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Molotov on Big Four Meet

The first official reaction from the Soviet Union, resulting from the Allied proposal for a Big Four meeting this summer, was highly significant. Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told Western officials that the Soviet Union was willing to meet in several places, suggesting Vienna.

Western diplomats were willing to meet in any of several countries. The question had been whether the Russian Premier would be willing to come to either Switzerland or Austria to meet with Allied leaders, something Joseph Stalin and Georgi Malenkov were almost never willing to do.

Stalin came the closest to being that accommodating when he met with Allied leaders at Yalta. But even at Yalta he was in Russian-controlled territory. Russian leaders have been notorious for their reluctance to travel beyond Russian-controlled territory. Many observers have put that down to traditional suspicion and distrust that is characteristic of the Slavs.

Now, however, Premier Bulganin is willing to leave Russia and Russian-controlled territory, to meet with Western officials. There is significance in this and there is the hope that this attitude might be a sign that Bulganin will be more reasonable, more trustworthy, than his forerunners.

Western diplomats noted that Molotov—in revealing the official USSR position—was friendly, frank and not nearly as reserved as usual. This from the cold-blooded deception artist, Molotov, might mean little. But certainly the willingness of the number one leader in Russia today to come to a neutral country to meet with Allied leaders is an indication that progress is possible at the prospective Big Four meeting this summer.

Breakfast and Reducing

To all those either reducing or planning to reduce, we would give the following advice—keeping in mind that advice is seldom wanted and ever more seldom followed when given.

It has become fashionable—especially among the fairer sex—to include in one's plan for losing weight the omission of breakfast. Yet recent knowledge proves that skipping breakfast is an improper way to diet which seldom makes for effective weight reduction.

Scientists are almost unanimously agreed on this point. Skipping breakfast usually results in one or two things: either compensation for the loss of food at breakfast at other meals, or compensation for it between meals. Moreover, unless there is a severe case of nervous tension involved, the body needs a balanced breakfast at the beginning of a work day.

We will add one more word of advice to

members of the fair sex, and that is non-professional advice. Over-emphasis on the slim figure is resulting in the drying up of several million American females. It is getting to the point where the local belle who has a figure resembling one of the 10-inch boards off the back fence is envied by other ladies in her community.

Impact of Social Security

Experts estimate that a million Americans will come under the Social Security pension plan in this country each year from now on. The program is 20 years old, and the number of Americans being retired under the program has not approached figures which are now being recorded.

Though some of us are unaware of it, the impact of social security in the United States is having a profound effect on the economy.

Although Social Security and pensions have been commonplace for many in other countries for decades, Government pensions and the many pensions now being offered by private businesses are just now encompassing the vast majority of Americans reaching retirement age.

This is a factor which will tend to ease the effect of economic recessions, open up new jobs for younger workers, increase jobs by maintaining a high level of buying power, and act as a stabilizing influence in other ways. This is one reason many business experts believe the level of purchasing power in the country is likely to stay relatively high in coming years.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

"The nation's farmers, despite much Capitol Hill lament about weakening farm prices, appear to be doing fine," reports the Wall Street Journal in a news roundup. It adds that "spot checks in rural communities around the country find farm folks in many instances spending more freely than a year ago." Most farmers, it seems, talk more about recent drought troubles than about the easing in prices, which are off an average of some five per cent from the comparable periods of 1954.

First of all, the farmer's economic gains can be truly described as spectacular. Due to greatly increased output with greatly decreased manpower, per-capita cash income from marketings has increased nearly sixfold in 15 years, as against a three fold jump in non-farm per-capita personal income. Secondly—and this will come as a surprise to most non-farmers and perhaps to many farmers as well—the best money returns have not been from the crops which are bolstered by government price supports, such as wheat and cotton. They have come, instead, from cattle, hogs and chickens, which are not supported and are sold in the free market.

The output-manpower relationship is the big thing. Between 1910 and 1940 there was little change in the farm population—it held to a 30,000,000-plus level. "Then," says the Wall Street Journal, "came the machines. Between 1940 and 1954 the number of tractors and tractors on U. S. farms increased threefold. Milking machines increased fourfold, grain combines fivefold, mechanical corn pickers sixfold. And, after holding steady for 30 years, farm population suddenly slumped nearly a third—to about 21,000,000." In that same brief space of time, agriculture output soared by more than 30 per cent, smashing all past records to smithereens. There was a great deal more money, and a lot fewer people to share it. In 1940 farm per-capita income was \$272—last year it was about \$1,367.

As the paper also points out, "Farm income is not scattered evenly around the land." The top 12 farm states have more money income than the other 36 combined. California is now first in marketings, closely followed by Iowa. Illinois, Texas, Minnesota and Indiana come next, in that order, and the other middle states, with New York, are among the leaders. On the other hand, a group of Southeastern states starting with Louisiana and running across through South Carolina, but excluding Florida, had the poorest showing. Their incomes in 1954 were down as much as 21 per cent from 1953. A big cutback in cotton planting and severe drought were the reasons for this. Even so, the paper quotes an Atlanta observer as saying Southeast farmers "are not singing the blues," and that "there is no reason to believe that they are not making their normal average purchases at the retail counters throughout the area."

To sum up, the farm picture in general is not as black as some paint it, even though prices are down from the peak. And by comparison with the conditions of 15 years or more ago, farmers are doing extraordinarily well.



Report From Washington

There is a growing belief that Soviet Russia's influence, and the threat she posed to world peace, have reached a peak and are now declining. And the willingness of the Russians to meet with western leaders seems to tell two stories.

First, the agreement on a Big Four meeting shows that there is trouble in Russia. Russia is faced with a gigantic problem in holding down the populations in occupied countries, and in former countries now included in Russia, and millions under the grip of Communist rule for ten years now are growing restless.

The new rulers in Moscow hope to profit from a Big Four meeting through propaganda, possible concessions and in other ways there is a chance the Reds will themselves be more inclined to make some concessions this time.

But the major revelation from Russian leaders may be the tip-off that the Communists have concluded they could gain little more from western countries by utilizing the threat of war. If they appear more reasonable in the upcoming Big Four meeting, this will be the reason.

Russian leaders know the turning point for Communism is either at hand, or just past. Two arch traditional enemies of Russia, Germany and Japan, have just begun to move, officially and finally, toward rearmament and military alignment with the democracies. "West Germany and Japan," each on opposite sides of Russia, when they are rearmament, pose an answer to Red power and threats. Japan "lost her chance to defeat the Communists when she refused Hitler's ardent pleas for an attack "in the back" on Russia in 1941. The Japanese reward for this neutrality was the Russian attack in 1945.

For ten years now the Soviets have not had to contend with a Germany or a Japan. Fortunately the democracies occupied areas in Germany which included fifty million of seventy-five million Germans and the United States occupied Japan. The Russians thus lost their chance to prevent the re-emergence of these countries as independent nations.

Now that West Germany and Japan are beginning to rearm, Russian leaders face an immediate choice. If a fight is to come between east and west, the Communists will fare better before Germany and Japan are rearmament. If the Russians are not ready to participate in a fight now, concluding they would lose, because of the unrest at home and in slave countries, then better relations with the democracies is a must.

Some Communists no doubt believe the time to fight is at hand, before Japan and Germany are rearmament. It is thought that Chinese threats to attack Formosa might have been secretly encouraged by those who thought the U.S. might be bled white in China before she could successfully guide the rearmament of Germany and Japan. But top-level Kremlin policy seems to have turned against war now.

One major military threat the Communists will utilize in the future, even if they ease relations with the democracies, is the threat of steadily rearming East Germany to counter West German rearmament. In this way the

Reds hope to dissuade the German people from aligning themselves with NATO powers, and tempt them into a policy of neutrality, in hope that Russia will agree to renunciation.

But Japan may be on her way. Once rearmament, Germany and Japan, two countries which contain three-fourths as many people as Russia, and which have a larger industrial capacity, will be able to counter the Russian threat themselves. Thus the desperate effort to delay West German rearmament.

The latest economy appraisals contain good news; the business boom is to continue throughout the year and into 1956. For a long time there was much hedging on the part of economic forecasters on business conditions in the last six months of this year.

Now, however, there is little reluctance on the part of most of them, to predict a good final six months in 1955. Some even go so far as to say business will be good throughout the first half of 1956, and maybe through December of that year. The business boom is surprising some of the experts. It has vigor and continues at a fast pace.

When it will end is a question not easily answered with guesses ranging all the way from the prediction that the country has embarked on a "new era" to those that the election year, 1956, will see the end of the current business splurge.

Outlaw's Bridge

(By Mrs. J. H. Parker)

(Intended for last Friday's issue)
 Dr. and Mrs. Russell E. Outlaw of Morehead City were among Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Outlaw.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker and son Jimmy and Amos J. Outlaw visited in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., Sunday and Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd D. Sutton and Miss Jacqueline Sutton of LaGrange and were guests of Mrs. Sutton's daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Meyer, while in Baltimore.

Long Ridge

(By Mrs. Pearl Sutton)

(Intended for last Friday's issue)
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fryer and Jessie Fryer of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dail and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Dail Sunday.

Mrs. Orrie Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Carter visited Marcia Scott of Fayetteville Sunday.

Mrs. Dan Newborn and daughters, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Uzzell. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis and sons of Holly Ridge spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Parker and daughters of Holly Ridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sutton Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Quinn and baby of LaGrange and Mrs. J. F. Hines of Goldsboro spent Sunday with Mrs. David Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Manning of Warsaw spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dail were in Wilmington on business Monday. Audrey Bass of Chadbourn, brother of Mrs. Bill Dail, left last week for military duty in Alaska.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

By REV. ERNEST K. EMURIAN

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

The white minister who was to become president of a great Negro university picked up a dictionary in his study at the First Congregational church, Washington, D. C. He thumbed through the pages until he found what he wanted, and then made some notes on a pad at his side: "Farewell—fare thee well. Wherever you go, whatever you do, however circumstances affect you, may you fare well." Another volume furnished an interpretation of the slang expression, "So long", and hinted that it was possibly an English corruption of the Mohammedan greeting, "Salaam Alaikum" which means "Peace be with you". Noting that the French farewell, "Adieu" or "Au Revoir" means "Till we meet again", he then looked up the word "Goodbye". He jotted down these notes: "Goodbye—God be with you. Can God go with everyone? Suppose they don't want Him to go with them? Is this not a parting word for Christians only?"

With that he looked up the various "Farewells" in the New Testament and found these references: Acts 15:29, "Fare ye well"; Acts 23:30, "Farewell". From the original Greek, he discovered that these words have a wide variety of meaning, including "God make you strong, but strong; be well; be firm; enjoy good health; rejoice; be joyful and be full of joy."

Since his Sunday evening congregations were growing, the resourceful pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904) featured evangelistic singing. He had already edited a book of gospel songs two years earlier, "Gospel Temperance Hymnal", having been published in 1878. Even before that, some of his original hymns had been included in "Song of the New Life", published in 1869.

This particular Sunday night in 1880 he wanted to close the services with a farewell hymn. The only good one in the standard hymnal was John Fawcett's "Blest be the tie that binds". But Rankin wanted something different, more of a liturgical gospel song than a dignified hymn. Not finding what he wanted, and with the results of his recent study of the dictionary and the Bible in his mind, he sat down and wrote the first stanza of his own "benediction hymn."

God be with you till we meet again,
 By His counsels guide uphold you;
 With His sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

He sent the words to two musicians, asking them to try their hand at composing an appropriate tune for the stanza and chorus: "Til we meet at Jesus' feet, God be with you till we meet again."

The tune that suited him and seemed to express the spirit of the

Television Programs

WNCT — Channel 9 — Greenville

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:55—Carolina News	7:00—Morning Show, CBS	7:00—Morning Show, CBS	7:00—Morning Show	8:00—Cavalcade of Amer.	8:00—Cavalcade of Amer.
9:00—Kroll's Nest	7:30—Cartoon Carnival	7:30—Cartoon Carnival	8:00—Cavalcade of Amer.	8:30—Sports Calvacade	8:30—Sports Calvacade
9:30—News	8:00—Cactus Jim Club	8:00—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:00—Sports Calvacade	9:00—Sports Calvacade
9:45—Morning Meditations	8:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
10:00—NAME-O	9:00—Cartoon Carnival	9:00—Cartoon Carnival	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
10:30—Strike It Rich	9:30—Cactus Jim Club	9:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
11:00—Tenn. Ernie Ford	10:00—Cartoon Carnival	10:00—Cartoon Carnival	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
11:30—Search for Tomorrow	10:30—Cactus Jim Club	10:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
11:45—Guiding Light	11:00—Persons, Places	11:00—Persons, Places	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
12:00—Bob Williams Show	11:30—Crusader Rabbit	11:30—Crusader Rabbit	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
12:30—Welcome Travelers	12:00—Band of the Day	12:00—Band of the Day	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
1:00—Farm Facts	12:30—Weather	12:30—Weather	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
1:15—News	1:00—Farm Facts	1:00—Farm Facts	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
1:30—Good Cooking	1:15—News	1:15—News	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
2:00—Big Payoff	1:30—Good Cooking	1:30—Good Cooking	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
2:30—The Christophers	2:00—Big Payoff	2:00—Big Payoff	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
3:00—Brighter Day	2:30—Cartoon Carnival	2:30—Cartoon Carnival	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
3:15—Salad Mixer	3:00—On Your Account	3:00—On Your Account	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
3:30—On Your Account	3:30—Cactus Jim Club	3:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
4:00—College Program	4:00—College Program	4:00—College Program	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
4:30—Cartoon Carnival	4:30—Cactus Jim Club	4:30—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
5:00—Cactus Jim Club	5:00—Persons, Places	5:00—Persons, Places	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:00—Persons, Places	5:30—Crusader Rabbit	5:30—Crusader Rabbit	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:05—Crusader Rabbit	6:00—Band of the Day	6:00—Band of the Day	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:10—Safety Tips	6:15—Sports	6:15—Sports	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:15—Sports	6:30—Brighter Day	6:30—Brighter Day	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:30—Weather	7:00—Morning Show, CBS	7:00—Morning Show, CBS	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:35—Carolina News	7:30—Cartoon Carnival	7:30—Cartoon Carnival	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
6:45—Perry Como	8:00—Cactus Jim Club	8:00—Cactus Jim Club	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
7:00—Godfrey and Friends	8:30—I've Got a Secret	8:30—I've Got a Secret	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
7:30—Hit Karoon	9:00—The Flights	9:00—The Flights	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
8:00—The Millionaire	9:45—Greatest Flights	9:45—Greatest Flights	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
8:30—I've Got a Secret	10:00—Public Defender	10:00—Public Defender	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
9:00—The Flights	10:30—Fresca Theater	10:30—Fresca Theater	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
9:45—Greatest Flights	11:00—News	11:00—News	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
10:00—Public Defender	11:05—Sports Nitecap	11:05—Sports Nitecap	8:30—Cavalcade of Amer.	9:30—Sports Calvacade	9:30—Sports Calvacade
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

All of us here at Mount Allen College are truly grateful to you for the interest which you have taken in the College this year. Your support and the publicity that you have given us have helped to make this a successful year.

We especially want to thank you for your service in making mats and cuts for us. We assure you of our continued good will.

Sincerely yours,
 William Burkette Raper,
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Piney Grove

(By Mrs. Percy Sutton)

(Intended for last Friday's issue)
 Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sutton and Lena Mae Sutton visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sutton in Warsaw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Sanderson of Raleigh were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starling and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sanderson. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hatch and family of Clinton were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Williamson of Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. James Weeks and children of Newton Grove visited Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sutton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sutton visited the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Linberger and Mrs. Nancy Naylor in Dunn Sunday.

Miss Virginia Sutton was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Sumner of Clinton.

Mrs. Mabel Brewer spent the weekend at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Harvell of Thunder Swamp visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Konegny Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sutton had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Vans and children, Charlie and Kathryn, of Mount Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt King of Poplar Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Sumner and James of Clinton.

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