

# 22 Men Perish As Naval Launch Sinks Off Norfolk

## Heads Committee Gilchrist Takes Solicitations Post

C. W. Gilchrist, well-known Charlottean and president of the Charlotte Chemical Laboratories, Inc., has accepted the position of chairman of Charlotte's public education committee which was organized to study the quotas and regulate the number of children held in the city each year.

This special committee which Mr. Gilchrist heads is composed of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association. At the group's meeting last week, it was decided to include as members of the committee representatives from the City and County Governments and a representative from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

With Mr. Gilchrist as the head of this special group, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and from the Merchants Association will be solicited to take up the problem of the city's school children.

## Accept Truce Jewish Warplanes Bomb Arab City

Jewish bombs dropped today on Amman, where Arab leaders assembled to talk over the latest United Nations peace plea.

While hours, Israel accepted unconditionally the UN appeal for a four-week armistice during which both sides were to place their arms embargo would be enforced on Arabs and Jews alike.

Mr. Gilchrist is now president of the Charlotte Children's Nature Museum. As president of the Charlotte Children's Nature Museum, he is nationally known as an engineer. Mr. Gilchrist is active in Charlotte civic clubs and is recognized as a leader in the city's life.

## Death Toll Is Over 400

More than 400 persons died violently during the nation's extended period of death.

Traffic accidents caused more than half of the fatalities.

An accident death reported from 6 P. M. Friday to midnight Monday totaled 404—not including the 100 members of dead in the Vanport, Ore., flood. The drowning of 22 Navy and Marine Corps men when a launch capsized in Hampton Roads, Va., was the largest known loss of life in a single accident.

## Tyrone Power Is Awarded Degree

TAMPA, Fla. — Hollywood's Tyrone Power is now an honorary Doctor of Humantities.

The University of Tampa conferred the degree upon him last night in recognition of his accomplishments as an actor, a distinguished citizen, and as an "advocate of world democracy and world peace who bears his fame humbly."

## 32 Get Mitchell College Degrees

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## Small Boat Goes Down In Choppy Bay Waters

9 Marines, 13 Sailors Drown

By HARRY C. NASH  
NORFOLK, Va. — (AP) — Twenty-two men — nine Marines and thirteen Navy men—perished in Hampton Roads last night when a Navy launch swamped in choppy waters while returning 90 men to their ship after Memorial Day liberty.

## Crest Nears Coastal Area Thousands Evacuated From Pan Of Rampaging Northwestern Flood

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Columbia River flood, which already had taken a toll of at least twenty lives and property loss of more than \$37,000,000, forced mass evacuation today of a 120-mile section at the lower end of the stream.

The river had already caused the Northwest's greatest disaster as it crested approached the rich farmlands from the Portland area to the sea. Army engineers gave the warning in evasive, but said many of the thousands of residents already had fled.

## Truman Orders Full Aid To Stricken Area

WASHINGTON — President Truman today ordered "full resources of the Federal Government" mobilized for aid to the stricken Northwest flood disaster.

He directed the Army, the Interior Department and housing officials to investigate and make recommendations for "additional legislative authority to meet emergencies of this character."

## Lewis Raps Dixie Group

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Operators Association.

This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to meet a group of Dixie coal operators.

## Compromise Plan Union Delay Voted By Presbyterians

ATLANTA — (AP) — The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church voted today to hold in abeyance for five years a plan to unite with the Presbyterian Church in America.

The council, which was a compromise between the two churches, was a compromise between the two churches.

## Red Faces Deportation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Justice Department today announced an arrest for deportation of Jacob Abraham Stachel, national director of education for the American Communist Party.

The department said Stachel was picked up by immigration agents in front of his residence at 300 W. 94th St. New York City. This morning Stachel was taken to a detention camp to await deportation proceedings.

## Change In Draft Bill Is Approved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Armed Services Committee approved unanimously today a draft bill revision which would give the President sole responsibility for starting a draft of men for the armed forces.

The provision, similar to one in earlier versions of the House bill, would hold off draft operations for 30 days after the President signs the law. Drafting then would start only when the President decided the nation's needs could not be met by the existing forces.

## Work Will Start In Near Future

By MARTHA ADEE LONDON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Goode Construction Co. of Charlotte has been awarded the contract for the gigantic \$1,500,000 Sears, Roebuck retail store to be erected on N. Tryon and N. College Sts.

The announcement was made today by W. S. Lupo, manager of the Charlotte Sears-Roebuck store, who said work will begin as soon as necessary permits are received. Indications are the work will begin within the next few days.

## Vets' Seniority Rights Upheld

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Supreme Court unanimously upheld today U. S. Civil Service Commission's decision to give preference to war veterans during layoffs of Government workers.

The case was brought by Earl W. Hilton, a non-veteran Government worker who had been laid off after working 12 years at the Charleston, S. C., Navy yard.

## Broken Mirror Good Luck

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. — (AP) — A broken mirror proved lucky for a woman who was laid off.

A light bulb ignited a celluloid curtain and the flames spread to a burned through a cord suspending the mirror. The fire attracted the attention of the family at dinner downstairs in time to avert serious damage.

## Vandenberg, Byrnes To Receive Degrees

NEW YORK — (AP) — Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and former Secretary of State James C. Byrnes will receive honorary degrees from the University of Virginia and former Governor of Virginia, and Middleton Beaman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will receive an honorary degree from the University of Virginia.

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