commands the First Battalion of the 113th Field Artillery.

In the congressional race he opposes the incumbent, Harold Cooley, "Central Chinese" government already are abrogated.

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Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 3.—The News and Views of Jacksonville, in Onslow where they have such fine country farms, last week ran a picture of Willis Smith on its front page, with this under it:

"Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney who everybody thought would want to run for governor, decided not to run and in so doing the people of the State lost the privilege of voting for an able man."

"Mr. Smith is well known in Onslow. He has a camp at Swanboro and occasionally comes down for a short stay here."

"We succeeded in getting a man so that we can see what a man who isn't a candidate looks like."

So far as known none of the active candidates for nomination as governor of North Carolina holds membership in any traveling men's organization, but any of them could qualify, points out Lynn Nisbel, press chief for A. J. Maxwell, in a release to weeklies giving the Maxwell itinerary for a week.

Probably first of the gubernatorial candidates to take to the air in a literal sense, J. M. Broughton flew from Winston-Salem to Rocky Mount on his way to Elizabeth City where he spoke last night.

The fact that he couldn't make the rest of the trip by plane was likely responsible for his vigorous advocacy of granting a franchise for an air line from Norfolk, Virginia, to Knoxville, Tenn., a line which would remedy "the sluggish mail service across the length of North Carolina," Broughton said.

Note on Military Etiquette: Some thirty ambulances and trucks of the 16th Medical Regiment passed through Raleigh en route to Fort Bragg Tuesday. As they rolled by the Capitol and turned into Fayetteville street, two very good looking young ladies stood on the sidewalk and watched the motor parade go by.

From at least three-fourths of the vehicles soldiers shouted greetings to the young ladies.

Courteous to strangers, those bill rollers.

Found: The prototype of Pinocchio's character with "cousins whom he reckons by the dozens."

He's a political worker in Granville county. T. G. Stem, Jr. Granville manager for Maxwell, says his county will go to the Commissioner of Revenue very largely because of the chap's activities.

"He has 63 first cousins and every one of them is for Maxwell," said Stem.

Stem, incidentally, says that Willis Smith could and would have carried Granville had he not decided to stay out of the Governor's race this year.

Getting back to traveling and the Governor's race, Broughton says he has already driven 30,000 miles by automobile in this campaign.

Gasoline tax collections ought to pick up remarkably as a result of the canvassing for votes, if all the other candidates come anywhere near keeping up with the Raleigh lawyer's pace.

Broughton and Horton folks in Swain county will have to use first name or initials to distinguish their county managers. Broughton's is Frank Hyatt, Horton's is Z. J. Hyatt.

Horton Stand On Liquor Fails To Create Interest

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3.—Nothing in the present gubernatorial campaign better illustrates its complete lack of heat and fervor than the fact that Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton last week made his first campaign statement about liquor—he said he is against "legalized liquor in any form"—and nobody seems to be stirred even a little thereby.

Which brings up the question whether Tar Heels this year are men or mice, politically speaking. The day has been, and not so long ago either, when such a statement as the Horton condemnation of the demon rum would have rated big heads on every front page; and after it had been so disseminated through the length and breadth of the State, drows would have gone into ecstasies of delight while wets would have ground their teeth with fury and threatened dire vengeance at the polls.

Last week the Horton statement—made in Dunn—rated a very, very small head in the Greensboro Daily News; was not carried in any other paper so far as your Raleigh reporter is aware; and has since drawn absolutely no comment whatsoever, either pro or con.

All of which is completely in line with the gradual unfolding of this practically unique Tar Heel gubernatorial serenade.

On its merits the Horton statement wasn't worth much news "play" perhaps, as the Lieutenant Governor's record as a political dry has long since been written and duly noted by all concerned. It was he who put the clincher on defeat of the statewide referendum "hill bill" in 1935—a bill which the dries then fought and killed but which they had supported, in view of what followed.

But the point is that North Carolina politics has reached the state where a man can say something about liquor and nobody gives a damn, pardon me, nobody cares a rap.

Before either the Republicans or the Democrats nominate a dark horse, suggests the man at the next desk, they should be careful he isn't so dark the voters cannot see him.

Finnish Envoy and Bride



This is the official wedding picture of Hjalmar J. Procope, Finnish minister to the United States, and his bride, the former Margaret Shaw, of England. They were married at the home of R. Walton Moore, counselor of the American state department, in Fairfax, Va.

Farmers Aided By FSA Pay Back Two-Thirds Of Loans

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3.—North Carolina farmers who have received Federal loans from the Farm Security Administration have repaid 66.7 per cent of what they owe the government, according to an advisory report by Vance E. Swift, state FSA director, comparing their present status with their condition before coming into the program.

Roughly speaking, \$4,000,000 has been repaid out of a total of \$6,000,000 loaned to Tar Heel beneficiaries of the program; this despite the fact that much of the money will not be due for four or five years.

The Swift report also indicated that these FSA borrowers last year boosted their incomes about 30 per cent.

Annual purchasing power of the 11,677 North Carolina standard rehabilitation borrowers who got loans last year was increased by nearly \$2,000,000.

The summary shows that the same families have increased their net worth—over and above what they owe—nearly \$3,000,000.

"These figures represent a very favorable extension in purchasing power," Mr. Swift pointed out.

The FSA program, designed to tie convention credit to long range planning and practical education in good farm and home management, was started in April five years ago.

The summary further shows that FSA borrowers in the state pay for farming practices are getting away from one-crop farming and making a better living.

They produced \$4,452,557 worth of goods for home consumption last year, as compared with only \$3,413,421 before they came into the FSA program. Live-at-home production this past year included 2,227,732 quarts of fruit and vegetables; 5,326,931 gallons of milk; 34,914 tons of forage; and a great quantity of other food and feed supplies.

The sum of \$102,045 in back taxes has been paid to counties and other political subdivisions in the state as a result of the friendly adjustment of debts for farm debts and farm creditors.

Some of 7,626 tenants and sharecroppers in the state have improved their tenure, or leasing arrangements—5,709 have obtained written leases in place of verbal agreements—1,741 sharecroppers have advanced to tenant status.

Under the FSA's gradually-expanding program 373 tenants have bought farms of their own. The figures do not include farm purchase loans for the present year, but it was pointed out that money is available for 459 to 509 such loans this year.

Grants in the state, made to only a few families in extreme need and to supplement loans to needy families to tide them over until a sound farm plan could be worked out for them, averaged only \$16 per family, and this figure covers a four-year period, it was pointed out.

Oxford Woman Is Sent To Prison

Greensboro, April 3.—Miss Mattie B. Burchett, Oxford woman who operates jewelry shops in Burlington, Graham, Mebane and Sanford, has been sentenced by Judge Johnson J. Hayes to 18 months in prison on charges of taking false oaths as to the amount of assets involved in a bankruptcy action, the United States district attorney's office said yesterday.

She is being held in the Stanley county jail at Albemarle, said Bryce R. Holt, assistant district attorney, awaiting transportation to the federal prison for women at Alderson, W. Va. There were two counts in the bill of indictment, he added, one charging false oath and the other concealment of assets.

Marriage And Family Council Organized At Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, April 3.—Dr. Ernest R. Groves, who is accredited with being the first person to introduce marriage courses to the college curriculum, announced officially here today the formation of Marriage and Family Council, Inc., established by the state law of North Carolina.

Explaining the organization, Dr. Groves said that for the last two years his consultations with non-college people, not only in Chapel Hill and Durham but from Greensboro, Raleigh and other surrounding cities and towns, have been so great that he has been unable to devote as much time to his students, both at Carolina and Duke, as he felt necessary.

The establishment of a Council, he said, would relieve him to the extent that he could give all his spare moments to college boys and girls whom he teaches or with whom he comes in contact.

Members of the council, which has its headquarters at the Groves home here in Chapel Hill, include: Dr. Groves, president; Dr. Donald Klais, of the University Sociology Department, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Klais, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Groves, executive secretary.

Mrs. Groves, who has already had much experience in taking Dr. Groves' cases, and Dr. Klais will hold most of the consultations on courtship, marriage, and family relationships. There will be no counselling, Dr. Groves said, on legal, medical or mental hygiene problems, and those who come for advice on such matters will be referred to lawyers, doctors or psychiatrists.

Dr. Groves said as far as he knows this is the first council of its type to be organized in the South. "There are only a few in this country, but they are on the increase," he said. "The nearest one to this section is in Philadelphia."

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