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U. S. Air Force Lagging; Russia Has Superiority

Inflationary Peak Thought To Have Been Passed In This Country

Washington, D. C.—June 4.—(Special).—The most disturbing development in Europe in recent months has been the Soviet Union's air power build up in eastern Germany and European Russia. Air force experts and other government officials, in touch with intelligence sources, are now sadly convinced that it will take the United States years, rather than months to match the Soviet's air strength in Europe.

Latest move by the Russians was to begin replacement of light bombers of the old type with new twin-jet models, better than anything the United States has in operation. The Reds already had replaced old-type fighters with new MIG-15s, the same model in use over Manchuria. About the MIG-15, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Hoyt Vandenberg recently told the Senate committee, looking into MacArthur's ouster, that they were powered by an engine superior to anything used by the U. S. Air Force in its fighters.

The most disturbing thing about the quality and quantity of Russia's expanding Air Force is that our atomic bomb advantage, backed by the world's best long-range heavy bomber, is declining as the Red advantage in the air increases. In other words, while the U. S. stockpile of atom bombs, and the heavy bombers to deliver them has been the one factor which kept the peace, Russia now has the bomb, and is cutting down our ratio of superiority, making that factor less decisive.

In the meantime, Russia has quit faster and perhaps better, fighters and light bombers — and built many more of them. Thus, while many people have assumed that our air advantage will prevent Russia from using her tremendous ground advantage in Europe, they have been uninformative as to the truth of the air situation. The U. S. is far behind Russia in the air, except in the heavy bomber class.

While Russia has an estimated six or eight fighter groups in eastern Germany, all equipped with MIG-15s, the U. S. has two fighter groups in western Germany, equipped with slower F-84s, which are actually fighter-bombers. The Reds have additional air forces in nearby stogie countries, and in western Russia. The U. S. has little, if anything, behind Germany, in France. So the situation in Europe is bordering on the impossible, in the event of sudden war.

That situation naturally worries those who know the facts, and who are kept informed of the increasing Russian build-up in Germany. But, since training pilots and building planes is a slow process, our position can't be reversed overnight even though strenuous efforts are now underway to correct the situation.

The meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Denver recently clearly demonstrated that if President Truman wants the party nomination in 1952, he can get it. Sentiment for the President was especially strong, mostly because of the abuse heaped on him by MacArthur partisans. And, as the parade of top military planners before the Senate committee investigating MacArthur's ouster continues, the stronger the

Minor Wreck On East Main Street

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when a Dodge pick-up truck and an automobile crashed at the intersection of Highway 17 and the Marvil Package Company's drive here yesterday about noon, according to Chief John Roebuck who made the investigation.

Henderson Jones was driving the truck out of the drive and crashed into the car B. B. Speller was driving toward the river. Jones said that his brakes failed to hold.

Farmers Resetting Tobacco In The County This Week

Even with an abundance of plants, tobacco farmers in this section have experienced much difficulty in getting good stands this season. The early transplantings got off to a fairly good start and surprisingly enough, the early crop has done well considering the dry weather.

Those transplantings made later and just about the time the dry season got under way have suffered and the stands are poor. Following scattered rains in the area during the

past few days, farmers have been resetting their crops on an extensive scale.

After waiting day after day for rain, several farmers in this county installed sprinkler systems for their tobacco, and the results have been favorable.

Although most crops have been holding up well where there has been no rain in weeks, they are beginning to fail. Corn is drying out and just now prospects for sweet potatoes are discouraging.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

There were only two motor vehicle accidents reported on the highways and streets in this county during the 22nd week, but the number of maimed in one of the two accidents was of shocking size.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

22nd Week		Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	
1951	2	6	\$ 175
1950	5	1	870
Comparisons To Date			
1951	109	47	\$24,870
1950	66	34	15,515

Firm Here Gets Safety Citation

Marvil Package Company has been awarded a Certificate of Safety Achievement signed by State Labor Commissioner Forest H. Shuford for having done an outstanding job of accident prevention during 1950.

The certificate cites Marvil Package Company for having made an outstanding record in the field of accident prevention last year and for preventing the human suffering and economic loss which are caused by industrial accidents.

The award is presented to establishments which qualify by having perfect safety records, having accident rates at least 75 per cent below the State average, or by reducing their accident rates 40 per cent or more during any calendar year. Qualification of industrial plants for the Certificate of Safety Achievement is one phase of the Labor Department's Manpower Conservation Program, which also includes safety education work and periodic inspection drives.

Painfully Injured In Accident Here

Master Jos. Chorley, 4-year-old son of Mrs. Laura Lilley Chorley of Griffins Township and the late Jos. Chorley, was painfully hurt in an accident on Marshall Avenue here late Tuesday afternoon. The full extent of his injuries could not be determined immediately, but it was said that he suffered a head injury, bruises and shock.

Mrs. Chas. Edwards was driving down the avenue when the little fellow reportedly ran from behind another car into the side of her own. He was picked up and removed to a local hospital, late reports stating that he was improving.

Make Plans For Bridge Repairs

Highway commission forces are making preparations for repairing the Roanoke River bridge here next week. The bridge will be closed three days to river traffic but highway travel will be maintained with some interruption, it was announced. One-way traffic is to be maintained over the bridge.

Sagging at the ends, the half-million pound structure will be jacked up about one inch.

Beauty Pageant Here June 20th

Beauty of the very highest quality that Williamston and Martin County can offer will be on display Wednesday evening, June 20, in the Williamston High School auditorium when the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce holds its annual beauty pageant. Many girls have entered the pageant and many more are expected to enter before final entry date of Friday, June 15.

As announced previously, the pageant will be climaxed by a dance to be held in the high school gym from 10:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m.

About 25 girls have stated they will be in the pageant and their names and their sponsors will be announced the first of next week.

The co-chairmen of the beauty pageant, Ernest Mears and Exum Ward, have emphasized the fact that if any girl who has not been contacted and would like to be in the pageant, and anybody who knows someone who should be in the pageant and have not been contacted, they should get in touch with the chairmen at either Belk-Tyler's or Williamston Hardware Company.

In addition to the pageant, itself, a variety show will be presented on the high school stage between the presentation of the girls for judging. The pageant is shaping up nicely and according to all the Williamston Jaycees, it will top anything offered before of a similar nature in Williamston.

Minor Accident In Poplar Point

Losing control of his 1941 Plymouth on a curve in the Poplar Point-Williamston road not far from Whitley's bridge at 11:45 o'clock last Monday night, Sam Manning ditched the machine and tried to climb an embankment, Patrolman M. F. Powers said following an investigation.

No one was hurt and damage was slight, the officer stating that the damage would hardly exceed \$20.

Republican Party Leaders Divided On Defense Plans

Taft Says Fight China And Cut Size of Army and Reduce Expenditures

By Stanley James
Washington, D. C. — Perhaps the most controversial speech made in Washington, and the most significant, recently, was that by Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. The Republican leader told a Chamber of Commerce group that the size of the Army should be reduced and defense expenditures curtailed in several fields.

Taft had seemingly been going along with General MacArthur's ideas on Far East military policy prior to the speech, and this pronouncement was too much for Oregon's Wayne Morse to take lying down. The young Republican Senator took the Senate floor to attack the Taft viewpoint. Thereupon the Senate Republican strength split on foreign policy once again.

Morse couldn't see how some Republicans could go along with General MacArthur, in advocating bombing of China, and supporting of an invasion on the mainland, by Nationalist troops, and also favor a smaller Army and lower defense expenditures. He is of that school which believes larger, not smaller, defense forces and expenditures are needed in almost every field.

With Senator Vandenberg gone, and his place not filled, although occupied by an able replacement, the Morse attack on Taft's foreign policy is important. It is more in line with the Dewey line of thinking on foreign policy, and may be a preview of the fight between the younger, aggressive branch of the Republican party and the Taft-Martin group.

At least one Democratic Senator rose on the floor last week to praise Morse's utterances.

Meanwhile the second-guessers wondered what Taft had in the back of his mind recommending

County Citizens Attending Clinic

Among the thirty-two persons attending the regular Wednesday Cancer Detection Diagnostic Clinic in Rocky Mount were several from Williamston and Everetts, according to a report released by the clinic chairman, Dr. C. W. Bailey.

The clinics are operated by the Edgecombe-Nash Medical Society in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the local American Cancer Society. Appointments may be had by Martin County people by writing to the Cancer Control Center, Municipal Building, Rocky Mount.

Assessed Property Valuation Highest On Record In County

Fifteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County In May

Number Moves Up From Low In March But Still Below Normal

Fifteen marriage licenses were issued by the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the number moving up from a low of six in March but still holding to a point below a 20-year average for the month of May.

So far this year the number of licenses going to white couples has been greater than the number issued to colored couples. The issuance to the white was greater in three months and equaled those of the colored in the other two.

Licenses were issued last month, nine to white and six to colored couples, as follows:

White
William Bobby Land of Wendell and Mary Ann Perry of Robersonville.

Cecil B. Savage and Rachel Agnes Simpson, both of Williamston.

Joseph Lee Cherry of RFD 1, Williamston, and Doris Stalls of Everetts.

Heber F. Latham and Vivian Louise Latham, both of Kinston.

Carlton Aubrey Phelps of Roper and Leyta Faye Gardner of Williamston.

Van Ralph Taylor and Mildred Louise Thomas, both of Williamston.

James E. Jenkins of Robersonville and Kathleen Gurganus of Williamston.

Gentry Vauce McLawhorn of Bethel and Nellie Faye Holliday of Williamston.

Colored
Joseph Williams and Geneva Jones, both of Williamston.

William Henry Higgs and Dorothy Gray Andrews, both of RFD 1, Oak City.

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Firemen Called To Grass Fire

Local firemen were called out at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to a grass fire on East Church Street.

The firemen put out the trash fire in the ravine back of the Harry A. Biggs home with a small hose line from the truck.

Assessed Valuations In Martin County Compared For 1950-51

Listed below are the assessed property valuations exclusive of corporation listings for 1950 and 1951 in Martin County, showing gains and losses, by townships, for white and colored owners. The listings are compared for the two years by both real and personal properties with the gain or loss for each type and the total gain in the last column.

Corporation listings have not yet been certified by the State commission, but if they remain at the 1950 figure—\$2,157,416—the county will have an assessed property valuation of \$23,417,283.00, a figure said to be the largest on record.

	1951 Real Est.	1950 Real Est.	Gain	1951 Pers'n'l	1950 Pers'n'l	Gain	Tot. Gain
White							
Jamesville	\$ 1,128,127	\$ 1,116,055	\$ 12,072	\$2,291,955	\$2,289,684	\$ 2,271	\$ 14,343
Williams	333,608	328,963	4,745	161,796	139,950	21,846	26,591
Griffins	572,215	556,015	16,200	432,381	385,249	47,132	63,332
Bear Grass	578,801	573,082	5,719	405,765	341,857	63,908	69,627
Williamston	3,154,809	2,930,080	224,729	2,560,610	2,134,152	446,458	671,187
Cross Roads	557,981	550,378	7,603	293,967	254,587	39,380	46,983
Robersonville	1,877,887	1,847,266	30,621	1,587,673	1,292,686	294,987	325,608
Poplar Point	316,055	311,985	4,070	263,686	163,871	39,815	43,885
Hamilton	843,693	824,267	19,426	461,435	390,248	71,187	90,613
Goose Nest	1,000,241	984,216	16,025	535,171	464,097	71,074	87,099
TOTAL White	\$10,363,417	\$10,022,207	\$341,210	\$8,954,439	\$7,856,381	\$1,098,058	\$1,439,268
Colored							
Jamesville	\$ 143,157	\$ 137,862	\$ 5,295	81,245	69,025	12,220	17,515
Williams	42,886	42,840	46	20,003	14,909	5,094	5,140
Griffins	14,871	14,926	*55	20,525	23,116	*2,591	*2,646
Bear Grass	27,928	26,608	1,320	39,052	27,587	11,465	12,785
Williamston	327,915	311,652	16,263	178,536	142,646	35,890	52,153
Cross Roads	39,160	37,729	1,431	22,526	19,950	2,576	4,007
Robersonville	218,575	220,965	*2,390	184,715	148,951	35,764	33,374
Poplar Point	6,237	6,237	0	16,315	11,632	4,683	4,683
Hamilton	110,930	107,798	3,132	122,982	97,369	25,613	28,745
Goose Nest	201,472	200,686	786	122,981	106,447	16,534	17,320
TOTAL Col'd	\$ 1,133,131	\$ 1,107,303	\$ 25,828	868,880	661,632	147,248	173,076
Combin'd Tot'l	\$11,496,548	\$11,129,510	\$367,038	\$9,823,319	\$8,518,013	\$1,245,306	\$1,612,344

DRY WEATHER

While some sections have had a fair weather season, spotted with hail, this area, as a whole, is experiencing it driest spring in years. Rainfall last month was the least reported for any May in ten years. In May, 1941, less than an inch of rain fell here and in the same month of 1936 only 1.09 inches were recorded, comparing with the 1.34 inches reported last month.

Up until today the rainfall for 1951 totals 9.85 inches as compared with 14.55 inches during the same period last year and 16.99 inches reported during the first five months of 1949.

4-H Club County Council Meeting

By S. A. Tuten, Jr., Assistant County Agent

The Martin County 4-H Club County Council held a regular meeting Monday night in the Agricultural Building with Jimmy Knowles presiding. The meeting commenced with several songs led by Joan Carol Coltraine. Plans were discussed for sending delegates to the Annual 4-H Club Week meeting in Raleigh July 23-28. Miss Ruby Lee Spencer, assistant home agent, announced the results of elections which were held by each Club during the last regular meetings in May. The delegates and alternates are as follows:

Farm Life Club: John Lilley, Nancy Gurkin, Dail Lilley and Joan Carol Coltraine; Bear Grass Club: Jimmy Peaks, Jamie Rogers, Joan and Grace Rogerson; Williamston Intermediate Club: Margaret Andrews and Billy Allsbrook; Robersonville Club: Jimmy Highsmith, Peggy Bailey, Joan Manning and Jimmy Taylor; Jamesville Club: Caroline Wallace, Jimmy Knowles, C. A. Martin and Joyce Mizelle; Oak City Club: Lynette Haislip, Buzze Worsley, Amy Jean Harrell and Wallace Smith.

Other business concerned the Annual County 4-H Club Encampment which will be held at the Jameston 4-H Club Camp, Williamsburg, Virginia, August 6-11. The camp will be held jointly with Beaufort and Bertie counties. The program will include a performance of THE COMMON GLORY, an outdoor pageant being staged at Williamsburg.

Refreshments were served by Caroline Wallace, Chairman of Refreshment Committee. Others attending the Council were: Sylvia Griffin, Darrell Manning, Franklin Hardison, John W. Lilley, Shirla Griffin and C. A. Martin.

Attending Field Tests In the State

North Carolina agricultural leaders and officials today are witnessing field tests and demonstrations of new agricultural chemicals on actual "test plots" at Fountain.

The ag-officials are viewing field results of new weed control, seed protectant and soil fumigant chemicals and fertilizers on soy bean, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, tomatoes, watermelons, corn and other crops. Plots using existing chemicals are being compared to plots using the new developments.

Attending the demonstration, being conducted by Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland parent company of the Standard Fertilizer Company here, are representatives from North Carolina State College, the Soil Conservation Service, Vocational Agricultural Teachers, County Agents and Extension Service representatives.

In addition to the professors and ag-officials, many Mathieson scientists and officials also are attending along with representatives of the local plant.

Called Nineteen Cases In County Court on Monday

Revenue Agent Says He's Carrying His Speeding Case To Raleigh

Nineteen cases were handled by Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, the action holding the court in session until late afternoon.

The trials of two cases were dragged out, sending the court in to an afternoon session. Several road sentences were imposed and fines meted out during the day amounted to \$315.

Admitting he was exceeding the 55-mile per hour speed law, Robert Jackson Andrews, of the U. S. Treasury Department, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Rocky Mount, explained he was paying the fine (\$22.65 cost) in protest and advised court officials that he was referring the matter to Commissioner Rosser and Col. James Smith of the N. C. Highway Patrol for further action and disposition. Andrews was cited to the courts by Patrolman B. W. Parker for allegedly speeding 65 miles an hour on the highways in this county.

Fate Gurganus was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. Pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed operator to drive a motor vehicle, Leo W. Cobb was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Effie E. Cobb, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with an assault, G. Whitley pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of \$75 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior for two years or serve the six-month term.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, B. T. Baker was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for twelve months.

Facing a drunken driving charge, Boyd R. Mosser of Norfolk failed to answer when called and papers were issued, calling for his arrest. Thelma Hales of Tarboro charged with public drunkenness, also failed to report for trial, and papers were issued for her arrest.

Charged with non-support, Lee Ward pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was taxed with the court costs and directed to pay \$6 a week for the support of his children. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$200. Charged with driving 40 miles and hour in a 20 mile speed zone, Julian C. Lindsey pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was taxed with the costs.

Minnie Eubanks and Annie Mae Eubanks Mobley were charged with violating the liquor laws. The case against Minnie Eubanks was not pressed, and the other defendant, pleading guilty, was sentenced to woman's prison, Raleigh, for six months. The prison term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor

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Rotarians Hear M. O. Fletcher

Local Rotarians and several special guests heard Dr. M. O. Fletcher of Washington stress community service at the regular meeting of the organization last Tuesday noon. The visiting speaker urged support for the church, the school, the home, the aged and the youth of our community.

Special guests included Messrs. S. L. Roberson and Mayo Little of Robersonville and H. B. Spruill, district governor of Windsor. Next Tuesday Dr. Sylvester Green, former editor and now with the North Carolina State Medical Care Commission, will address the regular meeting of the club, it was announced by Club President Chas. I. Harris.

The club, just recently organized, is making plans to hold charter night the latter part of this month.

Bible School To Open On Monday

A union vacation Bible school for colored children in this community will get under way next Monday morning. The children and faculty members will assemble at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church that morning at 9:30 o'clock, and go from there to the several churches where classes will be held. The program includes music and recreation, and a large number of children are expected to attend, according to the director, the Rev. George Brown. Assistant directors are G. T. Hyman and W. D. Speller.

The directors are calling for volunteer faculty workers, and announced that the school will be held for children between the ages of 4 and 16, in the River Hill, Cornerstone, Shiloh and Williams Chapel Churches.