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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — During the tense talks with Moscow over the Berlin crisis, the press, and, consequently, the public, probably were less informed than at any time since the "top secret" days of the war.

To avoid any tipoff on the identity of persons consulted by the high policy makers, few important men were called to the State department during the day. Instead, there were private meetings at night at a rendezvous remote from the State department building.

Often there were top level meetings at the Blair House, where distinguished guests of the White House are entertained. These usually occurred at cocktail time or dinner time.

However, there were some slipups. On Saturday morning, when the department is normally closed, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R), Michigan, GOP foreign policy leader, was called in for a two-hour consultation. He was not mentioned on Secretary Marshall's calling list, but his presence was revealed by the fact that he rides in the automobile historically assigned to the vice president. It has always borne the license number DC 111.

Even when the car was discovered in front of the building, the department refused to acknowledge Vandenberg's presence. However, reporters caught him as he left.

Another important figure whose presence can always be detected is British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks. Franks travels in Washington's plushiest limousine, a postwar British Rolls-Royce. Often it is seen parked outside of Blair House of an evening, as prominent as a billboard.

SUPER-FOOD—After years of experimenting, Norwegian scientists have come up with a new emergency food said to be superior to any used in World War II. The new food, to be known as KG-12, is in liquid form, thus overcoming a major shortcoming of previous emergency rations—lack of liquid.

Norwegian soldiers recently went through 14 days of training with KG-12 as their only source of nourishment with no ill effects.

Early in September four human guinea pigs were put out in the middle of Oslo fjord, where they spent five days aboard two rubber life rafts. Two men were given KG-12; the other two were given an equal amount of the best of the standard emergency foods. The scientists reported:

"At the end of three days, the last named had only a few food tablets and very little water left, while the KG-12 pair still had supplies for many days, and showed no signs of fatigue."

POLL-TRICKS—The State department has recently had a private polling agency make a cross-section check on American reactions to foreign policy problems. These reactions have figured in setting the nation's policy.

Now, however, probably for the first time, the department has checked into the validity of the polls themselves. One test problem involved the question of the free exchange of news between the Iron Curtain areas and the outside world.

To test the polling technique, the question was presented in two ways. A group of 1,250 individuals of similar backgrounds were asked this question: Should representatives of newspapers in the USSR be allowed to enter the United States and present all news freely? Only 34 per cent of those questioned answered yes.

A similar group of Americans was asked this question: Should American correspondents be permitted to represent the news freely from the USSR; and should Communist correspondents be allowed to report freely from the United States? Eighty per cent thought American correspondents in Russian should be allowed to report freely and 69 per cent thought the Communists press should have the same privilege in the United States.

Thus there was a 35 per cent difference in the poll results on the basic question: Should Communist reporters be allowed full freedom in this country?

Along about the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, a number of now still hopeful candidates will find their band wagon have run competently out of gas.

"National Wine Week" has been added to the calendar. To a lot of tipplers this must appear a corking idea. Or, rather, an un-corking one.

PROPOSAL FROM A "TWO GUN MAN"



Words of the Wise Men are tormented by their own opinions of things, and not by the things themselves. —(Montaigne) Household Hint Suede shoes should be dry before they are brushed or rubbed. Use a rubber sponge or a stiff brush. Words of the Wise Economy is the art of making the most of life. The love of economy is the root of all virtue. —(George Bernard Shaw) Too Late To Classify FOR SALE OR RENT — 3-room cottage in Dillsboro. See Eula Shepard, Rt. 1, Sylva, N. C. 23\*

Our Young Farmers Leading The Way

Up until a very few years ago the trend was for the young men and women to leave "down on the farm" for a more attractive life in the small towns and large cities. Poor yields, hard work, and little chance for recreation made farm life unattractive to them. This, however, is rapidly changing, due to the progressive agricultural program now carried on in our schools, the 4-H club work, and Home Demonstration work, and farm agent work. We have seen the state's agricultural work gradually advancing since these young folk have taken hold of things to show the "old timers" that greater yields can be had from the land. We now have 100 bushel per acre corn clubs with more and more farm men and boys being admitted to membership each year. Last year Jackson county had only a very few adult 100 bushel club members. This year 23 of our very young farmers have been admitted into membership due to having grown 100 bushels or more corn per acre.

The outstanding corn grower of the county this year is young Bobby Jackson, of East LaPorte, a member of the Cullowhee high school FFA class. Bobby's field of corn has produced 142.75 bushels on his acre this year to surpass any other farmer, old or young. Bobby has been able to do this through the knowledge he has gained in his FFA work.

We feel that with the progress these boys are now making the agricultural outlook for Jackson County is very bright. Farm leaders of the future who will help much to bring about a more contented and happier rural life in our county, are being developed through the N. C. Extension department.

The Herald congratulates each of these young farmers on the fine work they are doing.

The Truman Up-Set

Almost every one is saying, "how did it happen," meaning the winning of the presidential election by Harry S. Truman. We will be interested to hear what the "experts" have to say, now that they were all wrong before the election. Very few people, many of them Democrats, thought the President had only the slightest chance of winning this election. It will be hard to explain just how it did happen, if it can be explained, other than that he just received more votes than Dewey. But why did he receive more votes, that is the big question.

We venture to say that labor played a big part in the vote. Then there are lots of people on the Federal payroll of voting age... enough to make a big difference. Then there are the Wallace supporters, or those appearing to be Wallace supporters, who probably changed their minds at the last minute and voted for Truman. Wallace did not get half the popular vote he was expected to carry. Thurmond did not do too much damage in the "solid south". Then there is the vote in the big northern states... the voters probably feeling that Truman would be the best man to represent them.

Since Truman did win and he now has a Democratic house and senate, there can be no more "passing the buck" if things don't go right. It is going to be right much to believe that everything will run smoothly now, as there are Democrats in the house and senate, who did not follow Truman before and will hardly follow him now.

Truman has the world's biggest job on his shoulders, we can only hope that he is able to lead this nation as it should be led.

Fine Performance Marks Opening Of Little Theater

The Little Theater, under the direction of Prof. Ernest V. D. ans, Jr., presented its first production, "Ladies in Retirement," on October 21 in Hoey Auditorium to an appreciative audience of college and townspeople.

The drama, with its setting in the marshes of the Thames, furnished the cast with a challenge to do mature and eccentric roles in several instances and furnished the audience with a closely knit and carefully built play which held one's attention from its beginning to the final curtain.

Due to understanding and careful direction, the result was, in most instances, a happy one. Particularly outstanding were the settings and the stage effects, with much credit for these going to stage-manager Perry Frye; to Frank Murray and Clayton Ramsey who were responsible for the sound and lighting effects; and to the shop crew which was composed of Tom Fore, Noel Denton, Robert Nelson, Walter Nelson, and James Lowery. Credit for painting of special scenes is due Basil Clark.

This scribe's Oscar for acting goes to Celeste Sabistin who played with restraint and understanding the difficult role of Emily, one of the simple sisters. One of her first speeches ("I feel I must tidy up the river banks") gave the listeners an insight into the character she was playing and established the high standard which Miss Sabistin held throughout the play.

Honorable mention for performance honors goes to Dick McAulry and Ann Davidson who—except for their black-out period—played with skill and understanding. These qualities were particularly noticed in the moments following their tumble when they quickly recaptured their roles and the attention of the audience.

What would have otherwise been a good performance for her was marred by Rachel Sutton by some scenes of awkwardness and by some line-chewing. At other times she reached high peaks which showed that with effort and experience she can develop into a fine performer.

Other players were Margaret Hunsinger, Mary Ann Padgett, and Betty Jean Gass. Mary Ann Elliott and Elizabeth Colville worked as assistants to the director. Patricia Sawyer was the properties assistant.

The next production of The Little Theater group will be "Dear Ruth" which is scheduled for February 3 in Hoey Auditorium.

Agricultural exhibits at Jones County's second annual fair showed improvement over last year in both quality and number.

JACKSON COUNTY PEOPLE SEE UNC TROUNCE VOLS 14-7

The following Jackson county people attended the Carolina-Tennessee football game in Knoxville last Saturday P. M. and saw Carolina win 14 to 7. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clay, Raymond Sutton, Lewis Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, Miss Dorothy Baker, Lewis Bumgarner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hennessee, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Poteet, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wise, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, Volt Wilson, Clyde Rector, Bob Phillips, Rush Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Green, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hardy, Miss Agnes Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elders, Mr. and Mrs.

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