

Prof Says No War With USSR In '49

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—Dr. John F. Kieffer, an associate professor of political science at Tulane University who can predict international events with almost phenomenal accuracy, said he does not expect war with Russia in 1949.

That was one of Dr. Kieffer's 20 predictions for this year. He made a similar list of predictions last year and hit 87.5 per cent. Two of his predictions in 1948 were the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and the death of Jan Masaryk.

Dr. Kieffer, who is 39 and was a colonel of infantry in the last war, said there is no mystery about his prediction. His method, he disclosed, is to: (1) build up an intensified background of the history of governments; (2) subscribe to and read thoroughly the publications distributed by the embassies of various countries; and (3) balance the information.

Students Do Well

Several of Kieffer's graduate students used his methods and a few improvisations of their own to draw up lists of predictions that averaged 80 per cent right last year. Kieffer said his whole system is based on the theory that "chance favors the prepared mind."

He did not predict the election of President Truman. He said he predicted that a Republican would win, largely on the ground of "wishful thinking."

His 1949 predictions:
1. If American troops are completely withdrawn from southern Korea, the area will be overrun by Communists from north Korea and made part of a Communist state in six months.

2. No satisfactory peace treaty will be achieved for Austria.

3. Russia will increase its demands on Finland and try to drag that nation behind the iron curtain.

4. Marshal Tito will swing into the western orbit.

5. The De Gaulists will increase their power in France at the expense of the Communists and left wing parties.

6. Norway, Sweden and Denmark will join actively with the western powers in the North Atlantic alliance. When this happens Russia will absorb Finland politically or militarily and seize Norwegian territories in the north.

7. There will be a Communist spy expose in the United States that will "dwarf" all previous exposes.

8. Russia and its satellites will conduct an open drive to eradicate all religious forces behind the iron curtain and will abandon all pretense of appointing clergy as "spies."

9. Russia's main effort will shift from western Europe to Scandinavia and the east. Intensified Communist effort, penetration and armed violence may be expected in India, Indo-China, Burma, Siam and Indonesia.

10. The Malan government in South Africa will collapse because of troubles between the Zulus and

SFORZA HERE FOR PACT SIGNING



LEAVING A TRANSATLANTIC PLANE at LaGuardia Field, N. Y., are Count Carlo Sforza and his wife. The Italian Foreign Minister is in the U.S. to negotiate Italy's adherence to the North Atlantic treaty. He has been authorized by both branches of the Italian Parliament to join in the signing of the pact in the name of his government. (International)

11. The Communist menace will decline sharply in France and Italy but increase in the form of underground activities in Spain.

12. "Tolerated parties" and coalition governments will disappear in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria. The Communists will appear as the only legal party.

13. Russia will try to annex neighboring satellites by "admitting" them as Soviet republics.

14. The Communists in China will not establish a government as Communist as Russia would like.

15. The Dutch will not meet the United Nations timetable for granting independence to Indonesia.

16. All attempts to change the veto power in the Security Council of the UN and admit more nations to the UN will fail.

17. The Latin-American scene will be dotted with revolutions in Paraguay, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

Great Educational Strides Made In State Since 1940

(Special Correspondence)

RALEIGH — Working closely with Governor J. Melville Broughton and R. Gregg Cherry and with the various Legislatures, the N. C. Education Association since 1940 has greatly improved the lot of the average teacher in North Carolina.

This was shown here this week in figures released as the teachers laid final plans for their annual convention to be held in Asheville this month.

In 1940, the beginning teacher's salary was only \$96 per month, and for only eight months, while budget recommendations for the coming year is for a salary for beginners of \$216 per month for a nine-month term.

Since 1940, the 12th grade has been added, the ninth month has been added, the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System has been created at a cost of approximately \$7,500,000 per year, and the average teacher load has been reduced from 35 pupils per teacher to 32 pupils (budget recommendations for 1949-50).

The average North Carolina teacher in 1940 drew only \$871.54 per year. This has been increased to \$2,370.90 per year, and the average principal's salary from \$1,537.18 to \$3,875.64.

Since 1940 the public school budget has been increased from \$27,745,410 each year to (budget recommendations for next year) \$83,040,057.

The top "A" certificate holder (eight years experience) in 1940 received a salary of \$128 per month for eight months. Since that time, the eighth, ninth, and tenth increments have been added. The eleventh will go into effect this fall and the top-certificate-and-experience teacher will receive \$289.20 per month for nine months.

By way of comparison, the state of Pennsylvania, second wealthiest in the Nation, now pays its teachers a net average annual salary of \$2,786 as against \$2,370.90 for North Carolina, which ranks forty-first in per capita wealth and per capita income.

The 1940 figures above are compared with budget recommendations for next year. However, a fight is now raging in the Legislature to push these recommendations a great deal higher; and those who are working to abide by the budget recommendations—or certainly not to go far above them—are being labeled as "enemies of education" in North Carolina.

Young people who enter the teaching profession next fall will, under the recommendation of the Budget Commission, receive a monthly salary of \$216, which is \$1,944 for a nine-month job, the prospect of receiving 11 annual increments, the benefits of a financially sound retirement system, and a teacher load of less than 32 pupils. They will also have the prospect, if they are good teachers, of earning up to \$4,472 per year as a principal, and up to \$6,912 as a superintendent. These figures do not include local supplements, which many of our cities are paying.

The N. C. Education Association's officials should be proud of its accomplishments.

There will be riots and some bloodshed in Peru and Chile. There will be marked changes in the Argentine government.

18. There will be a definite attempt to woo France into the North Atlantic Alliance with economic concessions and considerations.

19. The Berlin crisis will not be solved. The air lift will continue and violence and Communist penetration into the democratic zones will be intensified. Look for a marked increase of American, French and British troops on duty in Berlin this summer.

20. There will be no war with Russia in 1949.

Dr. Kieffer has declined to predict the date of a war with Russia, although he believes the United States and Soviet will meet some time on some "world street corner" and fight it out.

DOG FAVORS FREE PRESS

MECHANICVILLE, N. Y. (UP)—Police here have decided that at least one dog has a "nose for news". A large dog, breed undetermined, made off with a bundle of papers that had been left on a street corner for distribution.

LAFF-A-DAY

"You said I could go to the movies, and Mom said I couldn't, so I guess that leaves the deciding vote up to me."

Bronson Matney Opens Studio

By the time Singer Bronson Matney wound up his studies at West Carolina Teachers' College, he had had enough education, experience—and talent—to teach other people how to sing.

And that's what he is doing. The 20-year-old Waynesville boy, a graduate of High Point High School, has opened a voice studio in his home town.

He says he will teach any type of music the particular student wants, as well as the mechanics and art of voice production.

He's been guest vocalist with "frame" bands, like Eddie Duchin's and Dean Henderson's. He's also been soloist in churches, like Winston-Salem's Centenary Methodist Church, New York's Christ Presbyterian Church, and Miami's First Methodist Church.

Besides acquiring this "working experience," Mr. Matney gave his art a thorough polishing through a year's study under famed Metropolitan Opera Coach Clyde Burrows in New York.

W. VA. DEER SLAYING SLUMPS

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (UP)—Hunters in West Virginia dropped 42 per cent of the state's deer herd in legal kills last season. It was the lowest mark posted in any state having 100,000 or more deer. The take was 4,959 animals.

The world produces about 800,000,000 pounds of tea a year, of which Great Britain consumes about half.

MINERS HEAD BACK TO THE PITS



LOOKING QUITE CHEERFUL, a trio of miners at Library, Pa., gets ready to return to the pits following the two-week work stoppage called by John L. Lewis, U.M.W. president. More than 463,000 miners east of the Mississippi had taken part in the walkout which had been ordered as a memorial to the men killed and injured last year. (International Soundphoto)

Dartmouth Timber Aids Indigent Students

HANOVER, N. H. (UP)—Every truckload of timber that rolls out of the Dartmouth land grant 40 miles north of Berlin adds \$20 to the college's scholarship fund for indigent students.

The forest land was given to Dartmouth in 1807 to compensate the college for another tract seized by a royal governor in the days before the American revolution.

Terms of the grant required that income from timbering operations be used to help needy undergraduates.

Me And My Dog's Tail Go In For Painting

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—A little boy has found a new use for his dog's tail.

Equipped with water colors, a cup of water and a large sheet of paper, the boy and his dog sat together. Now and then the youngster dipped the dog's tail in the water and then on the paint. The dog obligingly wagged his tail across the paper.

"Me and my dog," explained the boy, "are painting pictures."

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