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Judge Signs Injunction Against Cab-Rental Law

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Taxi Firms Would Halt Enforcement

Midnight Today Was Deadline

By RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Judge A. R. Crisp today signed a temporary restraining order halting enforcement of the City of Charlotte's ordinance banning rental of cabs to individual drivers on a contract basis.

The order was sought by Red Top and Victory Cab Cos.

The disputed ordinance was scheduled to go into effect at midnight tonight.

Judge Crisp set Nov. 14 at 2:30 P. M. as time for a hearing in the matter at that time, the City must appear and show cause why the restraining order should not be made permanent.

Through their attorneys, the taxi operators contend that the City has no right to interfere with contracts between them and drivers. One hundred Victory and Red Top drivers are also plaintiffs in the suit.

The two companies rent the taxis to the drivers by the day. Drivers furnish only the gas; the companies buy, insure, maintain, replace and supervise the operation of the cabs.

Henry L. Strickland, representing Red Top and Victory, said the injunction asks the City be ordered to keep hands off.

He pointed but that the taxicab ordinance in question was passed in 1946, but the Council did not order it strictly enforced until recently.

The taxi companies' reason, he said, that the City has control over public morals, health, safety, and convenience, but it has no authority in connection between management and employe.

J. Frank Flowers and W. M. Nicholson are appearing with Strickland.

ASKED DELAY

Attorneys for the cab companies filed formal request with the City Council to amend the taxicab ordinance, asking the ban against cab rental coincide with the requirement for installation of meters.

The date for meter installation had been set for midnight Nov. 30 and attorneys for the Council had set midnight Sept. 30 as the time when the provision against rental of cabs would be enforced.

The Victory and Red Top Cab Companies, which have been renting cabs to individual drivers, asked that the change in this system be timed for the meter installation. Attorneys said that the discontinuance of the rental system would disrupt their operations if meters weren't in use and that was the reason they asked for simultaneous enforcement of the two provisions.

However, the Council did not grant their request but did agree to give an additional 30 days to alter their operations. This action was based mainly on the assumption that the cab companies would then hasten their efforts to get meters installed and perhaps on their own volition have the meters in operation by this date.

The three local cab companies have ordered the meters and they are expected to be installed in the next few weeks, well ahead of the Nov. 30 deadline.

HISS TRIAL SET

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Federal Judge William Bondy today set Nov. 17 for the start of the second perjury trial of Alger Hiss, one-time high State Department official.

READY AND WILLING

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

It's Halloween and the Olsen twins, Tommy (left) and Johnny, are ready for a night of goblins, parties and fun. Who knows? They may even swing a ride on some witch's broomstick. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Olsen of 2508 Belvedere Ave.

Chief Has Stern Warning For Halloween Vandals

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Chief of Police Frank N. Littlejohn today warned kids and grown-ups to "stay civilized" tonight as they celebrate Halloween goings.

"The Police Dept. will be doubled tonight to keep things in check," the police chief said. "It's time that kids learn to stay civilized without turning to mischief."

Under Major G. R. Leiter, 125 police reserve officers will be called in for duty at 6 P. M. to work the entire city. With Maj. Leiter will be Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel and his regular shifts of patrolmen.

"We're willing for the kids to have a good time but a clean time," said Capt. Henkel. "After all, that's the big difference between fun and vandalism."

Included in the police reserves will be the motor division with 27 men under the command of Capt. C. T. Sifford. All reserves have been welcomed by Fire Chief Donald Charles to use fire stations throughout the city as their headquarters tonight.

"I don't care if it's a president's son or a governor's daughter," Chief Littlejohn continued, " if we find any trouble, we'll take the necessary steps to control it."

The police chief called attention to dozens of park and recreation commission parties, church functions, and community parties which should be attended by children.

Parties planned by the Parks & Recreation Commission are these:

A kids' get-together at the Hawthorne Center; another at the Revolution Park Center; and a skating party at Cordelia Park.

There is a square dance scheduled at Freedom Park, and the public is invited.

A holiday festival for Negroes is being planned at Hill St. Center.

4 Air Force Men Killed In Crash

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. —(AP)— Four flyers from Randolph Air Force Base were killed today in a spectacular mid-air collision.

Their charred bodies, burned beyond recognition, were taken from the hulls of two training planes.

The planes crashed to the ground on the J. H. Harper farm, seven miles southeast of Sayers. The scene is near the Atkins-Elmendorf Road and is about ten miles southeast of Randolph Field and to the east of Brooks A.F.B.

Names of the four victims were not immediately available.

Crash Kills Four

YEOVIL, Eng.—(AP)—An airplane crashed into a home here today and four persons were reported killed.

The British Press Association said a child, two women and the plane's pilot were the victims.

The plane skidded over the roofs of several houses on the fringe of an air field here.

Fire followed the crash.

Sherman Is En Route To Capital

Speculation On Denfeld's Future

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Vice-Adm. Forrest P. Sherman headed today for Washington, bolstering speculation that he will be picked to succeed Adm. Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

The commander of the Sixth Task Force in the Mediterranean has been mentioned prominently for the post which Denfeld was ousted. He has stayed on the sidelines in the armed services scrap which brought Denfeld's removal.

Sherman, who landed in London en route, told reporters at the airport, "I have no comment to make on any subject."

He conferred briefly with Adm. Richard L. Conolly, commander-in-chief of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet, before boarding a Pan-American Airways plane again for New York.

DUE TOMORROW

He is due to arrive in New York at 4:50 A. M. (EST) tomorrow.

Sherman left his fleet at Beirut, Lebanon, and boarded a Pan-American airliner for the flight to this country. Officials at London headquarters of U. S. naval forces in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean said he had been ordered to return to the capital.

An announcement on Denfeld's successor as well as a decision on whether Denfeld will retire or accept a lesser assignment is expected soon.

Denfeld let it be known through aides this morning that he still had not made up his mind whether to accept another assignment or retire.

Reports circulated that Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of the Navy Matthews, although not on the official list of White House callers, had come in by a side entrance to see President Truman — presumably to discuss Denfeld.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters he could not say about that. It was possible that naval chiefs had been there, he said.

The only hint of what had been offered Denfeld in the meeting between the admiral and secretary on Friday was contained in Matthews' comment to reporters that the latter's resignation would "not mean any demotion in rank for Admiral Denfeld." Beyond that, the secretary said nothing about the proposed job.

If Sherman is picked for the post of chief of naval operations, it would mean that he would be jumped over the heads of nine vice admirals senior to him.

But, Sherman's Navy qualification not possessed by any but one of the nine—he is an air officer. With present day emphasis on carrier task forces as the keystone of the fleet, this was important. The only other officer below Sherman who is a naval aviator is four-star Adm. Arthur W. Radford, commander of the Pacific Fleet. And Radford was, like Denfeld, strongly critical of Pentagon policy and the present operation of the service unification program.

On the other hand, friends of Sherman pointed out, he did not testify with other Navy admirals at the House Armed Services committee hearing on the Navy's dispute with the Defense Dept and Air Force.

Former Secretary Of State

Edward R. Stettinius Jr. Dies

GREENWICH, Conn. —(AP)— Edward R. Stettinius Jr., wartime head of lend-lease and U. S. Secretary of State when the United Nations came into being, died today at the age of 49.

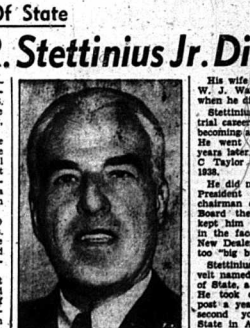
The white-haired, handsome Stettinius, who at 37 became board chairman of the U. S. Steel Corp., was his country's first U.N. delegate. He was named rector of the University of Virginia after leaving the U.N. post in 1946.

Death came at 7:30 A. M. (EST) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Trippe here. Mrs. Trippe is Stettinius' sister. Her husband is head of Pan-American Airways.

A rich man's son, Stettinius went into Government service and shortly became administrator of the $60,000,000,000 lend-lease program that played a major role in the final defeat of Nazi Germany.

The former cabinet member's secretary said members of the household found Stettinius unconscious in bed this morning. He died soon after a physician arrived at the house.

His three sons, Edward R., Wallace and Joseph, were immediately notified of their father's death, as was his other sister, Mrs. John R. Marsh.



EDWARD R. STETTINIUS JR.

Stettinius was confined to bed with a heart condition since last Spring, his secretary said, and had been convalescing here.

His wife and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Wallace, were with him when he died.

Stettinius started his industrial career with General Motors, becoming a vice-president in 1931. He went to U. S. Steel three years later, and succeeded Myron C. Taylor as board chairman in 1938.

He did not hold the post long. President Roosevelt made him chairman of the War Resources Board the following year and kept him in similar high posts in the face of charges by some New Dealers that Stettinius was too "big business minded."

Stettinius was 43 when Roosevelt named him Under Secretary of State, a surprise appointment. He took over the top cabinet post a year later, becoming the second youngest Secretary of State in American history.

Carrying on the work of his predecessor, Cordell Hull, Stettinius was permanent chairman of the Dumbarton Oaks Security Conference that gave birth to the United Nations.

The industrialist-diplomat resigned as Secretary of State in

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NC Must Borrow Money

State Funds Are Running Low

RALEIGH — (AP) — The State of North Carolina is going to have to borrow money on a short-term basis during the next few months to meet its current operating expenses.

It will be the first time in seventeen years that this has been necessary, State Treasurer Brandon Hodges said today.

He explained it this way: expenditures are fairly constant from month to month and the state's income from its tax sources is not at a constant rate. The major portion of the income tax, the largest general fund revenue source, is collected by the State during March.

This will make it necessary for the State to issue short-term tax anticipation notes which will be repaid when the March income tax collections come in.

If this temporary deficit were small, it would be possible to handle it with an overdraft—meeting the deficit with the surplus from other funds.

CAPITAL SAYS

However, attorney General Harry McMullan has advised that it would be wiser to issue the short-term notes "if a substantial overdraft would result."

"There is no provision in law for carrying an overdraft," Hodges said, "because to do so would be the use of money other than in that particular fund."

He said he understood that in the past small overdrafts had been carried for short periods until they could be met by tax collections, but he conceded that there had been no overdrafts since 1940 which is as far back as the Budget Bureau records.

"The situation is this: we have a history of fifteen years of rising income when revenues have been consistently under-estimated. Now we are at a peak level when revenues are right at the level of estimates or are perhaps declining.

"That leaves a tight budget. Unless you begin the year with a substantial balance, it is not possible to operate for eight months without running a cash over-draft pending receipt of income tax returns in March."

Robert L. Thompson, radio commentator and editor, brought out in a broadcast last night the fact that it would be necessary for the state to make short-term borrowings to meet its current operating expenses.

Editor Elaborates His Statement On Finances

HIGH POINT — (AP) — Confronted with the Associated Press news story out of Raleigh that State Treasurer Brandon Hodges, in answer to a radio broadcast last night, had said there was "nothing unusual" about the State's plans to borrow money for current governmental operating expenses, Editor Robert L. Thompson of The High Point Enterprise who made the broadcast, had Hodges on the telephone today. Thompson then issued the following statement:

"I say that there was nothing 'unusual' in making an emergency operating loan — a thing to which the state had not resorted since the depth of the depression in 1932 — seemed so

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Businessman Kills Wife, Her Mother With Hammer

DETROIT—(AP)—A Toledo businessman, enraged by his wife's interest in teaching music, beat her to death with a hammer early today and then fatally wounded her mother.

Tossing aside the hammer, he jumped in his car and raced to Detroit to tell his friend what he had done.

He was stopped twice on the way for speeding and released when he told officers he was "on a very important errand."

The 67-year-old building material salesman, John A. Harding, was held here for Toledo police.

HAD IMPULSE

"I couldn't resist it," he told Patrolman Walter O'Dell of Grosse Pointe Woods. "I've had the impulse for weeks."

Officers in Toledo, notified by authorities here, rushed to the big, rambling Harding home. They found Mrs. Mildred Harding, 46, dead in her bedroom. Nearby was mother, Mrs. Maude Thompson, critically injured.

Mrs. Thompson died at 5 A. M., in a Toledo hospital.

When Harding arrived at Grosse Pointe Woods, an elite Detroit suburb, he aroused Mrs. Robert Goodhand, his daughter by his first marriage.

"He seemed breathless and depressed," she told police. "He started to tell me something and finally blurted out, 'You might as well know. I've just killed Mildred and her mother.' I hit them with a hammer. I'm pretty sure they're dead.'"

By the time police officers called by Mrs. Goodhand came to the house, however, Harding had grown calm.

"Thank you for coming, gentlemen," he said. "I'm very sorry at getting you out so early. But this is important. I killed two people in Toledo—my wife and her mother."

Under questioning by O'Dell, Harding said he had married his wife, sixteen years ago, just at the time when she was gaining prominence as a pianist and violin teacher. She was his third wife.

Harding said he had become frenzied over his wife's devotion to music and her lack of interest in him.

"I've gone to doctors and I've talked about it and I've tried to get rid of it," he said. "I thought it was gone. But it broke out today."

Harding owns several buildings in Toledo. His wife was widely-known as a popular radio entertainer as well as music teacher.

She conducted her music classes at their home.

U. S. Ousts Two Czech Officials

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States demanded today that Communist Czechoslovakia recall immediately two Czech officials now in this country.

They are Dr. Erwin Munk, consul general at New York, and Jan Horvath, housekeeper of the Czech embassy in the capital.

The action was in apparent reprisal for the recent ousting of two American attaches from the embassy at Prague. However, in announcing the order, the State Department declined to give any explanation except that the two are both "persona non grata".

That means they are personally unacceptable to this government.

The Czech ambassador, Vladimir Outrata, asked for an appointment with Undersecretary of State James E. Webb, presumably as a result of the action.

Heavy Drinkers Have Hard Time With Law

CHESTER, Eng. — (AP) — The Cheshire police began setting up a rogues gallery today of people who drink too much.

The pictures will be sent around to the country's saloons with a warning: "If you serve these people you are liable to a 10 pounds sterling ($28) fine."

Maj. G. C. Schimgeour, clerk of the County Council, said the penalty is possible under a 1903 licensing act.

The pictures will be kept out of sight under the bar.

Bethlehem, Union May Sign Truce

Break In Labor Tieup Is Rumored

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Industry sources today reported that Bethlehem Steel Corp., third largest steel manufacturer, and the CIO Steelworkers have reached a strike-ending agreement.

These sources said the agreement's major feature calls for expansion of the corporation's existing pension plan, with the employer still paying the entire cost of the pensions.

Rumors of a break in the 21-day strike, which has virtually shut down raw steel production in the nation, were coupled this morning with hints that a coal strike settlement may be coming shortly.

Veiled talk about the expected development swept the CIO national convention at Cleveland this morning.

MURRAY TO TALK

The rumor gained circulation and perhaps some credulity when CIO President Philip Murray announced he would hold a news conference late this afternoon.

Although one top CIO official said he knew of no development to report, another left the impression that one, possibly two, major steel companies had come to terms. Supporting the latter, was a statement by a Government official that he understood announcement was being withheld until peace is declared in the coal strike.

The steel firms mentioned in the rumors were Bethlehem and Jones & Laughlin.

There was nothing beyond rumors, however, to indicate any favorable break in the 43-day coal strike, which centers on John L. Lewis, president of the striking 380,000- United Mine Workers, hinted in talk Saturday night at Scranton, Pa., that he might call up reinforcements.

His remarks were interpreted to mean that he was considering calling 80,000 anthracite miners and 20,000 more bituminous miners west of the Mississippi River off their jobs. They joined the strike at its beginning but returned to work when Lewis said their contested idleness was no necessary.

Along with that report came a hint in Washington that the Government might step in soon in the deadlocked coal dispute.

Cyrus S. Ching, the Government's ace labor-management mediator who has spent the past two weeks working on steel negotiations, was represented as feeling that the coal talks must be resumed and carried on at a rapid pace. He was reported as still feeling the prospect of a strike settlement in the two strikes must be reached with the steel companies because some of them own or dominate many of the mines.

CHRYSLER PLANS SHUTDOWNS

The industrial paralysis from the steel strike has hastened additional widespread unemployment. Chrysler Corp. announced yesterday in Detroit that it plans to shut down three divisions next Friday and lay off a majority of its 28,000 employes in that area.

The last of the company's steel supplies will be used, the announcement said, in the manufacture of Plymouth cars, Chrysler hoped to keep the assembly line rolling "as close to Thanksgiving as possible."

Ford also announced it probably will have its River Rouge plant shut down entirely by Nov. 15 with 115,000 workers there put out of jobs. The shut down is expected to start Nov. 11.

General Motors already has closed some of its plants to permit reallocation of steel supplies and expected to put some plants on a four-day week, effective today.

Nash Motors said its two main plants in Wisconsin would have to suspend operations about the middle of November and about 17,000 employees would be laid off.

Also hard hit was the Pennsylvania Railroad which announced its earnings for the first nine months of the year were more than wiped out by the coal strike and the five-day week for employees which became effective Sept. 1.

The railroad, the nation's largest, said its deficit for the first nine months was $1,973,635, compared with a net income of $20,441,156 for the same period of 1948.

Actress' Fiance Dies Following Operation

LOS ANGELES — Funeral mass will be sung Wednesday morning for Dr. John L. Dunlk, dentist fiance of Movie Actress June Haver.

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Murray Vows To Purge CIO Of Pro-Communists

CLEVELAND —(AP)— CIO President Philip Murray touched off a rousing demonstration at the opening session of the 11th convention today when he promised to "cleanse" the organization of pro-Communists.

After referring to abuse directed at him by the Moscow radio, Murray in his keynote address, said that at meetings of his own CIO executive board:

"I did not know whether I was talking to a fink (strikebreaker), a Commie, or an FBI man."

"If we are going to cleanse this movement, which by the way, we are going to do at this convention —" Murray started to say when the more than 600 delegates broke into noisy cheers.

Murray was unable to finish his sentence.

At least three, and possibly a dozen unions under so-called left-wing leadership are threatened with ouster from the CIO.

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Aged Man Succumbs In Wild Georgia Area

Last Dweller In Accursed Town Dies

By BEM PRICE

OLIVER, Ga. —(AP)— The lone survivor of Jacksonboro — the accursed town that was — is dead.

Out of that once damned, now desolate region on Beaver Creek came word today that Richard Bryant, 105-year-old ex - Negro slave, had died Friday night.

He saw the only man alive who saw the terrible curse of a little hunchbacked itinerant minister, Lorenzo Dow, come true.

He saw the once bustling town disappear, house by house, store by store until but one house remained—the house specifically spared by Dow.

When Bryant was just three years old, he saw the white residents give up in despair at the freaks of fire, water and wind and move lock, stock and barrel five miles away to found another town, Sylvania.

It was in 1794 that Jacksonboro, half way between Augusta and Savannah, was founded. It flourished as a coach stop and county seat.

ROUGH AND TOUGH

Jacksonboro was a rough, tough town near the hill country in a rough, tough time.

For 36 years the town went its boisterous way. Then in 1830 Dow drifted down and called upon its citizens to repent. People laughed. They pelted him with eggs. And they would not let him preach.

The tormented little minister with the burning eyes turned this way and that until a powerful man, Seaborn Goodall, gave him sanctuary in his home.

When the purposeful Dow strode to meet his tormentors again the following day, a mob drove him to Rustic Bridge and bade him never return.

Scornfully, Dow paused on the span, removed his shoes and shook the dusk of Jacksonboro from his feet.

He turned and swore that God would bring swift vengeance, the same that overtook Sodom and Gomorrah. The townsfolk laughed again.

But then, unaccountably, fires broke out, windstorms tore off roofs, the wind crept through the middle of the town became wild and unruly, sweeping away homes in flash floods.

The remaining settlers finally gave up and moved their county seat to Sylvania. Time removed all trace of the town but the Goodall place which still stands.

Here Bryant was born into slavery. He was a young man when Sherman marched through, burning all houses along his route—but the Goodall home.

The night old "Uncle" Richard died, so they say, by the light of a flickering kerosene lamp, there was an awful rustling in the trees. And an old hound howled.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

These very friendly people can sure waste a lot of your time . . . There's some folks that can be nice to you and still make you feel uncomfortable.

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