Weather
Partly cloudy and warmer today, continued warm tonight and Thursday.
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Council Talks $6,500,000 Four-Point Bond Issue

LIE SEES HOPE FOR END TO COLD WAR

May Order Fall Vote On 4 Projects

Resume Study At Next Week's Meet

By DONALD MacDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The City Council today gave its first official consideration to a proposed $6,500,000 bond election to provide funds for an auditorium, railroad grade crossing program, and water and sewer expansion.

Next Wednesday the proposal will move a step closer when City Manager Henry A. Yancey said he will have financial estimates from Walter M. Franklin, Water Dept. superintendent, and Leyd G. Richey, City Engineer, to bring before the Council.

Advisability of calling for a single bond election to cover all four major items will be discussed; but at the same time, Councilmen will attempt to decide whether two elections—one specifically for the proposed auditorium — would be more in order.

The $6,500,000 total is not an official estimate, but is being discussed by City Government heads as certain to be the minimum amount of funds needed.

The auditorium alone would cost $2,500,000, according to reports already announced by the mayor's special committee.

A total of $1,000,000 should be set aside as "cushion" for any emergencies which may arise, Mr. Yancey said.

OTHER NEEDS

That leaves $3,000,000 to be earmarked for water and sewer needs and for solving Charlotte's tremendous railway underpass problem.

These financial estimates were advanced only in a general way during a private session of the Council today.

ODELL APPROVED

It was during the public session that the appointment of A. G. Odell Jr. as architect for the $2,500,000 auditorium was approved. His selection was deferred at the May 17 meeting for one week.

Terms of the contract with Mr. Odell will not be binding after June 1, 1950, if funds for the auditorium have not been provided for by that time. The money, of course, can be secured in any way and does not necessarily depend upon a bond issue.

May 27 is date of the state primary, and there is a strong possibility of a second primary which may be held in June, Mr. Yancey said.

October is the date of the forthcoming school bond election — which leaves from July to September available for a bond vote.

Mother, 3 Children Victims Of Fire

GUILFORD, Me. — (AP) — A young mother perished today with three children—two her own—she tried vainly to save from their flaming farmhouse.

Neighbors saved two other children from a downstairs kitchen of the two-story dwelling. Another child ran to safety. None of the three was injured.

The dead were:

Mrs. Lillian Sprague, 25; her daughter, Sandra, 3; her son, Dave, 4; and a boy, 4, known only to whose last name was not available.

DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED

VIENNA —(AP)— Parliament voted today to abolish the death penalty in Austria.

Smashed Italian Armies In Africa

Wavell, British War Hero, Dies

LONDON —(AP)— Earl Wavell, the one-eyed British field marshal who crushed Italian armies in Africa ten years ago, died today.

The veteran soldier, who also served as Viceroy of India in the turbulent period after the war, underwent an abdominal operation on May 5, his 67th birthday. He suffered a relapse Sunday.

A daring strategist who believed in taking calculased risks, Archibald Percival Wavell won the first substantial victories for Britain in the last war. He turned the tide, temporarily at least, in 1940 and 1941 and inspired the empire with hope in a time of deep depression.

Wavell drove Italian forces from Egypt, cleared much of Cirenaica and smashed the strongest elements of Mussolini's African troops.

Reverses followed for Britain in Africa, the German Afrika Corps under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel striking back powerfully while the British were occupied in Greece. Wavell was transferred to the British command in India where, in a period of great political turbulence he became viceroy.

HONORED BY U. S.

In the Far East, as a military commander and a political leader, Wavell played a role in the war against the Japanese which was deeply appreciated in America. Wavell was awarded the Legion of Merit, after the war, by President Truman.

Recalled from India by the British Labor Government, with which he differed on questions of policy, Wavell had time to pursue interests normally not associated with a hard-bitten field marshal. A lover of poetry, he edited an anthology of verse, "Other Men's Flowers,"

EARL WAVELL

which was widely acclaimed. He was fond of poetry that "sings".

"I believe," he once said, "that the taste for music and poetry would be revived if someone would give us words and tunes instead of the dark, obscure, discordant mutterings which pass for poetry in these days."

In the House of Lords, after the war, Wavell fought to improve pensions of veterans of the Indian service. He was one of the sponsors when the Duke of Edinburgh took his seat in the House of Lords.

Late in 1940 Wavell visited Canada on the invitation of Canadian veterans. He attracted attention at Ottawa by saying that in his opinion Germany remains a greater menace in Western Europe than Russia. He described Germany as a "convicted criminal," but observed that so far Russia had merely "committed loitering with intent."

On his return to England last Winter Wavell was elected governor of the Shakespeare Memorial Theater at Stafford-on-Avon, a post he found most congenial.

But his primary interest remained in the military field, and he never ceased assailing some traditional British barracks room and parade ground practices. He wanted alert, intelligent soldiers able to meet emergencies unencumbered by traditional ways of doing things.

IDEAL SOLDIER

"An infantry soldier of today should be something of a successful poacher, a good gunman, and a smart rat burglar," he said. "Common sense and low cunning are essential qualities for battle-craft."

Wavell sarted fighting for the king in the South African war in 1901. Later he was engaged in operations in India in the Afghan frontier. He lost an eye while fighting in France in the first world war.

Married in 1915 to Eugenie Marie Quirk, Wavell had two daughters and a son. The son, Viscount Keren, born in 1916, will succeed to the earldom.

Wavell was created an earl on Feb. 20, 1947. He became a viscount in 1943.

Chemist Held As Soviet Atomic Spy

Admits Wanting To Help Russia

By ORLO ROBERTSON

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) —A 39-year-old Philadelphian research chemist of Russian extraction is held today in $100,000 bail, charged with receiving atomic bomb secrets from Dr. Klaus Fuchs and turning them over to Soviet Russia.

Dr. Fuchs is the former top British atomic scientist serving fourteen years for passing atom secrets to Russia.

Arrest of Harry Gold, senior biochemist in one of Philadelphia's largest hospitals for the last two years, was announced in Washington last night by Attorney General McGrath and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

A few minutes later in the Philadelphia chambers of Federal Judge James P. McGranery, the short, pudgy Gold was given a fifteen-minute hearing and hustled off to Philadelphia's Moyamensing Prison in lieu of bail.

Gold's work at Philadelphia General Hospital was on Federally-financed heart research.

SETS HEARING

Judge McGranery set June 12 at 10 A. M. for a further hearing. The time of his arrest was not disclosed.

The formal information, sworn to by an FBI agent before U. S. Commissioner Martin C. Weldon, charged that Gold and another person, identified as "Gold and John Doe, the defendants herein, did in time of war . . . agree among themselves and with divers other persons to . . . receive from one Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs documents, writings, sketches, notes and information relating to the national defense and with intent and reason to believe that it was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, to-wit the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. . . ."

The name "John Doe" often is used in legal matters to refer to a person or persons whose identity is not to be disclosed at the time, or is not known. The information related that "John Doe" was at the time "a representative officer, agent and employee of a foreign government, to-wit the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

In pursuance of the agreement made "on or about Jan. 1, 1944, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date hereof," the information said, "the defendants Harry Gold and John Doe during the month of September 1944 did meet and confer together in the vicinity of Jackson Heights, Long Island, (N. Y.)."

FAST NOT TRACED

The FBI announcement in Washington last night did not trace Gold's residence or occupation in the war years of 1942-45. The FBI here declined to elaborate, referring questions to the Washington office.

Gold's neighbors in a quiet residential section of north east Philadelphia said they believed the family had lived there about five years.

The jurist told Gold during the hastily called hearing that he did not have to speak without benefit of counsel.

And Gold spoke only twice. He admitted he was the Gold named in the warrant and requested permission to telephone a brother in Philadelphia to obtain counsel. Judge McGranery granted the request.

Later the brother, Joseph, told reporters he had received a call from

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A SLUGFEST FOR PARKING SPACE

Two unidentified motorists engage in a bare-handed battle for possession of a single parking space which both sought to occupy at the same time in Cambridge, Mass. A woman walks by, unconcerned by the roadside row. The winner (left) got his car into the space first. The other car is in the roadway (background). The victor, however, had his windshield smashed by a crank handle in the melee. But he was so elated at getting the parking space that he refused to press charges after police arrested his opponent. (AP Wirephoto).

U. N. Chief Reports On Europe Trip

Bevin Would Admit China Reds To U.N.

LONDON—(AP)—Trygve Lie, summing up his talks in London, Paris and Moscow, declared tonight the possibility exists of constructive negotiations to "reduce the tensions of the cold war and ultimately bring it to an end."

The United Nations secretary-general made this statement shortly after Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced Britain feels Communist China should have a seat in the United Nations. The Chinese issue is the principal obstacle in the way of normal functioning of the U. N. Russia and Britain have recognized Communist China; France and the U. S. have not.

At Lake Success, Soviet and Nationalist Chinese delegations withheld comment on Bevin's statement. U. N. sources would not say whether it meant Britain was ready now to vote for the ousting of the Nationalist Chinese.

Informed diplomats in Paris said France would not stand in the way of Communist China's being seated in the U. N. in place of the Nationalists.

Bevin, who saw Lie yesterday, blames Russia for the China deadlock and challenged her to retake her places on the U. N. bodies she has been boycotting.

Lie, who conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky in Moscow, is expected to continue his efforts for a renewed approach within the framework of the United Nations to end the cold war. A spokesman for the secretary general said Lie would meet President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson in Washington some time next week, at their convenience. He saw President Truman before coming to Europe.

The text of Lie's statement:

"I have been asked to make a statement on the results of my talks with Government leaders in London, Paris and Moscow before leaving Europe to return to Lake Success.

"At this time I can only say that I am not dissatisfied with my talks in the three European capitals. No doors have been closed. I return to the headquarters of the United Nations with the belief that the possibility of constructive negotiations exists. But the results of these exchanges of views and ideas on the United Nations and the so-called 'cold war' cannot be judged as yet. They become apparent during the next two or three months. It is necessary to be patient."

PUBLIC INTERESTED

"The fact that my visits as secretary-general to the four capitals have aroused so much public interest demonstrates not only the desire between the East and the cold gravity of the present division war. It also demonstrates that the United Nations offers the only way by which such differences can be bridged and—in the long run peace be maintained.

"I cannot leave Europe without thanking all the people everywhere who have expressed their support for my efforts. I have never before received so many letters and telegrams and flattering words and wishes from known and unknown people in all walks of life as during my visits to Moscow, Paris and London. I am grateful for the messages from the United Nations association and other peace groups of the war veterans of France with three million members, many groups of mothers and children, and many statements as the motion signed by 144 members of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom and the resolution that was adopted by the Congress of the MRP (Popular Republican Movement) in France.

"I can assure them all that I shall continue my efforts in support of a renewed United Nations approach by the governments aimed at reducing the tensions of the cold war and ultimately bringing it to an end."

Bevin's parliamentary undersec-

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West MP's Begin Berlin Road Patrol

BERLIN —(AP)— A fleet of 36 American, British and French military police jeeps today began an unarmed patrol of Berlin's main road link with the West, the 100-mile superhighway through the Russian zone.

The patrol was part of a "preliminary alert" to which 8,000 allied troops and 13,000 West Berlin police were ordered as more than 300,000 young Communists headed for East Berlin's rally of Red youth this week-end.

Allied-controlled forces will go on a "full alert" Saturday when the final contingent of 500,000 young Communist demonstrators from the Soviet Zone is expected in the eastern sector of the city.

The East German Communist government has warned that regular traffic on the autobahn will be subject to a 3-hour detour from tomorrow on to allow unrestricted movement of Communist youth convoys.

Allied officials said they would not tolerate interference with vehicles of the western powers. Allied military police were under orders to ignore highway commands of the East German police but if Soviet troops enforced the detour, they were to follow it subject to protest.

Soviet-licensed newspapers bitterly complained at the arrest of eleven Leipzig delegates in a Communist-bannered truck in the American sector of Berlin yesterday.

But the west city attorney-general announced that rigorous prosecution faced all who might violate allied sector laws against resistance to state authority, rioting or disturbing the peace.

Communist leaders appeared elated at the prospects of world-wide publicity for the Whitsun "march on Berlin," which they contended would prove Germany's younger generation is wholeheartedly behind their political program.

The rally is dedicated to "peace" with Western powers accused of threatening war — and to "unity" of all Germany, as part of the Soviet bloc.

Communist spokesmen repeated that the entire demonstration would be confined to East Berlin and allied sectors would not be trespassed.

Western officials, although relaying none of their protective measures, appeared to believe that the Communists meant what they now said and the week-end would be relatively quiet, arly this year, Red orators had boasted they would "liberate" all Berlin at Whitsun.

Original hints of violence had caused hundreds of West German and foreign reporters to be assigned to the "Berlin story" this week.

Private Plane Crashes Here

An airplane, tentatively identified as a privately owned Grumman Mallard seaplane, crashed at Charlotte's municipal airport shortly before 3 P. M. today and burst into flames.

Firemen from the airport fire station quickly extinguished the blaze before an explosion occurred.

Scene of the crash was near the hangar beside the former airport administration building on the northwestern side of the field.

Two ambulances from Charlotte quickly brought four injured persons into Charlotte and two other injured persons rymoved at the scene to await arrival of other ambulances, according to first reports obtained by telephone.

There were at least six persons in the plane, and early reports said that they were men. Those first reports said that injuries evidently were sustained when the crash occurred, and it was not thought that the quickly extinguished flames caused any severe burns.

Reorganization Plans In Effect

Truman Fills Federal Posts

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman today named the new Federal Maritime Board and named Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming to undersecretary of Commerce for transportation.

The President also picked three chairmen of Federal commissions, including his old friend, Mon C. Wallgren, to head the new Federal Power Commission. Wallgren, former governor of Washington, succeeds Nelson Lee Smith.

Acting under powers bestowed in Federal reorganization plans which took effect today, Mr. Truman also named former Senator James M. Mead, New York Democrat, to be chairman of the Federal Power Commission and designated Harry A. McDonald to be chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission.

Mead, former Senate colleague of the President, replaces Lowell Mason, a Republican who has been acting chairman of the FPC.

McDonald has been serving as head of the SEC, through the election of fellow members of the commission.

TEMPORARY BOARD

The reorganization shakeup produced a temporary three-member Federal Maritime Board to replace the 5-year-old Maritime Commission which was abolished today. The new board will serve for up to 90 days pending appointment of permanent members. It is made up of:

John T. Koehler, now Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who will be acting chairman.

South Trimble Jr., now chairman of the Commerce Department's advisory board on the Inland Water Ways Corp.

Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, retired, the liquidator of war assets.

Left-over jobs were four members of the old five-man commission. The chairman, Gen. Fleming, stepped into new prominence as policy coordinator of all Government transportation activities with the title of Undersecretary of Commerce.

The displaced members are Raymond McKeough, David J. Coddaire, Orsmille Mellen, and Joseph L. Carson.

The new board will operate within the Commerce Department, under supervision of Secretary Sawyer. It lacks many powers of the old commission, but a new Maritime Administration is to be set up — also in Commerce — to handle ship sales, charters, purchases, maintenance of the reserve fleet, and general housekeeping chores.

Most of the President's 21 proposed reorganization plans went into effect today. The Senate yesterday cleared the last three after killing five previously.

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House Slated To Extend Draft For 2 More Years

By BARNEY LIVINGSTONE

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A two-year extension of the Selective Service Law was ticketed for House consideration today, with passage probable before nightfall.

While extending the draft until 1952, the proposed legislation would put actual inductions on a stand-by basis subject to the decision of Congress to call up men for service.

All youths between eighteen and 26 would continue to register with their draft boards and be processed as at present.

But until the House and Senate, acting together, declared a national emergency existed which required an increase in the armed forces:

1. No inductions could be ordered.

2. The President could not mobilize industry or take over war-essential plants.

3. No eighteen-year-olds could enlist.

4. Voluntary enlistments of less than two years would be prohibited.

The draft-extension bill also authorizes the President, upon declaration of a national emergency, to order into active service all members of the military reserve for 21 months. However, eighteen-year-olds would be excused from this duty at their own request.

No large-scale opposition was anticipated by House leaders. Congress has been warned by defense chiefs that continuation of selective service is essential for the duration of the cold war.

With no debate, the House yesterday rammed through a pair of bills authorizing nearly a billion dollars worth of new defense spending for the fiscal year starting July 1.

One of the measures authorizes the Navy to spend $350,000,000 on a modernization and construction program, and to start work on an experimental atomic-powered submarine.

The program also contemplates construction of a guided-missiles ship, 50,000 tons of new vessels, and conversion of up to 200,000 tons of existing ships.

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said: "We've got to keep abreast" of Russia in submarine development. The Soviets now have the largest submarine fleet in the world, he declared.

Candidates To Be Heard In Five-Minute Speeches

Mecklenburg's voters will get a chance to hear candidates for State and County offices tonight at 8 o'clock in the Civil Court Room of the County Courthouse.

The political aspirants have been asked for their views on several topical questions by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, sponsors of the forum.

Limited to five - minute - long speeches, the candidates for legislative offices have been asked to tell their thoughts on home rule, a new motor vehicle law and urban redevelopment.

Miss Tera Bailey, director of the adult department of the Charlotte Public Library, will act as moderator.

Sid McAden, unopposed in the election for chairmanship of the County Commissioners, will be asked to comment on proposed consolidations of the City and County Health Depts.

Also to be present for introductions and brief talks will be candidates for other County offices and for the Tenth North Carolina Congressional District.

Kerr Supports Frank Graham

Congressman John H. Kerr of the Second North Carolina District, today announced his support of Dr. Frank P. Graham for the United States Senate.

Representative Kerr's position was set forth in a telegram to The News with reference to a report by Tom Schlesinger in Sunday's News that Washington newsmen believed that Mr. Kerr was supporting Willis Smith.

The telegram:

"It has just been called to my attention that an article by Tom Schlesinger appeared in the May 28th issue of your paper which stated that I was the only member of the North Carolina delegation who could be pointed out as being favorable in the race for the candidacy of Willis Smith for the U. S. Senate. This is to state that Mr. Schlesinger's statement is absolutely false and it is my intention to vote for Senator Frank P. Graham."

He Asked Him To Run For Governor

Scott Acknowledges Smith's Assertion

RALEIGH—(AP)—Governor Scott conceded today that he once urged Senatorial Candidate Willis Smith to run for governor.

". . . at that time I did not know he (Smith) was opposed to both the State and national administrations," Scott said. It would be disastrous to send a man to Washington who would fight the administration.

TALKS TO NEWSMEN

The Governor said this to newsmen who questioned him about a statement Smith made in a speech at Greenville last night. Smith told the crowd that Scott called on him in 1948 and urged him to run for governor.

Scott, who appointed Senator Frank Graham to the Senate, is actively campaigning for his appointee in the primary race.

Smith said that although Scott was opposing him "because he says he doesn't want a corporation lawyer, but I am the same corporation lawyer he asked to run for governor two years ago."

Smith also charged that Scott is using State officials, State automobiles, and State employees in his support of Graham.

If these things are being done, Scott said, "they are being done without my knowledge or consent."

The Governor said he appreciated the loyalty of State employees who are for Graham, but "if anyone in State government wants to vote otherwise, that is their entire privilege."

SCOTT ELABORATES

Telling about asking Smith to run for governor, Scott said:

"I had talked to four or five people about making the race, but they all turned it down. Then I went to Kerr Scott and kept on bombarding him to run for governor."

"Many people don't know it, but I had no desire to run for governor. I never had that ambition."

Smith also said in his speech that Scott "evidently thought I was a pretty good lawyer, because he appointed me to head the commission to reform justice in North Carolina."

"And I still do," was Scott's reply to a question about this.

He asserted, however, that the commission "has not done the job and there's a lot of good work to be done before the legislature."

Which Will It Be?

North Carolina's hottest Senate campaign in a generation is drawing to a noisy close. Tar Heel voters will settle the issue Saturday at the polls.

The three principal candidates — their lives, their works, and their platforms—are examined in a special series of articles on page 6-A of today's News.

Once Over Lightly By THE OLD SHAVER

Some people do everything all of a sudden . . . The easiest way to get insanity in your family record is to have some money and have a will.

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