FACTS ABOUT THE SOUTH
Mr. F. C. Abbott, Connecticut-born but a Charlotte resident for 30 years, reports on race relations in the South in a letter to his Connecticut friends which is published on the editorial page of this edition.

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Thousands Line Streets To Watch Yule Parade

CHINESE CLAIM COMMUNISTS IN FLIGHT

A QUEEN IS CROWNED AND SANTA WELCOMED

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

Last night was exciting for a lot of people, but it was especially exciting for Anne Ross of Mint Hill. The pretty young woman was crowned Queen of the Carolinas Christmas Festival at a Coronation Ball following the big parade. Annie is shown being crowned by Ann Goode of Lincolnton, who was Queen of the 1947 Festival. Adele Mara (center) of Hollywood is the interested spectator.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

The children were there, thousands of 'em from miles around, to welcome Santa Claus and look at the funny balloons and pretty floats.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

One of the largest crowds in North Carolina's history gathered along Charlotte streets last night to watch the parade that opened the Christmas season. This picture was made at S. Tryon and 4th Sts.

Youngsters, Adults Cheer Spectacle

Christmas Season Formally Begins

By MARTHA AZER LONDON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The second annual Carolinas Christmas Festival—living up to all advance publicity—drew thousands upon thousands to Charlotte yesterday to see a fabulous four-mile long parade that featured two Hollywood movie stars, 35 beautiful Princesses, 25 glamorous Cover Girls, over a dozen gorgeous floats, snappy marching bands, scores of giant-sized balloons, an 82nd Airborne Division color guard, and mounted units of the Mecklenburg Saddle Club.

Benefiting by last year's experience, the length of the parade route was doubled. But even so, anxious youngsters hung from tree-tops, and enthusiastic grown-ups held onto roof-tops. The mammoth record-breaking crowd jammed the streets and sidewalks of down-town Charlotte.

The parade was scheduled to begin at 6 P. M. However, as early as 4:30 and 5 o'clock, the people streamed into the parade route, in plenty of time to get in a "good place" to see everything. Obviously, too many had the same idea, because along many blocks of Tryon St., the chief route of the parade, they were seen stacked from the curbs back to the store-fronts, completely covering the sidewalks.

For those who saw last year's parade, one thing was certain—this years was far superior. For one thing, it moved more quickly; for another, it could be seen much better. There seemed to be only one fault the youngsters could find with the hour-long parade—"Won't long enough," as one tow-head said, "want to see more." Like every youngster, he liked best the Santa Claus float.

The parade, which began at the corner of South Blvd. and East Blvd., reached The Square shortly after 6:30. It began with a motorcycle escort, the 82nd Airborne color guard, the motorized color guard, and Tex Ritter on White Flash. Mr. Ritter was honorary parade marshal. The Mecklenburg Saddle Club was next.

Included in the parade were cars in which rode Mayor H. H. Baxter, Chief Frank Littlejohn, John C. McDonald, W. A. Thomason, Thomas L. Robinson, F. Earl Crawford, and other leading citizens.

These units were, in turn, fol-

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Typhoon Slated To Sideswipe Okinawa

TOKYO—(AP) — A typhoon with winds up to 100 miles an hour at its center is expected to sideswipe Okinawa this afternoon.

The storm is headed in the general direction of southern Japan, where it may strike tomorrow.

Okinawa, the Far East Air Force headquarters said, is battened down but expects only the fringe of the typhoon. Winds in the outer edges are 50 miles an hour.

A mid-September typhoon badly damaged American air installations on Okinawa.

Some 'Making Too Much Money'

Rep. Knutson Favors Steeper Income Tax On Corporations

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), author of the law that cut individuals' taxes, said today the corporation income tax ought to be boosted.

"A number of large corporations," Knutson told reporters, "are making too much money."

He said he has "given up any thought" of further slashes in taxes for the individual.

Knutson said he is going to leave those ideas with the new chairman of the Congressional committee that writes tax bills.

For corporations, he mentioned a 4 per cent tax hike that would bring in about $1,100,000,000. The rate now is 38 per cent on income over $50,000, after the usual deductions are allowed.

POINTS TO STEEL

Knutson pointed to the steel industry, as an example of companies he said are making too much money.

"It should be siphoned off in the form of increased taxes," he said, "but not in the form of excess profits taxes in peacetime."

Knutson can't do anything about it himself. Minnesota voters retired him after 22 years in Congress — the last two years as

REP. KNUTSON

chairman of the tax - drafting House Ways & Means Committee.

DOUGHTON TAKES OVER

The former chairman, Rep. Doughton (D-NC), will take over again when the Democrats start running the new Congress in January.

Knutson said he had been thinking about a higher corporate income tax ever since President Truman indicated next year's budget might go beyond $42,000,000,000.

Mr. Truman and the Administration at various times have backed a plan for reviving an excess profits tax on corporations. Such a tax was imposed during the war and repealed in 1945.

Rep. Dingell (R-Mich) last year introduced an Administration bill that would have revived the profits tax in modified form.

CITES OBJECTION

Knutson said his objection to that kind of levy is that it "discriminates against the small corporations."

"Steel, automobiles, chemicals, machinery — they wouldn't be so hard hit by it because they already have a well - established earning record," he said.

"But small companies were just hanging on by an eyelash back in the late thirties. So if you say to them that anything they make above the highest level of that period would be taxed, it would be like signing a death warrant."

Dulles Acting Chief Of U. N. Delegation

KEY WEST, Fla. — (AP) — President Truman today designated John Foster Dulles as acting chairman of the United States delegation to the United Nations in his first official post - election endorsement of this country's bipartisan foreign policy.

Dulles will be acting chairman during the absence of Secretary of State Marshall, who will be in Washington Monday for conferences with Mr. Truman.

The President at the same time appointed Benjamin Cohen as chief United States delegate to the UN general assembly in Paris to replace Republican Warren Austin, who has returned to the United States because of illness.

During Austin's illness, Dean Rusk, a State Department official, will serve in Cohen's place as alternate delegate.

Dulles served as foreign policy advisor to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, GOP Presidential nominee, whom Mr. Truman defeated in the November election.

Secretary Marshall is returning to the United States for a full-scale review of the peace outlook with President Truman at the White House Monday.

Cohen is a former counsellor for the State Department.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense Forrestal flew to Key West to discuss shadowing possibly historic diplo-

JOHN FOSTER DULLES

matic and defense steps to preserve the vicarious peace.

The ominous march of events in China and the threat of further trouble in Europe and elsewhere furnished a backdrop for his talk with President Truman at the temporary "White House."

Forrestal had lunch with the president. While others were in on the luncheon, the two were to confer separately.

The developing diplomatic crisis transformed this Naval submarine base from a Presidential vacation retreat into a conference site upon which the basis for a restatement of American international policy may be laid.

His conference today with Forrestal is expected to be preliminary to his White House survey of the entire diplomatic picture.

Forrestal, just returned from an inspection of European trouble areas, said his department has prepared a budget for the three armed services within the fifteen billion dollar limit set by Mr. Truman and the Budget Bureau.

U. S. Ship Seized By Egyptians

PORT SAID, Egypt.—(AP)—Egyptian authorities began today to unload the cargo of the American Victory ship Flying Trader. The authorities said they are confiscating the cargo because it was bound for Israel.

The manifest of the 10,000-ton ship, operated by the Isbrandtsen Steamship Co., described the cargo as bound for Genoa, Italy. The Egyptians contended, however, that labels indicated the goods were destined for Tel Aviv.

The vessel, carrying 38 vehicles, 4,000 bags of rice and a large number of batteries and automobile spare parts, was halted at Port Said Tuesday.

Officials said the master of the ship first refused to let the Egyptians unload the cargo and that the city military governor then issued a confiscation order. Later, the officials said, the U. S. consul here asked the ship's master to abide by the order.

In Washington, State Department officials said today the American Embassy at Cairo has been instructed to do everything possible to clear up the case quickly.

Officials said the State Department sent instructions to Ambassador Stanton Griffis Tuesday to look into the case, do all possible to straighten out the ship's legal position and protest to the Egyptian Government if he considered it necessary. A report from Griffis is still awaited.

(While State Department officials would not discuss the merits of the case, it appeared they hoped to obtain the ship's release primarily on a showing that its cargo was not going to Palestine.)

Blizzard Hits Western Areas

DENVER—(AP)—A heavy ground blizzard, making driving conditions extremely hazardous, began in eastern Colorado last night, and moved slowly into western Kansas and western Nebraska.

Winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour were reported in western Kansas.

The telephone company and Western Union Telegraph Co. at Kansas City reported all lines were down into Goodland, Kas., because of an ice storm and highways were extremely hazardous, delaying repairs.

Weather Bureau observers report heavy snow falling from a point about 30 miles east of Denver to North Platte, Nebr., and Garden City, Kans. The storm also extends from the Colorado-Wyoming border to northeastern New Mexico.

FIVE INCHES FALL

Five inches of snow were reported in the ground in eastern Colorado.

Four inches were reported at Goodland with fall continuing.

Snow squalls marooned 25 hunters in the Idaho primitive area today and stymied rescuers seeking to aid an injured forest service worker.

Wilmer Shaver, 60, is camped at Soldier Bar awaiting transportation. He was injured when a boulder rolled down on him as he worked on a forest trail.

Marvin Hornback, primitive area rancher and pilot, said at least 25 hunters are marooned at Sulphur Creek, Hood's Ranch and Mahoney Creek landing fields.

He said the hunters were living pretty much on the meat they had shot but were in no danger of running short of supplies.

Snow depths have increased to a foot or more by snow squalls in the Primitive area and the higher mountains.

Strike Hearings Will Be Reopened

NEW YORK —(AP)— Negotiations of striking longshoremen and their employers will be reopened tomorrow, with the Government lending a hand through a high-ranking labor peacemaker.

The meeting will be the first joint session since the Maine-to-Virginia strike started over a pay dispute.

Film Star In Hospital

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Jennifer Jones, Academy Award winning actress, was scheduled to undergo an appendicitis operation today. She was hospitalized after suffering an acute attack yesterday.

Bandits Raid Rummy Game; Take $12,500

RALEIGH —(AP)— Three armed, masked robbers held up a gin rummy game at a smoke shop here last night and escaped with loot estimated at from $9,500 to $12,500, Detective Capt. R. E. Goodwin reported today.

Capt. Goodwin said that the robbers entered the Leader Smoke Shop shortly after midnight and made their way to an upstairs room where they held up approximately 25 persons.

The detective said the robbers took from $7,000 to $10,000 cash from the men and a diamond ring valued at $2,500, and stripped them of their trousers before making their getaway.

The robbers apparently were familiar with the shop, Goodwin said, because they knew the hiding place of a key which admitted them to the upstairs room, and one of the bandits spoke to one of the smoke shop patrons by name.

Goodwin said he was told the men in the room were playing gin rummy at the time of the robbery.

Goodwin said that before going to the upstairs room, the trio held up two men in a small downstairs room, taking several hundred dollars, then ordered the two upstairs at pistol point.

There they lined their victims up with their faces to the wall, and their hands over their heads, Goodwin added. One of the robbers loosened the victims' trousers and dropped them around their ankles, another guarded the door and the third kept his gun on the men, Goodwin said he was told.

Nationalists Say Suchow Battle Over

Assert 130,000 Reds Casualties

By HAROLD K. MILKS

NANKING — (AP) — The Government claimed complete victory in the Suchow battle today.

Gen. Chang Liu-Shih, official military spokesman, told his weekly press conference:

"The battle for Suchow can be considered as concluded. What the Communists do now is subject to conjecture."

Chang pictured the Red forces in flight. He said Government troops and planes were mopping up an area extending 30 miles around Suchow.

The spokesman asserted 130,000 casualties were inflicted on the Reds against 40,000 suffered by Nationalists.

MARINE FORCE BOLSTERED

(Even as he spoke 1,250 American Marine reinforcements prepared to rush from Guam to Tsingtao, 225 miles northeast of Suchow, to bolster the 3,600 Marines at the U. S. Naval anchorage there. Shanghai reports had a Red truck column moving toward Tsingtao from Tsinan.)

(U. S. Senator George W. Malone (R-Nev.) in Tokyo told the Associated Press he attended a secret conference in Tsingtao yesterday at which plans were discussed by representatives of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Navy leaders. He said he could not discuss the plans.)

Other Government sources said the Government won at least the opening phase of the Suchow battle against 300,000 veteran troops. This victory, they added, means Nanking is safe at least for a month or longer.

The Government previously announced more than 1,000,000 men on both sides were involved in the battle.

More optimistic officials said the results of the past week's fighting means an ascendancy of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's once waning fortunes.

Foreign observers placed the result of the fighting along the Suchow front somewhere between the Government's official claim of complete victory and the Communists' continued insistence that they still hold the initiative.

Gen. Chow Chih-Jou's rejuvenated air force furnished the balance of power which apparently threw back Red Gen. Chen Yi's troops.

WEATHER FAVORABLE

Favored with a perfect combination of clear, excellent weather, bright moonlight nights, and an enemy carelessly concentrated in the open plains around Suchow, Chou's warplanes made the Communist positions untenable by around - the - clock bombing and strafing.

Operating from Nanking's military airfield, more than 100 planes, ranging from Mustang fighter bombers to four-engined Liberators, plastered the areas south, southeast and east of Suchow constantly during the past week. Slower planes dropped munitions and food to the ground forces below.

It appears certain that Red Generals Chen and Liu Po-Cheng —

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Carolina-Duke Dope

'Here's Howe' In Chapel Hill

Sports Editor Ray Howe is in Chapel Hill to give The News and its readers on-the-scene reports on what gives around Carolina and Duke the week of this biggest of Southern Conference football classics. You'll read Here's Howe with a Chapel Hill or Durham dateline from now until next Monday, and you'll get the finest pre-game coverage this state can offer. Howe begins his report with a column on fumbles and Hope Rodgers in today's sports section.

RAY HOWE

WEATHER

Showers tonight, Friday mild with scattered showers, followed by clearing and cooler Friday evening.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today....67
High and low last 24 hours....71-52
Sunset today.....5:16
Sunrise tomorrow.....7:01

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