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## Truman Says Hopes Not Raised By U. S.-Soviet Notes

### A Feature Of 'Shout Freedom'

#### Historic Ride Will Be Re-Enacted



Artist Kenneth Whistell's sketch of the Jane Parks McDowell Ride

By RALPH GIBSON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Five years after Paul Reveré told his countrymen that the British were coming, there appeared in Mecklenburg a lady Paul Reveré who also, at a midnight ride, told Carolina whittakers that the British were going.  
Her name was Jane Parks McDowell and her ride will be depicted in one of the scenes of "Shout Freedom," musical drama of early Mecklenburg which opens here May 20.  
The ride for authority, the producers of the drama have arranged for Jane Parks McDowell to play the part of Jane Parks McDowell. The ride will be reenacted in the play is a sixth generation granddaughter of the late Captain John McDowell who rode through fifteen miles of wild country in the middle of the night to tell Col. William R. Davies that Lord Cornwallis' troops were on the march.  
The present Miss McDowell is the daughter of Mrs. Robert E. McDowell and the late Mr. McDowell. She is a teacher at Oakhurst High School and lives with her mother at the McDowell family home on York Road. The house is located in the same spot where Capt. McDowell lived. The present Miss McDowell is the thing to hear the name.  
And there is another twist to the story. According to legend the officer in charge of a British foraging party which looted the McDowell farmhouse and smokehouse was a Scottish lieutenant. You might say his name was also McDowell and he had been a relative of the Mecklenburg McDowells.  
To begin at the beginning, back in 1780 when Lord Cornwallis decided that it would be smart for him to hurry out of the "Hornet's Nest" he found in Charlotte, he headed for Winnsboro, S. C., along the York Road.  
During the sixteen days he spent in Charlotte, he had lost many men, his food supplies had run out—about 100 head of beef had to be slaughtered daily to feed his 6,000 troops—and a courier had finally come through from King's Mountain to tell him that Major Fanning had been killed and his troops defeated.  
On top of that, the British general's health had broken and he who had come into Charlotte proudly astride a charger and on a sick and nearly broken man. He knew that he had to get out of Charlotte as fast as he could.  
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### Party Split On Refugees

WASHINGTON (AP)—A party line split threatened to develop today over proposed admission of Europe's homeless families and orphans into the United States.

Democratic Senators McDowell (RI) and Hatch (NM) pointed out the issue unexpectedly late yesterday when they introduced legislation to lower the immigration bars to 100,000 displaced persons during the next two years, and ease the requirements for entry into the United States.

The McDowell-Hatch measure is similar to one for an earlier bill approved by the House, which controlled Senate Judiciary Committee.

The measure would allow only 10,000 displaced persons could enter this country from Europe during the next two years, and those who did enter would have to meet requirements in housing and jobs.

The substitute not only doubles the number of people who should not be counted against the quota. The original bill includes orphans in the 100,000 limit.

2. Permits entry of persons who were in the British, French or American zones of occupation on or before April 1, 1947. The other bill requires eligibility date as Dec. 22, 1945.

Provides immigration priorities for displaced persons with occupational needs in this country.

The measure also provides for the employment and "decent, safe and adequate" housing for displaced persons. The committee bill gives priority to DP's living in camps.

Caterpillar Co. Plant Reopened  
PEORIA, Ill.—(AP)—Operations were resumed today at the Caterpillar Corp. plant here after seven hours after the CIO union strike ended.

The union officers ended the strike shortly before midnight and ordered the picket lines withdrawn immediately. The action was taken after results of yesterday's NLRB election, from which the union was barred.

Hundreds of workers began arriving for duty at 7 A. M. as 200 policemen patrolled the outer edges of the plant. The action was back-to-work movement was quiet and orderly.

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### To Proclaim State When British Rule Ends Friday

#### Ready To Meet Arab Invasion

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON  
JERUSALEM (AP)—Jewish forces called upon all trained men and women of fighting age today to mobilize for the "zero hour" in Palestine when a Jewish state is proclaimed.

The state will be proclaimed early tomorrow night, effective one minute after midnight, when the British mandate ends. The Jewish provisional government decided in Tel Aviv to proclaim the state early in the evening to avoid such action on the Jewish Sabbath.

The Jewish mobilization call, issued in Haifa, urged all Jewish men and women of fighting age to report immediately for duty. These include not only those who have had training in Jewish forces, but also those who had any type of previous military training.

Observers said the Jewish mobilization is a precaution against possible invasion from neighboring countries.

In Cairo, Egyptian Minister of Education, told a reporter a royal decree had been issued in Egypt to be put into effect when the Egyptian Army moves across the Palestine border. The Government obtained authority from Parliament last night for martial law to aid Egyptian forces in the condition, the minister said.

We have now reached the decisive hour," he added.

Syria and Lebanon are ready to impose martial law when the British mandate ends Friday midnight.

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#### By MAX HARBELSON

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—The Jewish Agency charged today the new U. S. plan for a Palestine high commissioner is an attempt to set aside the United Nations partition project.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said in a formal statement that the American proposal would increase disorder and conflict in Palestine while bringing peace.

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### 3 Coal Miners Trapped In Shaft

#### SHAMOKIN, Pa.—(AP)—Rescue workers worked feverishly today to attempt to reach three miners trapped 175 feet below the surface in an independent-owned coal mine.

The three men were trapped yesterday when heavy rains filled the shaft with about 50 feet of water, blocking any chance of escape until the water is pumped out.

Those trapped were identified by State Police as J. M. Blocker, as Edward Heck, Charles Bashore and Peter Gordon, all of Shamokin.

The State Police said the three men were trapped in the shaft when they were working on a lower branch of the mine. Blocker said they were able to reach a branching of the shaft not filled by water, but they were unable to get out.

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The union represents 21,000 long distance workers in 42 states. Union and A. T. & T. representatives met yesterday for conferences with conciliators of the Federal Mediation Service in an effort to reach an agreement.

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