

## CONVENTION PROPS



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

## Top NC Job At Stake

# Three-Way GOP Fight Seen

Republican leaders from every district of North Carolina will arrive in Charlotte tonight and early tomorrow for the GOP State convention at the Armory Auditorium, commencing at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

A three-cornered fight for the state chairmanship was forecast between the incumbent, T. E. Story, North Wilkesboro; Ray Jennings, mayor of Taylorsville, and Clyde Green, Boone.

There was evidence of a move to draft Mr. Green. Both Mr. Story and Mr. Jennings have announced their candidacies.

Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, a close personal friend of President Eisenhower and a member of the original congressional group which petitioned for Ike's campaign in Paris, will deliver the keynote address.

Senator Carlson will arrive by plane from Washington shortly after 11 and fly back to the capital at 2. He is scheduled to deliver his address about 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Story told The News by telephone from North Wilkesboro today that he will drive to Charlotte this afternoon, following his district GOP meeting at Lexington.

On the subject of the chairmanship, Mr. Story said that Mr. Green's candidacy was news to him.

"When I talked to him (Green) a few days ago, he said he was definitely not a candidate," Mr. Story said.

He would make no forecast on either side of the chairmanship.

Neither would he predict who might get the nod from the convention selection of a U. S. senatorial candidate, several state officers, and the election of a new GOP state chairman.

Several thousand Republicans are expected to be in Charlotte for the convention.

On the basis of one delegate for each 200 votes cast for governor in the last election, the delegate strength of the convention is 1,908.

Mecklenburg County, with 120 delegates, has the greatest strength of any county on the convention floor.

Arrangements for the convention have been made by Ernest Morgan, Mecklenburg County chairman.

There will be no lengthy break for lunch at the convention. Mr. Morgan announced that arrangements have been made to serve barbecue to the delegates in the Armory Auditorium.

Tonight, 10th District Republicans will meet at Hotel Charlotte to nominate Charles Roper Jones for the Congressional seat he now holds.

# N.Y. Docks Tied Up By Wildcat Strikers

## Longshoremen Defy U. S. Court Order

NEW YORK—(AP)—Wildcat strikers tied up New York's sprawling port today, defying a federal court order in a battle for union control of the waterfront.

Resentful members of the independent International Longshoremen's Association refused to work the luxury liner and other piers in Manhattan and stayed off the job at piers in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

## Ike Orders Aid To Allies Continued

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower today ordered continuation of U. S. aid to Denmark, France, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom despite shipments of strategic materials by each of those countries to Iron Curtain nations.

In a report to Congress required under the Mutual Assistance Control Act of 1951, the President said he was doing so "because the cessation of aid would clearly be detrimental to the security of the United States."

With his report Eisenhower sent to the lawmakers a letter to him from Harold E. Stassen, chief of the Foreign Operations Administration.

Stassen told the President that most of the shipments by the five countries "continue to be 'prior commitments'—that is, shipments resulting from commitments that were made prior to the effective date of the embargo provisions of the 1951 law."

Stassen added that some of the other shipments "are the results of more recent commitments which have been made to serve barter or other purposes. These countries have considered necessary or in the long run beneficial to themselves and to the Free World, because of the two-way trade that was made possible by the strategic shipments."

The 1951 law, known as the Battle Act, forbids all U. S. military, economic and financial assistance to any country which knowingly permits the shipment of items listed for embargo under the act.

Exceptions are permitted, however, in cases where the President finds that a cessation of aid would be clearly detrimental to the security of the United States. The exception provision does not apply to shipment of such items as arms, ammunition, implements of war and atomic energy materials.



TALKING ABOUT A CAMPAIGN

## Congressional Committee Abuse Attacked By Scott

Former Gov. W. Kerr Scott blasted away at (1) secrecy in government, (2) abuses of the congressional investigative function, and (3) efforts by Congress to usurp the powers of the executive branch in an address prepared for delivery here this afternoon.

In the most significant address since he launched his campaign for the U. S. Senate seat now held by Alton A. Lennon, Scott called upon Congress to exercise its constitutional power of impeachment "when cases are found where the executive branch of the government has failed to carry out its duty in bringing to justice those who would destroy us."

The former governor chose as the forum for his speech a meeting of the N. C. and S. C. Warehouse Association at the Barringer Hotel. And he wasted little time getting at his subject. After a few perfunctory remarks, Scott told the warehousemen:

"With your permission, I am going to talk about something that means much more to all of us than any farm program, labor program, or any other particular kind of program. It is something that overshadows all of these. It is something that needs drastic and immediate action."

"PRESERVATION," Scott said, "was the preservation of the U. S. Constitution which 'on my bookshelf, ranks next to the Bible.' Explaining that the Constitution divides power among three separate branches—legislative, executive, and judicial—he said that the division 'still stands as the greatest single safeguard our people have against tyranny, corruption and the law of the jungle.'"

"But this safeguard... is daily being polluted and weakened by unwise, unwarranted and unfair assaults upon it by certain committees in the legislative branch of the federal government."

"I refer, of course, to the vicious irresponsible and unbridled way in which these committees are abusing the legitimate investigative functions of Congress... usurping for themselves unchecked and arbitrary powers which they exercise, for the most part, in secret."

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## Loser Scott Has Nary A Beef About Cattle

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Kerr Scott, North Carolina's cracker barrel philosopher and former governor, brought his campaign to the U. S. senatorial nomination to Charlotte today.

He also brought along a few observations on bull calves, road blocks, fishing and Republicans.

Asked if he were planning to give away any more bull calves, Mr. Scott took a long and contemplative pull on his big cigar and said, "The cows are doing their part."

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## Missing U. S. Plane Hunted

NICE, France (AP)—A broad search was pressed over the Ligure Sea and the French Alps today for a U. S. Air Force C-47 missing with 20 men on a flight from Rome to Billerica, Germany.

A midmorning report that the craft had been spotted in the mountains north of Nice proved false. Police said the report came from authorities in the village of St. Etienne de Tinée, 40 miles north of Nice.

But several residents of the region told of hearing the noise of a big plane yesterday afternoon and French ski troops based in the area moved out in patrols of 20 to 30 men each to look for clues.

A three-nation air-sea search was under way for the plane, missing since shortly after noon yesterday. It's last radio report—"all normal"—was sent as the plane was over Corsica, 75 miles after it had taken off from Rome's Ciampino Airport.

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## U. S. Accused By Guatemala

By E. L. ALMEN

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Guatemala accused the United States today of taking to Guatemala its domestic affairs by asking the Inter-American Conference here to discuss Communist penetration in the Western Hemisphere.

Guatemala's foreign minister, Guillermo Toriello, singled out the United States in a stinging speech at the conference's third plenary session as the leader of forces which want to attack the political and economic freedom of Latin America.

Toriello said he considered the placing of the Communist issue on the agenda as "a maneuver against Guatemala which has been maliciously and unjustly accused of being Communist."

"We are of the opinion," he continued, "that the topic was only pretext for intervention in our internal affairs. If accepted (by the conference) it would make Pan-Americanism an instrument for the exclusive service of monopolistic interests."

United States officials have accused Guatemala of following the Communist line and have charged that Reds occupy many positions of power in that Central American country.

Asserting that Guatemala would defend "democratic principles," Toriello said his nation was being attacked by those who shout "communism whenever a Latin American republic seeks to assert its nationalism and economic independence and attempts to put into effect liberal social reforms."

Delegates from Argentina and Ecuador also were scheduled to speak at the plenary session.

## Cpl. Batchelor Faces Charges Of Aiding Reds

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—A Army today ordered Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor of Kermitt, Tex., held on charges of "giving aid and comfort to the enemy" while he was a prisoner of war in Korea.

Fourth Army headquarters here said that a pretrial investigation will begin soon to determine whether the evidence justifies trial by court martial.

Batchelor was one of the American POWs in Korea who chose to remain with the Communists, but he changed his mind later. Another who changed his mind, Cpl. Edward S. Dickinson, 23, of Crackers Neck, Va., has been ordered to trial by a court martial.

Batchelor, 23, arrived at his home in Kermitt, an oil and ranching town in West Texas, last Sunday and came to San Antonio yesterday for a physical checkup. He is in custody now.

The Army emphasized that the charges against him do not involve his temporary refusal to be repatriated.

He is alleged to have violated three articles of the uniform code of military justice, including "giving aid and comfort to the enemy while in the prison camp; and by doing caused other American POWs punishment and hardship."

Batchelor told reporters here yesterday he didn't believe he would be court-martialed for his activities in Red prison camps. He said he wanted a discharge when his enlistment is up in a few days.

"I don't know whether I'll be repatriated or not," he said. "I've made no definite plans. I want to combat Communists, but haven't decided which would be the most effective way."

Batchelor left a Japanese wife behind in Tokyo. He said he hoped to bring her to Texas. His parents and five of his eight brothers and sisters live in Kermitt, where his father is an oil field worker.

On Feb. 18, the Army ordered a court martial trial for Dickinson on charges he gave the Communists information about fellow prisoners in order to gain better treatment for himself. His trial is due to begin sometime late this month but the date has not been set.

The formal charge against Dickinson is unlawfully collaborating with the enemy.

## TOO MUCH POWER



## Six Marines Killed By Shell

WITH 1ST MARINE DIVISION, Korea—A mortar shell which exploded when dropped accidentally at a training lecture killed six U. S. Marines and wounded 20 yesterday, it was announced today.

The shell presumably was an enemy missile. The instructor was showing how an American-made fuse could be adapted to it and apparently thought it had been made harmless, a division spokesman said.

The shell exploded as it hit the floor of a quonset hut at the division's mine warfare school just behind the front. The blast ripped out doors and windows and hurled steel fragments through the walls.

The instructor was killed. Four of the wounded were in critical condition. Four others were seriously hurt.

Names of all victims were withheld.

Every helicopter in the division was alerted to fly the wounded to hospitals and to carry doctors, medicines and whole blood to the scene.

Some of the victims were flown to Marine medical stations. Others were taken directly to a hospital ship anchored in Inchon harbor.

The Marine announcement did not say specifically that the mortar shell was of Communist origin. But it did describe it as an 81 MM missile, a standard Red army type. The comparable American mortar caliber is 81 MM.

## EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, give us the faith, love, and mind of a little child. May our past sins and failures be forgotten and may we go forward steadily in the work of Thy Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Comic Dictionary

HUG  
Energy gone to waste.

## Godfrey's Pilot License Suspended For 6 Months

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board decided today to suspend Albert Godfrey's pilot certificate for six months, effective March 16, as a penalty for carelessness in a crash landing at Teterboro, N.J., airport Jan. 2.

The action came in the form of a recommended decision by CAB Safety Examiner Albert H. Ruppner. Godfrey has the right to appeal, but a recommended decision by a safety examiner cannot be appealed by the board.

The CAB describes today's findings as an "initial decision." If there is no appeal from the Godfrey or the board by March 15, it becomes the final ruling.

The Civil Aeronautics Board had asked for a suspension of "at least 30 days."

Godfrey, star of radio and television and a flying enthusiast, has denied that either intent or carelessness was involved when his plane roared close to the control tower in a taxied at Teterboro.

The CAB countered that he deliberately "buzzed" the tower with his engine idling in annoyance because he was not permitted to take off from the runway of his own decision.

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## OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and cold this afternoon. Some frost tonight, but not quite so cold. Saturday cloudy and cold.

Low temperature this morning, 45 degrees.

High temperature expected tonight, 52 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 43 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 46 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.; sunset, 6:22 p.m.

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