

## MURDER WEAPON EXAMINED



Charlotte News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—12-1  
 Charlotte Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn (right) holds the pocket knife which a 16-year-old Negro boy admitted he used on the night of Aug. 2, when he slayed Miss Helen Digns Swink, 26, to death in the 1500 block of Elizabeth Ave. Detective Capt. W. A. McCall (standing) said the knife was found at the home of Karey Harris, who is looked on as a murder charge.

## Dear Chief:

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Mayor Phil Van Every sent this message today to Police Chief Littlejohn:

"Dear Chief:

"It gives me a great deal of pleasure to congratulate you and your police department, along with the detective division, who so successfully handled the Swink murder case and brought it to its proper conclusion.

"I feel that I speak for the citizens of Charlotte when I say congratulations are in order to your organization and men on the fact that it has been many years since there has been an unsolved murder in our city.

"On behalf of the citizens of Charlotte I say thanks for a job well done.

"Sincerely,  
 "PHIL VAN EVERY"

## Cost of Living Climbs To New Record High

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported today that living costs edged to a new record high, the cost of the 1947-48 average.

It was the second straight month that the government's living cost measurement had hit a record. The index has risen now for five months in a row.

Higher prices for food, rent, transportation and medical care were the main items responsible for the new hike in consumer costs.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said its index, known as the Consumers Price Index, reached 114.7 per cent of the 1947-48 average. This is two-fifths of 1 per cent higher than in mid-June, which was also a living cost peak.

The mid-July level was 1/4 of 1 per cent above the year ago and 12.7 per cent above the level at the start of the Korean War.

An index rise to 114.8 would have been enough to provide a second hourly pay boost for the auto workers whose rates are geared to the government figure.

## Singer Convicted On Dope Charge

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Singer Anita O'Day, 33, was convicted last night of illegal possession of narcotics. A jury of six men and six women deliberated five hours.

Miss O'Day was permitted to remain at liberty on \$20,000 bail pending probation hearing and sentence, Sept. 22.

She was arrested in a night club last March 15. Vice squad officers said they saw her "inhale powder from a piece of paper," and tests showed the powder was heroin. At her first trial the jury failed to agree.

## OUR WEATHER

Fair weather today and tomorrow. Not much change in temperature.

High temperature yesterday, 85 degrees; high expected today, 90 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 82 degrees.

Low this morning, 63 degrees; low expected tonight, 65 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:51 A. M.; sunset, 6:38 P. M.

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# Dulles Calls For Changes In United Nations Charter

## HARD-WORKING DETECTIVES WRAP UP SWINK HOMICIDE



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Detectives E. T. Haney (left) and W. W. Stone stand behind the two teen-agers who are charged with the fatal stabbing of Miss Helen Digns Swink, a practical nurse at Charlotte Nursing Home. Seated at right is William McQuarry, 14, 3100 Dunn Ave.; and Karey Harris, 16, 1016 Billingsly Road. Harris admitted stabbing the 45-year-old spinster after an attempted purse-snatching.

## Police Persistence Pays Off As 2 Confess

## Harris Waives Hearing in Swink Killing

By DONALD MACDONALD  
 Charlotte News Staff Writer

The sixteen-year-old alleged knife slayer of Helen Digns Swink waived preliminary hearing in City Recorder's Court today while police prepared to take his fourteen-year-old companion to Juvenile Court on the same charge.

If convicted of first degree murder by a jury, Karey Harris, sixteen, and fourteen-year-old William McQuarry may face possible execution in the State gas chamber.

Charlotte police signed murder warrants against the Grietown youngsters early last night after they said Harris admitted plunging a pocket knife into the practical nurse's chest. The youngsters were intent upon robbing Miss Swink, detectives said, and lay in wait for her as she walked down Elizabeth Ave. on the night of Aug. 2.

Detectives said the two rode a bicycle to a point beside Dr. L. E. Fleming's office, from where they watched the middle-aged nurse walk diagonally across Elizabeth Ave. from the corner of Travis.

They said the boys came face to face with Miss Swink in front of Dr. George Petteway's office, 1524 Elizabeth Ave., where she fell.

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## FORNEY'S MASQUERADE THREW HIM TO WOLVES

One of Charlotte's detectives who had a strong hunch that Nurse Helen Swink's slayer was a purse-snatcher was Detective Neil Forney.

Last week, end Forney attempted unsuccessfully to borrow a wig from the Little Theater and from the local Opera Association.

The young detective donned the wig, then clothed himself in women's clothes and wandered the streets of the Elizabeth Ave. section. He walked around on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in an attempt to trap the killer.

Detective Forney's disguise failed to bring out the slayer, but it brought out plenty of "wolves."

The young detective now says he is more sympathetic with womankind in general.

"I never thought men could be so persistent," he chuckled.

## Reds Act To Force Vote On Korean Parley Plan

By MAX HARRELSON  
 UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Russia today came up with a parliamentary maneuver to force the Soviet list would be put ahead of the United States' sponsored proposal.

There are separate resolutions on the participation of Russia and India. The United States is opposing India's participation, but has agreed to support a resolution for Russia's inclusion "provided that the other side desires it."

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## Stenographer Admits Slaying Young Girl

NEW YORK (AP)—A pretty Massachusetts stenographer, sobbing hysterically, admitted to police today she killed the 14-year-old sister of a former boy friend who broke off with her and married another woman.

A sharp-eyed policeman, Patrolman George F. Grace, spotted Miss McDonald near Times Square last night and took her into custody. He recognized her from an Associated Press wirephoto he had seen in the New York Daily News only minutes before.

"I shot her several times," Detective Lt. David Murphy of the Middlesex County, Mass., district attorney's office, who came here to question Miss McDonald, said.

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## Nationwide Phone Strike Threat Raised In Talks

NEW YORK (AP)—The threat of a strike that would tie up all the nation's long distance telephone facilities loomed today as efforts to solve a labor dispute continued.

John Lott, president of the New York City union local which represents about one-third of the nation's 22,000 long distance workers for Bell System affiliates, said that although no strike has been announced, "there is a very definite threat of a walkout."

The members are impatient with the slow pace of the management, and I don't know if we can hold them."

Lott said the comment following published reports that a nationwide walkout would get under way today.

National officials of the union, the CIO Communications Workers of America, were not available for comment, and some other union sources said they were not aware of any general strike plan.

The national wage-contract dispute between the CWA and the long lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., has already led to scattered walkouts and the strike of several thousand workers in two affiliates, the Indiana and Southwestern Bell Telephone companies.

## 'Pre-Atomic Age' Weaknesses Cited

BOSTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said today the "pre-atomic age charter" of the United Nations contains "serious inadequacies" and needs to undergo important alterations.

In a speech prepared for the American Bar Association, Dulles said he believes the administration can achieve a better world in the face of the fact that man now has the power "to destroy himself." But he said the U. N. would have to be changed to make this possible.

He recalled that the charter was drafted and signed at San Francisco in early 1945 "when none of us knew of the atomic bomb which was to fall on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945," and added:

"The charter is thus a pre-atomic age charter. In this sense it is obsolete before it actually came into force."

Dulles went on to say that "as one who was at San Francisco, I can say with confidence that if the delegates there had known that the mysterious and immeasurable power of the atom would be available as means of mass destruction, the provisions of the charter dealing with disarmament and the regulation of public utility would have been far more exact and realistic."

SECOND INADEQUACY

Dulles said the second inadequacy arose from the placing of reliance in a peacetime continuation of the wartime partnership of the United States, Britain and Russia with the result that power for action was concentrated in the security council with its veto.

The assembly voting procedure gives that body only an advisory role, he said.

"The third inadequacy, Dulles said, is the fact that the general assembly 'has made but little progress' in establishing fundamental law among nations embodying 'eternal principles of justice and morality.'

Dulles told his audience of lawyers that under the charter itself the General Assembly must consider calling a charter revision meeting. He said the United States will then vote in favor of such a conference.

Dulles devoted much of his speech to a review of efforts in the recent session of Congress to limit the authority of the President in the field of foreign affairs. He said this took the form of proposals to prevent "possible future abuses" of the President's power to make treaties.

In this connection, Dulles said that during the past session the Senate approved a series of resolutions which according to Dulles' legal advisors "would be unconstitutional" if the proposed amendments were in effect, because they deal with matters of state jurisdiction such as negotiable instruments.

Dulles continued:

"In the case of eight of these 12 resolutions, the Senate has voted in favor of these treaties were 55 of the 68 Senators who are presently listed as sponsors of S. J. Resolution 1, which would have made the treaties unconstitutional."

"This suggests, I think, that the import of the proposed amendment is not fully understood, even in the Senate, and that the Senators, when they vote, are not fully informed."

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## 9 War Criminals Freed By British

BONN, Germany (AP)—The British released nine war criminals from their Weir Prison of war, reducing to 82 the number still held there.

No big names were among those freed. They included Germans convicted of killing Allied prisoners of war and mistreating prisoners in concentration camps and

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## EVENING PRAYER

Loving Lord, many have been the seeds of God's Word which have fallen into our hearts through the years. We praise Thee for the faith engendered and the fruit of mercy and the joy of the harvest. May we never withhold Thy Word when an opportunity comes to sow it in the hearts of others. In the name of the great Sower, Amen.

## Comic Dictionary

PERJURY  
 Something commonly found on tombstones.

## Bar Association Delegates Rap 'Book Burning'

BOSTON (AP)—The House of Delegates of the American Bar Association has adopted resolutions condemning "book burning" and pledging support for lawyers who properly restrict the contents of libraries maintained abroad, and defended subversives as a matter of public duty.

Freedom to read, the delegates voted, "is a corollary of the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press."

The Bar Association's Committee on Individual Rights, which drafted the resolution, said in its report however that there should be "no doubt that the government may properly restrict the contents of libraries maintained abroad," and it added:

"There is no good reason why such libraries should include propaganda against the United States."

But when it comes to libraries at home, the report said: "... We are dealing with a policy involving the rights of our own people and ... we believe that truth can be counted upon to prevail in a free competition of ideas."

The set of resolutions included one in which the Bar Association reaffirms the principle of the right of defendants to the benefit of assistance of counsel and the duty of the bar to provide such aid, even to the most unpopular defendant.

The resolution points out that this involves public acceptance of the correlative right of a lawyer to represent and defend in accordance with the standards of the legal profession any client without being penalized by having impeded in his client's reputation, views or character.

The resolution also pledges support against criticism or attack for any lawyer in such cases which he has "received in accordance with the standards of the bar."

The resolve promised to continue to educate the profession and the public on the rights and duties of a lawyer in representing any client.

The report said that public feeling had run so high in some cases that performance of the duty "is peculiarly onerous."

## The Secret's Out Betty Boyer Tells You Today In The Grocery News

How to Save Money on Your Wash Day Requirements