

Rev. Charles Richard, in a special article on today's editorial page, takes sharp issue with the 380 ministers who urged non-compliance with the draft law. An editorial also comments on this issue.

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Election-Eve Statements

Scott, Johnson In Final Pleas

(The News invited gubernatorial candidates Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott to submit editorial-page statements to News readers who will be among other North Carolinians voting in the run-off election tomorrow. The statements are given below—Eds. The News.)

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON
North Carolina, I firmly believe, stands today on the threshold of a great new era.

Tomorrow the Democrats of this state will nominate a Governor in whose hands will rest the reins of government and the destiny of our people for the next four years. I have not sought to set one group against another, but to the contrary, I have sought to bring the people of North Carolina and the welfare of all of our citizens.

As your Governor I will give to you the best that I have in personal capacity and in knowledge of the state's needs and opportunities.

My candidacy for Governor has been based upon a program of advancement for better schools, better health, better homes, better roads, better highways, better public utility, better agriculture, better industry, better commerce, better transportation, better defense, better education, better culture, better government, better life.

I believe in North Carolina. I believe in the moral and spiritual advancement of the people of this state. I believe in the progress of the county government, the next Governor of North Carolina in deep humility.

Decision Tomorrow

Win Claimed For Scott, Johnson

Chief supporters of both Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott predicted victory in the run-off election tomorrow for their favorites in North Carolina.

Mr. Johnson's friends declared their confidence that he will beat Mr. Scott in the Governor's race by a margin that will be even bigger than the first primary.

Mr. Calvin Bell, chairman of the Mecklenburg Scott-Ford-Governor Club, said: "There definitely is a swing to Scott in this county. I believe we can carry Mecklenburg."

New Blow At Allies

Soviets Stop Food For Western Berlin

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
BERLIN — (AP) — The Russians struck another blow at the Western Allies in Berlin today, stopping food shipments from the Soviet zone into the Western sectors. Traffic jams developed on the railroads supplying those sectors with food from the Western occupation zone.

Under the four-power agreement, the Western zones have furnished about two-thirds of Berlin's food, and the Soviet zone one-third. The food was distributed through a central German agency to insure even supplies for all areas. American and British experts said that, while no immediate danger of starvation exists, the food situation eventually will become impossible if the Russian blockade continues.

Col. Frank L. Howley, commander of the U. S. sector of Berlin, said: "We are living off food reserves which should last a month. If the blockade against shipments from the West continues, that will require action by higher authorities."

There was indication that such action was already under way. The British Deputy Military Governor, Maj. Gen. Neil G. D. Brown, told London for talks with British authorities that he had been told by Sir Brian Robertson, head of the British military government, that discussions with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor,

Agreement Calls For Pension And Pay Boosts

Steel Industry Official Balks

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis and most of the soft coal operators today signed a new coal contract providing a \$1-a-day wage increase and twice as much money for the miners' welfare-pension fund.

An official of the steel industry-owned coal mines had announced earlier he would not sign the agreement.

A joint announcement by Lewis and the operators who signed said the new contract—except for the increased wages and pension fund—kept "all other terms and conditions of the previous wage agreement."

This includes an outright continuation of a union shop provision, despite a "Taft-Hartley Labor Act" provision against the union shop unless it is authorized by the National Labor Relations Board.

The union shop clause caused Harry M. Moose to balk at signing for the steel industry-owned "captivity" mines.

Effective July 1, the new contract is effective July 1 and will replace one expiring July 1.

The miners, however, begin their annual ten-day vacation tomorrow and will not return to work until July 6.

"I'm not in accord with the contract and I'm not signing it," Moose told newsmen.

He said he would issue a statement later. He indicated he feels the contract has been the industry's best since the war.

The remaining coal operators and Lewis, in their joint statement, said: "In the interest of promoting harmony in the steel industry and to a cessation of the constant bickering that has beset the industry during the past year, the (joint) committee has agreed to a respectable and reasonable agreement."

"No matter what the feelings of either side were about the law and the miners' welfare, we have decided to co-operate with each other so far as the fund in settling it (the fund) successfully."

Industry representatives hastily amended the wage and welfare concessions in the new one-year contract will add 40 to 50 cents to cost of producing a ton of coal.

Placing the number of bituminous coal diggers at 350,000, the industry officials said the increased cost would be at the rate of \$150,000 a week, or more than \$250,000,000 a year.

The flat \$1-a-day wage boost, the latest of a series of increases, will add \$1.50 to the miner's basic wage rate to \$14.50 for an eight-hour day.

Payments into the miners' welfare and pension fund also were increased by a 20-cent-per-ton royalty levy, doubling the present 10-cent rate.

The new levy will raise an estimated \$10 million a year, or \$100 million annually for retired miners and their families with 20 years of service in the pits.

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Taking Off, Sarge?



The latest thing in aerial devices is worn by Master Sergeant Walter D. Rizzo. He puts the name of two old Air Force pals on the registration book for the 20th Air Service Group reunion here. Joe Pulice (left) of Clarksville, W. Va., and Oreste Rizzo of Williamsport, Pa., are among the 100 ex-GI's who served at Morris Field during the war.

Morris Field Ain't The Same

Housewives, Kids Change Old Airbase, Say Returning Vets

By TOM FERPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A bunch of ex-GI's from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and several other distant states took a ride through Morris Field today and got the shock of their postwar lives.

They found that their old wartime barracks are no more. The old barracks are now apartments, and the drill fields are playgrounds for romping kids.

And an old PX they found is now a civilian workshop. Some of the men, members of the old 20th Air Service Group which was stationed at Morris Field during the war, came back today for their first reunion—right where most of them started their Army careers.

"I never saw a place change so much," said Joe Pulice of Clarksville, W. Va.

"I got my recruit training out here. Bored nine months at Morris Field, and was so busy that I didn't get to meet many Charlotte people."

"I rode around the base and found my old barracks. There were a lot of people around, but they were all women and children."

"I was a first trip back here since the war," said Oreste Rizzo of Williamsport, Pa.

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Rizzo was married while he was stationed at Morris Field. His home-town sweetheart came down and the wedding was held in Rock Hill.

Rizzo now owns a small restaurant in Williamsport.

There were many others at Hotel Charlotte this morning, registering for the reunion. Andrew J. Soelner came in from Cincinnati. Bill Butler of Berea, Ohio, and William L. Roberts of Parma, Ohio, drove down together.

John R. Heaney came from Hamilton, Pa., and George Meagher left the breezes of Long Island to visit with his old Morris Field barracks mates.

Invitations were sent out to the veterans several months ago, and more than 100 were expected here during the day. There will be a dinner tomorrow.

See "VET UNIT" on page 8-A

Now Above Quota
Recruiting Stopped For National Guard

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Army Secretary Royall telegraphed all state adjutants general today to stop recruiting National Guardsmen immediately.

He told them Congressional leaders will not favor extra appropriations to pay more guardsmen than the regular budget provides.

The budget for the next fiscal year provides for a total National Guard strength of 341,000. The rush of enlistments by men who otherwise would be eligible for the draft is believed to have pushed the strength nearest 375,000. Under provisions of the draft act, men who were not in the guard by last midnight are subject to the draft.

President Truman signalled the start of the National second peacetime march when he signed the two-year selective service bill into law at 4:40 P. M. yesterday.

Earlier he okayed a \$100,000,000 plan to build up the Army.

See END RECRUITING page 8-A

It's Cooler Today, But Mercury Still In Nineties

The sun gave Charlotte its 24th sun salute again today as the thermometer cracked the high nineties for the third straight day.

At 1:30 P. M. the thermometer at the weather bureau office showed the mercury at 94 degrees. In the city, where off and on showers are kept, the temperature was somewhat lower, only 91 degrees. James M. Howe, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau here said that there was little chance of a new heat record would be set today. The record for the date is 92 degrees.

But today was not quite so hot as yesterday when the temperature soared to 94 degrees, only four degrees under the all-time high for the date.

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will most likely be above 90 degrees.

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