

Softball Staff

More than 40 softball teams are getting to open the 1946 Charlotte season Monday...

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A REASON TO SMILE



Howard Thompson Holden Jr., 9, winner of the first prize in the Charlotte News contest on "Why I Love My Mother"...

Howard Holden Wins Contest

By MARTHA AZEE LONDON Charlotte News Staff Writer Howard Thompson Holden Jr., 9, son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson Holden, 2019 Country Club Drive...

There were more than 1,000 letters entered in the contest of youngsters up to the age of twelve years...

Judges for the contest were editors of The News. They liked Howard's letter best because of its originality...

Howard is in the third grade at the Charlotte-Country Day School. He sings in the choir of Christ Church...

When he was informed by The News that he had written the best letter of all, he could hardly believe it...

I love my mother because she is so sweet. She never loses her temper...

Once Over Lightly BY WALTER SEGENTHALER



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Truman Men Work To Save Labor Bill

Both Sides See Victory

By HOWARD DOBSON WASHINGTON (AP) - Worried Administration Democrats buckled down today to the job of saving their labor bill from defeat in the House...

They took a severe beating yesterday. But they had three days more to find up votes against a substitute bill supported by strong, confident House bloc of Republicans and Southern Democrats...

After winding up their fourth stormy day of labor debate, leaders of both parties agreed to a "truce" until Tuesday. The House will take up either business Monday.

Both sides see victory. On the Republican side, it is predicted victory. Chairman Leiniski (D-Mich) of the labor committee, sponsor of the Administration bill, declared that the House had enough pledges including some from Republicans to fight off the substitute offered by Rep. Wood (D-Cal).

Rep. Hallick (R-Ind.), a member of the GOP policy committee, told reporters that the House will pass next week. Privately, some Administration leaders told reporters they believed they had lost ground during the last two days of debate...

The G. I. Union Action Committee held the top decision today on strike sanction for 60,000 Ford Company workers. The workers at Ford's River Rouge plant in San Francisco by the Associated Press.

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Opening Gun Is Fired By Soviet Paper

Parades Staged All Over World

LONDON (AP) - Anti-Communists outside the Iron Curtain plan some stiff competition to the high pressure propaganda blasts the Communists will let fly in tomorrow's May Day celebrations.

In the Soviet orbit, where Communism has the field to fight, the international labor holiday seemed headed for its most dramatic denunciations of the United States and Britain. Pravda's official Communist mouthpiece in Moscow, blocked off with a May Day editorial the working class in the U. S. and Britain of "mad plans" to rule the world.

Moscow planned the usual parade, with a military display. Yugoslavia's ruling Communist Party accused "Western imperialist forces" of "threatening a new war against the people's democracies."

The charges were made in a special May Day proclamation launched by the Party's central committee just 34 hours before the parade in Moscow, which Premier Tito will review a parade of soldiers and workers.

Significantly, the proclamation also attacked the anti-Communist "war-mongers" in the USSR and the countries of the people's democracies.

In using a double-edged sword in the proclamation, Yugoslavia emphasized simultaneously its bitterness against the Communist camp and its hostility to any enemy.

Outside the Iron Curtain, the anti-Communists will have their say, too, and gathering to any enemy.

The rivalry is especially acute in Europe where Communist-baited North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member nations are in Germany.

France's Charles De Gaulle called for a "new demonstration" in Paris, to counter the Communist's traditional parade and demonstration in the Champs Elysees.

Italy's Communist-dominated Chamber of Labor ordered all public transport except railway trains to halt for the holiday. Communists and fellow travelers in Rome and the anti-Communist free world confederations scheduled rival mass meetings.

Rival parades will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, and rival meetings in the same park there.

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Children Escape In Theater Fire

NEWTON (AP) - Five children escaped uninjured today as fire swept the Catawba Theater in Newton, N.C. Firemen rescued the children and adjoining buildings were unharmed.

When the fire was discovered at 11 A. M. five children were in the theater watching the first show. But they all escaped through the front exit.

The fire continued burning this afternoon and flames had spread to several buildings there and a 5-and-10-cent store. Conover Firemen were assisting the Newton Fire Dept.

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Truman Misses Part Of April Pay Of \$12,500

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Truman got only a partial pay check today—probably about one-third of the \$12,500 April pay to which he is entitled under his contract.

The curtailed pay check resulted from the deadlock between Congress and the President in an effort to pass a \$100,000,000 defense appropriation bill. It carries funds for the salary and expenses of the President.

By the time the bill was passed by Congress, along with some other Federal workers.

The White House spokesman said the check arrived on schedule at the White House, but it was only a partial check.

Democratic members of the House appropriations committee called on the President in an effort to devise strategy for getting the money bill unblocked, but they neglected to discuss the Presidential payday.

Gas Salesman Wins Carnegie Medal

STATIONERY Statesville Statesville gas station salesman whose bravery and quick thinking saved a good part of the town from being near here and some of its citizens from going to the gas station last year is going to get a medal for his actions from the Carnegie Foundation.

Jovial Henry Oscar Montgomery, 55, of the Fairview apartment on Turner Road, is a salesman for Myers Oil Co. here, learned today that he has been selected to receive the coveted award, presented by a commission set up in 1947.

It was almost a year ago—May 1, 1947—when a small town about twenty miles north of Statesville, and drove it four miles into the town of Statesville, where it was engulfed in flames.

He had begun filling the underground tanks at the garage with high-test gasoline from his truck when a man came out of a building with a lit cigarette. The day was heavy with dampness and the match ignited some fumes around the truck and filled his wallet, so he tossed it toward the garage and then stripped off his pants.

WARRNS CROWD Persons had gathered and Montgomery warned them to get back. "Don't worry, the tank and thing's liable to pop any minute," he said. "I'll be right back."

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WEATHER

Intermittent rain and hot in cool today and tonight. Sunday, partly cloudy and warmer with scattered showers.

Temperatures at 2 P. M. today—69 High and low for past three days—74-58-54. Tomorrow—74-58-54. See WEATHER on page 3-A