

# Bias Against Catholic Church Denied By Mrs. FR SOLICITORS



A cooling breeze stirs the deep green leaves of the mountain trees. A cold stream cleaves the fertile growth of the slopes. A thin waterfall veils the stark face of the cliffs. And two young people—Kenny and Mary—behold of Chimney Rock in North Carolina's mountains think about the beauty of nature and sigh with sympathy for the folks back home who are warm, very warm. (Photo by Bill Sumner.)

## MOUNTAIN IDYLL

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Similar contract talks with the Southern Coal Producers Association were recessed yesterday at 10.

George H. Love, president of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. and chief spokesman for the North West group, said they still considered the old contract in force until Aug. 14.

That was because on June 10 Lewis gave them the 60-day notice required by the Taft-Hartley Act, which terminates a contract.

UNIV. President Thomas Kennedy held a new conference with the Southern Coal Producers Association on the status of United States forces in Europe, the new agreement said.

Lewis imposed the three-day week to reduce the abnormal coal reserve above ground and to help

Some people think they've reached the top when they get down the back seats in a church.

## Reply Made To Charges Of Cardinal

**Vows Continued Fight For Views**

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, denying any "bias against the Roman Catholic Church," said today she would "continue to stand for the things in our Government which I think are right."

She made the statements in a letter to Francis Cardinal Spellman who assailed her last Friday in a letter for a "record of anti-Catholicism" unworthy of an American mother.

"I assure you," wrote Mrs. Roosevelt, "that I have no sense of being an 'unworthy American mother.' The final judgment on the Cardinal Spellman, of the worthiness of all human beings is in the hands of God."

The controversy stemmed from Mrs. Roosevelt's opposition to Federal aid to parochial schools. Cardinal Spellman said Mrs. Roosevelt aligned herself with backers of the Barden bill in her June 23rd column and two other columns would permit Federal aid only to non-parochial schools.

Mrs. Roosevelt wrote the Cardinal: "I have no intention of attacking you personally, nor of attacking the Roman Catholic Church, but I do believe, of course, continue to stand for the things in our Government which I think are right."

"They may lead me to be in opposition to you and your views within our country, but I shall still be a citizen of this country."

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## Marshall Plan Cries Hit By Dollar Crisis

**By HARVEY HUDSON**

PARIS.—(AP)—Britain's critical dollar shortage has exploded into an economic crisis for all the Marshall Plan countries.

The unexpected British request for \$24,000,000 more American aid than had been tentatively allotted to her, broke like a bombshell among the other countries.

This was especially true since the British had become resigned to the dollar situation. The Marshall Plan countries were agreed yesterday to an appropriation of about 16 per cent below what the European countries had hoped to receive.

The British official said yesterday the British request "could break the Marshall Plan wide open."

An American economist commented that the other European nations "will never stand for it (the British request)."

The British request was transmitted Saturday in a secret note to the organization for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC). This organization still appeals to the Marshall Plan funds.

The British said the note leaked out to the press yesterday.

The British said revised calculations showed the sterling area would have a dollar deficit of \$1,547,000,000 for the year starting July 1. It implied that Britain would need that much dollar aid or would have to cut its imports

and undergo a drop in living standards.

For 1948-1949, Britain received \$220,000,000. When the requests originally were submitted for 1949-1950 Britain estimated she would need \$1,140,000,000. She pointed out that this was a 10 per cent cut from the previous year.

The American Economic Co-operation Administration, in a general scaling down of all requests reduced Britain's share to \$220,000,000. This amount was based on an American appropriation of \$2,400,000,000.

Congress has trimmed the amount still further and prospects are for an appropriation of less than \$4,000,000,000.

## City Council Delays Action For 2 Weeks

**Legion, Clarkson Oppose Proposal**

**By DICK YOUNG**  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Action on an ordinance that would create a seven-member public solicitation commission to regulate financial campaigns in Charlotte was postponed today by the City Council for two weeks.

The Council's decision came after extended discussion and on by the City Council. The ordinance was introduced by Mayor George M. Ivey, and was opposed by the City Council.

The ordinance, passed by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, would create a seven-member public solicitation commission to regulate financial campaigns in Charlotte was postponed today by the City Council for two weeks.

Representatives of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary were outspoken in their opposition to the ordinance.

Francis O. Clarkson, Charlotte attorney and a member of the Community Chest Board, said he was "narrowly in opposition, asserting, 'I don't think charity should be allowed to be regulated.'"

Miss Adelaide Sumner (Miss Sumner) was elected "Miss Charlotte" in 1947. She is president at the state convention of the American Legion in Charlotte. (Chosen from 400 girls, she will represent Tennessee in the Miss America contest.) (AP Wirephoto.)

## Farm Surplus Bloc Wins Test

**WASHINGTON.—(AP)—**Supporters of a move to force the Economic Cooperation Administration to spend \$100,000,000 for surplus American farm products in the European recovery program, won a first round victory in the Senate today.

The initial test on the hotly disputed amendment of Senator McClellan (D-Ind.) came on a technical parliamentary question and gave a 52 to 42 vote edge to backers of the proposal.

A final decision will come later when the amendment itself is voted on before a vote of the bill itself. The Senate acted without a fight the ten per cent cut in recovery funds which would be appropriated.

The amendment to the House-passed bill was approved by voice vote. However, a stack of other amendments still had to be acted on before a vote of the bill itself.

In approving a 10 per cent reduction in the \$1,200,000,000 provided for the Economic Cooperation Administration, the Senate voted 52 to 42.

## Senate Gets Bill To Ban Poll Tax

**By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST**

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—An anti-poll tax bill was laid today on the Senate's doorstep, with indications that it would be abandoned there.

It was the fifth time in less than two years that the House passed the bill. The Senate has refused to consider the bill in the face of threatened filibusters.

The filibuster threat was raised again as the House passed the bill late yesterday.

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**TAMPA, Fla.—(AP)—**A former U.S. State Department official was shot to death today in a building Congress today to judge judgment on the \$1,000,000,000 for the Marshall Plan.

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A member of the sheriff's department here said the picket line was "nearly broken."

All employees at the huge plant stopped when the workers went on strike about 8:30 a.m. today.

McKinney said the common laborers were on strike about three months. He said the company had refused to bargain with the union "because of the Canadian chief of staff on the question of military organization."

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## Russia Adds Stork To List Of First

**LONDON.—(AP)—**The Soviet Union, which has been claiming a stork of life for the past year, got around to the stork today.

The official news agency "Tass" said Russia was the first nation to adopt anesthetics in child birth on a big scale.

Mrs. Beck said, "And the next thing I knew Ray had me by the shoulders and was shaking me."

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