

Settlement of Iranian Problem Expected by Council Delegates

Both Russia and Iran Submit Statements on Controversy, Relieving Tension in UNO Ses- sion; Russia Says Troops Are Being Withdrawn

New York, April 3.—The worst crisis in the United Nations' brief history will be solved tomorrow when its security council accepts Russian assurances that Red Army troops are being withdrawn unconditionally from Iran, authoritative sources said tonight.

Replies from both Russia and Iran were read at a public meeting of the council today. Russia said no conditions attached to its troop withdrawal. Iran said it would be satisfied if the Red Army got out unconditionally by May 6.

The council then held a two-hour secret meeting and worked out a program based on the two replies which it expects to dissolve the crisis at a public meeting at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

It was believed authoritatively that Iranian representative Hussein Ala and members of the council were satisfied with the Russian assurances.

Tension Relieved.

Delegates were relieved by the prospective end of 10 days of steadily increasing tension. They expressed belief that the crisis would strengthen the prestige and authority of the council. The right of small nations to complain against big ones had been vindicated.

It was understood that Ala himself had informed the UNO that Russia's reply was satisfactory.

Victory for Byrnes.

The dramatic turn of events was a personal victory for Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. He led the fight in behalf of the small nations at the price of a Russian council boycott—broken today when Russia sent its reply. However, chief delegate Andrei A. Gromyko did not attend the council meeting.

The precedents believed set were (1) No nation can be prevented from appealing to the council, (2) No one nation can keep the council from proceeding with a case and (3) No nation can dictate to the council.

Two Points.

Confidence that the stalemate was broken was emphasized by two points: 1.—That Russia's reply said no conditions were attached to its troop withdrawal and the withdrawals had no connection with negotiations for either oil concessions or Azerbaijan Autonomy.

2.—Omission of the previous Russian statement that "unforeseen circumstances" might stop the withdrawal.

Little Iran's answer revealed that Premier Ahmed Ghassem ex-Sultaneh had stood up resolutely within the last 10 days—backed by council support—against new Russian attempts to attach conditions to troop withdrawals.

Secretary General Trygve Lie received Russia's reply at 9:10 a. m. two hours and three minutes before the council met at 11:13. Iran's was received at 9:15.

FOUNTAIN RUTHERFORD

Fountain, April 3.—The Fountain Ruritan Club, one of over a hundred such organizations throughout Urban North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia which have as their principal objective the building of a better community, recently conducted a membership drive which netted them several members, bringing their present total enrollment to thirty.

The club has this year sponsored a newly organized Boy Scout Troop, under the direction of the Rev. Richard West, Baptist minister. At the February meeting, the club granted a loan to the Boy Scouts to enable them to purchase uniforms.

At a recent meeting the club laid plans to cooperate with the Woman's Club in a "Clean Up Campaign," to be held in Fountain during the first week of April.

Plans for the club's work for the entire year have not been completed. The building of additional shelter in Fountain, and to endeavor to secure improvement of the rural community to such ends are contemplated among its year future.

Other activities may include a Summer Day Rally, a red crossification campaign, and other activities that meet the needs of the community.

The Pitt County Music Festival To Be Held In Ayden

The Pitt County Schools are to hold the Music Festival April 12, 1946 at eight o'clock in the Ayden High School Auditorium. This is to be a night of entertainment rather than competition.

Each of the schools was invited by the County Committee to send its choruses to be part of this fest. Most of the schools of the county are being represented. We wish it were possible for each school to be present and derive the benefit and pleasure from this gala evening.

One of the outstanding attractions of the event is the dance with which the Ayden School is entertaining the student body, faculty, and choruses of the schools. Each school is to be recognized. We are anticipating a record breaking attendance and we cordially invite the students of the high schools throughout the county to attend the dance even if they are not represented by a chorus.

Easter Seal Sale Begins April 15

Announcement has been received from the North Carolina League for Crippled Children naming K. T. Furell, Supt. Public Welfare, as Chairman of the Pitt County branch of the organization.

The national, state and county chapters sponsor the sale of Easter Seals for the benefit of Crippled and physically handicapped children. Hospitalization for rheumatic fever, purchasing artificial appliances, transportation to clinics, buying glasses, drugs, and removing tonsils and teeth, are some of the needs met from the sale of Easter Seals.

Announcement of local chairmen throughout Pitt County will be made soon. Sale of seals will begin April 15th and continue through Easter.

Bowles' Action Brings Protests

Washington, April 5.—Southern Senators flung a torrent of hot criticism at Chester Bowles Thursday for ordering Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to approve a cotton regulation aimed at blocking clothing price increases.

They called for the Stabilization Directors resignation, termed his action a "damned outrage," said he was "making farmers the goat" and contended he had jeopardized OPA's life. The agency is bidding for a full year's extension of its price control powers beyond June 30.

Anderson, too, was the target of a hot shot. Said Senator Mayback, (D-SC):

"I am indeed sorry to see that the Agriculture Department under Mr. Anderson has completely surrendered to the OPA."

This was a reference to the Cabinet officer's approval of an OPA order requiring larger down payments on cotton purchased for future delivery. It goes into effect April 9. Bowles has contended the order is necessary to check speculative trading in cotton, which he says has forced up cotton clothing prices.

Anderson signed the cotton margin order after Bowles directed him to do so. He refused to put his name to it voluntarily, and the Attorney General's Office ruled the measure would not be valid without the secretary's signature.

Mayback told a reporter "the best thing that could happen to the United States to stop inflation would be for Bowles to resign." Other senators expressed these sentiments in interviews:

Johnston (D-SC)—"This probably is another straw that may break the OPA camel."

Hammond (D-Ala)—"If Anderson has signed under order of Bowles, he (Bowles) has exercised undue duress and coercion. He has assumed power he has no legal right to assume."

Bihe (D-Miss)—"It's a damned outrage. Bowles is economic problem No. 1 of the South. The best thing to do is to liquidate him."

To criticize that Bowles had no authority to order Anderson to sign a spokesman for the Stabilization Chief replied that he had acted under an executive Order issued in 1942.

That order provides that the Economic Stabilization "shall formulate and develop a comprehensive economic policy," and that directives "on such policy" to federal departments and agencies "concerned with price and wage stabilization."

As for this matter why the cotton regulation should be put into effect, Bowles said in a statement:

"I would be falling in my response."

Pre-School Clinic Scheduled April 12

Supt. J. H. Moore has announced that we will have our pre-school clinic, Friday morning, April 12, at 9 o'clock. Children who will be six years old on or before October 1, 1946, will be eligible to enter school next September.

At this clinic your child will not only be given a physical examination but will be vaccinated also. You perhaps know the law requires that a child be vaccinated against smallpox, diphtheria, and whooping cough before entering school. Vaccination for smallpox and diphtheria will be done at the school, but whooping cough vaccination, which is made up of four doses given one week apart, will be done, later on, at the typhoid clinic.

One of the most important things parents can do for the child in getting him ready for school is to first have him vaccinated and carefully examined. There is no cost for the vaccinations and examinations at the school. It is also very important that parents come to the pre-school clinic with the child. Babies over six months of age and other small children may also be brought for vaccinations both at the pre-school clinic and the typhoid clinic.

All physicians in the County have volunteered their services in the pre-school clinics and the health officer states that this is the first year that the clinic examinations are to be done by the private physicians and he regards it as a big step forward, and a most commendable attitude on the part of the private physician.

Conducting the Farmville High Clinic, April 12, and the Farmville Colored School Clinic, scheduled for April 19, will be Dr. R. T. Williams, C. E. Fitzgerald, D. S. Morrill, J. M. Mewborn.

The Fountain Clinic will be held by Dr. E. B. Beasley, April 17, and Falkland Clinic by Dr. D. L. Moore, April 11th.

At The Rotary Club

Robert Lee Humber, of Greenville, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting this week, appearing at the request of John T. Thorne, program chairman.

Choosing as a subject, "Economics," Mr. Humber spoke very forcibly upon the appraisal of wealth and stated that Southern States suffered handicaps because of the investment in slaves at the close of the War Between the States.

"Despite the fact, however, the South has made great strides in agriculture and manufacturing, placing our own state No. 1 in the Textile and Tobacco manufacturing. The responsibility is upon capital and labor to carry on and to maintain a permanent structure, which is necessary to establish a sound economic condition."

He outlined as things to look forward to in a possible Utopia, independence, freedom of religion, equal educational advantages, congeniality between capital and labor, uniting our efforts for a greater and better social and economic nation.

In the business period timely comment was made by John Mewborn relative to the beautification of the school ground, asking for any voluntary service or equipment in getting the project under way. He stated that Rotarian George Davis is donating sufficient soil for seeding the lawn.

Attendance prize given by Eddie Caraway was won by Milton Eason. Guests of the club were Rotarian Martin Swartz, of the Greenville Club, and Hal Winters, local business man.

Albemarle Presbyterian To Meet In Goldsboro

Albemarle Presbyterian will meet at the First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro on April 9 and 10. Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, of Farmville, president, will preside.

Registration will begin at 10:30 on Tuesday morning and the opening session will be held at 11:30. Members of the Farmville Auxiliary are making plans to attend one hundred per cent.

Mrs. George U. Baucom, of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Synodical, will speak on the subject, "Let Us Gather Our Forces—Now."

Miss Lucy Steel of Peace College will conduct the Bible studies and Miss Ada McMurphy of Wilmington will be the foreign mission speaker.

The public is invited to attend all meetings during the two-day session.

Ability if I did not move to protect the farmer, the legitimate cotton operator, the textile mill owner, and American families from further speculative rise in cotton prices.

The Red dairy farmers are handicapped in expansion efforts by a progressively shrinking labor supply.

Churches Here To Hold Pre- Easter Services

The Farmville Ministerial Association through its president, Rev. E. S. Coates, announced today that the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will observe the week prior to Easter with a program of Pre-Easter services, to be held simultaneously by the pastors, who will preach from their respective pulpits.

The services, which are scheduled to begin at 8:00 o'clock, Monday evening, April 15, and continue throughout the week, will conclude with the evening service on Good Friday.

The Rev. Mr. Coates wishes to emphasize the fact that this is to be a series of services to which everyone is cordially invited and urges community-wide cooperation in this connection.

Watch these columns for a more detailed account of the services in next week's issue.

Annual Cancer Control Drive For Funds Starts Here Tuesday, April 9

Following a radio address, in which the proclamation of Governor Gregg Cherry designated the week of April 8-27 as Cancer Fund Campaign Week, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Chairman for Farmville, on Wednesday morning.

Those present were George W. Davis, County Chairman, Mrs. R. T. Williams, retiring president of the Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. J. T. Nolan, incoming president of the Junior Club, Mrs. W. M. Willis, president of Literary Club, Miss Mamie Davis, president American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, president of the Merry Maids Club, Mrs. Frank Allen, Miss Tabitha DeViviani and Mrs. Hobgood. Plans were made and committees appointed for the campaign next week and the town zone according to the plan usually adopted for such undertakings, as follows: the residential section and school, beginning at The Turnage Co., corner, extending North on Main, West on Wilkerson, including all homes located in the triangle, to be covered by The Farmville Literary Club; the Southwest triangle, by the Junior Woman's Club; the Southeast triangle by The Senior Woman's Club; the Northeast triangle by the Merry Maids Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. B. Moore will solicit residents along the Highway from the town border to Lung's Cross Roads and around Marlboro. Jack Lewis and his committee will solicit contributions from the northwest country area and other assistants, who have not been approached, will help with the work. Professor H. B. Sugg will serve as Chairman for the colored group of the Community. George W. Davis, LeRoy Rollins, Charles Edwards and Coy Monk will serve as a Special Gifts Committee.

All those requested to serve as workers will please meet in the Parlor of the Farmville Furniture Company on the morning of Tuesday, April 9th, at ten o'clock for instructions and material. Mr. Davis will give the pep talk at that meeting. All civic, benevolent and patriotic organizations are urged to make contributions to this great cause. All checks should be made payable to The American Cancer Society.

Farmville citizens will be glad to recall that, when the Campaign yielded \$1,007.00 in 1945, a sum of \$488.80 was returned to Dr. J. M. Mewborn, Chairman of The Farmville Cancer Society, to be set aside as the nucleus of a Cancer Clinic for Farmville.

Thus, nearly fifty per cent of all contributions in the future will be returned to us for the same purpose.

In addition to the solicitations, tin containers will be placed in stores and other public places to receive "small change" donations. It is hoped that these will be filled as an additional contribution.

The poster, reproduced in a recent issue of The News & Observer, brings vividly to an already cancer-conscious community the fact that the grim Reaper is indeed no respecter of persons—that his sickle cuts off the loved ones in the mansion, those in the humble dwelling and in all in-between.

Farmville's quota for 1946 is only one thousand dollars but, remembering that nearly half of all contributed will remain in the town to build a clinic for the suffering in our own homes, let's make it fifteen hundred!

Greenville Meet

George W. Davis, Pitt County Commissioner of the American Cancer Society presided over an enthusiastic meeting of the Greenville Society in Greenville, Tuesday evening.

The business of the group was conducted around a supper table at the Proctor Hotel with W. H. Woodard as host. Dr. D. Johnson accompanied Mr. Davis to Greenville.

State's Income Still Going Up

Raleigh, April 3.—Report of the state revenue department on March collections shows state income continuing the upward trend established early in the year, despite a million and a half drop in income taxes from the record set last year. Combined general and highway fund receipts for March totaled \$31,880,172, more than a million and a half dollars above the aggregate for March of 1945. Major increases were in gasoline and motor vehicle taxes.

Tax experts had anticipated decline in income tax receipts, so were not surprised. The surprise element was in the fact that for the nine months of the fiscal year just completed the income tax yield was practically the same, while sales taxes jumped more than two million dollars.

Tax officials had manifested great interest in the probable effect of changing pay dates of insurance taxes. As a result of this change the monthly report shows receipts of \$1,225,565 this year against \$994,881 last March, but for the nine months the figures were \$2,789,809 against \$2,638,205, indicating that the new plan has little effect upon total taxes received.

Percentages of rise and fall are more significant than actual dollars involved. Comparison with other years shows that for the nine months ending March 31, 1944, it was 8.70 per cent over the previous year; for 1945 increase was 4.87 per cent, and the 1946 jump was 7.23 per cent.

In highway fund the 1946 increase was 2.29 percent, the 1945 rise was 3.87 percent, while this year that bracket jumped 20.00 percent.

Total receipts in both general and highway funds for the nine months ending in March, 1944, were \$91,086,945; for 1945 the take was \$95,130,016. Income tax yield has remained fairly steady at a little over \$3 million dollars, while sales taxes rose approximately two million dollars each year to the present eighteen and a half millions.

Governor Pro- claims Army Day

Governor R. Gregg Cherry has called on the people of North Carolina to celebrate Army Day, April 6th. In a proclamation issued from the capitol and made public by the Governor's private secretary, John Harden, Governor Cherry pointed out the fact that "This is the first time since the cessation of hostilities that full honor can be done in recognition of the glorious faith, faith and loyalty of the men and women of our Army."

The Governor called upon the people of North Carolina to "Make this day memorable by wholeheartedly entering into the ceremonies and celebration, thus paying tribute to the great accomplishments of our Army and hereby honoring the veterans of World War I and World War II."

President Truman, in a previously issued proclamation had invited the Governors of each state to issue proclamations calling for the observance of Army Day.

In response to the call from the Governor, civic organizations throughout the State have, in cooperation with Military Institutions, arranged for parades, displays of equipment, banquets and speeches honoring those who have served and are serving with the Army.

At The Kiwanis Club

Robert Monk was in charge of the program this week and had as guest speaker Dr. A. D. Frank, teacher of history at E.C.T.C., who is well known for his knowledge on world affairs.

Dr. Frank spoke on Postwar Service, discussing Russia and other countries as to their cooperation in the UNO. He also referred to the atomic bomb and its importance toward making this a peaceful world or one to be destroyed by the wrong use.

Attendance for the month was announced by Secretary Bob Barrow to be 93% perfect. Billy Morton was a guest for the evening. Gregg Pickett will be in charge of the program next week.

Friday, May 3rd, has been set for Ladies' Night and Frank Allen announced that District Governor Jasper Hicks will be the speaker for the occasion.

The respective States of the Union would have plenty of power if they had plenty of cash.

The majority of the well-known human race is interested in profits, pleasure and platitudes.

Emily Post may not have said so but it is bad manners to have an automobile here at a pedestrian.

Gen. Homma Walks To Death Before Firing Squad at Manila

Methodists Hear Bishop W. W. Peele

In an informal meeting Wednesday evening in the basement of the church, Bishop W. W. Peele, head of the North Carolina and Virginia Methodist Conference, spoke to the local Methodist men, Farmville having been chosen as the place for the Bishop's current official visit to the District.

Dr. T. M. Grant, Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District presided and in a few introductory remarks prior to introducing the speaker, reviewed the work of the District and pointed out that it is first in many phases of the work of the Conference and was the very first to meet its appointment for the Crusade for Christ.

Bishop Peele talked on the origin and growth of the Methodist Church, stating that the Methodist movement was started in England by John Wesley, however the first Methodist Church of the world was organized in Baltimore, Md.

A highlight of his speech was an account of the consolidation of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the south, The Methodist Protestant Church and the Northern Methodist Church into one unified organization, now known as The Methodist Church.

He spoke of the organization and policies of the church being strictly of a democratic nature and stated that all conferences and boards are equally represented by preachers and laymen.

Short talks were given by the local pastor, Rev. E. E. Clegg, and Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, who presented a report of her work as a Rural Deaconess.

Following adjournment a committee from the W.S.C.S. served ice cream and cake.

BERRY SALES

This year's North Carolina strawberry crop has started moving to market in the Chadbourn area at the present ceiling of \$10.56 per 24-quart crate, D. S. Matheson, fruit and vegetable marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, reported Wednesday.

He said that prospects are for a crop about the size of last year, with general marketing scheduled to begin in the Tabor City-Chadbourn-Wallace section Monday and in Mt. Olive on April 15.

The producer ceiling on strawberries will be \$10.56 per 24-quart crate through April 15, \$8.88 until May 2, and \$7.80 for the remainder of the North Carolina season.

Matheson said that T. W. Williamson, who lives just out of Chadbourn, marketed the first 1946 strawberries in this State, with Herman Blake, who resides nearby, coming in second. Last season, the first North Carolina strawberries were marketed in Tabor City on March 28.

FOREWARNED

"I desire to ask your daughter to be my wife," said the young man. "Well, don't get me mixed up in it," said the father. "If you don't get along together I don't want you to have a chance to say it was my fault."

BY WAY OF CERTIFICATION

"You would scarcely think it," we said, "but Henry Ford has built to date more than 10,000,000 cars."

"I can well believe it," snarled J. Fuller Gloom, the hater of his species, "for I have jumped out of the way of most of them."

Tax Refunds

Washington, April 5.—The Internal Revenue Bureau reported Thursday that tax refunds, credits and interest totaling \$1,023,475,000 were allowed in the first year ended last June 30. This was a sharp increase from the previous year's total of \$171,264,083.

The jump was attributed principally to "refunds made to individuals whose income tax payments exceeded their liability." The withholding tax was a major factor.

At the same time, the Bureau reported that results of tax refund investigations brought the Government an "unprecedented total" of \$553,135,953. Of this, \$300,026,906 applied to income tax returns and \$253,108,047 to excess profits returns.

Agronomists encourage farmers to get a true soil test before applying more than one ton of lime to farm land.

The housewife can make an important contribution to food conservation by pre-cooling small everyday wastes, such as the off which run over the side of the can or is left in the salad bowl.

Lt. Gen. Hikotaro Tajima Hanged Within 30 Minutes For the Atrocity Slaying of Three American Fliers

Manila, April 4.—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, a black hood over his head and a white target over his heart, died before a U. S. Army firing squad early Wednesday morning, calm and silent to the end.

The stocky Japanese, who was General MacArthur's foe in the 1942 battle of the Philippines, died for ordering the Death March on Bataan and condoning widespread atrocities in the Philippines.

The execution took place at Los Banos, 20 miles south of Manila, at about 1 A. M. It was there that Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita had been hanged in disgrace. Homma had headed the Japanese in victory in the Philippines—Yamashita in defeat.

Thirty minutes after Homma died, Lt. Gen. Hikotaro Tajima was hanged for the atrocity slaying of three American naval fliers in May, 1944.

Without perceptible emotion, Homma strode to the execution scene between an escort formed in double ranks. A chaplain walked with him. Homma stood silent, his arms bound behind him, as the officer in command read the charge, finding and sentence.

The Japanese indicated he had no last statement. Weeks before, he had written to old friends in Japan that he knew he could not escape the death sentence.

"I have failed to fulfill my task with justice and charity," he wrote. "... I do not blame anybody... I want to go—the earlier the better—to the place where Japanese soldiers fell and where American soldiers sleep. I must apologize to God for all my sins."

While the twelve men of the firing squad watched, Homma was bound to a post and the hood placed over his head. The four-inch round white target was put over his heart by the medical officer.

The firing squad unlocked rifles as the officer in charge raised his arm. There was tense silence as the men took aim.

Seconds later the crack of rifles ripped the tropical night and the once-victorious Japanese commander was dead.

New Roanoke Type Soybean Promising

A brand new type soybean, well adapted for use in the Piedmont and Coastal Plains sections, has been developed and promises to displace other strains in this state because of its greater yielding capacity, higher oil content and resistance to shattering.

Dr. E. E. Hartwig and J. A. Rigney, State College agronomists, directed the development of this new soybean variety. Work was begun on the project in the fall of 1941 and has just been completed.

The agronomists said that even if the higher yielding qualities of the Roanoke bean are discounted, its non-shattering quality and much higher oil content will soon establish it as the State's top soybean.

The Roanoke is a "medium sized" variety. It is medium in height and size of stem, has grey pubescence and white flowers, matures around October 25. The seed is yellow and medium in size. The Roanoke seed is smaller (2,700 to the pound) than Wood's Yellow (1,800 per pound). It resembles the Volstead type in general characteristics and time of maturity but has given higher seed yields and a greater volume of oil.

On the heavier soils of the Tidewater region, the Roanoke and Ogden types have given similar yields. Roanoke was superior in oil content, however.

Extensive tests of the new strain at McCollers, Plymouth, Willard and Statesville in North Carolina, and Florence in South Carolina, gave it a production edge of almost six bushels per acre above Wood's Yellow.

War Brides Coming To Pitt To Reside

Mrs. Walter E. Taylor, executive secretary of Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is cooperating with the War Department in transporting war brides of American servicemen to this country. She has already notified three ex-servicemen of the arrival dates of their wives at the port of New York.

The wife of James L. Orman of Fountain arrived on the SS Valerian on March 22.

Amy Mills of Greenville and Otto Mayo of Grimsland left last Saturday for New York to meet their wives, due to arrive there on the SS Washington Tuesday.