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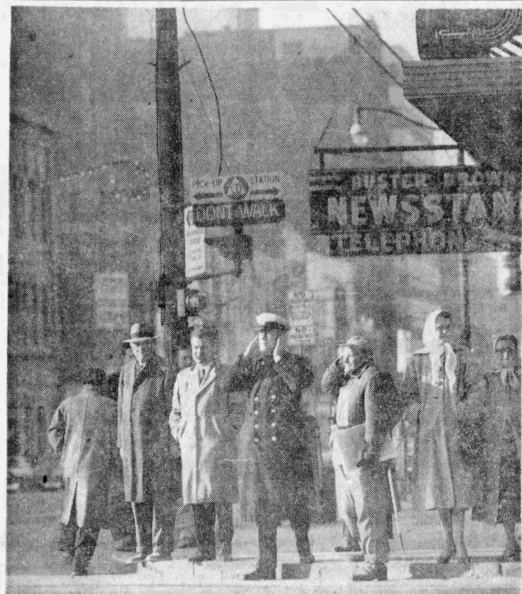
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Federals Arrest Four Persons

AGENTS CRACK CITY FORGERY



WINTRY WINDS WHISTLED through Independence Square today and gave the city its coldest day in over a year. Police

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hungarian man J. W. Hushing didn't mind. He just clapped cold hands to icy ears before crossing the street.

Fla. Judge Rules For Open Buses

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A federal judge today ruled that Florida laws and Miami city ordinances requiring segregated seating on municipal buses are unconstitutional. Judge Emmet Choate made the ruling in refusing to grant a petition by Florida branches of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People requesting an end to segregated bus seating.

The judge refused to convene a three-judge court to hear arguments for the NAACP, said. He said there was no substantial question of constitutional law in view of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision banning segregated seating on buses in Montgomery, Ala.

The NAACP filed the suit Oct. 12, 1956, naming the Miami Transit Co., the city and the individual city commissioners.

COMPANY DISMISSED

Choate dismissed the transit company as a defendant, ruling it was a private enterprise and not an arm of the state. He gave the city 10 days to file an answer to his ruling.

The judge's action touched only segregation on city transit buses, but G. E. Graves Jr. of Miami, attorney for the NAACP, said, "It is apparent that the decision has a much more far-reaching effect than that. It can be extended to every suburban and interurban bus."

Dr. A. Joseph Reddick, pastor of Miami's St. James African Methodist Episcopal church, instituted the suit as president of the Florida NAACP. He said it had no "direct link" with legal attacks on bus segregation in Montgomery and Tallahassee, Fla., "came out of the Supreme Court decision in the Montgomery case."

MIAMI BUSES

Miami buses have signs asking Negro passengers to seek themselves from the rear. Dr. Reddick noted that Miami Negroes have not been involved in a boycott and had not used any violence in their campaign against segregated seating.

"Our main concern has been to remove the statutes from the books," he said. The bus company has contended since the case was filed that in requiring segregated seating it was merely following the laws of Florida and the ordinances of Miami and that it would continue to do so until the laws were changed.

CHOU ENDS TOUR

HONG KONG (AP)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai returned to Peking today after a tour of five South Asian countries. Radio Peking reported, Chou plans to leave soon for Warsaw and Moscow and to complete his Asian tour in mid-January.



OLDEST MEMBER of the new Congress, Sen. Theodore Francis Green (D-R.I.), right, offers a bit of advice to the youngest member, Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich) as they meet on Capitol Hill. Dingell is 20 and Green at 89 is the oldest man ever to sit in the U.S. Senate.

Control Of Senate, Foreign Affairs Face New Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—The new Congress convened today in session over which party would control the Senate and confronted with a momentous issue in foreign affairs.

Sen. Frank Lausche of Ohio, elected as a Democrat, kept mum on whether he would vote to let the Republicans organize the Senate—something he had intimated he might do. Republican Leader Knowland of California said his party was ready to take control if Lausche would give it his support.

Hanging over the new Congress was the grave question of whether to give advance approval for U.S. troops to meet any Communist aggression in the Middle East.

The administration's posing of this question—which President Eisenhower may dramatize with a personal appearance before a joint session tomorrow—added an undercurrent of solemnity.

The Middle East issue and Lausche's tension-provoking silence overshadowed such other questions of the moment as the promised move by a group of Western and Northern senators to change Senate rules and make it easier to cut off filibusters. They believe such a step could clear the way for passage of civil rights legislation.

A civil rights program is one of the domestic matters President Eisenhower has high on his list of desired legislation. He already has outlined some of his desires in conferences with Republican leaders, and will put his requests formally before the Congress in his State of the Union message to be delivered personally a week from today.

Before the gavel banged at noon in the Senate and House chambers, formally launching the session, party caucuses by senators settled party leadership questions in routine fashion.

The Republicans re-elected Knowland as their floor leader and elevated Sen. Starnthal of Massachusetts to chairman of the Republican Conference. Saltonstall of Colorado who did not run for re-election.

Sen. Dirksen of Illinois was made party whip, or assistant leader, a post Saltonstall held in the last session. Democratic senators again chose Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas as floor leader and picked Sen. Mansfield of Montana as whip. Mansfield takes the job that Sen. Clements of Kentucky had in the last session. Clements was defeated for re-election.

Probe Finds \$1,200 In Checks

By JOHN BORCHERT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Federal agents have arrested four persons to crack open a check forger's ring operating in the Double Oaks and Oaklawn sections of Charlotte.

Three federal agencies—the Secret Service, postal inspectors, and the U. S. Marshall's office—took part in the investigations leading up to the arrests.

FOUR ARRESTED

Vernon D. (Spike) Spicer, head of the U. S. Secret Service office here, said that four persons, all Negroes, have been arrested and released on bond ranging from \$300 and \$500 in connection with the operation.

He said the case, which has been under investigation since early spring, has turned up over \$1,200 in government checks which were stolen, forged and cashed by the ring.

All four have been charged with forging and uttering (cashing) government checks. Postal inspectors also said some of the four were cashed from the mails.

Mr. Spicer said all the checks recovered thus far had been stolen from mail boxes in the Double Oaks and Oaklawn sections.

One of the four persons arrested last July 3, recently completed a prison term on the same charge, having been sentenced to two and a half years on April 6, 1954, in Western District Federal Court in connection with a nine-month check forger's ring.

Carter, when informed a warrant had been issued for his arrest, turned himself in to Secret Service agents and deputy U. S. Marshal Robert Beam on Monday. Also arrested Monday by Marshal Beam and S. S. agents were Jessie Jackson, 29, of 310 S. Myers St.

Mr. Spicer said Miss Jackson was on probation from a postal charge of stealing checks from a mail box. She was released on \$300 bond and Carter was released on \$500 bond.

First break in the case came last July 3 when authorities arrested Barbara Ann White, 18, of 427-A W. Hill St. She was released on \$500 bond.

On Dec. 19 Fred Berry of 1601 Pharr St. was arrested and released on \$500 bond.

Carter served 5 months of his 2 1/2 year sentence, the latter part of probation which ended in September.

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City's Reading Of 17 Degrees Lowest In Year

Winter breathed ice on the frozen face of the Carolinas this morning to give the states a bitter taste of the coldest weather in over a year.

The temperature dropped to 17 degrees at Douglas Municipal Airport, the lowest reading since the chill of Dec. 17, 1955.

From the 13 degrees at Asheville to the 20 at Wilmington, the state was held in an icy grip. South Carolina was almost as cold.

The cold air, blowing down straight from the north, made a beline for the Carolinas and let other sections of the south off light. Atlanta and Birmingham both escaped the extremes, although temperatures were below freezing there. Tennessee also felt the sting of the biting cold.

The cold front, which bore down on the Carolinas Tuesday, gave the states a preview yesterday, but saved its Sunday punch until last night. The onrushing cold air came in with such strength and fury that weather observers revised earlier predictions of a 23-degree low here to 17 degrees; the exact figure recorded.

The Weather Bureau, predicting fair skies today, said clouds tomorrow should bring in warmer air and forecast a low of 35 degrees. A high of 42 today, 30 tomorrow is forecast. Rain, previously predicted for tomorrow, is no longer expected.

The cold air which as usual struck hardest at the mountains, sent the mercury to zero on Mt. Mitchell. Its highest temperature record on the mountain yesterday was 7 degrees (the lowest minus one).

Our Weather
Fair and not so cold today and tonight. Some cloudiness and warmer tomorrow and Saturday. Low this morning... 17
High tomorrow... 35
Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.; sunset today 5:23 p.m.
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Refugee Operation Completed By U. S.

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N. J. (AP)—The last passengers to leave Munich under America's historic airlift of Hungarian refugees—"Operation Safe Haven"—landed here today.

Forty five of them arrived at 8:10 a.m. (EST) aboard a C-118 Littmaster. Among them was passenger No. 9,700 in the stream of Hungarian refugees airlifted.

But, although this was the last plane to leave Munich and scheduled to be the last to arrive here, there was one more Military Air Transport (MATS) craft to come.

It was snowed in at Newfound.

Even when this delayed, final plane arrives, there may be more in the future. President Eisenhower has indicated that other Hungarian refugees may be brought later.

Among the passengers aboard the last plane from Munich was No. 9,700 an 11-month-old boy named Peter Gersely, who watched with bright eyed attention as the plane landed.

Peter was the last person signed on the manifest of refugees airlifted since the White House lifted speed to the immigration.

The last plane arrived at a cold and windy airfield empty of any elaborate reception. A handful of Army and Air Force officers met this plane in contrast to the hundreds who greeted the first plane Dec. 11.

Another color addition is the Phantom, currently involved in action in the "Land of the Little People."
A Civil War thriller, "Johnny

Evening Prayer

Our Father, forgive us where in we have tried to live our own lives without Thee. Help us so to give ourselves to Thee that we may know Christ and the joy and victory which He alone can give. In His name we pray. Amen.

Double Helping, In Color, Due Saturday

"Strange As It Seems," little known facts from past and present, will be part of the new look, too.

"There Oughta Be A Law," long a laugh-producer in the daily pages, introduces "Bratella," the goofiest brat of all, in a whole new line of trouble.

"Channel Chuckles" is Bill Keane's wry comment on America's TV-watching habits.

Also new are "The Jackson Twins." You'll have trouble telling them apart—but you'll love 'em as they swirl contagiously through campus life.

All this — PLUS all the Saturday families you're used to seeing in The News: Pogo, LI'l Abner, Rex Morgan, Blondie, Buz Sawyer, Jerry and the Pirates, Mary Worth and Steve Canyon.

It's a big plus — and it's all yours in all colors in Saturday's Charlotte News.

Woman, Five Children Die

READING, Pa. (AP)—A woman and five children burned to death today as flames roared through a one-story tarpaper covered dwelling at Temple, Pa., five miles north of Reading.

The victims were identified as Paul Rothermel, 48, wife of Paul Rothermel in whose home the fire occurred.

She was 42, four, and her brother, Eddie, two, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rothermel of Reading, R. D. 2. Mrs. Fromm is a sister of Paul Rothermel.

Jimmy Brobst, one, and his sister, Peggy, three, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Brobst of Kutztown R. D. Mrs. Brobst is a daughter of the older Rothermels.

Carol Ann Fromm, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fromm of Reading R. D. 2, Mrs. Fromm is a sister of Paul Rothermel.

Firemen said apparently the blaze was caused by a leaking coal oil stove in the living room of the house. All the children were in bed at the time but it was not ascertained whether Mrs. Rothermel had arisen before the flames swept through the house.

Firemen said Paul Rothermel was believed away at the time. In all the members of five families had spent the night in the little home in the Berks County community of several thousand.

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Childbirth And Murder Charges Await Prisoner

RALEIGH (AP)—A 23-year-old woman in prison for the slaying of her husband, is awaiting the birth of her third child next month before standing trial on another murder charge.

Woman's prison officials reported today that Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders Parker of Hickory, accused of shooting her husband and her 17-year-old stepister because of a suspected love affair, has been a model prisoner.

Mrs. Parker entered prison last Aug. 10 after she was sentenced to 15-20 years for the murder of her husband, Charles, Judge Dan K. Moore specified that her trial on a charge of murdering Hazel Russell be delayed until after the birth of the child.

The double slaying occurred July 9, Mrs. Parker told officers she blasted her husband with a shotgun at their home in Hickory. Then she drove 30 miles to the home of Miss Rudall in Lincoln County, and called her stepister outside. The girl, mortally wounded, died in a hospital three days later.

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