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Officer Killed

AMMAN, Jordan (P)—The Jordan government radio said today an Egyptian Army officer named Mustafa Abu was killed and several others hurt during a clash with Syrian officers in a coffee house near Aleppo.

Ovation Given

VIENNA, Austria (P)—Bulgarian Communist gave Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev a big ovation when they opened their party Congress today in Sofia, Budapest Radio reported today.

Bill Defeated

WASHINGTON (P)—The House Interior Reclamation Subcommittee today voted down a controversial bill for federal construction of dams in Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge on the continent.

Strike Averted

WASHINGTON (P)—A nationwide telegraph strike has been averted by agreement in principle on a new contract between Western Union and the Commercial Telegraphers Union (CTU).

Italians Parade

ROME (P)—Tanks rumbled and jet planes screamed in a demonstration of Italian armed strength today to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Italian Republic.

Beirut Noisy

BEIRUT, Lebanon (P)—Bomb explosions and sporadic rifle fire broke Beirut's three-day calm last night and early today.

Ketch To Sail

HONOLULU (P)—The crew of the ketch Golden Rule has announced it will defy government orders and sail Wednesday noon for Eniwetok to protest nuclear weapons tests.

5 Men Missing

NEW ORLEANS (P)—Air and sea units intensified the search today for five men missing in the crash of a Humble Oil Co. helicopter off the Louisiana coast.

Fighting Costly

JAKARTA, Indonesia (P)—Prime Minister Djarda warned today that the Indonesian government will go broke unless it quickly puts down the 3½-month-old revolt in the outer islands.

Cholera Kills 106

BANGKOK, Thailand (P)—The death toll from the cholera epidemic climbed to 106 over the weekend. The disease has infected 719 in the past 10 days.

Not War Just Begun

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By JULIAN SCHIEER
News Staff Writer

The first of three rounds of 1958 political activity ended pretty much as expected Saturday. But the forecast for round two (a second primary on June 23) and round three (November's general election) indicates there is much tough campaigning ahead. Mecklenburgers turned out in good number for Democratic and Republican primaries, with 22,606 Democrats voting in the Big One—the state Senate battle between incumbent Sen. Spencer Bell and Reps. Jack D. Love and James B. Vogler.

A second primary may be called for by Rep. Love who trailed Sen. Bell.

There are indications, too, that Republicans will be shugging hard in November in at least two big races—the state House of Representatives and the Tenth District Congressional race.

Here's how the races went: (with the vote still unofficial): State Senate—Sen. J. Spencer Bell, 11,129.

Rep. Jack D. Love, 7,750
Rep. James B. Vogler, 3,620
Rep. Vogler's lack of strength was a surprise, as was the margin between Bell and Love. Bell missed a majority by only 223 votes. There could be a change in the figure when the County Board of Elections has its vote canvass Tuesday. Rep. Love will have until June 9 to ask for a runoff.

State House race went like this:
Irvin Bell, 16,851
John P. Kennedy Jr., 15,369
Rep. Frank Stepp, 12,520
Rep. Ernest L. Hicks, 13,721
Leon Olive, 7,728
Sydney F. Croft, 4,512
Tom Brooks, 3,672

Belk, Kennedy, Stepp and Hicks won nominations for the November ticket. Bell was predicted as the leader of the race in his first try for public office and came through as expected.

COIRA TOUGH

The Democrats will face a formidable challenger in Charles (Bud) Coira in the November general election. Coira is considered the strongest of the county public men. He barely missed winning one of the county's four seats in the 1956 general election.

Tenth District Congressional (Democratic):
David L. Clark, 14,254
Marvin L. Ritch, 7,423

While Arthur Ritch is well known in Mecklenburg, he did not campaign vigorously for the nomination. Therefore, his vote is being scrutinized carefully today. There are strong indications that "Jonacrats" registered Democrats who vote Republican and for Rep. Charles R. Jones in general elections, gave Ritch his large vote as a "protest" against Clark, Rep. Jones and Clark, both of Lincolnton, will be member opponents.

Chairman Board of County Commissioners:
Sid V. McAden, 12,920; George Brown, 7,790.

Houston gave McAden a good run in this race as he had confidently predicted he would prior to the election.

County Commissioners:
Ernest K. Brown, 12,004
John McEwen, 11,038
Craig Laving, 11,183
Herbert Garrison, 11,171
Sandy Jordan, 10,056
A. Todd, 5,446
C. F. Brown, 3,331
Mrs. Ann Rimer, 3,041
John McEwen, 2,014
Walter Auer, 2,008
Incumbents Ernest Brown, McEwen and Garrison won as expected, with former commissioner Laving taking the fourth seat. Jordan barely missed.

SEN. BELL
On Election Night

County Board of Education:
Larry Ranson, 6,010
Dan Hood, 5,315
David Harris, 6,919
James Reid, 5,227
Steve Davis, 791
Mrs. William Seay, 5,001
Robert McSwain, 2,470
A runoff is likely in this race since a nomination was not won. Harris said today he will seek a runoff.

Without a runoff, Ranson and Hood would be nominated. Republican nomination for county commission:
G. E. Vinroot, 804
W. R. Grier, 793
Steve Davis, 791
L. D. Ess, 645
Mrs. Ralph Suttie, 637
Vinroot, Grier, Bass and Davis were nominated.

Republican nomination for county board of education:
David L. Clark, 14,254
Mrs. Barbara Baxter, 353
Merle D. Randle, 329
Charles Bell, 262
Mrs. Betsy Heinz, 209

A runoff is likely here. There was no nomination, so Morton and for all the help it has given us through the years. May we serve it faithfully to the best of our ability. Give us patience and understanding with our fellow workers. Bless all Churches everywhere and have taken much time from our jobs to work on this problem," he said. "We feel that it is time for someone to take some official action."

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Mr. Alexander then told the board that widening of the channel of the creek would cost "thousands of dollars."

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difference bring death on the highways, especially on holidays. The traffic total compared with 24 reported during the 78-hour holiday period from 6 p. m. Thursday, May 15, to midnight Sunday, May 18. The count was for comparative purposes. It also showed 43 drownings and 71 deaths from miscellaneous accidents, an over-all total of 448.

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Attorney Gives Word To Board

By JERRY REECE
News Staff Writer

County commissioners were told by their attorney today they can go so far as to levy a 2-cent county-wide tax to finance a solution to drainage and flood problems.

Commissioners—plagued by complaints following recent heavy rains—were jolted out of their post-election lethargy by County Attorney Henry Dockery at this morning's weekly meeting.

Reading to the board from North Carolina statutes he said when "non navigable streams in counties having 100,000 or more population are creating a health problem" commissioners may authorize whatever work it necessary to solve the problem.

Commissioner S. S. McVinch then asked Mr. Dockery if the law also gave the board the right to condemn land along streams for drainage work.

"I would presume it does," Mr. Dockery answered.

Following Mr. Dockery's report the commissioners voted to instruct County Surveyor Jack Spratt to make a survey of necessary work to be done on Little Hope creek in the Longwood subdivision.

THREE PILES

Three residents of Mockingbird Lane located in the area appeared before the commissioners again today to plead their case for drainage control.

R. R. Ballard, speaking for the Mockingbird residents, renewed his plea for "immediate aid."

"We are all traveling men and have taken much time from our jobs to work on this problem," he said. "We feel that it is time for someone to take some official action."

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French Soldiers File Past Political Prisoners Awaiting Release In Algeria

Auto Workers' Truce Uneasy

DETROIT (P)—In an air of uneasy truce nearly 500,000 auto workers today voted 322 to 232 to support protection of a union contract.

There were no reports of incidents halfway through the first shift of non-contract work at the 273 General Motors, Chrysler and Ford plants throughout the country.

For GM and Chrysler it was the first time since 1957 that workers across the nation have turned out cars without a union contract. At Ford plants it was the first time since 1941.

The United Auto Workers Union's contracts with Ford and Chrysler expired last midnight without a new settlement. The UAW's contract with GM died Thursday midnight without a new agreement.

Despite the announced intentions of both the companies and the union to continue normal operations without a contract, there was doubt about the future.

Walter P. Reuther, president of the UAW, came out of last-ditch negotiations with stern orders to UAW members not to strike or provoke any incidents that could give the companies an excuse to shut down plants.

The auto companies have cautioned their supervisors to keep a sharp eye out for slowdowns or sabotage.

First actual non-contract work was done Friday at three GM plants in the Atlanta, Ga., area. While other plants were closed for Memorial Day, the Atlanta plants remained open. Workers there got a holiday April 28 in observance of Confederate Memorial Day.

There were no incidents reported at UAW contracts with two smaller car makers still are in effect. The contract with American Motors runs through June 15, with Studebaker-Packard July 1.

Emergency powers to rule by decree for six months to clear up the current crisis. Parliament would take a vacation in the interim.

2. Authority to revise the constitution to give a stronger executive, based on the American system, rather than the parade of weak regimes which have been at the mercy of the Assembly.

3. Constitutional reform to reorganize the relation between France and her overseas territories.

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WILD SESSION

The Assembly voted back into session this morning after 24 of the most hectic hours in its long history. Prospects were that it would be given a free hand to run France for the next six months.

The general made his sweeping demand in a cold calm six-minute speech to the hushed chamber. He needed the powers, he said, to avert a "breakup and perhaps civil war" in France.

De Gaulle said he was demanding three major things of the Assembly:

De Gaulle Gets New Powers To Govern For Six Months

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DIRECT VOTE

Both constitutional reforms would be submitted directly to the people for approval, rather than to the Assembly first. De Gaulle did not pull out the constitutional changes he plans, saying this would be done in a bill to be submitted soon.

The Assembly committee approved the request for six months full power 27-17 after an all-night session during which Vice Premier Guy Mollet and Pierre Pflimlin pleaded that the general must be given a chance to push ahead with plans to revitalize France.

The committee vote followed debate in the Assembly and Communist rioting against De Gaulle in the streets of the capital.

Another committee voted to extend special power measures which De Gaulle's predecessors have had for dealing with the 3½-year-old Algerian rebellion.

Thus the general passed his first political hurdles. Observers noted, however, that he did so only with a push from four politicians representing wide shades of non-Communist French political opinion. All four have been chosen by De Gaulle as deputy premiers.

Besides Socialist Mollet and Popular Republican (Catholic) Pflimlin, de Gaulle's demands were pressed by conservative Louis Jacquinot and Felix Houphouët-Boigny of the Rally of African Peoples.

They were called to testify before the committee in a 3 a. m. session.

The men played ball out on the prison yard yesterday," he said, "and somebody apparently slipped him a saw. He saved the two lower bars of the cell door loose and squeezed through."

"Our men tracked him all night with bloodhounds but they lost him. Smith had escaped from prison once before. He's a mean one."

Students had already started fleeing into the building when officials came for Smith this morning.

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