

**WE FACE A CRISIS**  
"Smaller 'island' of war" policy has created a real crisis for the United States in world affairs, says prominent Washington official in a lengthy column on page 8-A.

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# Yancey Sees Immediate Start On Boulevard Project

## Action By Councilmen Clears Way For Work

### Right-Of-Way To Be Acquired

By DICK YOUNG  
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Immediate initiation of plans to acquire the right-of-way for the first section of the cross-town boulevard between E. 7th St. and E. Morehead St. by the State Highway Commission was today anticipated by City Manager Henry A. Yancey.

Mr. Yancey today wrote A. H. (Stanley) Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission and informed him of yesterday afternoon City Council action, agreeing by a 5 to 2 vote to take whatever steps necessary to carry out the contract with the Commission for construction of the highway.

Mr. Yancey expects that real estate representatives of the Commission will come to Charlotte immediately to begin the task of acquiring the property for the 82-foot right-of-way. An preliminary engineering survey has been completed and further engineering studies will not be necessary, Mr. Yancey said.

Under the contract which the previous Council had approved, the work will begin with the first high-ripping from E. 7th St. via E. 9th St. to E. 10th St. and then diagonally across the block to the intersection of E. 10th St. and E. S. Boulevard.

It is estimated that the cost of this initial section will be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 with the City Government contributing \$400,000.

The stretch of the highway between E. 7th St. and Westmoreland Ave. which was the main point of the opposition to the project, will be considered after initiation of the work on the other end of the highway.

Whether the opponents will succeed in their actual construction is open question for the future. In his own appearance before the Council, Mr. Yancey outlined a plan for the project, but the opponents, including the State Highway Commission, have already indicated that they will appeal to the State Highway Commission.

The Council's action yesterday which had been requested by the State Highway Commission as an expression of sentiment of the new administration, was on a resolution which pledges the Council to take whatever steps are required by law to carry out contracts of the previous City Council with the State Highway Commission. It was offered by Councilman John P. White.

The five affirmative votes were cast by Councilmen White, Ernest S. Delaney Jr., Charles L. H. Deane, Mark H. H. Deane, and Claude L. Albee. The two

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## SWELTER

No doubt about it, these last few days have been scorchers. You can swelter in weather like this without half trying. But you can cut that uncomfortable feeling 100% by serving cool Summer meals. Cold cuts, salads and iced drinks help you feel cool even if you're not, and you can find them all in the food pages of every Thursday's Charlotte News. Shop for the week-end with the Thursday

## THE LAST DETERMINED STAND

Opponents of the cross-town boulevard made final and futile appeal to the City Council yesterday afternoon to block the cross-town boulevard and most of those shown in the picture are protesters. There was a sprinkling of advocates, including some of those on the first row, left to right: Attorney Frank H. Kennedy, Frank Thies, chairman of the Planning Board (reading sheet of

## 'Tempest In Teapot'

### GOP Registration Demand Is Scored

Louis Ratcliffe, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, today characterized Republican demands for an immediate new registration of voters of Mecklenburg County as a "tempest in a teapot" and a subterfuge to muddle the 1948 Congressional and Presidential elections.

"It is a new registration is needed," Mr. Ratcliffe said, "it should come in 1948 when the new city limits are extended, for at that time new precinct lines will be drawn and many county voters will become city voters."

He said the Republicans remind him of a "kared bull frog" that jumps and misses his footing."

**FRANKS BRETZNER**  
Chase Brezner, chairman of the County Board of Elections, was quoted by Mr. Ratcliffe to be doing an "excellent job on registration" and predicted that he will be on the "job for a long, long time."

Behind the smoke screen for an immediate new registration Mr. Ratcliffe said he saw the Republicans jockeying to reduce the number of voters in Mecklenburg. Registration lists are built up through the years.

It is possible that the present

## Consumer Demand High

### Prices Of Meat In Sharp Spurt

**CHICAGO** (AP) — The howling steer and the grunting hog jumped back again into the public spotlight today as there were innumerable charges and counter charges in explanation for the sudden boom in meat prices in livestock markets and in butcher shops.

Average price of steers and yearlings at Chicago yesterday rose to an all-time record high of approximately \$26.00 a hundred pounds according to the Department of Agriculture. This topped the peak of \$25.40 established last October immediately after OPA ceilings were removed. For the first time since March 5 the top reached \$30.

Live hogs have not advanced as sharply as beef cattle, the top here yesterday being \$18.75 a hundred pounds compared with \$18.00 on February 20.

Cattle receipts at Kansas City yesterday, the largest for a June 11 in 26 years, advanced to the best price since January.

**SPREAD NARROW**

While the price for top grade cattle is lower, the Department said steers of medium and low goods are higher than last October. A smaller percentage of strictly good and choice cattle are arriving and the price spread between various grades is narrowing.

Meanwhile, retail meat prices also advanced during the past several weeks, and representatives of butchers in the East blamed the meat shortage. Dr. Newark, N. J., butchers threatened to close shop unless prices come down.

The butchers are helpless.

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## Controls On Credit Urged

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — President Truman recommended today that Congress pass a bill permitting extension of controls on consumer credit in peacetime.

Unless Congress does this, Mr. Truman said he plans to end the present regulations, based on wartime legislation. These regulations, under Executive order, fix the size of down payments and fix the length of time in which the balance due must be paid by installments.

These controls affect purchases of such things as household goods, refrigerators and automobiles.

Mr. Truman's views were stated in a letter to Marriner S. Enoch, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, which yields the controls. Enoch has read the letter to the House Banking Committee.

Enoch has asked the Committee to pass a measure giving the Reserve Board power to continue operation of controls in peacetime.

Government analysts have

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## Conferees Agree On Rent Bill

### Extended Through Next Feb. 29

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — House-Senate conferees have agreed on a bill extending rent controls through next Feb. 29 but permitting "voluntary" increases up to 15 per cent if landlords and tenants sign leases running through 1948.

Senator Taylor, Democrat, Idaho, told newsmen President Truman should veto the bill to "place responsibility for destroying controls where it belongs, squarely on the Republican Congress."

Sen. Eugene Sparkman, Democrat, Alabama, said "it looks like that bill or nothing."

Before it reaches Mr. Truman's desk the measure still must receive approval of the full House and Senate.

## PRECIOUS ITEMS



American elementary school books are precious items to these Philippine farm children who study the pictures as they ride the family carabao while at work in the fields.

### FINAL LOOK LATER

In announcing the agreement late yesterday Senator Buck, Republican, Delaware, said members of the conference will have a final look at the bill at another meeting probably this week, before reporting it to their respective chambers.

The present rent control law expires June 30.

The length of the extension was a major point of agreement yesterday. The conferees accepted the Senate-approved bill of Feb. 22. The House asked a flat extension to Dec. 31, with a provision that the President could proclaim an additional three-month extension if he considered this necessary.

The House also gave way on a Senate provision that the new law should be administered by the Office of the Housing Expediter. The House "wanted to turn it over to a permanent government agency to be designated by the President."

House conferees won out, however, on a provision in their bill to wipe out Government controls over commercial construction and allocation of materials after June 30.

The Senate bill had authorized the Housing Expediter to require permits for commercial construction. This was knocked out in conference and the final version, Buck said, will require permits only for amusement and recreational construction.

The bill also provides that housing units completed or converted to housing purposes "on or after" last Feb. 1 shall be freed from controls. It retains a Senate provision for the establishment of local advisory boards to recommend raising or abandonment of rent ceilings. Members of these boards would be recommended by Governors and named by the housing expediter.

## DEMOCRATS ATTACK

Several Democratic members of the conference committee expressed their disapproval of the measure which will be instituted an all-inclusive program of investigations and hearings on fascism.

The committee, Thomas said, did not have time to act on a subcommittee report recommending a full investigation of charges of Communist influence in a \$10 million deal at the Reynolds Tobacco Co. at Winston-Salem, N. C.

**Earthquake Apparently Centered In East Indies**

**NEW YORK** (AP) — Two very severe earthquakes, possibly centered in the Dutch East Indies, were recorded at 4:11 A. M. (EST) and 5:24.19 today by the Fordham University seismograph.

Joseph J. Lynch, university seismologist, said the earthquakes were estimated at about 9,400 miles distant from New York City.

## Congressional Move

### Probe Of 'Reds' In Unions Set

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities decided today to start hearings June 25 on what Chairman J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, New Jersey, described as "infiltration of communists into the labor unions."

Witnesses, Thomas announced, will be members of the CIO Electrical Workers Union from Bridgeport, Conn.; Schenectady, N. Y.; and New York City.

Thomas announced also that the Committee unanimously approved a report on the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which will be released to newspapers for publication Sunday.

The committee in 1944 had reported the Southern conference was "a Communist front organization."

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## WETS WIN AT POLLS

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## Tax Group Under Fire

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Three Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee attacked today as a "pretext" designed to delay the tax reform bill.

Chairman Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, of an 11-member committee outside the bar of world opinion.

The United States laid the foundation for an appeal to the U. N. in a vigorous protest to the Soviet commander in Hungary, charging "flagrant interference" in the elections, and a full inquiry by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Some State Department officials saw the issue as much broader than a mere election. They expressed the opinion that it might be raised in London, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, and elsewhere. They warned of a possible confrontation with the Soviet government.

At Budapest, a prominent member of the Hungarian Parliament called for a referendum on a controlled Government. He called on the Small Holders Party to take the initiative in a referendum to set up a real democracy in Hungary.

Freedom Party Leader Demso made a sensational hour-long denunciation of the new regime, set up after the resignation of Premier Ferenc Nagy. He said it had made Hungary a police state.

"The election is the most objectionable political error since Hungary," he said, "and it is a disgrace of peace, assembly or opinion."

Deputy Speaker Istvan Kovacs, a prominent member of the Communist Party, called for a referendum on a controlled Government.

He said that the government was trying to silence two other opposition members who had scheduled speeches.

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## Represents Non-Communist In Bulgaria

### Foes Expelled From Parliament

**BULGARIAN ACTION**

The Bulgarian Parliament voted today to expel from the House of Representatives the opposition forces of the Peasant Party and other groups.

The Parliament's action on the expulsion of the opposition forces was a surprise. The Peasant Party had been a leading force in the 1946 elections.

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## New Blow Hits Non-Communist In Bulgaria

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**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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### WEATHER

Considerable clouds today, tonight and Friday with scattered showers and occasional light rain. A temperature change cannot be seen today.

Forecast for 24 hours: High and low 72-80; rain; showers.

Forecast for 48 hours: High and low 72-80; rain; showers.

Forecast for 72 hours: High and low 72-80; rain; showers.

Forecast for 96 hours: High and low 72-80; rain; showers.

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