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## Auditorium-Coliseum Bids Total \$3.5 Million S. WANTS CHECKS

### Alternate Bids To Put Costs Within Limit

Completion In Two  
Years Is Expected

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Bids on Charlotte's \$3,500,000 auditorium-coliseum submitted today came within striking distance of the available funds and city officials envisioned completion of the mammoth entertainment facility within two years.

Total low base bids tabulated at the opening came to \$2,857,338 and A. G. Odell Jr., architect, and J. P. McMillan, chairman of the building committee, were pleased that the prices were so close to the available funds.

Alternates were included in the plans and when some of the non-essential items are left off for the time being it is believed the price will be brought within the range of the bonds on hand.

The low base bids as read today are as follows:

General contract — Thompson & Street Co. \$2,838,312.

Heating, ventilating and air conditioning — Hopkins, Hicks, & Ingle, \$400,000.

Plumbing — P. C. Gentry, \$150,000.

Electrical — F. R. Robinson Co., \$238,000.

Ice rink — Amreco, Inc., of Mississippi, \$24,812.

These low base bids may be changed by deducting certain alternates and when decision regarding these alternates has been made the position of some of the low bidders may be changed.

The figures quoted are the low base bids, which were publicly read by Mr. Odell before the audience of bidders who overcrowded the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall.

Mr. McMillan said at a meeting of the building committee will soon be held with the architect to canvass the bids and to reach decision on acceptance of the alternates.

READY APRIL 1  
It is planned, he said, for the committee to have its recommendations to submit to the City Council on April 1 for the formal award of the contracts.

The low bids as read exceeded by some \$600,000 the \$2,900,000 that is available for the construction of the two buildings on a 26-acre tract at the eastern edge of the city on Independence Blvd.

To purchase the property and to meet other preliminary expenses, city officials have estimated \$100,000 on a bond anticipation note, cutting the \$2,900,000 bond issue that had just been approved.

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### 'Nervous' Mr. Shaw Sees Climax Of A Long Fight

By TOM FESPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A reporter tipped up to Mayor Victor Shaw during the reading of auditorium-coliseum bids at City Hall today, and didn't get a word spoken before the Mayor said:

"My boy, I'm so nervous right now I couldn't comment on anything."

He found it difficult to get his chin off the floor formed by his arm, as he listened intently to each bid.

THE LAST CHORE  
This was the final major step on his list of things-to-be-done during his four years of administration. He listened to the bids, hoping for bids that would place the cost of the huge construction job within reach.

The bidding stage had been a long time coming.

Mr. Shaw had appointed a special committee to lead in his first term of office, and asked the committee to make a careful study and tell the City Council what was needed.

Mr. Shaw had recommended the 2,500-seat auditorium and 15,000-seat



BIG CROWD ON HAND AT BID OPENING

Contractors filled the City Council chamber, and others stood around in the corridor outside, as the bids on the auditorium-coliseum project were announced. Shown in the foreground are

City Manager Henry Vance and Mayor Victor Shaw. It may be as long as 30 days before contracts are awarded.



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It took almost an hour to read the various bids on the municipal auditorium-coliseum project at City Hall. Architect A. G. Odell Jr. is shown standing as he announced the figures.

Shown tabulating the bids are City Purchasing Agent C. Erskine Beatty (left), Secretary Kathryn Odum and Chairman James McMillan of the Building Committee.

### Texan Has 12 To Credit

## Sabre Pilots Bag Six MIGs

By STAN CARTER

SEOUL — An — U. S. Sabre jet

sent six Russian-built MIG-15s

to destruction today at

Col. Royal N. Baker became

America's top jet ace with twelve

MIGs shot down.

Baker, of McKinney, Tex., said

"I always thought Friday's

12th was good luck for me."

He got his 12th MIG and 13th

Communist plane today.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said

another MIG probably was

destroyed and one was damaged in

the main west coast air line.

Another Superfort attacked the

Red front lines on the western and

central fronts.

Two-engineered B-29 Superforts

truck-busting across the peninsula

last night and pilots reported 15

vehicles destroyed.

Along the ground, Communist

jet fighters jabbed the Allied lines

in a dozen spots, but were thrown

back with heavy casualties.

Today's kill Baker ahead of the

jet destruction record he

shared with Maj. George Davis of

Lockwood, Tex. Davis knocked

down eleven MIGs and probably

destroyed another before he was

shot down Feb. 10, 1952.

Davis also destroyed three Red

TU-95 prop-driven bombers which

leads Baker, 14-12, in the number

of Red planes of all types de-

stroyed in addition to the twelve

MIGs. Baker is credited with an

L.A. prop-driven fighter.

Lt. William F. Lloyd Jr. of San

Matteo, Calif., shot down one MIG

today. Two others were credited

to four pilots: Maj. Eugene M.

Sommerich, St. Louis, Mo.; Maj.

Raymond E. Evans and Capt. Lon-

nie R. Moore, both of Fort Walton,

Fla., and Squadron Leader Gordon

S. Hulst, a British exchange pilot.

The warm sun and clear skies

that sent Allied warplanes deep

into North Korea also dried the

muddy Korean battle front.

No major engagements were re-

ported, but sharp patrol clashes

flared all along the lines.

### Civil Service Boss Named

WASHINGTON — President

Eisenhower today nominated Philip

Young, dean of the Columbia Uni-

versity Graduate School of Busi-

ness, to be a member of the Civil

Service Commission.

He announced his intention to

make Young chairman of the com-

mission.

The White House also said Young

will attend Cabinet meetings and

will serve as the President's per-

sonal representative in matters re-

lating to the Civil Service system.

The new appointee is 43 years

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### Comic Dictionary

CHATTEBOY  
A woman who is always holding a conversation but never lets it go.

### Control-Free Coffee Slated To Take Jump

Price Ceilings Off  
Consumer Goods

By WARREN ROGERS JR.

WASHINGTON — The consumer's

market was wide open today —

not a price ceiling in sight —

and there was talk of coffee and

perhaps beer costing more.

President Eisenhower's step-by-

step return to a free consumer

economy came to a halt yesterday

after a six-week control-thawing

drive. The latest order lifted price

controls on goods selling at the

rate of 40 billion dollars a year.

Next day on the decontrol calen-

dar is April 30 when, unless ex-

cepted by Congress, the law which

authorized wage-price controls and

created the Office of Price Stabi-

lization expires after 27 months on

the books.

NO STANDBY POWERS  
Eisenhower has said he does not

want controls continued except for

defense materials and critical ar-

chives. He has said he will not let

Congress for standby power to re-

voke controls in an emergency —

power which some members of

Congress say he should have.

SINCE under controls are harmful

to the defense effort, they

include steel mill products, pig

iron, ferro-alloys, metal, beryllium,

manganese, tungsten, molybde-

nium, tantalum, columbium,

steel drums, mail cans, machine

tools, concrete reinforcing bars,

sulphur, sulphuric acid, oleum and

sulphur trioxide.

Decontrolled yesterday — be-

sides coffee and instant coffee,

beer and ale — were such things

as hot water heaters, garbage dis-

posers, metal building materials,

soybeans and all animal feeds

which had been controlled. No. 2

heating oil in the Northeast

most chemicals, many industrial

materials and some kinds of in-

dustrial machinery.

COFFEE PROBLEM  
Coffee seemed to be the major

price problem for housewives.

Price officials and coffee traders

agreed coffee prices, now ranging

from 80 to 95 cents a pound for

most brands, might go up 10 to

12 cents. Growers might absorb

some of it.

"If it goes over a dollar," one

big New York coffee merchant

said, "it will run into severe

consumer resistance."

The price officials said some

of the price increase would be

passed on to one can or bottle. They

said fuel oil, now reported in

ample stock, might go up if a cold

### Steps To Be Taken Against Attacks

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States told Com-

munist Czechoslovakia today that American authorities in

their border attacks by Czech aircraft.

This notice was given in a second

protest note demanding an apology

and compensation for the shooting

down of an American jet plane last

Tuesday.

Two Communist MIGs, flying out

of Czechoslovakia, jumped the

U. S. plane while it was on a

routine patrol flight.

The pilot parachuted to safety.

The note was delivered in Prague

by Ambassador George Wadsworth.

It charged the Czechoslovak gov-

ernment with "falsification of

facts" in contending the U. S. plane

had violated Czech territory.

Radar established beyond ques-

tion, the U. S. note said, that the

American plane was shot down well

within the border of the American

zone of Germany.

The note said that American jets

were under U. S. radar surveil-

lance at all times and declared,

"The American aircraft did not

cross the Czechoslovak border at

any time."

Authorities here were not at all

certain that the Soviets had delib-

erately ordered these specific at-

tacks — destruction of an Ameri-

can jet patrol fighter and of a

British four-engine bomber. But

they are convinced that the tough

attitude which these incidents re-

flect on the part of the Soviet

command means more trouble in

the future.

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weather developed and depleting

supplies. No price rises were seen

for feeds and building materials.

'Best-Dressed' Tag  
Kleaves Stevenson  
MYOTOS, Japan — (AP) Adlai

Stevenson was delighted today

when informed a London tailor

had named him one of the ten

best dressed men in the world.

"That's one of the nicest things

I have ever heard," Stevenson

said. "It really pleased me to

know that someone has something

to say about my clothes."

Could he have been the "king" of

the widely circulated pictures

last fall of U. S. Presidential

campaign showing a well worn

hole in one of his shoe soles?

It seems most everybody has

high-sounding titles these days.

In London, there's the "king,"

"the judge," the "district attorney,"

a "grand juror," a woman "attor-

ney" and a "squire."

Stevenson's title wasn't so grand.

They called him "citizen."

"Citizen" Swain was the only

Swain to be called "citizen" by

ground, played cards, talked poli-

tically and generally "chewed the

fat."

Swain, an auto repairman, earned

\$80 daily plus tips —