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### Disaster Toll Passes 1,000 Mark

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands.—(AP)—Mountainous new tides rolled in upon Europe's battered coasts today bringing fresh peril to lands which already have counted more than 850 dead in a week-end of hurricane and flood. The toll may pass the 1,000 mark when all bodies are recovered.

Towering waves pounded through ancient dikes at 70 places and covered a sixth of Holland with salt water, bringing the country's worst disaster since the 15th century. The death toll according to the best available count, mounted to 464.

### Fighter-Bomber Action Is Heavy In Korean Skies

SEOUL.—U. S. Sabre jets tangled with Russian-built MIGs all along MIG Alley today. Pilot after pilot was shot down. The Air Force said today's battles ranged from an altitude of 13,000 feet down to 500 feet.

The flashing air battles came after U. S. Superforts and fighter-bombers struck heavily at Communist battlefront positions Sunday night and early today. The Air Force said it was the biggest E-20 strike on Communist positions in a year.

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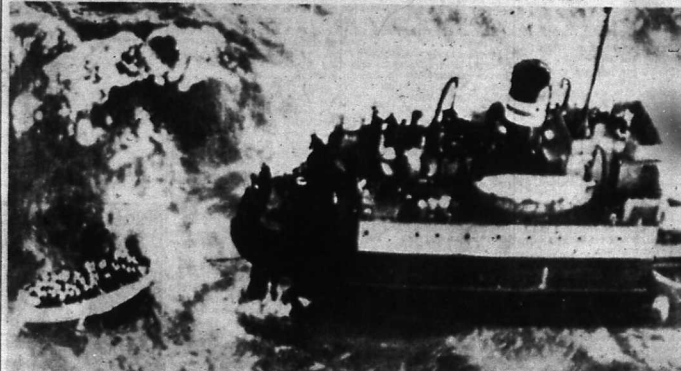
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### LIFEBOAT TRIES TO GET AWAY FROM ILL-FATED STEAMER



A lifeboat from the 2,648-ton British steamer, Princess Victoria, is seen by giant waves in the shaggy lee of the vessel. The steamer later sank off the coast of North Ireland with a loss of 132 lives. Only 44 persons survived the disaster and not one of the women and children aboard were saved. (UP Telephoto).

### More Names Add Fuel To Political Fires

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Possibility of the candidacy for mayor of L. R. Sides, former City Councilman, today heightened interest in the approaching municipal election.

Mr. Sides, who is now director in the City Schools for many years and who is more representative of the Eagle Scouts Corp., is regarded as a definite possibility in the Mayor's race but he said he wasn't ready to commit himself.

He admitted to The News that he is seriously considering the possibility and said he has been given assurance of substantial support if he decides to run. Mr. Sides is now chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission.

At the moment the only definite candidate in the field for Mayor Shaw's place as head of the municipal administration is Councilman Philip Van Every.

Mr. Van Every said The News last week: "It's too early to announce now."

And Mr. Van Every has told colleagues on the Council that he will run as an independent candidate for mayor without alignment with any group of candidates.

But he has assured his Council colleagues that he would not run with any other group that might oppose the incumbent Councilmen who would seek reelection.

If Mr. Van Every carries out his announced intention of running as an independent mayoral candidate it will be interesting to see what happens, as in the past it has generally been the plan for a mayoral candidate to seek election on a ticket with Council candidates.

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### French Anxious Question Dulles

PARIS.—Top French government officials first anxious questions at U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today on President Eisenhower's announced intention of ending the U. S. Seventh Fleet's blockade around the Korean War.

The French are particularly worried that Eisenhower's decision to withdraw the Seventh Fleet may spread the fighting in the Far East.

French Foreign Office sources have said that the new policy toward Formosa waters might mean the United States is thinking of putting Chinese Nationalists into the Korean War.

In that event, the French fear Red China might send troops to help the Communist Vietnamese fighting the hard-pressed French forces in Indochina. The Chinese Reds already are helping the Viet Minh rebels with arms and supplies.

Dulles, on the other hand, wants to find out from the French what they intend to do about getting Western European unity to work.

Washington.—The Supreme Court ruled 6-2 today that double jeopardy is not necessarily involved when a criminal trial is called off because of reluctant witnesses and then started up all over again after the witnesses self-incriminate.

The majority, through Justice Minton, said it was not laying down a blanket rule. But the two dissenters, Chief Justice Vinson and Justice Douglas, said that was the effect of the decision. Justice Black disqualified himself from the case.

The opinion upheld the conviction of David Brock of Tarboro, N. C., on a shooting charge which grew out of a labor dispute. No one was hurt.

At Brock's first trial in 1949, a mental was ordered on the state's request after two state witnesses refused to testify on grounds of self-incrimination. The two had been convicted previously of taking part in the shooting. They said they intended to appeal to the State Supreme Court and did not want to testify at Brock's trial until their appeals were decided.

Seventeen months later, after the State Supreme Court upheld the convictions of the two witnesses, Brock was put on trial again. One of the witnesses testified he was with Brock when the latter did the shooting. Brock was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and got two years in jail.

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### Reds Reject Trip To Russia

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### Would Disavow FDR And Truman Pacts

(Highlights of the President's State of the Union message will be found on Page 2-A.)

By ED CREAIGHT  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Eisenhower announced today he is ordering the U. S. Seventh Fleet to stop shielding Communist China and, in a surprise move, he invited Congress to disavow any Roosevelt-Truman "secret understandings" which permit enslavement of people anywhere.

At home, the new Republican President cautioned against tax cuts until a balanced budget is in sight and gave his blessing to the end of all price and wage controls when present authority for them expires on April 30.

Eisenhower said the present effect of the Truman order neutralizing the Chinese Nationalist island of Formosa is to protect the very Chinese Reds who are killing American soldiers in Korea.

"We certainly have no obligation," he said, "to protect a nation fighting us in Korea."

Eisenhower's mention of secret understandings presumably referred primarily to provisions of the Yalta Agreement with Russia late in World War II.

LONG CRITICIZED  
Republicans long have criticized the arrangement made there by the late President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin to give Russia territorial and other concessions in the Pacific in return for a Soviet promise to enter the war against Japan.

Not until 1947 did the State Department make public what it described as the full text of the Yalta pact.

Eisenhower stressed anew that his administration will aid other nations in the fight against Communist aggression and that his help will be "in the measure that they strive earnestly to do their full share of the common task."

Eisenhower spoke out in a State of the Union message which brought him before a joint session of Congress for the first time since he took office.

"LIBERTY" THEME  
It was a far-ranging 8,500-word address in which the Chief Executive took "individual liberty" for his theme.

He said balance-of-the-budget, and with it the prospect of tax cuts, won't come in the immediate future. He pointed to the "inherited burden of indebtedness and obligations and deficits" which he said threaten to bring down the present public debt ceiling of 275 billion dollars.

He predicted that with the end of controls some prices will go up and others will come down.

He said in emphatic terms this country has "incontrovertible evidence that Soviet Russia possesses atomic weapons." Former President Truman had stirred up this controversy by expressing doubt in a recent interview that the Russians had the atom bomb.

A promised all action within his power to wipe out race segregation in the District of Columbia and the armed forces. Beyond that, Eisenhower indicated he would try through friendly conferences with those in authority in our "satellite cities" to seek civil rights progress.

He announced a new system of economic policy — End wage-price-material controls April 30 but keep curbs on scarce defense items and on rents in critical housing areas. Begin balancing the budget and checking inflation before cutting taxes.

Four ruling purposes—1. Defeat aggression and secure peace; 2. Spur "creative initiative" in the economy; and 4. Unity through equality of opportunity for all.

The summa—a middle course between anarchy and bureaucracy at home and truculence and coward abroad.

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