

First Two Years Of United Nations Briefly Reviewed

"Truman Doctrine" Takes The Place of Collective Security in World

Just two years ago 50 nations met at San Francisco to insure world freedom from fear of war. Today, the very fear the United Nations was designed to banish forever has become a world psychosis dominating the foreign policies of the great powers.

Nations are groaning under insufferable weights of tremendous armament budgets.

The shadow of the atomic bomb is coloring every fearful move of diplomats in the world capitals.

Power politics, which Cordell Hull consigned to historic oblivion three years ago, is the universal rule in relations between nations.

Truman Doctrine Paramount
The U. S. A., which two years ago aspired toward world serenity guaranteed through collective security, has found instead the "Truman Doctrine."

Instead of open frontiers secured by the UN, the U. S. A. has found its security frontiers pushed far from the New World to the Oder and Niesse rivers in mid-Germany, to the Macedonian mountains overlooking Salonika and to the 38th parallel in Korea where American and Russian troops are face to face in the Far East.

UN Believed Oversold
In the record of human aspirations for abolition of warfare, two years provide an inadequate yardstick for measuring the potential of the UN structure created at San Francisco.

Yet, since freedom from fear was the cardinal objective of the founders of the UN and that freedom still is an ephemeral dream, the first 24 months since the beginning at San Francisco can hardly be accounted a success.

That, at least, is the conclusion both at the White House, and the State Dept. where President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall weigh the elements that comprise U. S. foreign policy. Significantly—and perhaps tragically—for the world—the thesis most heard in private this year at the State Department is that "the people of the United States were oversold by the Government on the potentialities of the United Nations."

Diplomats Embarrassed
That conviction adds up to the great paradox of U. S. foreign policy. The American people, converted to the principle of world security and the UN by a tremendous educational barrage, now seeks to utilize UN and rely on its machinery—to the consternation and embarrassment of the very officials and diplomats who did the educating.

Every popular index shows that while the U. S. Government may have scant confidence in UN at moments of great crisis, the American people as a whole have refused to give up their confidence and aspirations.

In his historic message to Congress on Mar. 12 enunciating the "Truman Doctrine," President Truman was able to dispose of the UN as an alternative course of action in exactly 44 words.

Yet one month later the Gallup poll showed that 63 percent of Americans felt that the Greco-Turkish problem should be turned over to the UN for action. That figure represented a seven-point increase over a sampling two weeks earlier.

Changes in Policy Noted
Every poll ever taken of popular opinion (Continued on page eight)

Capture Fugitive In Virginia City

Joe Willie Moore, Jamesville man who escaped from the State prison farm at Cary last July, was recaptured this week in Richmond and is now waiting to be returned to this State, according to press reports.

Moore, 32, was sentenced by Judge K. K. Nimocks in the Martin County Superior Court back in March, 1940, to serve 20 to 25 years in prison for the murder of Cheatham Ray in February of that year.

Tobacco Transplanting In The County Being Delayed

and more recently by blue mold and a light frost, tobacco transplanting is hardly expected to approach a climax in this county before the latter part of next week or possibly the early part of the following week, according to reports reaching here during the past two or three days from nearly every one of the ten townships.

A few farmers have completed the transplanting of their crops, but up until now hardly ten percent of the acreage has been planted, it is estimated.

Back in April when the plants had been held back by cold weather, it was predicted that the transplanting season would be late. However, fairly favorable conditions prevailed in early May, and quite a few farmers expressed the opinion at the time that the task would get under way on a large scale immediately and that the work would be about

week. Blue mold later interrupted the schedule and the damage was aggravated by a light frost last Friday and Saturday morning. Any number of farmers said on Wednesday of this week that they did not know when they would be able to complete the transplanting task. "We fixed our ground, thinking our plants were about ready to be pulled and transferred to the fields, but now the outlook is not at all bright," quite a few farmers said, expressing the opinion that much tobacco would be transplanted in early June.

During the cold nights last week and the early part of this, plants in the field were attacked fairly extensively by cut worms, but otherwise the transplanted crops were said to be looking fairly well. Future weather conditions will have much to do with the transplanting schedule from now on out, the farmers said.

PETITION

No official announcement has been released, but a petition is being proposed for a referendum to ban wine and beer sales in Martin County. Observers are of the opinion that the proposed movement is certain of a strong support.

Before the issue could be placed before the voters, at least fifteen percent of those participating in the last gubernatorial election would have to sign a petition, calling for a referendum at the direction of the county commissioners. No action calling for a referendum is possible before next December, it is understood.

Department Nurse Dies At Wallace

Mrs. William E. Wilson, the former Miss Mary Stokes Robinson who was associated with the Martin County Health Department for several years as nurse, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, in Wallace last Monday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Mrs. Wilson, 35, had been in declining health for some time.

Funeral arrangements were being delayed pending the arrival of her husband who was stationed with the armed forces on the west coast.

Remembered as one of the most able nurses to ever serve the health department in this county, Mrs. Wilson made many friends here and throughout the county. She was one of the first two nurses to do public health work in this county.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother, are one brother, Gabriel H. Robinson, Jr., of Wilmington, Del.; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Cosby of Powhatan, Va., Frances Robinson of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Guy C. Boney of Wallace.

Bear Grass P-T. A. Met Last Tuesday

Holding their last meeting of the current term, members of the Bear Grass Parent-Teacher Association last Tuesday night elected officers and made ready for work during the school year beginning next September. The new officers are: Mrs. Walter Wynn, president; Mrs. J. D. Wynn, vice president; Mrs. Guy Leggett, secretary; and E. C. Harrison, treasurer.

After handling the business program, the group discussed possible projects to be sponsored by the organization, including beautification of the school grounds.

Submitting a financial report, Treasurer Harrison stated that the association had a balance of \$1,797.43, possibly the largest balance held by any association in these parts. The association plans to spend a greater portion of the amount for the purchase of lunch room equipment when a building is provided.

The next meeting of the organization will be held in September.

Current Schedule For Bookmobile

Although running head-on into school closings, the B-H-M bookmobile will maintain its winter-spring schedule through Friday of next week, it was announced today.

The schedule follows:
Friday, May 16
Williamston High School, 9; Williamston Elementary School, 12; and Griffin's Service Station, 3.

Monday, May 19
Edward's Service Station, 9:30; Hamilton School, 10; Hamilton (in front of Bank), 12:15; Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station, 1:35; and Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

Tuesday, May 20
Hassell, 9:30; Hassell School, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 10:40; Oak City School, 11:15; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1:30; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:15.

Wednesday, May 21
Everett's School, 9:30; Everetts, Ayers Store, 11; Robersonville High School, 12; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:30; Parmele Post Office, 3; Cross Roads Church, 3:30.

Thursday, May 22
Farm Life School, 9:30; Corey's Cross Roads, 11:30; Bear Grass School, 12:30; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 2:30; Wynn's Service Station, 3:30.

Friday, May 23
Jamesville School, 9; Jordan's Store, Dardens, 10:30; Browning's Store, 11:30; Angetown, 12; Poplar Chapel Church, 1; and Jamesville, 3:30.

Wildlife Drive In County Dragging

J. C. Manning, president of the Martin County Club of the North Carolina Wildlife Association, stated yesterday that judging from the reports he had received from over the county comparatively little progress had been made in the current drive to secure new members for the organization. Joe Winslow reported last week that he had secured approximately 30 new memberships but according to the president Mr. Winslow was the only solicitor to make a tentative report and that he was skeptical as to the success of the county-wide drive.

Finals Program In Bear Grass School

The Bear Grass School, under the direction of Principal Hough, is completing a successful term next week when the commencement program will be held.

The first in the program series is scheduled for Sunday night, May 18, when Rev. T. O. Hickman, a former principal, delivers the commencement sermon at 8:00 in the school auditorium there. The seniors will hold their class exercises next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock, and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will deliver the commencement address at the graduation exercises next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Teachers Resign In Local Schools Board Announces

Looking for Teachers To Fill Four Places; Miss Talton Is Returning

Williamston's local school committee, even before the current term closes, is making ready for the 1947-48 sessions, the chairman, R. L. Coburn, announcing this week that all but four faculty positions had been filled and that applications were being considered for most of those places.

Six resignations have been tendered and accepted, but three of the positions made vacant have already been filled, leaving three old and one new position open for appointments.

No official announcement of their future plans was made, but it is understood that the six teachers resigning plan to enter other work or continue their work in schools nearer home. The resignations announced by the board include those of Miss Alice Hardy, first grade; Miss Hattie Jaynes, eighth grade; Miss Florine Clark, home economics; Mrs. Evelyn B. Moore, commercial; Mrs. C. J. Goodman, English; and H. H. Hall, science and athletics.

Names of the teachers planning to return for the 1947-48 term include: Misses Lamina Baker and Ada Morris, first grade; Mrs. Mary B. Carstaphen and Miss Estelle Crawford, second grade; Mrs. Rosalie I. Fronberger and Mrs. Elise D. Kimball, third grade; Misses Josephine Everett and Frances Jenkins and Mrs. F. F. Fussell, fourth grade; Mrs. Velma H. Coburn and Misses Dora Bailey and Mamie Modlin, fifth grade; Misses Mary Ross and Mildred Byrum, sixth grade; Mrs. Mary Lee Hassell and Miss Mary Whitely, seventh grade; Mrs. Ralph Gorham, eighth grade; Mrs. Evelyn H. Manning, French and English; Ralph Gorham, social studies; and Miss Anna Bell Privott, mathematics.

Miss Grace Talton, former first grade teacher, is returning to that position. After teaching in the local schools for several years, Miss Talton joined the Henderson faculty, and last year taught in Clayton, her home town.

Miss Peggy Hopkins, of Oak City, has been named to succeed Miss Clark as home economics teacher. Miss Hopkins is being graduated at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, this year.

Stuart Maynard has accepted the position of director of physical education and athletics. A native of Dunn, Mr. Maynard is now serving as secretary of the Draper YMCA, a position he has held since completing two and one-half years in the Navy. A graduate of Guilford College where he captained the varsity football team, the new professor is married and has two children.

The committee announced this week that there were openings for teachers for the eighth grade, public school music, English and home economics.

Tobacco Market's Committee Named

At their regular meeting for the month held Tuesday evening, the board of directors of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce appointed a three-man committee composed of Jaycees A. J. Manning, Paul Simpson and Jack Edmondson to serve as representatives from that organization to work with similar committees from the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs and the Tobacco Board of Trade, in promoting a larger tobacco market for Williamston.

Among other items of business was the authorization of \$75.00 to be used for bleacher seats at the local ball park, to supplement funds being donated by other civic groups of the town.

The directors nominated and elected Wilbur Jackson to serve as reporter for the Jaycees' City Softball League. Jackson will be in charge of the publicity for the games, the results and other news. Plans were made for the club's second annual ladies and installation night banquet and dance, to be held Friday night, June 29th, at which time the officers for the new year will be installed.

Free Marylanders Calling For Help In Tobacco Crisis

Prices Reported To Have Dropped To Record Low For Inferior Grades

Maryland tobacco farmers, called "Free Marylanders" back yonder during the war when they got their lawmakers in Washington to have them removed from all government controls, were said this week to have turned to Washington and called for help.

Tobaccoists, returning directly from the markets there this week, stated that prices had tumbled to a new low, that common tobacco was selling for two cents a pound, that there was little demand for the medium grades. The best quality grades, however, were selling for as much as 60 cents a pound. One report stated that the price average tumbled about 12 cents a pound over the weekend. Earlier in the season farmers halted sales when the price average fell to 50 cents a pound, but they took no action when the price tumbled over the week-end. Deliveries were reported as light on several of the markets, and local tobaccoists returned home Wednesday.

Tobacco specialists were called out of Washington, the farmers reportedly begging them to do something in their behalf. The specialists tried to explain that Maryland had doubled its tobacco crop, that without control price support is just about out of the question. There is much doubt if the situation can be relieved this year, but there is no doubt but what the "Free Marylanders" would welcome a farm program. Realizing the precariousness of their present condition, farmers are said to be canceling orders for fertilizer for the new crop.

Lumber Mill Here Damaged By Fire

Believed to have been of incendiary origin, fire gutted the planing mill boiler room at the Williamston Lumber Company plant on the Washington road here Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock. Unofficial estimates placed the damage at approximately \$800.

The fire was the third one at the plant since the middle of last March.

No fire had been in the boiler furnaces since 5:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and one of the two owners-operators, Mr. Dean Speight, inspected the property shortly after 10 o'clock that night and found everything in order. It is thought that some one slept in the saw dust in the fuel room Wednesday night and carelessly fired the place with a cigarette.

Volunteer firemen fought the fire for about thirty minutes and confined it to the boiler room.

Flies B-17-E Over Town Wednesday

Flying a B-17-E, Lt. S. W. Manning saluted friends in his old home town here about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. After circling the immediate territory and flying at a reasonable altitude, the big four-motored ship pointed to the northwest and toward its base in Colorado.

The young man and his crew had delivered Major General Bourne to Langley Field, Va., the day before. Granted a few hours' leave, Lt. Manning visited his mother and sisters here Tuesday evening.

BIDS

At least three bids for the construction of a colored school building at Everetts were submitted this week for consideration by the county board of education at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Two of the bids were submitted by Statesville contractors and one by a firm in New Bern, it was learned.

No action on the bids was expected immediately, one report stating that the costs were running into large figures.

Committee Inspects School Plants Here

Certain To Move Lunch Room from High School Gym

Committee Goes To Work Early In Preparation for Next School Year

Admitting that there are difficult obstacles ahead, Williamston's local school committee, nevertheless went into action this week to make certain that existing conditions will be improved if not remedied altogether.

Positive action was taken Monday when Committee Chairman R. L. Coburn called the members—C. B. Clark, Sr., R. H. Goodman, W. Iverson Skinner and Marvin Britton—together for a detailed inspection of the school properties. For two hours the committee members inspected the plants, finding minor repairs needed at both schools and declaring frankly that conditions in the high school lunch room are intolerable.

The janitor service at the high school was described as being not so good, but the committee did not elaborate. Janitor service at the elementary school was very good; in fact, it was found to be excellent, Chairman Coburn said.

Plastering is falling off some of the walls in both buildings, the lighting is poor, and other defects were found. The committee, finding no fire escape at the elementary building, was advised that one had been ordered, the school authorities explaining that the old fire escape had been improperly used, that prowlers had used it to gain an entrance to the building and for other questionable purposes. It will be replaced, however, and the committee intimated that the police will be called upon to "bear down" on the prowlers.

Discussing conditions at the lunch room, members of the committee said that something had to be done. "The conditions must be improved or the service must be suspended," the committee spokesman said. It was pointed out that rats run loose in numbers in the building, that the old wooden hull can't be properly heated for use as a lunch room.

Completing their two-hour inspection, members of the committee met in a four-hour session that night and studied the problems and decided to go before the County Board of Education at the June meeting of that body.

Reviewing their study made at the meeting Monday night, the local committee issued a press release Tuesday, in which it was stated that the members were still hopeful that additional facilities could be made available in a new building. Realizing that high construction costs will prove a serious obstacle to a new building program just now, the committee members announced that they had studied alternate plans which they plan to submit to the county board.

Chairman Coburn briefly explained that present facilities are far from adequate, that one room was forced into an out building on the high school grounds, that another and possibly two additional rooms would be needed to care for an expected increase in enrollment next fall. "We are expecting between 175 and 180 pupils in the first grade next fall and an increase of 30 or 35 students in the high school," Chairman Coburn said.

Continuing, the chairman said, "It is possible that two rooms can be converted into classrooms in the elementary building. One of them is in the basement, and we believe two cloak rooms can be thrown together to provide another room. If this plan isn't feasible, we'll have to locate two classrooms in the vocational building on the high school grounds."

It is the committee's plan to locate the sixth grades in the elementary buildings, alter slightly the vocational building and locate the lunch room there.

The committee will also appeal to the county board to make the old gymnasium more comfortable.

'BRIDGE

Despite delays caused by material shortages, work on the Roanoke River bridge here continues fairly rapidly, but Superintendent Dickson and the engineers will not yet offer a guess when the job will be completed. Work on the main bridge fender is well advanced, but the delivery of 34 additional piling is being delayed and the fender job will hardly be completed before June, if by that time.

Steel for the bridge draw is to be delivered early next month from Roanoke, Virginia, and it is believed that the structure will be ready for traffic either in late July or August or just about 25 years after the first bridge was opened to traffic in September, 1922.

Legion Meeting Elects Officers

New officers for the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion were named by the membership in a meeting of the organization held in the hut on Watts Street here last Monday night. William W. Gurganus, World War II veteran, is to succeed John W. Hardy as commander. Approximately half of the officers and committee heads are World War II veterans.

The meeting named a committee to investigate the possibility of beautifying the grounds back of the hut for recreational purposes.

The roster of officers and committee heads follows:
Wm. W. Gurganus, commander; John A. Ward, first vice commander; Jack Edmondson, second vice commander; R. C. Sexton, third vice commander and publicity officer; W. B. Gaylord, adjutant and finance officer; G. C. Ray, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. John W. Hardy, chaplain; N. K. Harrison, service officer; R. A. Taylor, historian; Eli M. Taylor, athletic officer; H. L. Swain, Americanism-membership officer; Edgar J. Taylor, national defense officer; J. Sam Getsinger, graves registration officer; Herbert Whitely, employment officer; R. W. Bondurant, Boys' State officer; Exum Ward, Jr., Boy Scout officer; R. A. Taylor, sons of the Legion officer.

The newly elected officers are to assume their duties next fall.

Farmer Passes In County Tuesday

Chas. Thomas Bembridge, 82, died at the home of his son, S. T. Bembridge, in the Fairview section of this county last Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time.

The son of the late Duke Bembridge and wife, he was born in Washington County on March 6, 1865, and moved to this county when a lad. He farmed all his life. He was first married to Miss Mollie Modlin who died some years ago.

Surviving are seven children, Samuel P. Bembridge with whom he made his home; Chas. Albert Bembridge of Windsor, C. Elmer, Ervin Franklin and Eugene Bembridge, all of Williamston, Mrs. Bill Roebuck of Norfolk and Mrs. Hazel Barron of Baltimore; a brother, John Bembridge, of Norfolk; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church and his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, conducted the last rites at the late home Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Modlin Cemetery, near Jamesville.

Gets JP Appointment For Hamilton District

Appointed by Governor R. G. Cherry recently, Mr. Ben H. James qualified as justice of the peace for Hamilton Township before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne here Thursday morning.

Judge J. C. Smith Has Twelve Cases In County's Court

Jurist Imposes Fines In the Sum of \$145 at Session Last Monday

Working before a fairly large audience until noon last Monday, Judge J. Calvin Smith handled an even dozen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court. Fines in the sum of \$145 were imposed and several defendants drew terms in jail and on the roads.

While the docket was not very large, it carried more cases than usual for the time of year, and the fines, while not up to recent record levels, amounted to much more than the total ordinarily collected in May.

Proceedings:
Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault on a female, John Norfleet was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$15 and required to pay the costs. Margaret Brown, pleading guilty of assaulting another with a deadly weapon was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging C. E. Ange with obtaining money by fraud, was thrown out of court. Linwood R. Osborne was adjudged not guilty in the case in which he was charged with drunken driving.

Pleading not guilty, Charlie Mack Jenkins was adjudged guilty of speeding, and he was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs. The court recommended that his operator's license be revoked for four months.

In the case charging Amanda and Chelsea Biggs with assaults, Chelsea pleaded guilty and Amanda was adjudged guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended as to both defendants upon the payment of the costs.

John Thomas Hussey, Jr., charged with larceny and carrying a concealed weapon, pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and the court adjudged him guilty on the other count. He was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Joseph Lilley was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs. It was brought out in the trial that the defendant and the prosecuting witness, Cornelia Frances Lilley, had an argument over a boundary line, that the defendant allegedly removed a boundary line stake, and that he pushed the prosecuting witness and tore her apron.

In the case charging James Wynne and Dallas and Luther Leggett with an assault with a deadly weapon, the defendants pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of state's evidence, counsel for the defendants made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty as to all defendants. The motion was allowed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Ether Umphlett, Jr., was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. The boy's father, charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, also pleaded guilty and he was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs. The father defendant told the court that he thought it was all right for his unlicensed son to operate the car while he was with him.

The case charging Leslie G. Lambert with bastardy was thrown out of court, but is subject to be called up again.

Charged with selling beer without a license and on Sunday, Johnson Corey pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. The court ordered that no beverage license be issued.

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Defendants Win Damage Action

Sued for \$50,000 as a result of the death of Clyde D. Paul on the Washington Highway near Williamston last June 1, Dallas Taylor and L. J. Leggett, Jr., won their case in the Beaufort County Superior Court Wednesday.

Taylor was driving Leggett's car when it went out of control and came to a stop on the highway. Paul, riding a motorcycle en route from Norfolk to his home in Beaufort County, ran into the car and fatally injured himself.