

Senator Pepper Says GOP Policy Leading To War

Declares That Republicans Are Seeking To Split East and West

While the people are apparently more interested in prices, lower taxes and a plentiful supply of automobiles, the Republicans, according to Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, are advancing policies that can lead to war. In an hour-long speech in the United States Senate earlier this month, Senator Pepper warned that Republican policy clearly designed to rebuild Germany as a bulwark against Soviet Russia and is laying the foundation for a devastating third war.

The senator answered John Foster Dulles' address delivered in Chicago in January when Dulles proposed a western bloc. The senator said, in part:

This statement from Mr. Dulles comes on the heels of a series of declarations by Republican leaders on the political and economic aspects of our foreign policy. Sen. Vandenberg, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, speaking recently at Cleveland, ignored the announced recommendation of Gen. Marshall, and threw his full weight, without qualification or reservation, behind the Chinese faction which Gen. Marshall had found corrupt, incompetent and, in a large measure, anti-democratic.

In the same Cleveland address, Sen. Vandenberg would have us lead our sister American republics into a common hemisphere defense pact with Argentina, right in the face of the stern declaration by the then Secretary of State, Hon. James F. Byrnes, that Argentina had not purged itself of its fifth column of Nazis and Nazi confederates.

Within the past few weeks, leading Republican House members have introduced legislation to suspend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. And on this floor, Sen. Butler of Nebraska has denounced the Trade Agreements Act as a "gigantic hoax," provoking the New York Times to inquire in a recent editorial, "Which Way for Republicans?"

Sen. Butler said that he spoke for himself, but at the same time Sens. Vandenberg, Taft and other leading Republicans advise, according to the press, Under Secretary of State, Mr. William L. Clayton, "not to exercise his full authority under the Trade Agreements Act."

Just this past week, Republican Sens. Hickenlooper, Knowland, and Vandenberg insisted, in hearings on the confirmation of the atomic energy commissioners, that the military be allowed to sit in on every session of the commission in such a way that it would virtually become an integral part of the commission. Their insistence suggests the reversal of the decision duly made by the President and the Congress that, true to the traditions of our Government, the civil authority shall always be superior to the military.

So now, in the short space of a few weeks, in a series of declarations backing reaction in China and Argentina, trying to reverse our trade agreements program for international collaboration, repudiating Potsdam, the Republican Party has emerged from the cloak of a bi-partisan foreign policy and is causing more and more concern to people who ask whether it is the same Republican Party with the same policy which undermined the foundations of peace and prosperity after the first World War.

In order to understand clearly how far Mr. Dulles and the Republican Party propose to thrust this nation and the world along a new path in foreign policy by subverting the Potsdam agreement—and lest it be obscured by those cunning interpreters who seek to obliterate great differences by small words—let us examine what Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States sought to accomplish at Potsdam.

It was against the Prussian-dominated conquest-made, inhumanly savage Germany, which had made criminal war upon

First Report Shows Gains In Countie's Tax Listings

County Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel will not yet offer an estimate, but it is apparent that a fairly sizable increase will follow in the county's 1947 property listings for the first year.

The first report, recognized as just about complete, shows that Popular Point Township gained slightly more than \$20,000 in its personal property values this year over the 1946 listings. Tax Lister L. H. Taylor, it was learned, contributed about \$1,500 to the increase, while another property owner accounted for about \$6,000, leaving the listing for the small property owners about unchanged, for the most part. All but about \$300 was traceable to increases in personal property values. It was thought that considerably more construction was handled in the district last year than is reflected in the listings there.

DIVIDING LINE

Despite 20-degree mercury readings recently, Williamston is almost the exact spot where the South begins. Snow has covered the ground between here and Windsor several times while only a few flakes fell here.

An inch snow was reported in the northwestern section of the county Sunday night, and an unusually heavy fall was reported in progress over around Aulander for a while Sunday evening. Cars coming here from Windsor that evening were covered with snow.

Arrest Negro Man For Manslaughter

John D. Wooten, 24-year-old Pitt County colored man, was arrested last Saturday night and placed in the Martin County jail for alleged manslaughter.

Wooten was driving one of three cars figuring in an accident which cost three colored persons their lives on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway late Sunday afternoon, December 15. Badly hurt himself, Wooten had just recently gotten out of bed and was apprehended by patrolmen when he was stopped for operating a motor vehicle without proper lights.

A hearing, tentatively scheduled in the case yesterday, was postponed when it was learned that one of the witnesses, Webb Ward, was still in a cast and would be unable to appear at a hearing within six or eight weeks. Wooten was returned to Pitt County yesterday where he was booked for driving a car without proper lights and while his operator's license was revoked.

Henry Ward, 67, Mary Brown, 12, and Gladys Mae Reddick, 17, lost their lives in the accident. Several others were critically hurt in the December 15 accident.

English Girl Has Close Race With Immigration Authorities

Attractive Londoner Impressed By Friendliness Of Americans

A romance centering in London in 1943 and growing out of the war has encountered one obstacle after another, but BM 1-4 Arthur Adams of Parmele and his English fiancée, Olive Muriel Harris Green successfully battled each one, including a close race with the immigration authorities.

The war over and their plans cleared with the help of the Navy Department and Red Cross in the embassies in two countries, the young couple are keenly anticipating easy sailing from now on out, and, no doubt, will figure in the news of the social world soon, possibly on Thursday of this week.

The young seaman, now completing his tenth year in the U. S. Navy after seeing action in nearly every theater of war and surviving one sinking in the Atlantic, met the attractive young lady in a serviceman's club in London during the dark, doubtful days of

The tax supervisor explained that several of the big property owners had asked for extensions, that one or two owners of fairly extensive holdings had not listed, and that corporation listings would be certified later by the State Utilities Commission. The North Carolina Pulp Company, after holding to unusually low listings, is expected to show an appreciable gain when its listings are submitted sometime in early March.

No trace of the listings of extensive land holdings by foreign corporations and companies has been found in preliminary reviews of the tax abstracts. Tracts of land, reportedly selling from three-quarters of a million on up into the millions, have not been listed so far. At least no such values are to be found on the books.

Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Hollis

Mrs. Elizabeth Hollis, 76, died at Tayloe Hospital in Washington at 10:00 o'clock Sunday night after being ill about two weeks. Funeral services are being held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sanford Roberson, 318 West Main Street, here, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in the Roberson family cemetery near Bear Grass.

Mrs. Hollis had made her home for the past several years with her children. She was first married to Mr. Jimmie Roberson, who died in 1902. She later married Stanley Hollis. She was a member of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Sanford Roberson of Williamston and Mrs. W. K. Roebuck of Robersonville; three sons, Judas Roberson of Williamston, Jimmy Roberson of Robersonville and Edward Hollis of Norfolk, Virginia. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Signals Mixed Up In Assault Case Here

Lonnie Rogers was painfully but not badly hurt when he was attacked here last Saturday afternoon by a nephew, S. L. Rogers.

The attack victim explained in open court Monday that his assailant called him, threatened to cut him, that he turned away and then received a rock against his head. The defendant maintained that the other guy called him and started the trouble, that he acted in self-defense.

Corinth Ladies Aid To Elect Officers Saturday

Meeting with Mrs. Vivian Waters on Saturday of this week, members of the Corinth Ladies Aid will elect new officers for the new year. All members are asked to attend.

Charge Young Man With Attempt To Rape Minor Child

Samuel Brady, Jr., Arrested In Oak City Saturday Afternoon

Samuel Brady, Jr., young white man of Oak City, was arrested there last Saturday afternoon by Chief Edmond Early for allegedly attempting to rape Marie Leggett, 13-year-old Edgecombe County girl, in or near Scotland Neck last Friday evening.

Complete details of the alleged attack were not revealed, but reports reaching here stated that the young man, a veteran about 21 or 22 years of age, took the girl in a car to Halifax County and attempted the crime. Breaking away from the man, the girl was said to have run to a home, sought help and returned by friends to her home. A warrant was issued by a Tarboro justice of the peace at the request of the father.

One report stated that the young girl was painfully bruised but not otherwise unharmed.

Following a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Creech in Tarboro, the accused was placed under bond in the sum of \$1,000. It could not be learned immediately here if bond was arranged. It was stated that the case was tentatively set for trial in the Edgecombe County Superior Court.

Brady was described as an industrious young farmer before he entered the armed forces. Following his return, reports reaching here, stated that he had been drinking some.

Special Interest Meeting At Oak City Thursday

The second in a series of Special Interest Meetings will be held Thursday, February 27th at 2:30 p. m. in the Home Economic Lab of the Oak City High School.

The demonstration on "Preparation of Fruits and Vegetables for Freezing" will be given by Miss Ruby Scholz, Specialist in Food Marketing and Conservation.

All people owning or renting a freezer locker and other interested citizens are urged to attend this meeting.

ROUND-UP

Local officers were unusually busy over the week-end rousing up drunken drivers, drunks and attackers. The score board in the jail listed eleven arrests during the period, three for drunken driving, four for public drunkenness, one for larceny of a hog, two for assaults with deadly weapons and one for manslaughter. Several others arranged bond without going to jail.

Four of the eleven arrested are white, the rest of the group ranging from 22 to 67 years.

First Of Salary Bonus Drawn For County Teachers

Over \$20,000 Being Added To Salary Checks This Week

Struggling against high living costs for years, Martin County teachers and other school employees this week are being offered over \$20,000 to help keep the wolf from their doors. Coming in the form of a special legislative bonus and aside from any pay increase the current General Assembly may determine, the \$20,000, after all, a mere pittance when thrown against a cruel economy.

Under the terms of the special legislative act, Martin County teachers and other school employees are to receive approximately \$41,605.29, one-half of which is being included in the regular February salary checks to be delivered on Wednesday of this week.

It was learned this week that the State would pay two-thirds of the bonus for teachers employed jointly by the State, county and federal governments. In four instances where teachers have not been certified by the State Department, the county will make some allowance.

The average bonus ranged around \$180, half of which is being paid this week and the remainder during the next three months in equal installments. Salaries for teachers in the county this month, including the bonus, will range from \$160.33 to about \$308. The lowest salary is subject to a withholding tax of \$17.20 and a \$3 retirement fund fee, reducing the amount to \$140.13. The highest salary is subject to a tax of \$41.90 and a retirement fund fee of \$7.48, reducing the pay to \$258.62. Next month the low-salaried teacher will receive only \$112.33 less taxes and retirement fund fees.

The office of the county board of education has been working on the new pay roll schedule for several days, figuring the bonus amount and payroll tax reduction and retirement fund fees.

Slightly Hurt In Minor Car Wreck

Benjamin Clarence Pate, young service man, was slightly hurt on the lip when his car went out of control, ran into a ditch and turned over at Sunny Side Market here late last Thursday night. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$200 by Police Officer P. A. Ballard and Cpl. W. T. Simpson who investigated the accident.

Pate explained that he started to turn into the market-filling station, and seeing he had misjudged the location of the ditch he speeded up to pull out of the ditch.

He was booked for reckless driving.

Lad Fatally Hurt In Accident Near Here

Floyd M. Thomas, Eight Years Old, Buried Yesterday

Richard Davis Ran Down Child On Bicycle Last Friday

Floyd McCoy Thomas, eight years old, was fatally hurt when he was run down on his bicycle about two miles west of here by Richard Davis, driving an old model car, at 4:00 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Suffering a bad head wound and other injuries, the little fellow was removed to the local hospital where he died about four hours later without regaining consciousness.

Living with his grandmother, Mrs. Odessa Smithwick, superintendent of the Martin County Sanatorium, the child was on his way there from school. He had rounded the curve just beyond West End and was riding his bicycle on the right side of the road when Davis, driving Lester R. Meeks' car, overtook him. Davis said he sounded the car horn and pulled to the left to pass when the boy turned to his left and apparently lost control of his bicycle. The car struck the front wheel of the bicycle and threw the boy to the concrete. Believed by some to have run over the child's legs, the car swerved to the left and came to a stop in a ditch a short distance away.

Investigating the accident, Cpl. W. T. Simpson, assisted by Patrolman W. E. Saunders, stated that Davis, driver, accompanied by the owner of the car, had both had a drink, but explained that neither of them was drunk. Davis was operating the motor vehicle without a driver's license, and he was booked on that charge along with manslaughter and drunken driving. At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Jas. S. Ayers here last Saturday, Davis, a resident of Poplar Point Township, waived examination and bond was fixed in the sum of \$750. His case is to come up in the superior court next month.

The son of Charlie and Odessa Smithwick Thomas, the child was born in Windsor on December 19, 1938, and moved to Williamston with his parents a few years later. When his father entered the army—

Charged With Larceny Of Lead From Navy

Robert Harold Bullock, whose address is listed as Williamston, was arrested last week-end in Charleston for the alleged theft of over 50,000 pounds of lead from a government surplus property warehouse there. The young Navy man was one of several arrested in connection with the alleged theft by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SIAMESE TREES

The unusual in trees was displayed here yesterday by Farmer W. W. Griffin of Williams Township. Strolling through a section of his vast timber holdings recently, Mr. Griffin found two small holly trees perfectly joined together about two feet above the ground. The connecting limb is two and one-half inches in circumference, and the trees measure 7 and three and one-half inches in circumference respectively.

Old-time woodsmen, viewing the oddity in The Enterprise window, said they had never seen anything just like it before.

Justices Of Peace Hold First Cases

The bottleneck caused by a shortage of inferior court officers in the handling of minor law infractions was completely removed over the week-end when two new young justices of the peace, Squires Jas. Staton Ayers and R. T. Johnson, went into action. Agreeing to serve just so long as Justice John L. Hassell is unable to serve on account of illness, the new justices shared the mayor's office in handling their first cases last night.

Although they had had some experience in J. P. work, it was fairly evident that someone had been studying court procedure, for both of them handled their courts after a masterly fashion. Both of the justices, booked their cases for 7:30 o'clock last evening in the same office, and it was thought there would be conflict. But the two displayed diplomacy and politeness that would have put Alphonso to shame, Judge Johnson was given the floor.

The case of Henry Price was called. Charged with an assault, Price said that he went to Wilson Staton's home to inquire after a certain young woman. "I went there in her interest and look what trouble I got into," Price explained. "Staton cursed me, I cursed and grabbed him, but inflicted no injury," he added. Since no damage was done, and it appearing that Staton aggravated the attack, the trial justice suspended judgment and required the defendant to pay \$6.25 costs.

Judge Ayers had a somewhat complicated case, and decided it was a case for the higher courts. He sent it on up with the hope that it could be unraveled there. According to the evidence, Lynwood Mobley bought a watch from a jeweler. In a friendly tussle he missed the watch. It was, unfortunately, claimed that the watch, apparently pawned, was

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Reestablish Jury System For Court In Martin County

Senator Horton Introduces Several Technical Insurance Bills

The jury system, knocked out by special act in the State Legislature two years ago, was reestablished for the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday when the measure was passed in the House of Representatives. Although there was little sentiment expressed in favor of the proposal, no opposition was heard and Representative C. B. Martin had it passed in the House last Saturday morning. The bill was introduced by Senator H. G. Horton.

While no copy of the new law has been made available to the public, Senator Horton said this week that it provides a six-man jury upon the demand of any defendant entering the court. Two years ago the jury system was eliminated in the county recorder's court, the law as passed at that time providing for the automatic transfer of any case to the superior court when the defendant called for a jury trial. Senator Horton also explained that the bill does not give the county court jurisdiction in divorce cases. "That provision was dropped when members of the bar expressed little interest in the proposal and when it was estimated the cost to the county would amount to approximately \$1,000 a year.

Before quitting last Friday for the week, Senator Horton dropped five bills into the Senate hopper. One of the measures proposed a \$25,000 appropriation for the reconstruction of the Lost Colony theater. The others were described as technical insurance bills, recommended by a special committee following a study of existing insurance laws. The nature of the bills was not disclosed, but the senator left the impression all of them were in the public interest and not necessarily inspired by or for the companies.

The stage has been set in Raleigh for some hot action, but teachers' pay increases and the good health program have not yet been calendared. Last week the lawmakers working in committee virtually ruled out a law designed to help slow down the pace of divorce actions are traveling in North Carolina. Two-year separation will continue, the committee voted, as one of the main grounds for divorce. The year count has been reduced time to time from ten to two years.

Passed in the House by a large majority the "wildlife" bill, calling for a separation of the game and fish division from the Department of Conservation and Development, is scheduled for consideration in the Senate this week. While the Senate is battling with the "hot potato" the House is slated today to consider a bill called the anti-closed shop measure but one impartial observers recognize as being opposed to workers. It has been intimated that big industrial plants in the county have called upon lawmakers to support the plan, and that it is a part of a nationwide scheme to hit labor.

The proposal to tax farmers' cooperatives created such a fury and attracted such a crowd to Raleigh last week that a new bill is being offered this week, altering the tax program. April 10 has been suggested as a closing date for the Assembly, but if the work is completed by that time the lawmakers will have to work faster and do more than they have done in the past seven weeks.

Jailed For Beating Wife Here Saturday

Ben Clemmons, making a habit of beating his wife, was jailed Sunday night after he had attacked her the night before. Ben, claiming he remembered very little about the attack, said that both had been drinking, that she had visited one of the town's trouble spots, a beer hall. The wife, Essie, said she did not know what trouble started her husband on a rampage.

Said to have a "house full of young'uns," Clemmons was in line for a long sentence, but for the sake of the children the court called for a 30-day road term only.

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