



Ship Protected

SINGAPORE (U) — The Australian destroyers Tobruk and Anzac tonight took up positions beside the Dutch liner Nieuw Holland in Singapore amid reports an Indonesian gunboat was waiting to seize it.

Six Storm Deaths

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Winter's first major snowstorm swept eastward across most of the Midwest today, leaving highways hazardous. Four traffic deaths in Kansas and two in Missouri were blamed on snow and ice-slicked highways.

Ike Budget Set

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (U) — President Eisenhower virtually completed his work on the 1958-59 budget today in a front porch session with two top advisers. Indications were the budget would reach some 74 billion dollars — which would be the largest peacetime spending program in the nation's history.

Collins To Speak

RALEIGH (U) — Florida's Gov. Leroy Collins will be the speaker at the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner to be held in Raleigh by North Carolina Democrats on Feb. 1.

Cabinet Finished

JERUSALEM (U) — Israeli President Zvi Ben-Zur today accepted the resignation of Premier David Ben-Gurion and his five-party coalition cabinet.

Hearing Opened

AMONATE, Va. (U) — The West Virginia Dept. of Mines opened a hearing today into the blast which killed 11 miners in a Pocahontas Fuel Co. mine here Friday.

Tito's Health OK

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (U) — The Yugoslav News Agency announced today that President Tito has "successfully completed medical treatment" and his doctors consider his health completely satisfactory.

Raise 'Inevitable'

WASHINGTON (U) — House Republican leader Martin of Massachusetts said today it appears almost inevitable that Congress will have to increase the national debt limit.

New Oil Flowing

ALGIERS (U) — The first oil output from France's new Sahara desert field at Hassi Massoud was reported en route to the Mediterranean today.

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(AP Photo)

Hassled House Moves To Home

After seven days of sitting in the middle of a High Point street, this house was ready to be moved to its new location today. Municipal Court Judge Byron Harris yesterday lifted an injunction brought by residents to keep the house from being moved near their homes. The owner still faces civil suits.

Transit Strike Is Called Off In New York

NEW YORK (U) — The threat of a New Year's Eve transit strike that could have paralyzed the city evaporated today with a City Hall contract settlement.

Deliverance from the threat of a walkout on the city's subways and bus lines came at 2:40 a.m. Michael J. Quill's Transport Workers Union and the City Transit Authority reached tentative agreement on a two-year contract providing a 3 1/2-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Then, with the pattern set, City Labor Commissioner Harold A. Felix spent only two hours in ending a stalemate between the TWU and nine privately owned bus lines, including one in suburban Westchester County.

Local Reaction

These agreements for wage increases ranging from 18 to 24 cents an hour over two years. Both agreements are subject to union membership ratification.

Combined, the subways and buses handle almost 10 million fares a day. A special citizens committee, appointed last Wednesday by Mayor Robert F. Wagner to assist in negotiations, was instrumental in bringing about settlement.

Covered by the agreements are the city's 22,700 employees and 8,200 workers on the private bus lines.

Workers on the subways and the city-owned bus lines get an immediate wage increase of 15 cents an hour and another wage boost Jan. 1, 1959, of 10 cents an hour. Quill had sought a 6-cent package in a one-year contract.

PRESENT RANGE

Present subway wages range from \$1.79 to \$2.37 an hour. The prevailing wage on city-owned buses is \$2.13 an hour and on \$2.15 to \$2.14 an hour on the private lines.

Covered by the settlement are 1,700 drivers and mechanics on the city-owned bus lines in Queens and Staten Island. All are represented by the Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

Transit Authority Chairman Charles Patterson said the agreement will not result in an increase in the ticket fare.

Both Wagner and Patterson said of the new pact: "We have the money for it now." The wage increase is expected to cost the authority \$24,300,000 during the next two years.

'CORRECTION' FUND

The terms of the contract also provide for a "correction of inequities."

The Motorman's Benevolent Assn. ended an eight-day subway strike Dec. 16 after receiving a promise that the wage scales of skilled workers would be raised and that a fund would be set aside for the purpose.

But right now he's looking back to 1919 and says he wishes the Navy had paid a little more attention to him then.

In June 17, 1919, Sperry was a resident of Sheffield, Ala. He wrote the Navy a letter offering to explore space. It said in part:

'Secret Witness' Form Asks Suspects' Names

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. (U) — The Clarksburg Exponent today printed a form to be used by persons who might wish to offer anonymous information regarding the fatal shooting of Milton J. Cohen, prominent local merchant.

The same form appeared yesterday in the Clarksburg Telegram. It reads: "I think the following person or persons should be suspected of the Cohen murder: A blank space follows in which the name or description of a suspect can be written, along with the reasons for suspicion."

Those who fill out the forms are to mail them to "Secret Witness, P.O. Box 654, Clarksburg."

The "secret witness" method has been instituted by city and state police in the hope of turning up clues in the unsolved murder, which occurred the night of Dec. 18.

Cohen was shot through the stomach after answering the back door bell at his residence. He managed to telephone for help, but died 24 hours later.

Local Reaction

By ANN SAWYER
News Staff Writer
Local educators who could be reached today said the President's plan for bolstering scientific education is good, but federal help should not stop with science.

Dr. Elmer H. Geringer, city school superintendent, said "We're interested in the humanities as well as science and mathematics."

One high school principal said it is "a real pity" that the Eisenhower administration program came as a result "of what Russia has done, and not because of concern for American youth."

Some state leaders gave approval — but with reservations — to the program. Many leaders, both state and local, withheld comment until they have more time to study the plan announced yesterday.

President Eisenhower endorsed at Gettysburg, Pa., yesterday a proposal for a billion-dollar federal outlay in the next four years to promote education, particularly in science and mathematics. The states would have to match about 400 millions of this amount.

The program was laid out by Secretary of Welfare Felson as the administration's answer to a accumulating evidence the United States is dropping behind Russia in scientific education fields.

10,000 GRANTS
The program would provide for 10,000 scholarships yearly, worth an average \$700-\$800 a year, to help worthy high school students attend college.

It also would make available, on a matching basis, federal funds to help states employ more mathematics and science teachers, speed laboratory equipment purchases, boost teachers' pay, or take other steps to improve teaching systems.

Limited grants to colleges, fellowships for graduate students, and other steps are included in the proposed program.

"We are happy that our Federal government is taking such a big step," said BROADER on page 3-A.

matter for a time. Then, eight months up in the news again and he wrote the Navy asking about his letter. It took a while, but the Navy filing system presently answered him Dec. 12, 1919: "Your letter of June 7, 1919, was received and will be filed for further consideration. Thanking you very much for your interest."

Sperry, 71, who now operates a laundry here, dropped the

Shooting Suspect Taken In Florida

Carpenter Hearing Scheduled

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (U) — Russell Wayne Carpenter, 21, wanted in a double slaying in a Washington, D. C. bar, has been arrested by a patrolman making a routine check of transients.

Carpenter refused to waive preliminary hearing today and U. S. Commissioner Roger Edwards ordered him held for a final hearing Jan. 10. Arrested last night, Carpenter is charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder, kidnapping and transporting a stolen car across state lines.

At the government's request, Davis refused to set bond for the kidnapping charge and fixed a bond of \$25,000 on the unlawful flight charge.

Patrolman Larry Wald last night questioned the hitchhiking Carpenter, who showed him a wallet containing pictures that matched FBI circulars and a driver's license bearing the name of the wanted man. Wald arrested him.

Police Sgt. E. E. Graham said Carpenter related that he separated in Miami Beach from Henry Clay Overton, 44, after arriving there Sunday.

Carpenter said a Miami police car fell in behind them and they became frightened.

OVERTON KILLED

They left the car and split up. Later Overton went back for the car and headed North. He was killed in a head-on auto collision Sunday night at Wrens, Ga., that fatally injured Charles N. Wray, 42, a construction worker from High Point, N.C.

Graham said Carpenter told of throwing away a .45-caliber pistol at Miami Beach. He was unarmed when arrested.

Overton and Wray, who was driving to his job at the missile center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., were killed in a collision during Carpenter's 100-mile-an-hour chase in a stolen car from the Georgia state patrol.

Found in the wreckage was a loaded, sawed-off shotgun. Patrol Sgt. J. L. Knight said he believed Overton was getting ready to blast us with that shotgun "and started trying to drive and shoot at the same time."

QUARREL OVER

The shooting at the Washington hotel was the result of a quarrel over a \$10 drink tab. Police said two men left the bar, but returned and started shooting with a .45-caliber pistol and a sawed-off shotgun.

George Kaldes, 33, owner of the bar, and Kenneth Fisher, 32, a general contractor, were killed. Bernard J. Mainzer, 28, a blind pianist, was shot so badly he was paralyzed from the waist down.

He is an active member of First Baptist Church and has served it for many years.

He is currently a deacon at his church, a leader in the Queens College Centennial Campaign, a high officer in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the business world, in addition to his bank affiliation, he is a director of Cole Manufacturing Co., and Piedmont Electronics and Fixtures Corp. YMCA, UCS.

Two of Mr. McCraw's largest interests have been the Young Men's Christian Association and United Community Services, both of which he has served long and loyally.

He is a member of the City Club, Charlotte Country Club, Myers Park Club, Newcomen Society of North America, a public official can't have his salary changed during a current term.

Maybe Smith Will Be Easier To Remember
NEW YORK (U) — The brokerage house of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane will change its name on March 1.

The new name is Winthrop Hillman Smith & Co., a directing partner. The firm's new title will be Merrill Lynch, Fenner & Beane & Smith.

Longtime billing at the brokerage house is Alpheus C. Beane. He retires Feb. 22.

Led Annexation Drive

Carl McCraw Named News' Man Of The Year For 1957

By JULIAN SCHER
News Staff Writer

Carl G. McCraw, president of Union National Bank here, has been named The Charlotte News' Man of the Year for 1957.

The announcement was made today by a committee of former Men of the Year who annually make the selection.

Mr. McCraw, a 52-year-old banker who came here at 19 from Kings Mountain, spearheaded the drive for a favorable vote on the extension of Charlotte's city limits.

JUDGES IMPRESSED

The city limits campaign, plus his tireless and devoted service on many other civic enterprises, impressed the judges.

The selection committee included these former Men of the Year: Coleman W. Roberts (1944), C. W. Gilechrist (1945), George M. Ivey (1947), J. Norman Pease (1948), Henry C. Dockery (1949), John Watlington (1951), H. L. Everett (1952), James P. McMillan (1953), John C. Erwin (1954), J. Spencer Bell (1955) and John L. Sheckley, last year's Man of the Year.

J. B. Marshall (1946) and David Owens (1950) are deceased.

News Publisher Thomas L. Robinson and General Manager Brodie S. Griffith are also members of the committee but vote only in case of a tie.

The 1957 Man of the Year is known to many thousands of Mecklenburgers for his zealous efforts in the city limits extension drive.

Carl McCraw was born in Kings Mountain and came to Charlotte in 1924 after graduation from high school. He was employed at the National Bank as a runner, a quiet, sincere youth with boundless energy and enthusiasm — traits which have remained with him through the years.

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Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer today followed by occasional rain by night. Tomorrow cloudy and cooler with occasional rain gradually ending by night.

Low this morning... 29
Low tomorrow morning... 40
High today... 55
High yesterday... 51
High tomorrow... 50
Sunrise today 7:13 a.m.
Sunset today 5:21 p.m.

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