

Berlin Note Watched For German Political Trend

West Sector Ballotting Set Sunday

Size Of Vote To Show Preference

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN — (AP) — West-ern Berliners vote tomorrow or a new city administration or their "island of freedom" 70 miles inside the Soviet army's ramparts in Europe.

Blockaded Berlin is going to have its election, that the Russians are not, is the question of municipal politics.

But the East-West struggle for Germany has become a local political contest a straw in the wind of a show which side the Germans will favor.

If a high percentage of voters appears at the polls, the United States and Britain would expect German endorsement of their fight against Russian efforts to overtake Berlin.

If the voting is relatively meager, Communists will call it a vindication of Russian efforts to force the Western Allies out of the city. But no serious observer expects the Communists to admit a reverse, or make how many Berliners ignore their demand to boycott the election.

MEETINGS ATTACKED

Efforts to expel the British, French and American military forces from Berlin are being attacked on each side by Communist and anti-Communist groups.

It is taking place in two-thirds of the city, the U. S. and French sectors which were under land blockade by the Russian army.

The other third is held by the Communists.

Overhead there is the almost continual drone of American and British military planes morning, noon and night.

The United States, Britain and France are sending their troops with a population of 2,000,000. The Russians have 250,000 men.

Germany, which they have liberated, is being divided into two parts.

Anti-Communist say Russia is trying to expel the British and French from Berlin by virtually any means short of war.

Some say that the Russian current policy is to describe the Russian ambition, by carrying out a "Western mark versus Eastern mark" — the excuse and not the goal.

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All-Star Teams Are Selected

The ninth annual Charlotte News all-star high school football selections, started in 1937 and passed on only during three war seasons, are announced today.

Forty-two players from 21 men has been picked from both North and South Carolina, and 10 from Georgia.

The teams have been chosen by Steve Pappas. The News' executive editor.

For the 1948 North and South Carolina squads, turn to the sports section.

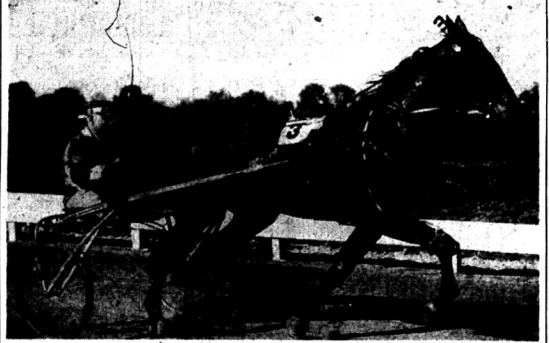
Times Square Flooded

NEW YORK — A broken 20-inch water main early today flooded Times Square, crossroads of the world.

Some subway passengers got wet in stations between 41st and 57th Streets, but service under way.

Surface traffic was detoured for a time when the flood rose to curb height.

CHARLOTTE HORSE AND TRAINER



This is the "Harness Horse of the Year", Rodney, owned by R. H. Johnston, Charlotte textile manufacturer. The giant trotter, under the rein of Trainer-Driver Bion Shively, above, was the winner of a second annual award voted by the Trotting Club of America and announced today. Rodney never lost a race this year and was credited with the fastest mile of the season, 1:58, registered at Santa Anita, Calif.

Trotting Club's Citation: Rodney Harness Horse Of Year

By FURMAN BISHOP
Charlotte News Staff Writer
R. H. Johnston's giant Rodney, the harness horse in harness racing today and a living monument to his owner's keen horse sense, was named "Harness Horse of the Year" in a special award ceremony by the Trotting Club of America.

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Old Sol Has Busy Day: Sets Fire, Causes Wreck

By DONALD McWALDRON
Charlotte News Staff Writer
A fire and a traffic accident today were attributed to the sun's rays on the first day Old Sol shined brightly in the Carolinas.

At P. H. Ross & Co. Inc., 1649 N. Mitchell St., City firemen extinguished a small blaze caused by sun's rays shining through a glass pane.

The rays magnified through the bottle, then concentrated on a cardboard carton until the carton blazed. Firemen were called at 1:30 A. M., and the damage was slight.

A 35-year-old man was injured when hit by an automobile driver who he could not see because the sun was shining directly into his eyes.

James E. Ottell, 95 W. Trade St., was treated at Memorial Hospital shortly after 8:30 A. M. when he was hit by a car in the Myers Parking Lot, 207 S. Church St.

The car was driven by K. W. Thornston, a parking lot employee. Ottell sustained injuries to the ankle, knee, and back.

Palestine Commission Is Favored

U. N. Session To End By Dec. 12

By EDWARD CURTIS
PARIS — (AP) — The United Nations political committee voted today to establish a three-nation conciliation commission to solve the Palestine problem. The margin, however, was far too narrow to assure approval in the General Assembly.

The committee rejected, 33 to seven, a Russian proposal demanding withdrawal of all foreign troops from Palestine.

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DISCUSS NEGRO'S MURDER

Joseph M. Goldwasser (left), merchant and industrialist from Cleveland, Ohio, talks with Georgia's Governor Herman Talmadge in Atlanta Friday about evidence he claims he has gathered in the ambush murder of Robert Mallard, Negro, near Lyons, Ga., Nov. 20. Goldwasser, a white man, is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mallard's widow said he was shot by robed white men on a lonely road. Goldwasser flew to Atlanta for the conference with the governor. (AP Photo.)

Grand Jury Cited To Probe Ga. Death

GAWSAINBORO, Ga. — (AP) — A Towns County grand jury was summoned to meet immediately to try those named in the grand jury returned an indictment against the slaying of Robert Mallard, Negro, near Lyons, Ga., Nov. 20.

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George L. Berry, Press Union President, Dies

PRESSMEN'S HOME, Tenn. — (AP) — George L. Berry, 68-year-old president of the International Printing Pressmen's Union (I.P.U.), died today.

Death came to the labor leader, who had been ill for several days, at his home at 615 N. 10th St., Nashville, Tenn., since Tuesday and in declining health for years.

Berry had been active head of his union almost continuously since 1907 when he was first elected president.

Berry held several high positions during the administration of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, including that of assistant administrator of the National Recovery Administration.

A native of this Tennessee mountain region, Berry and his union built an elaborate trade school and home for the care of indigent and injured pressmen here.

Berry last figured prominently in the news when he entered a plea of nolo contendere a year ago to Federal charges of income tax evasion in 1936.

He was appointed to the Senate by President Truman in 1945. He was defeated for the Democratic nomination a few months later by Sen. Tom Hefner.

Orphaned at six when his father, A. J. Marshall, was shot from ambush, Berry went to work at 12, and at 16 he was in the news as a newsboy and "roustabout." He learned the pressman's trade in 1912, and at sixteen went to St. Louis, Nebraska City, Neb., and Denver and San Francisco to practice his trade.

For a time he worked in Nevada fields after being assigned to the presidency of his union Berry returned to his native Tennessee.

A major during the first World War.

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Bomb Rocks House Of George McKown, SC State Senator

GAFFNEY, S. C. — (AP) — An explosion last night rocked the home of George McKown, South Carolina State Senator, at his home at 615 N. 10th St., Nashville, Tenn., since Tuesday and in declining health for years.

The explosion shattered windows and tore loose two window screens and sashes.

McKown did not discover the cause of the explosion until today. He told officers he and Mrs. McKown were awakened by a loud noise in their upstairs bedroom of the palatial two-story brick house built in 1927.

The Senator advanced the theory that someone had thrown a bomb into the house from the road.

There was Estelle Clayton, who

Vessel Sinks After Blast Off China

War Refugees Are Victims

By FRED HAMPSON
SHANGHAI — (AP) — A small ship crammed with Chinese war refugees exploded and sank just outside Shanghai late last night, with a toll expected to exceed 3,200 lives.

If reports are even approximately correct, it was the worst maritime disaster in modern history.

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Pair Robs, Beats Youth

A young white man was beaten, robbed, and left unconscious in a railroad boxcar here early today.

Clifford Harty, 605 S. College St., his right leg in cast and painful, was found by police at 1:30 A. M. at the E. end of the boxcar.

He was rushed to Memorial Hospital by ambulance, and tonight he was assigned to the hospital in a broken arm.

The young man's eyes were severely injured when they were struck by a young man who was walking behind two white men in the boxcar.

Harty told police he had been jumped on him, and beat him into unconsciousness.

When he regained his senses he had been robbed of hat, overcoat, shoes, and a wallet containing \$10. He was lying in an ambulance, and his car was taken to the hospital.

The young man is the son of a prominent doctor in Dillon, S. C.

WEATHER

Fair tonight, Sunday increasing to a cloudy day with occasional rain Sunday night.

Temperature at 3 P. M. today — 61 and low last night 44.

Barometer — 30.1

Sea breeze tomorrow — 11:15

More Weather Data on Page 15-A

17 SHOPPING DAYS
TILL CHRISTMAS

The Opera House was the center of Charlotte's entertainment last night. It was there that the citizenry gathered to gaze upon beautiful actresses, to hear the melodious strains of the orchestra, and to witness the performance of the opera.

There was a triple of glass-blowers in town for quite a while, and men, women and children were flocking to see the art.

There was McNish, Rama & Arno's 25th Anniversary advertisement "30-Smiling Black Faces — 30, and five European novelties, 30 picked musicians, a grand street parade — and the Marvelous Krazy. All this, mind you, for 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.

There was Estelle Clayton, who

came to town as the star in the play, "The Quick Or The Dead." He came to Charlotte to see her, and the drummers waiting around hoping for a glimpse of her.

And there was Lotta. It was a great occasion when Lotta came to the Opera House to appear in a play called "Paw Ticked No. 210." Railroads offered special rates to people who wanted to see the play.

The sale of tickets went on for days at The Haberdashery. Her arrival was a great show in itself; here's how The Charlotte News reported it:

"Lotta arrived in the city today on the noon train, in her private Pullman car . . .

"Lotta's car is a model of convenience, and a more comfortable home on wheels could not be imagined. It combines all the comforts of a parlor, reading room, dining room and sleeping room."

"The actress reclined in a crimson silk plush chair as the train rolled into the depot, and looked out the window upon a mass of humanity. She saw the magisterial cars, hacks and cabs filled with people going uptown, and knew that she was in the heart of the city. They were rushing for tickets to see the play. When the reporter saw her she was enveloped in furs, as if she were in an arctic climate. She saw the stars of Charlotte sunshine, she laid her hand on the car platform to enjoy a sun bath . . .

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