

ESTABLISHED 1888

Allies Block Soviet Rail Links With Western Europe

CLEAN-UP CHARLOTTE



'Flies By The Millions...'
Chapter 9, Section 62, City Code: "No person shall allow to remain on a lot owned or occupied by him any decayed flesh, vegetable or other decayed thing or matter, which may annoy his neighbors or tend to affect the health of any citizen..." Under the corn

Violations By The Hundreds

Disease-Breeding Squalor, Filth Making A Mockery Of City Code

By TOM FEFERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The City Code is filled with ordinances designed to keep down disease, to provide tenements with suitable housing and to keep up all sanitary standards.

But of course this Code is being violated 40 ways from Sunday, every hour of the day — even while we fight like crazy to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis and other diseases.

Within blocks of the Health Department, within a few blocks of some property owners' offices — far enough away from any of us — is disease-breeding filth and squalor that'll make you sick at the mere sight of it.

The Code says it's unlawful to put human excrement on the ground — anywhere.

OFTEN VIOLATED

In innumerable neighborhoods, this is such a frequent occurrence that it has become accepted practice.

More than six persons should use a privy.

You can stand back at the Court House and, with a good shove, toss a rock onto a tumble-down privy being used by a dozen families.

A flash of filth can dump garbage on lots in streets.

But you can find garbage — a flash of filth — on the sidewalks for weeks or months — in neighborhoods ringing the prosperous, busy shopping section of downtown Charlotte.

The Code says you can't dump garbage on lots in streets.

"They deposit their germs in the squallid houses, in the alleys — and on the thin little children who play among the filth."

The Code says that houses must have inside plumbing and inside bathing facilities.

NO INSIDE PLUMBING

Thousands of families — no, make it thousands — walk across their yards to a neighbor-

hood spout, draw a little water into a rusty bucket or old hard can, and wash themselves from tin-tubs.

Jaycee inspectors who walked through the yards and back alleys, to find offensive places where polio virus may be breeding, were shocked at

many of the things they saw. Here's a Jaycee report about some row of houses along Myers St. some four blocks from City Hall:

"Unused toilet in rear."

"Stagnant water in garage."

"Garbage uncovered."

"Garbage of homes in rear."

not cleaned by City.

"Open branch runs uncleaned through and under these properties."

"Residents of these properties using branch for toilet and disposal because toilets are filled up and unfit for use."

"A DISGRACE"

"This condition is a disgrace to the City of Charlotte, and the property owner, whoever he or she may be, should be prosecuted for allowing such conditions to exist."

"For the good health of the community, some action should be taken here immediately."

I went down to 8 Myers St. into this neighborhood, and I came to one conclusion about the Jaycee report.

It was an understatement.

The open branch comes down from the general direction of the downtown business district and moves eventually into Sugar Creek, which itself flows through some of our best neighborhoods.

Where the small creek crosses Myers, storm sewers are constructed, and the water passes directly beneath some of the houses.

UNBEARABLE ODOR

Without bathrooms, the people empty jars into this stream. The odor is unbearable, and in this summer heat it's enough to make people run non-stop out of the neighborhood.

I slid down the steep bank of the stream where it enters the storm sewer.

Garbage—bits of food, corn, matons, beans — had been dumped in the bank. It stuck to the ground, and rotted there.

The flies and insects were so thick that some of the rotten plugs was all but hidden by them.

Directly above this pile of rotting filth, a woman leaned out of the rear window.

Lots people throw stuff out the window.

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U.S., Britain Retaliate For Blockade Of Berlin

Blame 'Technical Difficulties'

BERLIN (AP) — The United States and Britain banned movements of trains between Western Europe and the Russian zone of Germany. American officials said "technical difficulties" caused the stoppage.

The Joint American-British action appeared to be the most serious counter-move taken by the Western Allies to break the Russian blockade of Berlin, now a month old.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay and Sir Brian Robertson, American and British Military Governors, took the action at a conference in Frankfurt. The restrictions are effective at once. The prohibition is against the movement of all trains "originating or terminating" in the Soviet zone.

When the Russians stopped traffic on the long railway between Berlin and the Western zones of Germany, they asserted "technical difficulties" were the cause.

U. S. and British officials in Frankfurt orally termed the rail stoppage a "democratic sanction." Authorities said the rail commerce between the Soviet zone, Germany and Western Europe "doesn't amount to much." Inter-continental rail traffic has been informed of the order through international railway channels.

A Berlin informant insisted that "technical difficulties" are "a do exist" as far as the rail traffic into and from the Soviet zone is concerned.

A certain number of freight trains have been moving into and through the American, British and French zones carrying manufactured goods and raw material products from the Russian zone.

The American-British action means that trains carrying goods from the Russian zone in Switzerland, or to Germany for shipment to Scandinavia no longer can travel through Western Europe if their destination is in the Russian zone.

International mail trains will be permitted to pass, however, so will trains from Eastern countries, as, for instance, Lithuania and Prussia returning German prisoners-of-war also will be permitted to enter the Western zone from the East.

POLICE HEAD FIRED

In another development, the Berlin Government ordered the firing of Soviet police officers who were returning German prisoners-of-war also will be permitted to enter the Western zone from the East.

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Third Party Opens Drive

By JACK BELL

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Henry A. Wallace rolled his new Progressive Party today down a road he and his followers promised leads to a six-and-a-half-hour campaign. With an assertion that "We've just begun to roll," the former Presidential nominee set out to plant in every state the seed of what he called a "new political crusade."

It was born here in a hysterical, shouting convention that ended last night in seven and one-half hours of all-out debate over a party platform.

Wallace, glad to see a decision set while, glared at the television set platform placing "joint responsibility" for the Russian blockade on Russia to keep the peace, then whirled off to a youth for Wallace meeting.

An teen-agers packed into a jammed hotel ballroom roared lustily, the former Vice-President grinned widely, showed back an angry frown.

"Gosh, it's swell to meet with folks who are not playing it safe."

That was a keynote of this first Progressive Party Convention which picked Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho as No. 3 man on the third party presidential ticket headed by Wallace.

Taylor put it into words before the youth conference.

"I was told that if I ran with Wallace, they'll call you a Red and make you a Communist. Well, I didn't identify 'them' but he said he did."

The Communist issue plagued the new party formers throughout their meeting.

It broke out in the Sabbath day platform session when James Hayden of Washington, a delegate offered from the floor an amendment to a constitution assembly, will be elected Oct. 7. Dr. Charter

Hot Words Exchanged Congress Begins Campaign Session

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 80th Congress began its campaign session today. With minutes, House Republicans and Democrats were exchanging hot words of blame over high prices and the housing shortage.

Today's brief get-together was preliminary to hearing President Truman's recommendations tomorrow on these and other problems which he told his party's convention, required an extra session of the "worst" Congress.

Republican Democratic speakers demanded action to relieve the housing shortage and curb the cost of living. The Republicans retorted that the Democratic administration was to blame for existing economic trouble.

TRUMAN SHAPES MESSAGE

In the White House, Mr. Truman put finishing touches on his message he will deliver personally tomorrow (11:30 A. M. EST).

As a prelude to laying down his program, he invited ranking Democratic leaders to an afternoon White House conference.

The Senate took only eleven minutes to come to order and call the roll and then quit until tomorrow.

But House members started speeches that brought Republicans and Democrats into conflict on what are expected to be the most heated sessions—prices, housing and civil rights bills.

The verbal battle continued for nearly two hours before the House adjourned.

Civil Rights Issue

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Jet Planes End Germany Flight

PURSERFELD BRUCK, Germany—Jet fighters of the United States Air Force ended a flight of jet planes over Germany today—and 15 more will arrive in the next few days.

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Tri-Zone Government Agreement Reached On Western Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Military governors and German political leaders of the three Western zones today reached an agreement on plans for a Western German Government. It was learned officially.

"We are all set," said Ambassador Robert Murphy, political advisor to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor. They conferred last week. Washington states the Berlin blockade and other German questions.

The agreement leaves open the door for participation in the future by the Russian zone in Eastern Germany.

The military governors and the ministers-president of the states in the three Western zones decided to elect a constituent assembly, will be elected Oct. 7. Dr. Charter

Reports Of Jaycees And News Spur Quick Action

Meeting Studies Improvement Plan

An organized movement "for action now" toward improvement of sanitation and housing conditions in Charlotte was started by officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and others at a called meeting today.

Spurred into quick action by reports of disease-breeding filth as described in a current series of articles in The News and the findings of Jaycee voluntary inspectors, municipal officials and civic leaders began formulating a plan of improvement.

Establishment of the city's standard housing ordinance into effect, either in whole or in part, was raised as the discussions got underway.

Everett Bierman, who was vice-chairman of the Charlotte Planning Board at the time the ordinance was written, told the group that the ordinance was written and that the law should be put into effect as soon as possible.

Whether these conditions would still make the law impractical at this time can be determined definitely only after it is put into effect today.

Dr. M. B. Bethel, city health officer, said that one of the greatest sanitation problems in the city is outside "neighborhood toilet" used by large numbers of people.

City Building Inspector Harry Sutton said that there are some 200 toilet facilities in the city.

The group of leaders met at 1 o'clock at the invitation of Jaycee officials who plan to present a program of recommendations to the City Government.

The Jaycees conducted a city-wide sanitary inspection for the Health Department as one means of fighting the spread of infantile paralysis, and the volunteers expressed interest in a "shock" at such instances of disease-carrying filth.

"NEEDED NOW"

City-Councilman John White told the group that the city needs sanitation and slums "should not be a gradual thing," but that slum clearance is a "shock" that is needed.

He declared that the Council would take sufficient action to get operation from property owners.

Paul Guthrie declared that the health department should be launched by dividing the city into zones and concentrating on getting a zone as fast as possible.

The session was called by officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce who are sponsoring a program of action toward a

WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy and rather foggy. Wednesday, mostly clear and sunny.

Temperature at 2:00 today..... 91
Sunset today..... 7:17
Sunrise tomorrow..... 5:31
More Weather Data on page 9-A

From East Coast To West Coast

'It' Takes Place Of '47's Flying Saucers

ATLANTA (AP)—The flying saucer—or something like it—back again.

Reports from widely separated sections of the country have described "it" over the week-end.

1. A wingless craft, spurring flames "like a Buck Rogers rocket ship."

2. An aluminum covered balloon.

3. An unusually bright light.

4. A ball of fire.

5. A red and blue flame that burst in mid-air.

6. A flash of cherry red fire.

7. A meteor.

"It" first was reported by two Eastern Air Lines pilots and a fighter pilot during the war, who said they encountered a wingless military plane, spurring fire, near Montgomery, Ala.,

'It's Flying Saucers

It was this way last year when someone said he had seen a flying saucer whizzing around. Right away dozens of persons from every which way they had seen the same thing—or something.

At Montgomery, Ala., this time, two housewives reported a red and blue flame streaking across the sky. Mrs. Ruby Smith and Mrs. Clyde Cobb, suburban neighbors, were chatting in Mrs. Smith's front yard when a "zowie-thing" "It" was "It" burst in mid-air, the two neighbors said.

"Just what it was I still don't know," said Mrs. Smith, who at first suggested a meteor or a star. "It left a long line of flame like a smoke screen."

Another housewife—this one at Indianapolis, Ind.—saw "It" as a ball of fire.

"It" shot out two jets of flame, declared Mrs. Thomas L. Sawyer, and after about three minutes flared up, shot the works, and disappeared.

It was Thursday night, Mrs. Sawyer said, but she didn't pass the word along until after she had read the account given by the Eastern Air Lines pilots.

On the west coast, two employees of the Civil Aeronautics Administration kept their binoculars trained on "It" for hours and came up with the assertion that "It" was neither a meteor nor an advertising blimp.

The Army, as usually, denied responsibility and simply said in effect, "Don't blame us."

Iredell County Issue

This week the CAROLINA FARMER takes off its hat to that great agricultural county of the Piedmont area, Iredell County. 16 full pages of news and pictures about Iredell County, make up the CAROLINA FARMER pages today. Do not miss these swell Farm pages, largest farm section in any Charlotte newspaper.

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