

Soviet's Answer To Western Power's Note Not Disclosed

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Betty Wynn Ingram Crowned Queen Of Lions Club's Annual Festival

In a gaily decorated Armory, before a crowd estimated at more than 500 persons, Miss Betty Wynn Ingram Friday night was crowned queen of the annual Roanoke Rapids Lions Club Festival, in the climax to a week-long affair, that included boxing matches, a fiddler's contest, a talent show and many other features.

Miss Ingram had the crown placed on her head by Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook after the judges had spent a lengthy time in deciding the winner of the crown from among ten of Roanoke Rapids' most beautiful girls. Second place honors went to Miss Doris Fahey.

The scene of the Coronation Ball was beautifully decorated and the crowd enjoyed dancing to the music of Algie Batts and his orchestra.

Miss Ingram, a brunette beauty, wore a shimmering white evening dress that offset her dark tresses beautifully.

The ten contestants: Misses Louise Burke, LaRue Lassiter, Ruth King, Louise Cooke, Geraldine Revelle, Jean King, Margaret Ann Ingram, Dorothy Mountford, Doris Fahey and Betty Wynne Ingram, paraded down the length of the Armory to the doors and then came back to the stage on the arms of their escorts for the Coronation Ball.

Mayor Allsbrook called each girl's name as she walked back to the stage and the crowd gave each a resounding round of applause.

The five judges went into their huddle, no one apparently knew where they were standing in the audience and as the crowd waited impatiently deliberated for several minutes before announcing the decision.

The decision was heartily approved by the crowd and Mayor Allsbrook presented Miss Ingram with a bouquet of roses, a three-tiered cake, a compact and she will receive a complete fall outfit. These prizes were donated by Roanoke Rapids merchants.

Miss Fahey received a make-up kit and an orchid, and each of the other contestants received a lovely gift.



Miss Betty Wynn Ingram is being crowned Queen of the Annual Roanoke Rapids Lions Club Festival by Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook in the above photograph. Miss Ingram was selected 1948 Lions Festival Queen at the Coronation Ball Friday night from a group of ten of Roanoke Rapids' most beautiful girls. (Herald Photo, cut courtesy of the News and Observer.)

Allen Resigns As Head of Warren Schools

Norlina, September 25—J. Edward Allen, Superintendent of Warren County Schools, submitted his resignation as Superintendent because of "his inability to perform the duties of his office to the ill health", Harry Walker, chairman of the Warren County Board of Education said here tonight.

Walker said Allen's resignation was brought by messenger to him on Friday afternoon, following which he called a special Board meeting to consider the matter. He said the Board met Friday night and voted to accept the resignation.

The chairman said there were no definite plans discussed by the Board of Education to appoint a successor to the superintendent's post, however he added that the members had expressed a need to do something about filling the job permanently at a later date.

He expressed satisfaction with the work of W. O. Reed, principal of the Norlina High School, who was appointed last week "on a purely temporary basis" to handle the duties of the superintendent's office while Allen remained ill. Walker said there had been no action on the part of the board either to appoint Reed on a permanent basis or to seek someone for the job.

A telephone call to Superintendent Allen's home tonight was made and the information was given that Allen had returned to his home from Duke Hospital but was in bed ill and unable to answer the telephone.

The former school head was served with a capias in the hospital Wednesday, after a Warren County Grand Jury had returned 24 true bills of indictment against him on charges of embezzlement of \$24,327.75, false pretense and 32 forgery charges. A cash bond of \$15,000 was posted for him immediately after the bills were returned.

Local Youth Hurt; Charged With Car Theft

A wild ride in a stolen automobile Friday night ended abruptly and grievously for Edward Strickland, Roanoke Rapids youth.

Strickland is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital under technical arrest for the alleged larceny of an automobile from a lot on Tenth street, and is suffering from severe contusions and possible internal injuries, it was reported by hospital authorities last night.

Chief of Roanoke Rapids police T. J. Davis said last night that Strickland has been charged formally with larceny of an automobile and will face the charges as soon as he is released from the hospital. The chief said a report of the stealing of a four-door Buick sedan was received at police headquarters last night at about the same time Strickland was brought into the local hospital following a wreck near Gaston.

The chief said some boys from Gaston said that Strickland had offered to take them for a ride and had driven as fast as 100 miles per hour to the Virginia state line. On returning to Camp's store, the boys got an automobile, followed Strickland and pulled him out of the wrecked car after he had run off the highway and turned over near Gaston.

Davis said the car was almost a total wreck.

At the hospital it was reported that the youth's condition was good, and the hospital authorities said they do not think his injuries are serious.

The automobile was taken from the lot of the Halifax Auto Finance Company.

Cute Little Easter Chick Becomes Tough Rooster

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (U.P.)—There is no need for a watchdog at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benson Sayre.

They have an Easter chick, one of those pinkish-colored little fellows, which has grown up into a big white rooster.

The Sayers call him Biddie. But he'll fight anything and anybody. The other day a "stranger" came to the house. Biddie tore into him with beak and spurs.

It turned out to be Sayre's boss.

Fresh Water Tapped On Bottom of the Sea

OLYMPIA, Wash. (U.P.)—Workmen driving concrete pilings at the Port of Olympia are drinking pure water, piped directly from the bottom of the bay.

The 60-top piles have a pipe down the center through which water is sluiced to cut away mud at the bottom. One piling was set in place and a few days later was found to have pure water flowing out at the top of the pipe.

Johnny Strickland Grabs Most Honors in Lion Fiddlers' Contest

Little Johnny Strickland, who took top honors in the Lions Club Festival's Talent Night Show here Thursday night, added luster to his fame by walking off with a first place and three seconds in the Fiddlers' Convention on Friday night.

The 10-year-old local performer led the prize-winning string band in one of the competitions, then added second-place honors in the fiddle solo, guitar solo and group-singing division. The family was kept well up in the running when Johnny's father, John Strickland, took a second place in the clog dancing competition.

The six-day festival closed here last night with a highly successful concert by the prize winners in the Fiddlers' Convention competition.

Stanley Johnson made it a close race for honors of the evening Friday by taking first-place prizes in the fiddle, and guitar contests and coming in second in the mandolin competition.

Most of the contestants put in a return engagement at the Festival grounds last night by playing to a slightly-chilly but appreciative audience some of the numbers that have earned them their reputations as prize-winners. The Festival wound up as it had started—with a high note, and tired Lions and highly-entertained natives took themselves off to bed content to wait until another Festival rolls around.

Prize winners in Friday night's Fiddlers' Convention were the following: in string band competition—Little Johnny Strickland and his string band, first; Rosa Lee Phillips and her Greensville County Ramblers, second; the Cherokee Boys and Wallace Jones and Lawrence Emory. Fiddle solos—Stanley

Unamerican Activities Group's Report Will "Shock the Nation"

Washington, Sept. 25—(AP) An official close to the House Un-American Activities Committee said today its forthcoming report on atomic espionage "will shock the public."

It will state, the official declared that President Roosevelt and Truman and Attorney General Tom C. Clark "had all the facts" on a Russian spy ring that got atomic bomb secrets but did nothing about it.

The official, who declined use of his name, said the report will assert that Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Truman and Clark knew that "Soviet agents in a complete professional spy ring, working with amateurs" successfully obtained American Atomic secrets.

"It was a complete omission," the official said.

Earlier, Rep. Vail (R-ILL), a member of the committee, said the report will assert that some scientists working with the super-secret Manhattan Atomic Bomb Project at the University of Chicago made attempts to steal atom secrets.

He told reporters: "We are inclined to believe they were successful."

Vail also said that a separate phase of the committee's atomic espionage inquiry—underway since mid June—had revealed that some atomic material had been stolen from the Manhattan Project and sent to Russia.

Kinston Recorder Refuses to Convict On Inspection Law

Kinston, Sept. 25—(AP)—Recorder Albert Cowper has refused to convict a motorist who failed to have his car inspected before a deadline fixed by the Motor Vehicles Department.

The inspection law passed by the General Assembly set Jan. 1, 1949, as the deadline. The Motor Vehicles Department, trying to speed up the car tests, set earlier deadlines for specified models.

Work Slated To Begin On Weldon Road

Preliminary preparations for the widening of the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon highway were started along the road Friday, with the arrival of a number of pieces of concrete culvert material and the placing along the highway of a lot of "Men Working" signs.

Officials of the F. D. Cline Construction Company of Raleigh, which recently was awarded a contract for the project which calls for the widening of the four-mile stretch of U. S. highway 158 by adding four feet on each side of the present 16-foot highway, said they expect to begin work on the project in a little over a week.

The construction company, which has done quite a bit of work in this area, is finishing the erection of a plant for making a plant-mix black top surface mixture described as being far superior to the ordinary macadam surfacing. The plant for making this surface mix will be put up in a sand pit at Garysburg. In addition to the highway work to be undertaken, the company said it has a contract for paving about six miles of city streets in Roanoke Rapids and will use the plant as its source of material for the street job.

A bid of \$101,230 was submitted as a low bid by the Cline Company on a project calling for widening of the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids, the paving of four blocks of state-maintained streets in the business section of Roanoke Rapids and paving of about two miles of highway near Enfield.

The State Highway Commission approved the bid made by Cline on July 29.

The Weather

North Carolina — Clear to partly cloudy and continued cool Sunday.

Russian Asks Ban On A Bomb

Paris, Sept. 25—(AP)—Russia's fiery Andrei Y. Vishinsky today urged the five great powers to scrap a third of their land sea and air forces and demanded a ban on the atomic bomb.

The Soviet deputy foreign minister told the United Nations general assembly in a rapid-fire 50-minute speech that a group of leaders in the Western bloc are mapping an atomic war against Russia. He blasted the United States as leading a "wild armaments race" and seeking to dominate the world.

Western power delegates particularly those of the United States, tagged his speech "old stuff." British Minister of State Hector McNeil called it "warm-ed-over hash."

For the second year the former Soviet prosecutor singled out defense Secretary James V. Forrestal in his vehement attack against the West. He said Forrestal is a leader in the group of men laying "flashily colored plans" for using the atomic bomb to destroy such Soviet cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev Kharkov and Odessa.

The general feeling of delegates, expressed to newsmen, was that Vishinsky's policy speech to the 58-Nation Assembly was merely a warmed-over version of the Arms Limitation demand put forward in the 1946 assembly by foreign minister V. M. Molotov and Vishinsky's own attack of last year on what he called war-mongers.

"We feel keen disappointment that Vishinsky failed to meet Secretary of State Marshall's calm, conciliatory speech of last Thursday," an American official said. "His address was essentially an attack on the UN program over the past two years. We didn't hear a single word favorable to the U.N."

Vishinsky called on the assembly to set up "within the framework of The Security Council" an international control body to carry out reduction of armaments and armed forces of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China. His proposed one-third slash would be put in effect within one year.

Delegates immediately noted that the phrase "within the framework of The Security Council" would give Russia a veto on the control body's decisions. Russia previously proposed such an arrangement for an international atomic control commission and it was opposed by the other four great powers.

Russians Fail To Hold Planned Air Maneuvers

BERLIN, Sept. 25—(AP)—The Russians posted notice today they would hold maneuvers across the western airlift lanes but U.S. fliers on the aerial supply highway said they failed to spot any soviet planes. The Russians said this morning formation flying would be practiced in an area extending from Perleberg to Finsterwalde. This would cross all the American British-French air corridors to blockaded Berlin. They did not say when the flights would occur. Usually little advance notice is given.

Capt. Vincent Gookin, U.S. air safety officer, said at the end of the day that no such maneuvers were reported by fliers who carried another 3,725 tons of supplies in clear, splendid flying weather.

Yesterday the Russians held anti-aircraft practice fire in one of the air corridors but caused only a slight diversion in the lift and no incidents.

American officials were puzzled over today's action but one suggested it might be part of a "War of Nerves."

Big Three Ministers Study Reply to Demand for Clear Cut Statement on Berlin

Paris, Sept. 25—(AP)—Russia tonight answered the Western Powers' demand for a clear cut statement on the Berlin crisis.

The French Foreign Ministry immediately called a huddle of the Western Powers foreign ministers to consider the reply, but said later the meeting had been called off. No reason was given but it was believed some of the ministers wanted more time to study Moscow's note.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman was to be Marshall's dinner guest tonight and it was "assumed" the two men would discuss the note, a French foreign ministry spokesman said.

However, Lewis Douglas, U. S. Ambassador to Britain, and Sir William Strang, British Foreign Office expert on German affairs, called at the French foreign office for a conference on the "expert" level.

They are members of the big three "London Committee" which has been studying the negotiations over Berlin for months.

American and French sources confirmed that Marshall, Schuman and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had been scheduled to meet at 6:30 p. m. (12:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time) but that the conference was called off shortly before it was scheduled to begin.

Informants from all three western powers said there would be no statement tonight or any disclosure on the contents of the Soviet note. Earlier the U. S. embassy said it had planned to hold a news conference or issue a statement.

The western powers last Wednesday in identical notes to the Kremlin asked the Soviet Union point-blank whether it will recognize the principle of four-power rule in Berlin.

Members of the American, French and British delegations were surprised over the speed of the reply. They had not expected to hear from Moscow before early next week.

The western powers had restated their intention to supply the western sectors of Berlin by the air lift all winter if necessary. They asked the Kremlin to join them in writing details of a directive to the respective military commanders in Germany for solving the currency issue.

Pea Grows in Shape Of Small Green Snake

Miss Kate Jones, who lives on the Weldon road and who also grows peas in her garden, thought she had started growing little green snakes on her pea vine yesterday.

A closer inspection of the "snake", however, proved to her immense relief that it was just another of those oddities that make Nature a fascinating subject.

The lady-finger pea which so closely resembled a young snake had for some undefined reason chosen to coil itself around just like a reptile, and the illusion was heightened by a large pea in the pod at one end in just like a snake's head with a short black tongue sticking out.

Miss Jones said she did not particularly mind snakes, but she said she is glad they have not started growing on vines.

Choo-Choo Justice and Obscure Irish Guard Grab Limelight in Nation's Top Gridiron Contests

New York, Sept. 25—(AP)—An obscure guard and a famed halfback grabbed the headlines today as college football burst into the sports picture alongside the torrid baseball races.

The obscure guard is Steve Oracko of Notre Dame, whose angling 23-yard field goal after missing three conversion attempts gave the Irish a 28 to 27 victory over upstart Purdue.

The famed halfback is Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice of North Carolina, whose teammates toyed with Texas, 34 to 7. The Tar Heels scored three of the first four times they got the ball.

Right beside those two players in the headline department came such team accomplishments as Yale's 28 to 13 conquest of Brown; Michigan's tight squeeze before defeating Michigan State, 13 to 7; Georgia Tech's 13 to 0 triumph over Vanderbilt; Indiana's easy time with Wisconsin, 35 to 7; and of Tulane's upset of Alabama, 21 to 14.

Purdue lived up to every bit of the claim that they would be the toughest team on the Notre Dame schedule. The Oilmakers piled up 13 first downs to 10 for the Irish; gained 294 yards to 223 for the winners.

In administering Texas one of its worst defeats, Justice passed for two touchdowns and scored two himself.

Michigan's Rose Bowl remnants had to pull all stops to down Michigan State before the largest crowd ever to see a game at East Lansing. The fray marked the dedication of the spartans' remodeled stadium.

On the intersectional front, Minnesota shook off its shackles for three touch-downs in the final period to down Washington, 20 to 0. Southern Methodist convinced Pittsburgh that all that had been written about Doak Walker was true, 33 to 14; and California eased past Navy, 21 to 7.

In the east Army again thwarted Villanova, 28 to 0, for the fifteenth time in 16 games; Columbia trounced Rutgers, 27 to 6, despite Frank Burns' passing and Cornell found New York University easy, 47 to 6.

Two conversions over Iowa 14 to 12 verdict over Marquette and Nebraska levelled Iowa