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Witness Describes Plot To Bomb Mill

Blasting Expert Says Unionists Made Plans

By PHIL CORNER

HENDERSON (AP)—A demolitions expert testified today that he was contacted by a textile union official to blow up property of the struck Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills last May.

But, said Harold Aaron, he reported the plan to the mill president and the State Bureau of Investigation because he feared "somebody would have been killed."

Aaron, a mystery witness presented by the state in the trial of eight members of the Textile Workers Union of America, then described how he served as an undercover agent for the SBI in subsequent meetings concerning the alleged bombing conspiracy.

Aaron, now an auto mechanic in Laksville, said he was first contacted by Charles Auslander, a TWUA official from Spray near Leaksville. They discussed the possibility of putting the Henderson mill out of operation, Aaron said, and he agreed to help.

REPORT TRADE

After a second meeting with Auslander, Aaron said that he decided to report the situation to John D. Cooper, president of the mills, which were struck by the TWUA last November.

"I told him of the plans that were being made to bomb the boiler room and (power) sub-station. I told him he had better put guards on the substation," Aaron testified.

Then the handsome, blond witness said he reported to SBI agents J. N. (Red) Minter and met with Minter and agent L. E. Allen before starting a series of meetings with defendants in the case.

Aaron's testimony implicated Johnny Martin and Warren Walker, making seven of the eight defendants named so far in testimony. The only defendant not yet named is Boyd Payton of Charlotte, the TWUA's Carolinas director.

The Harriet - Henderson mills have been the scene of a bitter and violent strike since last November. They were reopened in February without a TWUA contract and have been operating under the watchful eye of National Guardsmen.

THE DEFENDANTS

Defendants in addition to Payton are his aide, Lawrence Gore; Charles Auslander, chairman of the Tri-County TWUA Joint Board at Spray; Warren Walker, Malcolm Jarrell, Calvin Ray Pegram, Robert Edward Abbott and Johnny Martin, the last five being members of the two Henderson locals of the TWUA.

The testimony linking at least four of the defendants with the alleged dynamiting plot came from W. C. Wilson, an agent for the State Bureau of Investigation which set up a sub-bureau here during the height of the strike violence at the mill.

Wilson, the prosecution's third witness, said he interrogated defendants Walker and Jarrell shortly after they were arrested on the night of June 13.

Castro Drops President In Power Play

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ

HAVANA (AP)— Fidel Castro today forced out President Manuel Urrutia and touched off a mounting clamor to withdraw his own resignation as prime minister.

The 32-year-old Castro began his campaign to get rid of the man he personally chose as chief of state Friday by announcing his own resignation.

Osvaldo Dorticos, who was elected Cuba's new President, made a public appeal to Castro to stay in the government.

The cabinet pledged support to him and refused to accept his resignation.

Castro emerged triumphant in a dramatic show of strength that proved him Cuba's undisputed strongman and whether he remains as prime minister was clearly his own choice.

LONG SPEECH

After a four-hour television speech accusing Urrutia of undermining the revolutionary regime, Castro was asked by American correspondents whether he would withdraw his resignation.

"I have not given that a thought at this moment," he replied.

Revolucion, organ of Castro's 26th of July Movement, said that Dorticos will confer with the prime minister at 10 a.m. and a special cabinet meeting has been called for 2 p.m.

The newspaper said that public pressure for Castro to stay as prime minister was so heavy that it is certain the President will make a new appeal for him to remain in the government.

The undercover feud between the prime minister and Urrutia, Castro's hand-picked President, came to a head in a fight over communism.

Feeling ran high against the deposed president and he appealed to Raul Castro, commander in chief of the armed forces, for protection.

Urrutia remained in the presidential palace for more than three hours after resigning and then slipped out by using a ruse to throw off the angry crowd waiting outside.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, may we ever be thoughtful of our words and deeds. Guide us by Thy spirit that we may not sin against Thee. Use us to lead our fellow men in a way which is right. We ask this in our Saviour's name. Amen.

—BUDGET PLANNERS AT WORK—



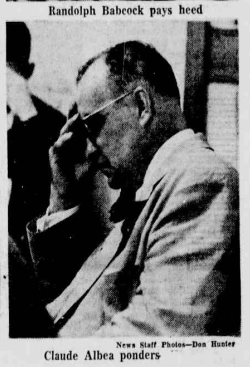
Gibson Smith thinks of money



Randolph Babcock pays heed



Jim Whittington puffs hard



News Staff Photos—Don Hunter

Claude Albea ponders

Windup On Budget

Council's Saturday One Of Hard Work

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

The Charlotte City Council tackled a job classification plan and salary adjustments for departments today as they worked on a record $14 million budget for the city.

Councilmen hoped to complete the budget by late afternoon so acting City Manager George Livingston can get it in shape to be adopted by July 27.

The tax rate is expected to be right at $2.10 per $100 valuation.

PERIMETER AREA

The new budget contains expenses for operating city services for the first six months of next year. The perimeter area will come into the city on Jan. 1, 1960. This means city residents will pay for the services for the first six months of next year.

Perimeter area citizens will begin paying for the services when they start paying city taxes.

The council seemed to be in agreement that a job classification plan is needed for the city.

Should the job classification plan be adopted salary increases would be based on merit. Action for the increases would be initiated by the department head under which the employe works and approved by the city manager and personnel manager.

FINAL AUTHORITY

But Councilman James Whittington said it should go further. He said the council should have the final say on salary increases.

Councilman Randolph Babcock said, however, that the council would become an administrative body and not a policy-making body since the council would be riding herd on some 1,600 employes.

The proposed plan would not include department heads appointed by the council.

It was pointed out that the council would still have the final say on salary increases, even if the plan is put into effect.

Strike Dents Our Defenses

By DAVID A. LEHER

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The four-day - old steel strike, currently pinching the nation's economy, is beginning to put a dent in national defense work.

The strike has already snarled plans for the completion of three Atlas missile launching sites near Cheyenne, Wyo., according to construction officials.

The first site, scheduled for completion on Sept. 20, will be finished in time. But high pressure tanks for the other sites are not expected to be delivered in time for the November completion date because of the strike, the officials said.

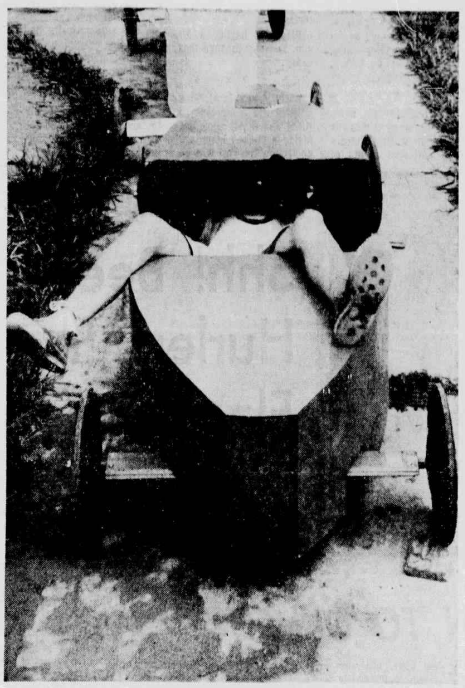
As for the economic situation, the nation's steel production losses continue to mount. Production losses are estimated at 300 million dollars a week. Wage losses are running close to 70 million dollars a week.

WORKERS IDLE

The strike, which began at Tuesday midnight, has idled some 500,000 members of the United Steelworkers and some 35,000 workers in allied industries, such as railroads, coal mines and transportation.

Negotiations are stalemated. Federal mediation commissioners have slated separate talks with both sides for Monday in New York.

President Eisenhower and James P. Mitchell, secretary of labor, conferred on the situation in Washington Friday. Details of the conference were not released. In Indianapolis, Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind) charged that President Eisenhower should have tried harder to avert the steel strike.



News Staff Photo—Don Hunter

Boy's Eye View Of Racing

Under the hood the hard way is Kenny Webb, 11, making last-minute adjustments for the Soap Box Derby. He and about 90 other contestants rolled down Hawthorne Lane Ext. today for the 14th running of the event. Kenny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Webb, 3632 Pelham Lane.

UCS To Replace Pair Of Firetraps

By DICK RIGBY
News Staff Writer

Two buildings sometimes called the city's worst fire traps are to be replaced soon with larger, modern structures.

The Capital Funds Board of United Community Services has announced that work will get under way soon on a new transient's lodge and day nursery.

Bids on the $40,000 day nursery project are being negotiated. The brick building is to be on Pine Street and will contain 3,400 square feet of space for 45 children.

Capital Fund Board Chairman C. R. Harris said yesterday that plans for a two-story brick men's transient home for the Salvation Army are in the hands of architects for final revisions. Bids are expected to be sought on the $50,000 building within three weeks.

BOTH HAZARDOUS

Both the present transient's lodge on West 7th Street and the day nursery at E. 10th Street have been termed hazardous.

Money for the two projects will come from the first capital funds drive conducted by United Community Services.

The first phase of the $850,000 plus drive was completed June 25 with over $500,000 collected. Mr. Harris said work on the second phase of the drive is well under way although completion might take until this winter. Most of the second phase contributors are corporations and large donators he said.

The Community Buildings Campaign is being directed by Edwin Jones Jr.

WAS CONDEMNED

"The day nursery situation was largely responsible for this entire drive," Mr. Harris said yesterday. When the building was condemned as a fire trap last winter, an immediate solution was required, he explained. "And the Salvation Army lodge was in about as bad shape," Mr. Harris said.

The needs of nearly a dozen other agencies, covered by the $850,000 drive, will be taken up "soon," Mr. Harris said.

The new Salvation Army lodge will replace the present frame structure where some 5,000 men sleep yearly.

To be two stories and of fireproof construction, the building will provide overnight accomodations for about 20 men. The present building can handle but 18.

OTHER FACILITIES

An office, dining room, kitchen, lounge, six private rooms and dormitory space will be provided.

Revised and scaled-down plans for The Charlotte Day Center call for three large classrooms, a kitchen, lobby and office.

Richard Gillespie is the day center architect. Marven Helms the transient's lodge architect.

Don't Reds Want Unity?

GENEVA (AP)— A U.S. spokesman charged today that premier Khrushchev's latest speeches show the Soviet Union wants to perpetuate the division of Germany.

Assistant Secretary of State Andrew H. Berding declared that in statements made by the Soviet Premier on his current visit to Poland "we find a strange contradiction to any idea of reunification of East and West Germany."

"It looks like (he wants) the perpetuation of the present division of Germany," Berding said.

AFTER MEETING

He spoke with newsmen soon after foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany met for 90 minutes on strategy in the Big Four conference.

Western informants said the four remained pessimistic about chances of working out a stopgap Berlin settlement with Russia.

Berding said the United States does not yet have the text of Khrushchev's speech yesterday at Szczecin but had received extracts which said:

"The frontier which we will defend is now between East Germany and West Germany. This is the frontier which divides the world of socialism and the world of capitalism and we will defend this frontier with all our strength."

—WHILE GUV'S AWAY IT'S BARNHARDT'S PLAY—

State Capitol Shifts To Office In Concord

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

North Carolina has had a "new" governor since June 21.

And Gov. Luther H. Hodges will not resume his role as the state's active chief executive until July 31 when his summer trip to Europe ends.

Lt. Gov. Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord has assumed the role of chief executive and is serving in the official capacity of acting governor.

Almost completely overlooked by the people, he has been at the helm of the state for nearly a month. Gov. Barnhardt has "run" the state from his second floor law office on Concord's S. Main St. He has been to Raleigh once where he sat in the governor's chair and presided over a meeting of the Council of State. He will go back to Raleigh next week for another Council of State session.



LT. GOV. BARNHARDT

However, there have been other duties. As acting governor he was requested to straighten out a mixup in a General Assembly tax bill, he will participate in several personal appearances in place of Gov. Hodges and his signature is beginning to appear on state documents which must be signed in the governor's absence.

It is not the first time Gov. Barnhardt has been in the driver's seat, but never has the role been as active or as long. Last summer the governor went to Europe on a brief trip, but Gov. Barnhardt had little to do.

This time, however, Gov. Hodges called the lieutenant-governor and president of the Senate to Raleigh for a briefing on what he could expect while he was away. They discussed state business and Gov. Hodges brought Gov. Barnhardt up-to-date on the strike situation in Henderson and in Morganton. The Morganton strike has been settled, but the Henderson strike is still watched over by state troops — the N. C. National Guard and Barnhardt has that responsibility.

RANKIN LIAISON

Ed Rankin, the governor's secretary, is running the office in Raleigh but keeps Gov. Barnhardt posted by telephone and mail on many items of business. Rankin cannot, however, assume the chief executive's role, although he can handle much of the routine business and decisions.

There is a little more anxiety in his new role, Mr. Barnhardt admits.

"I was anxious last week with Hurricane Cindy near our coast," he says. "I know an emergency could exist in North Carolina and these things affect the governor's office."

But his new job hasn't made too much of a change.

"No," he says, "I haven't kidded my wife about being the 'first lady'."

"Mr. Barnhardt is ideal for the job," Rankin says, "because of his vast knowledge of state government. This could be a ticklish situation, I think, if a governor and a lieutenant governor were not friendly. A situation like that could have serious overtones."

Gov. Hodges has always kept Mr. Barnhardt posted on affairs of state even on brief trips outside the state.

While the position is only a temporary one, the state constitution gives the acting governor full powers.

"He can grant reprieves, commutations and pardons — do anything the chief executive normally does," Rankin adds.

"As a matter of fact, he can fire me."

Laughs Gov. Barnhardt: "I have no big plans."

Pro Golfer Slain After Jilting Girl

CANTON, N. Y. (AP)—"He didn't want me around anymore" a waitress told police who said Friday night she had confessed the slaying of a handsome golf pro and college coach.

State Police said Theresa Defrancesco, 23, of Rochester, had signed a statement that she shot Richard Smith, 27, early Friday morning as they drove across the St. Lawrence University campus.

He was golf coach for the northern New York university and pro at a nearby country club. She is a waitress with a record of shoplifting.

It was not clear how they met but police believe they became acquainted in Miami last winter. Smith returned north. "I sent him money from time to time" Miss Defrancesco said but refused to estimate how much.

Baptists Get New Preacher

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Our Weather

Cloudy, warm and humid with scattered mostly afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers, through Sunday.

Low this morning	70
Low tomorrow morning	73
High today	87
High yesterday	82
High tomorrow	88

Sunrise today 5:22 a.m.; sunset today 7:36 p.m.

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