



WORLD PEACE U.S. OBJECT, PRESIDENT TELLS FREEDOM CELEBRATION DAY CROWD

Crowds Roar Greetings To President Ike

Chief Executive Here For Picnic

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
With the weather a constant threat to clothes and spirits, thousands of hearty Carolinians packed Freedom Park today for Mecklenburg's first Freedom Celebration Day.

The enthusiastic crowd came to see President Eisenhower and gave him a tumultuous welcome when he entered the park at 12:28.

The President and his party walked to the island between an honor guard of picked soldiers. Preceding him were scores of reporters, cameramen and Secret Service men who cleared a path for him to the island.

On the island, the President was greeted by a long reception line. The President ate lunch with Rep. Charles Raper Jonas, Gov. William B. Umstead, Sec. of the Army Robert T. Stevens, Mayor Phil Van Every, Celebration Day Chairman A. Grant Whitney and Sen. Alton A. Lennon.

SONGS WITH LUNCH
While the President was eating, the Charlotte Boys Choir sang, under the direction of Fred Waring.

REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE BUSY TIME

The news staffed the Freedom Celebration Day events with four reporters at Freedom Park and one at Municipal Airport. The three news photographers also covered the day pictorially.

At the airport, to see the President was Harry Shuford while the reporters at the park were Lucien Agniel, Emery Wister, Donald MacDonald and Emery Wister. The men with the cameras were Jeep Hummer, Tommy Franklin and Don Martin.

noted director of "The Pennsylvanians" choral group and orchestra.

The Boys Choir was across the lake and in front of the speakers' platform. On its right, was the Davidson Band, and to the right of it, was the Charlotte Choral Society. These groups furnished the musical entertainment for the President.

The long day's program, which will end at 4:30 this afternoon, began this morning with a religious service.

But hours before that, crowds were already beginning to pour into the park. At 7:30 a.m., huge army trucks rolled in bringing soldiers and their weapons and equipment.

But the soldiers were not the only arrivals. Milling about were members of the Charlotte and Gastonia Life Saving Crews, Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, National C. Hagerty replied.

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EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, oftimes when we least suspect it, we are exerting an influence on the character and destiny of some unknown ob- look at yesterday's Supreme Court action ending segregation in public schools and discusses the factors that may minimize the impact. Turn to Page 4-A.

WHAT'S INSIDE

THE FULL STORY on the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence will be on Page 13-A today. Reporter Lucien Agniel wrote the story after poring over all available reports and books.

"THE SOUTH MUST KEEP THE SWEEP OF HISTORY in perspective" says The News' lead editorial today. It takes a look at yesterday's Supreme Court action ending segregation in public schools and discusses the factors that may minimize the impact. Turn to Page 4-A.



He arrived at the airport at high noon. First to greet him as he stepped off the plane was Gov. William B. Umstead. Other greeters were A. Grant Whitney, general chairman of arrangements, and Mayor Phil Van Every. Also



As soon as he arrived at Freedom Park the President climbed up onto the speakers' platform and waved a happy greeting to the big crowd. Then he and other members of the presidential party and the local committee

America's Heart 'Always Sound', Leader Declares

States Confidence In Armed Services

By LUCIEN AGNIEL
Charlotte News Staff Writer

President Eisenhower today told a cheering throng that every effort of his administration is being directed toward one purpose: peace throughout the world.

The President walked to the rostrum at 4:45 p.m., smiled and waved in response to a ringing ovation. He wore a red flower in his lapel.

He commenced his address by thanking all members of the official party and Charlotteans for this "wonderful welcome."

"To each of you who have given me a smile or a wave, I am grateful," the President said.

The President said any American with a modicum of modesty would find that his great inspiration and major source of help comes from meeting friends in gatherings such as this.

In groups of this kind, he said, one may know that the heart of America is always sound and "if he can carry that conviction into international affairs and domestic discussions, he can be certain that in the long run he can hear to the line and do his duty insofar as God and his abilities permit."

The President saluted the men and women of the armed services, "those men and women who have worn the uniform proudly and bravely in defending the flag at home and abroad since the founding of the country in whose accomplishments we all share."

CONFIDENCE
The President then made a very pointed and laudatory reference to his confidence in the heads of the armed forces.

"Today, we are still confident of our armed services from their service on down to the last private in the ranks."

The burst of applause which greeted this reference indicated the crowd was certain Mr. Eisenhower was speaking of Army Secretary Stevens, who was with him on the platform.

It is not difficult to understand this, said the President. They are of us, he added. They sit among you who have worn the uniform with pride and among others of you who will, he said.

"We know they are sound because they are Americans," he added.

HONOR SIGNERS
"We have met to honor those men of great courage, those men who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Now, the historical record has been distorted by some, particularly those who claim they are the descendants of the true authors of all the documents of this time."

The President said that it is important that this section wants to be known as the originator of an independence document. In jocular vein, he said, "In my state, Texas and Kansas, had three people been present at that time, we would have proved that we signed the document, not you."

Mr. Eisenhower said that it matters not exactly how many were gathered in the cabin to sign the document. It matters not that part of the document had to be reconstructed.

IMPORTANT THING
The important thing is that it was an immortal step in our development.

"We today worship freedom and are doing our part just as they did in their time," he said. The world has practically eliminated physical barriers, the President said, but the world is

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today and tomorrow. Mild tonight. A few widely scattered showers this afternoon or tonight.
High temperature yesterday, 83 degrees.
High temperature expected today, 80 degrees.
Low temperature this morning, 58 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight, 60 degrees.
Sunrise 5:17 a.m.; sunset 7:22 p.m.

Ike Unlikely To Change Secrecy Order

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Freedom Celebration Celebrants Celebrate Holiday Throng Whoops It Up For Ike

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"Lang may our land be bright, with Freedom's Holy Light . . ."
With these words from the hymn, "America," Mecklenburg's mammoth Freedom Festival opened with blue skies this morning along the green slopes of Freedom Park.

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las came in handy anyway, to protect onlookers from a bright morning sun.

Two barefoot boys — 11-year-old Jimmy Dinsmore, 200 N. Laurel Ave., and 12-year-old Jimmy Leonard, 523 Willoughby St. — sat squarely in front of the speaker's stand, their legs and feet cooling in the lake waters.

A Spitz dog waded by, followed by five little ducklings in V-formation. The two barefoot boys brought comment from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the morning speaker, who counted them typical of "homey" atmosphere of this occasion.

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Negro leaders praised it. Reaction among white educators and politicians varied.

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He announced he would call the State Commission on Education into immediate session "to map out a program to insure continued and permanent segregation of the races."

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"The court has thrown down the gauntlet before those who believe the Constitution means what it says when it reserves to the individual states the right to regulate their own internal affairs. Georgia accepts the challenge and will not tolerate the mixing of the races in the public schools or any of its public tax-supported institutions. The fact that the high tribunal has seen fit to proclaim its views on sociology as law will not make any difference."

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Jelke Wins New Trial

NEW YORK (AP)—The conviction of Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke on charges of compulsory prostitution was reversed by the Appellate Division today and his retrial ordered.

The court held that Jelke, held to a manufacturing fortune, was deprived of a "fair and impartial trial" because certain portions of the hearings were closed to the public.

The decision was by a 3-2 vote. The Appellate Division is the appeals division of the State Supreme Court.

Jelke, 24, had been sentenced to serve three to six years on each of two counts of compulsory prostitution.

His trial in New York General Sessions Court was closed to press and public during presentation of the state's case.

Judge Francis L. Valente at the time said he felt that lurid testimony of admitted call girls might endanger public morals, and he held that he had the legal authority to order this step.

New York newspapers and press services protested vigorously.

In reversing Jelke's conviction, the majority of the Appellate Court ruled:

"It becomes apparent that to place in the hands of any court, the power in a criminal trial to close the doors of a court room to the presentation of the case dem. of one party and open it when the other party undertakes to present his case creates a situation that should not be tolerated."

Protect Freedoms, Dr. Peale Urges

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The American people, Mecklenburgers specifically, were called upon today to "get the thrill of freedom as our forebearers did."

As the first speaker at Freedom Celebration Day, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale warned that "Freedom is a delicate institution."

He called upon the people to protect their freedom and liberty.

Looking back over the past 179 years, when the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed, Dr. Peale said the signers must have been men of "magnificent and sturdy character."

"They could not abide tyranny," the pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church said, "because they were free men made so by their belief in God."

Dr. Peale warned that many people unknowingly are "chipping away at liberty."

These are people "who want to take away individual liberties of people who want to take away the right of states and transfer the rights to the federal government . . . who write plays to corrupt American people . . . who write sordid books filled with filth."

Americans, he said, must develop "in their hearts" a love for freedom.

Norman Vincent Peale Speaking

Here again he called upon people to get the thrill of freedom again.

Since the dawn of history, 40 billion people have lived, Dr. Peale said. Only 3 billion have known the blessing of liberty.

"That means that 37 billion people have scrupled been able to call their souls their own."

FIRST IN HISTORY
Dr. Peale traced the development of freedom and liberty as

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