

Lenten Guideposts

What Will We See In 20 Years?

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Whatever man conceives in his heart or mind can become a reality. Here is an example of what I mean. At the 45th anniversary of our organization I asked our scientists to give me three gifts for our 50th birthday: a tape recorder for both black and white television, an electronic amplifier of light, an electronic air conditioner without any moving parts.

One startled scientist said: "It's a wonderful thing to have an imagination unrestrained by a knowledge of the facts." But in five years they developed all three.

Their strength gives me courage to stick my neck out again, and predict what they and others will achieve in the next 20 years.

Nuclear energy will be used in industry, planes, ships, trains, automobiles. Direct conversion of atomic energy into electricity, a principle already demonstrated, will be a fact. Solar energy will be effectively harnessed and in worldwide use. In underdeveloped areas this will prove a miraculous blessing.

In communications, color television will be completely global. Individuals will be able to hold two-way private telephone conversations and see each other as they talk. And the beginnings will be made in instantaneous translation of languages, so people will finally understand each other across the barriers of Babel.

In transportation jet-propelled and rocket vehicles, powered with nuclear fuels, will travel at 5,000 miles an hour with greater safety and comfort than today's airplanes. Many of the world's leading cities will be within commuting distance of one another.

Famine will be eliminated practically everywhere. Through striking developments in solar energy and electronics, and new biological and chemical discoveries, irrigation, and flood control, men will enrich the land and "farm" the oceans.

In health the new tools of electronics and atoms will bring an avalanche of improvements in preventive medicine, diagnosis, and treatment of human ills. Man's life span will be further extended, probably within hailing distance of the century mark.

All these developments will create an era of economic abundance without past parallel and end much of the wretchedness now covering the earth. The most pressing problem will not be the use of labor, but the intelligent and beneficent use of leisure.

As a REACTION against current cynicism and materialism there will be an upsurge of spiritual vitality. The gradual decline of materialism will be replaced by a new spiritual hunger for faith and salvation, for age-old values beyond the material and temporal, that gnaws at the heart of man. Man will discover that the ride to the great new day will be his ability to substitute faith for fear.

Our atomic age is like a knife: in the hands of a surgeon it can save a life; in the hands of an assassin it can take one. But to see WHAT on page 2-A

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(AP Photo)

Double Care Needed

Tom Quinn of Fitchburg, Mass., has a doubly precarious job. Not only does he work suspended by ropes, but his working materials are part gold. He is one of 30 men gold-pitting Georgia's capitol with gold mined in North Georgia.

Wife-Slayer Flees N. C. Prison Camp

Billy Lee Privette, convicted here of the second degree murder of his ex-wife last April, has escaped from a North Carolina prison camp.

The 26-year-old former veterinary employe escaped from the Caledonia prison camp in Halifax County Feb. 6 and is still at large. State Prison officials said today.

Privette was working in the prison camp laundry when he fled. Caledonia is not a maximum security camp, but its isolation in a rather barren section of the state has kept escapes at a minimum through the years. It is a large prison farm and most of the inmates are Negroes. Privette was one of a handful of white prisoners in the camp.

ESCAPED ALONE

He escaped alone and prison officials have no idea of his whereabouts.

Privette was serving from 20 to 30 years for killing his former wife, Frances White Wingfield, 32, 123 W. Kingston Ave., on April 9.

He pleaded guilty before Superior Court Judge J. B. Craven on May 8 and received the maximum sentence for second degree.

A grand jury had originally indicted Privette for first degree murder but Solicitor Gray Stott told Judge Craven the state had little evidence other than Privette's confession, and that he would "reluctantly" have to accept the second-degree plea.

Privette was arrested on a tip from Privette's fourth wife, Catherine, from whom he had been separated since February. He had just been tried on a charge of assaulting Catherine with intent to kill and had been released on a six months' suspended sentence.

Privette was arrested April 15 at his trailer parked near a veterinary hospital where he worked. Just before he was arrested police found the body of Mrs. Wingfield sprawled on a See WIFE ON Page 2-A



BILLY LEE PRIVETTE

Marshall Still Seriously Ill

By CHARLES L. WEST

FT. BRAGG (AP) — Gen. George C. Marshall remained in serious condition here today. He suffered a mild stroke yesterday and a slight case of pneumonia.

A doctor with a Gen. Marshall's bedside during the night. Gen. Marshall, who served an Army staff of staff during World War I, and later was secretary of state and secretary of defense, was stricken yesterday with his second stroke within 34 days.

He suffered the first mild stroke Jan. 15 at his winter home in nearby Pinehurst and has been hospitalized here since.

MEDICAL REPORT

The medical report on Gen. Marshall last night said, "His prognosis remains guarded. If it (the stroke) stabilizes, chances of recovery are good."

Col. Powell said the pneumonia is not complicating his stroke condition. The doctor described the pneumonia as "minimal." "I can barely hear it, in the area of the left lung."

Mrs. Marshall, who has occupied a room across the hall from the general's isolated sickroom, was at his side periodically through the hours of the second stroke.

The general's treatment consisted of medicinal injections of digitalis for his heart, penicillin to fight the lung infection, a drug for his blood pressure, and intravenous injections of dextrose and water for nourishment.

NO PARALYSIS

Col. Powell reported there was no paralysis of the limbs during the early stages of the second stroke. However, the general experienced "difficulty in seeing in certain directions and in swallowing," the latter prevented him from eating. He took only a few tablespoons of water by mouth.

The first public hint of Marshall's decline came at 4 p.m. Tuesday when Col. Powell reported the general "moderately weaker."

SERIES OF TESTS

The doctor "detected a slight decline" and immediately started a series of tests and observations. He remained with the general through the night. By Wednesday morning he had determined that the general had suffered a second, more severe stroke. It was a progressive ailment which the colonel said he could not pinpoint as to time of occurrence.

Dr. Henry D. McIntosh of the Duke University School of Medicine, who had consulted in Marshall's earlier stroke, and Dr. George A. Levi, eye specialist from nearby Fayetteville, concurred in the diagnosis and treatment.

Man Held In Freak Drug Case

ATLANTA (AP) — A short, chubby man was arrested aboard an airliner arriving here early today after a telephone bomb threat uncovered here valued at about \$500,000 in luggage at a New York airport.

The man carried a New York driver's license issued to Richard Alton Jr., 44, of Jamaica, Long Island. He was held for investigation. Police Supt. J. L. Tugale said.

Federal narcotics agents and Atlanta detectives took Alton, a Negro, off the Capital Airlines Viscount when it arrived in Atlanta at 2:37 a.m. with 13 other passengers aboard.

POLICE ALERTED

Police were alerted after the narcotics were found in an unclaimed brown overnight bag taken off the plane at New York's La Guardia Airport as a result of a tip. Fifty-one packets of heroin were found in the bag.

The New York-Atlanta-New Orleans bound plane was one of four searched in New York.

Alton said he worked for a trucking firm and in addition to the Jamaica address maintained an apartment in Manhattan. His pockets contained several good luck charms, \$117 in cash and change and a switchblade knife.

New York police explained the arrest of Alton this way:

Luggage was removed from the plane to permit a search of the craft because of the bomb report. Passengers then were asked to reclaim their luggage before it was returned to the plane and all but Alton did so.

It was not known why Alton did not comply but it was theorized that he may have misunderstood and thought his bag already had been put back on the plane.

BAG EXAMINED

After the plane departed, the bag was opened and examined by suspicious officers who found the heroin. A ticket on the bag indicated it had been checked by Alton and the name of Hatchett.

As soon as the narcotics cache was found, authorities notified officers in Atlanta to meet the plane and take the passenger into custody.

Police here said the man first tried to claim his name was Hatchett, but a driver's license found on his person was made out to Richard Alton Jr. and the man then acknowledged that was his true identity.

New York detectives planned to get Atlanta today to return Alton.

Other officers were seeking to ascertain if there was any connection with a giant narcotics ring on which officers cracked down last weekend. Seventy-seven persons were arrested and more than 32 pounds of heroin were seized. The find was described as the second largest such seizure ever made in this country.

GET READY FOR COLD 18 TONIGHT

A cold front which struck with stinging surprise should really lower the thermometer on the temperature tonight.

A low of 18 is forecast for Charlotte tomorrow morning. That's 12 under today's 30 and eight under a previously predicted 26.

The cold-air brought winter back to spring-minded Carolinians this morning. The Weather Bureau, right on the button with its 30-degree prediction for this morning, quickly revised its prediction for tonight when the mercury dipped not rise as fast as had been expected.

Shivering weather men said the temperature should not exceed 43 here today, nine under the previously predicted 52.

And another 43-degree top is seen tomorrow.

The slow-rising temperature may not even reach the 40's tonight. At 11:20 the thermometer registered 39 degrees here and many cities in the Carolinas were colder.

—HOW IT CAN HAPPEN— She Tried Brakes, Hit Gas Instead

By BOB SLOUGH
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(Fourth in a series)

It was Christmas Day and the car roiled along a Charlotte street.

Speed: 30 miles an hour.

Weather: Clear.

Maximum safe speed: 35 miles an hour.

Time: 11:12 a.m.

The woman driving was taking a slight left on a curve.

Another car flashed past and its sudden appearance startled her. She attempted to apply the brakes, hit the accelerator instead.

The car smashed into a tree beside the street.

THE TWO

occupants of the car were thrown forward by the sudden stop.

The woman hit the steering wheel column. Her young daughter smashed against the dashboard.

Time: 11:13 a.m.

A man living near the accident scene heard the crash. He called a doctor who lived nearby. The doctor summoned an ambulance and hurried to the wreck scene.

At 11:30 a.m. the woman and her daughter were in a Charlotte hospital.

The daughter suffered a broken nose and broken cheek bones. The woman had three broken ribs, but most of all she suffered a shock of seeing her child hurt.

The woman spent a week in

the hospital, her daughter two weeks.

BUT THE results of that Christmas Day crash are not finished.

The daughter's nose still swells and she is consulting a plastic surgeon.

"Doctors say it will take months for the swelling to go away," the woman said. "But it has been miraculously how she has recovered."

"I'm not up to much of a rush," in my mind I wasn't expecting to see a car cook up the hill. You go around that curve feeling you won't see another car.

"I got up to the gas in the end of the brake. I completely got around the other car and I don't know what happened."

The wreck smashed the front of the car to such an extent that repairs are out of the question.

"I didn't believe it when I saw the car," she said. "I pushed everything out of line. It cost about \$300 to have the car fixed. It wouldn't be worth it. It's all out of line."

THE CAR

is still sitting in a wreck lot. The woman's husband got another car.

That's the way wrecks happen. They come when you least expect them.

Here was a woman on her way to church. It was Christmas time and a happy time.

But it is a Christmas Day she will remember for a long time. On a wreck chart her accident is a pin. It's a figure on a report, a statistic.

To this woman, however, the accident represents heartbreak and suffering.

And what happened to her can happen to anybody.

Delegation Gets Bill Tomorrow

Agreement on a bill calling for city and county school consolidation is near and the bill will go to the county's General Assembly delegation tomorrow.

The bill will be discussed at a joint meeting of both boards at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Myers Park High School. The delegation will hear board members at the Chamber of Commerce at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow and will present the bill for delegation approval — and ultimate introduction in the state House and Senate.

COUNTY SYSTEM

The bill will, in essence, be one which will give the city and county a county school system.

A city school official told The News today the city system will "give up its identity to all intents and purposes."

Among the provisions in the bill:

1. The present school boards will be retained until the terms expire. A new county-wide board of nine members will ultimately be elected.

2. A superintendent will be chosen by the board but no mention is made of who it will be. The principals and teachers shall be elected "in the manner prescribed by law."

3. This provision of the bill requires selection of teachers and principals on a district level just as the present county system does. This is a feature of the county system only.

TREASURER

4. The board shall appoint a treasurer to handle all school funds.

There is expected to be considerable discussion of the bill at the meeting tonight, but general approval is expected. The bill has been in the mill for months.

The Mecklenburg delegation is expected to meet tonight in Raleigh. According to the provisions of the bill all supplemental taxes which may be authorized by the voters shall be levied by County Commissioners on all taxable property within the county.

The rate of the supplemental tax levy, not exceeding the amount authorized by the voters, shall be determined by the Mecklenburg County Board of Education and County Board of Education and County Board of Education and County Board of Education.

The members of the county board and the city board, acting jointly and by a majority vote of members present, shall determine the county-wide supplemental tax levy to be levied beginning July 1, 1960.

Title to all property of the city board as of July 1, 1960. The act shall not become effective unless, prior to the first day of January, 1960, an election is held on a county-wide basis on the question of providing a county-wide supplemental tax levy.

If the voters approve such a tax, consolidation would become a reality, following a number of legal steps by the two boards and the approval of the State Board of Education.

NO BLUFF ALLOWED

BUFFALO (AP) — Acting Postmaster Myron F. Blakeney issued a bid to Buffalo mailmen yesterday ordering them not to make menacing gestures against the dogs on their routes or to trespass. "It's only fair," said Blakeney.

Evening Prayer

O Christ, who ever livest to our intercession for us, we thank Thee that Thou art praying for us by name and in knowledge of our lives. Grant, O Lord, that in times of fasting we may ever prove true to the faith and the fellowship; for Thy name's sake . . . Amen.

Our Weather

Fair, windy and cold this afternoon. Fair with a hard frost tonight. Friday fair and continued cold.

Low this morning	30
Low tomorrow morning	18
High today	45
High tomorrow	43
High tomorrow	43
Sunrise today	7:05 a.m.
Sunset today	6:06 p.m.

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Favorable Date

U. S. To Try Shot At Venus in June

By JULIAN SCHEER
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The United States Air Force has set the Planet Venus as a target this year, according to informed sources in Washington.

Two daring space probes will be made at that time as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's busy satellite program for 1959.

One Venus probe will use an Atlas-Able rocket and the other a Douglas Thor-Able. Both vehicles have been tested at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Both missiles are two-stage vehicles, the Atlas an intercontinental range ballistic missile and the Thor an intermediate range ballistic missile.

The Thor-Able, with additional stages added, has been used three times for lunar probes, the second of which went farther and faster than any man-made missile until the Russian Mecha. The Air Force probe went 71,300 miles.

An Associated Press dispatch today said, "The shooting dates will come midway through June when the earth and Venus are in the best position for the launching."

However, the launchings should take place early in June. Speculations were shaken up spread concerning a possible Venus shoot this year. The expected date of launch has been unofficially set for June 8.

SPACE HANDBOOK

The Rand Corp. prepared a "Space Handbook" for the House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration and the associated report compiled much satellite and missile data on both the American and Russian groups.

Trajectories run by the Rand Corp. revealed that the best launching date for an earth-to-Venus shot was June 8, 1959.

Other best dates are Jan. 13, 1961; Aug. 16, 1962; March 28, 1963; Oct. 27, 1963; June 3, 1964; and Jan. 11, 1965.

Launches are not limited to these dates but launch velocity required increases with each day of postponement.

One attempt will probably be made to circle Venus and another to shoot past the planet.

Plane Avoids Near Collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capital Airlines said today one of its planes was involved in a near miss with a B-47 jet bomber 30 miles northeast of Charlotte, N.C., at 9:55 a.m. EST.

The airline said the propjet airplane "took evasive action" upon encountering the six-engine jet at an altitude of 19,000 feet. The airliner carried 34 passengers and a crew of three.

After landing here the pilot, Robert Spink, said he dived the plane about 600 feet to avoid the B-47. Passengers were shaken up a bit but no one was hurt, he said.

Spink said the incident was reported immediately to the airways traffic control station at Atlanta. He said that center confirmed that there were some B-47 bombers in the area, awaiting clearance to higher altitudes.

Spink said he was flying on instruments and therefore was under air traffic control from the ground. The B-47s were under visual flight rules.

Civil air regulations make visual traffic responsible for special altitude to avoid instrument traffic.