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## Coty Says Only De Gaulle Can Save France From War



(AP Photos via Radio)  
SPEAKER LE TROUQUER



### Man Wounded

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) — Charlie W. Hutchins, 65, former Winston-Salem alderman, was in critical condition today at City Memorial Hospital following a gunshot wound. Police said he apparently shot himself in the head about 7:30 a.m. at his home.

### Stritch Rites

ROME (AP) — Princes of the Roman Catholic Church knelt in the black-draped church of St. Ignazio today in final tribute to Samuel Cardinal Stritch. Three thousand priests, monks and laymen jammed the 300-year-old church in the center of Rome for the funeral service.

### Prowler Shot

CHICAGO (AP) — An 82-year-old man got out of bed last night and shot a prowler who barged into his living room. The prowler was shot in the neck, chin and chest, and was reported in fair condition at a south side hospital.

### Road Toll Down

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's traffic death toll, for the sixth straight month, dropped in April and high-way deaths in the first four months this year were the lowest for the comparable period since 1950.

### Chances Fade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chances that the Senate will break through the bipartisan wall against tax reductions declined today. The House will act next week on a one-year extension of present rates for corporation and excise levies asked by President Eisenhower and agreed to by Democratic congressional leaders.

### Our Weather

Fair and cooler today and tonight. Friday fair with moderate temperatures.  
Low this morning...63  
Low tomorrow morning...55  
High today...81  
High yesterday...81  
High tomorrow...84  
Sunrise today 5:11 a.m.; sunset today 7:30 p.m.

### Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us today to be happy conscious of Thy presence. May the assurance of Thy love and power safeguard us against temptation and evil influences which would weaken and destroy us. This we ask in the name of Him who overcame all temptation... Amen.

### Resources Of Over \$100 Million

## Charlotte & Asheville Bank Merger Voted By Directors

Merger of the Union National Bank of Charlotte and the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville into one institution, the First Union National Bank of North Carolina, has been approved by the institutions' boards of directors.

Carl McCraw, president of the Charlotte bank, will be president of the proposed institution which will have total resources in excess of \$100 million and capital funds and reserves in excess of \$11 million.

Details of the consolidation will be announced after approval by the controller of the currency. Notices will then be sent out to shareholders calling them to meetings to consider the consolidation.

Action by shareholders is expected in about 90 days. Announcement of the proposed merger was made by Mr. McCraw and Charles D. Parker, president of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville. Under the proposed plan of organization George S. Crouch, chairman of the board of Union National Bank will be chairman of the merged bank's board with Mr. Parker vice chairman.

### EMPLOYEES RETAINED

All officers and employees of both banks will be on the staff of the combined institution. Mr. McCraw said the merged institution will provide a new financial giant in Western North Carolina, a valuable tool in the campaign for new industry and commercial enterprises in Piedmont and western sections of the state. The Union National Bank is this city's only national bank and has a 60-year history. It was organized in 1908 with a capital of \$100,000. Today the capital is in excess of \$7 million, and the institution occupies a building completed just three years ago. It has eight branches in convenient locations in the city.

### STARTED IN 1933

The First National Bank & Trust Co. was organized in 1933 and has kept steady pace with the expanding economy of Western North Carolina. The bank has four offices in Asheville, with branches in neighboring communities of Waynesville, Hendersonville, Canton, Clyde, Otter, Breard and Swannanoa.

The merger will give the consolidated institutions 20 offices in seven communities.

Both the Charlotte and Asheville banks list some of the state's most influential citizens on their boards of directors. Serving Union National are Irwin Bell, R. H. Bouquig, William C. Cannon, George S. Crouch, George W. Dowdy, H. H. Everett, C. W. Gilchrist, Edward G. Glover, Thad L. Harrison, Stowe Moody, Carl McCraw, Wilbur S. Oberholser, J. Norman Pease, F. H. Ross, Jr., Dr. Henry Sloan, H. M. Victor, Howard M. Wade and John M. Wasson.

### DIRECTORATE NAMED

On the Asheville bank's directorate are Canie N. Brown, Robert Bumelle, John M. Carruth, George H. V. Cecil, Burnham S. Colburn, Charles F. Johnson, R. H. McDuffie, E. D. Mitchell, Luther W. Nelson, Charles D. Parker, J. Aaron Prevost, E. Bretney Smith, Julian B. Stepp, J. A. Woodcock Jr., Jonathan Wooddy and Edwin Fischer.



MR. MCCRAW



MR. CROUCH



MR. PARKER

this consolidated bank will add materially to the continuation of this development in the fast-growing Piedmont and Western North Carolina areas.

Mr. Crouch commented, "The Union National Bank and the First National Bank & Trust Co. in Asheville have long enjoyed a very close relationship. We have the utmost respect for the officers and personnel of their institution, and we are delighted that it is now our good fortune to be a part of the same family with this great organization in Western North Carolina."

And Mr. Parker said, "We know of the tremendous growth and economic power of the Piedmont. At the same time we are even more aware now section of the country has a greater economic potential than that now being evidenced in our own Western North Carolina. The number of large industrial firms locating in the area served by the two merging banks is increasing every month, bringing added employment to our people. We are proud to join with Union National friends in expansion of services to further this development."

Mr. McCraw, who as president will guide the merged institution, is a Kings Mountain native and has been associated with the Charlotte bank since 1924 and its predecessor since 1932. He is active in the civic, cultural and religious life of the city, a member of the First Baptist Church. He is a director of six health and welfare organizations and has played a leading role in the work of the United Appeal.

### NEWS MAN OF YEAR

Last year he was active in the campaign for extension of the city limits and was elected The Charlotte News Man of the Year. Mr. Parker is an officer and director of eight Asheville civic and health agencies and a number of civic clubs. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Crouch, born in Tennessee and reared in Georgia, has been with Union National since 1919. He was elected president in 1947 and board chairman in 1952. He is a director of the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, a trustee of Davidson College, and holds directorates in a number of civic and social organizations.

The merger will be the second here in the past few months. The American Trust Co. and Commercial National Bank forming the American Commercial Bank late in December.

On First National's advisory board are Charles W. Cunningham, L. N. Davis, Frank Evans, James E. Massie, W. M. Melton, Glenn C. Palmer, L. B. Prince, J. W. Ray, Joseph S. Silverstein and A. T. Ward.

In commenting on the merger, Mr. McCraw said, "Charles Parker has long been a close personal friend and a man possessing unusually fine qualities and is recognized by the banking fraternity as an outstanding leader of the profession. He is currently serving as a director of the Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond."

All of us at Union National Bank are looking forward to our association with Mr. Parker and his progressive organization who have done so much to further the economic development of Western North Carolina.

"I am confident the strength of

of Northampton Superior Court beginning Aug. 4.

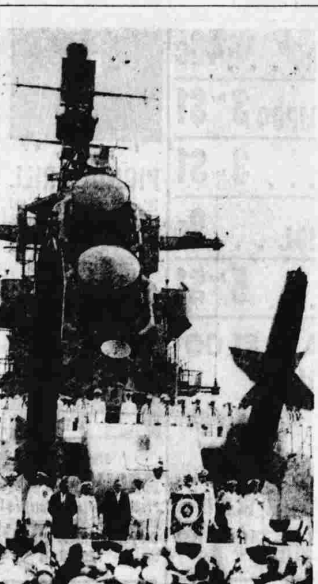
He said most of the indictments will name Superintendent Turner, 38-year-old Rich Square resident. Turner said today:

"The charges that are being made against me are not true. I have done no wrong."

In addition to the superintendent Turner said two or three other persons probably will be named in other indictments.

Dr. C. G. Parker of Woodland, chairman of the Northampton Board of Education, said he did not care to comment.

Any fish? Not even a comment.



(AP Photos)

## Ship Comes Alive

Officers and men stand at attention as the USS Galveston is placed in commission at Philadelphia. The ship is the chief armament of the missile cruiser is the Talos, capable of destroying enemy planes and vessels more than 65 miles away.

## Would Resign

Littlejohn Raps Court Clerk Idea

By JOHN KILGO  
News Staff Writer

Veteran Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn today blasted City Recorder Basil M. Boyd's recommendation that a civilian should be made Clerk of City Recorder's Court.

In a statement to The News, Chief Littlejohn threatened to resign if City Manager Henry A. Yancey goes through with his announced intentions of hiring a civilian for the post.

Judge Boyd was asked his reason for suggesting a civilian for the job but he declined to make any statement.

He told The News, "The council and city manager handle that situation and I believe I will let them answer that question."

City Council yesterday approved Mr. Yancey's request and authorized him to make appointment of a civilian to the job that was held for 16 years by police Lt. Allen M. White. Lt. White is awaiting transfer to another position.

### HAS A MAN

Mr. Yancey said that he has a man that will accept the job at the clerk's office. Chief Littlejohn said he would accept the resignation and put it into effect at any time.

However, he refused to accept the resignation and sent it back to the chief.

Chief Littlejohn made his statement today to a News reporter — local auditing firm had been called in to inspect the books in the court clerk's office.

When sought for a statement, Mr. Yancey said:

"As a matter of fact the chief is not appointed by me and if he desires to resign he should direct his resignation to the mayor, and members of the City Council."

Under the city's charter the police chief is one of the department heads appointed by the council.

Sgt. Charles Adams, who has served as asst. clerk for the last six years, was appointed to perform all duties of the City Recorder's Clerk" on May 19.

## Message Jeered, Cheered

PARIS (AP) — President Rene Coty is calling Gen. Charles de Gaulle to power with a warning that only he can save France from civil war.

The president announced this action to Parliament today. He said he will resign if the National Assembly refuses to accept De Gaulle as premier. De Gaulle immediately left his country home for Paris.

Coty's unprecedented message was received in the National Assembly with shouts of derision from the Communists and cheers from De Gaulle's supporters.

### ON THE BRINK

"We find ourselves on the brink of civil war," Coty said. "In the peril of the motherland and the republic, I turn myself toward the most illustrious Frenchman."

The Assembly recessed, and parties began feverish caucuses. First reports said the socialists, who hold the balance of power, were holding firm in their opposition to De Gaulle.

Coty told the assembly he could see no alternative to De Gaulle. De Gaulle waited at his country home at Colombey-les-Deux-Églises, 150 miles from Paris, as the speech was read. Soon thereafter he got in his car and headed for Paris.

The Ministry of Interior redoubled security measures in Paris, already an armed camp. Authorities feared clashes between Communists and Rightists.

### OFFERS APOLOGY

Coty apologized to the assembly for having possibly exceeded his traditional role as President, but he said the republic was weak and he saw no other course.

He wanted to spare France the ordeal of Frenchmen fighting Frenchmen. Coty's message was unprecedented. No one could recall any French President ever taking such a strong stand on a political question. While chief of state, a French President has little real power.

He said he intended to designate de Gaulle as chief of government and if the assembly did not accept him he would resign and turn the presidency of the republic over to Andre Le Troquer, speaker of the National Assembly and constitutionally the man in line to take Coty's office.

### ONE OF WEAKEST

Coty mourned that France, one of the oldest of democracies, was also one of the weakest.

"Thus, if I have passed the traditional limits which were imposed upon my predecessors, I believed myself authorized to do so," Coty said in his first official statement to the assembly since he thanked it on taking office in 1954.

The state does not cease to be divided," Coty said. "Now we find ourselves on the brink of civil war."

More than 40 years of wars against outside enemies, Coty asked, "Are the French now going to fight against the French?"

The Assembly was packed as Le Troquer, in tradition I while he stood and asked the Assembly to stand to hear the critical message.

When he reached the point called "We find ourselves on the brink of civil war," Coty said.

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(AP Photos)  
PRESIDENT COTY

## Senators From South To Fight Alaskan Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The drive for Alaska statehood stalled today to the Senate, where Southern Democrats appeared ready to fight it.

Senators close to Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said they were waiting for the bill — which passed the House 206-106 yesterday — would come to the Senate floor by mid-June.

But Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), an avowed opponent of statehood for Alaska or Hawaii, said that if an attempt is made to consider either bill in the Senate he will offer as an amendment an equally controversial bill to limit review powers of the Supreme Court. Opponents of the Supreme Court measure have indicated they would talk at length against it.

### PLANS DEMAND

Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.), insular committee chairman, said he plans to go before the next meeting of the Democratic Policy Committee and insist that the Alaska bill be scheduled for floor action without further delay.

"I think the sentiment for Alaska's admission is just as strong in the Senate as in the House," he said.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California expressed belief there are enough votes in the Senate to pass both an Alaska and a Hawaii bill.

A supporter of both, Knowland said he would be willing to let the Senate take up a separate Alaska bill if there were an irrevocable agreement from Democratic leaders that Hawaii also would be considered at this session.

## Island Off S. C. Grows As Resort

Story, Picture On 7C

Business	5A
Closed	13B
Comics	13C
Crossword Puzzle	14C
Editorial	15C
Editorials	16A
Everyday Counselor	16B
Obituaries	16B
Radio-TV	16C
Serial	16C
Sports	16B
Theaters	14A
Four Good Health	14B
Women	24B
Worry Clinic	24C

## Your Dad, 'Famous Fathers', Could Be Key To Prize List

Whether you call him father, daddy or pop, you're probably getting ready to honor that father on Father's Day, June 15.

To help you along, The Charlotte News will again offer prizes totaling \$800 in the "Famous Fathers' Game," which will appear in the June 2 issue of The News.

By changing the rules slightly from last year's contest, The News has made it possible to enter this year's winner in the regional Father's Day contest sponsored by The Men's Apparel Club of the Carolinas Inc.

Like the 1957 contest, contestants will be asked to identify famous fathers — statesmen,

sports heroes, movie, and stage actors — whose names will be in the June 2 issue of The News.

These will appear in advertisements of all participating members of The Charlotte Merchants Association in the June 2 issue.

### HOW TO VOTE

In addition, contestants will be asked to finish the following sentence in 25 words or less: "My father should be Father of the Year because..."

Boys and girls under 18 years of age will be eligible for the contest. Entries, gained from the June 2 issue of The News, must bear a postmark of June 4. Judging will be done at 9:30 a.m. June 11 in the office of the Charlotte Merchants Association, with the winners announced in the June 12 issue of The News.

First prize in the contest will be \$120 worth of men's wear for the father of the winning entrant, and a \$50 Savings Bond for the entrant.

Second prize will be \$75 worth of men's wear for the father, and a \$25 Savings Bond for the entrant.

Merchants donating prizes are Beck & Eliza, J. W. & M. L. Jones, J. O. Jones, Brown's, Jack Wood Ltd., Jimmie Ledford, Sengold, Debra Wear and Providence Men's Store.