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Partly cloudy, not much change in temperature and a few widely scattered afternoon showers for the next two days.
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Civic Leaders Endorse Solicitation Control Law

STEELWORKERS CALLED TO STRIKE FRIDAY

Ordinance Is Approved At Parley

Some Favored 'Moral Suasion'

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Enactment by the Charlotte City Council of a proposed new, broad and strict control over fund-raising campaigns in this city was unanimously advocated by a conference of leaders in practically all of this city's civic affairs today.

A motion to submit a proposed new municipal ordinance to the City Council, with a request that it be enacted into law, was carried without any opposing vote after extended discussions in the meeting.

Prior to the unanimous vote on the motion, however, several speakers suggested the advisability of exercising control over such campaigns in this city through a voluntary citizens' committee without legal authority. This view was not pressed, though.

Arguments were advanced by a number of other civic leaders in favor of legal control through a municipal law, which was declared to be necessary to protect the city's best interests.

Discussions centered upon a proposed new city ordinance which would create a seven-member commission and abolish the existing three-member commission which was described as lacking in powers.

50 AT MEETING

Attending the conference in the Selwyn Hotel were approximately 50 men and women, all of whom are prominently identified with some one or more of Charlotte's civic, religious, educational, charitable or welfare activities. Several of the fifteen or more women, who were present, took part in the informal discussions.

Invitations to attend this conference were extended by the Chamber of Commerce to representatives of 37 Charlotte organizations which would be affected in one way or another by the proposed regulation.

TEXT PREPARED

A special committee headed by J. H. Cutler prepared the text of the proposed ordinance in consultation with legal advisors. Other members of this group are J. Norman Pease, Chamber of Commerce president, who presided at the luncheon today, Claude A. Cochran, attorney, and George M. Ivey, merchant and civic leader.

When and if adopted, the proposed new regulatory statute would replace the existing three-member Charities Solicitations Committee, a municipal body. Charles Dudley, executive director of the Merchants Association and chairman of the existing Solicitations Committee, previously described the "law" he helps to enforce as a "rubber stamp." He explained that his opinion is based on the severe limitations under which his committee is compelled to operate.

The proposed ordinance provides for appointment by the Mayor of Charlotte, subject to the City Council's approval, of a seven-member Advisory Charity Solicitation Committee. This group would be empowered to exercise broad control over all campaigns for funds within the city limits for any charitable purposes, even by the use of the mails.

Any and all persons convicted in a court of contempt jurisdiction of violating the proposed ordinance would be subject to a penalty of $50 each for each day of unauthorized solicitation.

The declaration of necessity contained in the text said in substance that regulation is essential to "the end of serving and protecting the interests of the citizens of Charlotte." This declaration explained that the ordinance would be directed to solicitations of assistance

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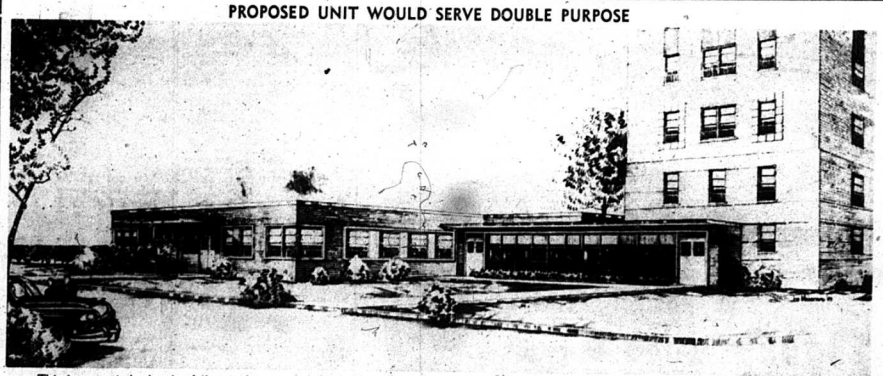
PROPOSED UNIT WOULD SERVE DOUBLE PURPOSE



This is an artist's sketch of the newly proposed Contagious Disease Unit which will also be used as a Pediatric Outpatient Clinic if present plans materialize. It will be constructed at the estimated cost of no more than $115,000 on the Memorial Hospital grounds. The Variety Club has proposed to maintain the Pediatric Outpatient Clinic, as well as contribute up to $15,000 for construction costs. The club has also proposed to equip the unit at a cost of $35,000. The City Council will consider some $100,000 construction costs as part of the budget for the next fiscal year. The local medical society has endorsed the project along with a number of leading citizens.

Contagious Disease, Outpatient Units Considered

City Council To Study Proposed Hospital Addition

By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Plans for the construction of a Contagious Disease Unit as well as a Pediatric Outpatient Clinic at Memorial Hospital, long discussed by private interests, today reached a point where the project is planned for City Council consideration.

Spokesmen said the first move must be made by the Council before any other action is taken. If the Council approves a request for $100,000 for construction from next fiscal year's budget, it is thought that the Variety Club, an organization of men in the amusement field noted for their charity work, would go ahead with proposed plans for all-out financial support.

NO COMMITMENTS

At the moment, spokesmen stressed, no commitments have been made by any interested parties.

However, it is understood that the Variety Club has proposed to contribute $15,000 of the excess over $100,000 up to $115,000 for construction costs. The club has also proposed to spend $35,000 to equip the unit.

Variety Club officials, however, have said that the maintenance of such a Contagious Disease Unit for the indigent is a public health problem, and should be entirely tax-supported on a yearly basis.

The Variety Club has, however, offered to contribute $25,000 for the first year maintenance of a Pediatric Outpatient Clinic to be operated in conjunction with the Unit. John H. Vickers, club president, said the club is greatly interested in this clinic which could easily be developed in connection with the unit. Mr. Vickers said the club expected to continue to support it after the first year, but could not pledge the same amount indefinitely.

Dr. V. K. Hart, president of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society, said today that it was his conviction that "this is a rare opportunity both for Government officials and the community.

"I doubt," he said, referring to the Variety Club proposals, "if such generosity will again be matched in a long time. At a minimum of capital outlay, a vital long-felt, public health need can now be supplied. At the same time, a vital outpatient service for the indigent can be financed and staffed. These are factors that can hardly be disregarded by our local governing bodies."

At the moment, project backers are uncertain from where funds will come for the maintenance of the Contagious Disease Unit. They say that funds will be sought from the County for this purpose.

S. Herbert Hitch, chairman of the procedural committee which has been studying plans for such a unit for the past year, is one of the spearheads of the citizen group backing the project. Among others are Dr. Hart, C. W. Gilchrist and Thomas L. Robinson.

Discussions yesterday with city and county officials ruled out the possibility of the use of ABC funds for the construction or maintenance.

Tentative plans call for an eighteen-bed unit equipped for the diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases affecting both adults and children, something lacking in the area, and a vital outpatient service.

R. Z. Thomas Jr., administrator of Memorial Hospital, said today that the complete facilities of the hospital would be at the service of the unit.

The unit will work on a basis where either section will enlarge or decrease according to the demands. There will be, of course, a distinct separation between the two.

The movement for isolation facilities, long recognized as an urgent need by health authorities and medical leaders, was started last Summer during the polio epidemic. The proposal was made by Dr. Hamilton McKay at a joint meeting of the City and County Health Boards, both of which have endorsed the plan.

The structure would have three separate parts of five beds each, plus three others in private rooms. The plan of the building and operation would be so flexible that a wide variety of uses would be possible.

Negro Loyalty Is Emphasized

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Un-American Activities Committee received testimony today that only a fragment of American Negroes are Communists, but that the Reds plan to set up a "Soviet Republic" among Negroes in the South.

And from Rep. Walter (D-Pa) came a proposal that Negro Singer Paul Robeson be called before the committee to explain some of his recent statements. The committee took no immediate action.

Robeson on a recent European tour described Russia as the country he loves above all others, and predicted that in case of a U. S.-Soviet war American Negroes would not fight Russia.

Leading Negroes had asked the Un-American Activities Committee to provide a forum to answer Robeson, and testify that most American Negroes are loyal to their country.

Jackie Robinson, second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the first Negro to break into the major leagues, was billed as the star witness. But his appearance was postponed until Monday.

Instead of hearing Robinson, the committee:

1. Heard Alvin Stokes, a Negro investigator on its staff, say that about 1,400 Negroes, or barely more than a tenth of one per cent of the Negro population of the country, are Reds. He did not identify any individual Negroes as Communists. He said "the Negroes of this country appreciate the blessings of freedom and know that the Communist Party has a program, camouflaged for the time being, for "setting up a Soviet Republic in the so-called black belt of the South."

2. Put into the record a letter from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower saying that the historic record provides "irrefutable proof of the loyalty of Negro troops" in World War II.

Acheson Is Opposed To Foreign Arms Cut

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary of State Acheson today flatly opposed any cut in the Administration's projected $1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid program.

He said this figure represents the absolute minimum needed for Western Europe and other areas.

The secretary stated his position at a news conference while opposition led by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) was wiping out prospects for a quick Senate vote on the North Atlantic treaty.

The small group opposing the defense agreement centered their fire on the military aid program and the commitments carried in the pact.

Acheson also commented on another issue which has arisen on capitol hill. He agreed with Sen. Dulles (R-NY) that the United States delegation at the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Paris had considered whether the American people should be kept "artificially alarmed" and had rejected the idea completely.

The matter came up, Acheson said, in discussion of whether the Russians might try to create a false sense of peace and security by making a show of cooperation. The U. S. delegation, he added, decided that it should not reject any possible avenue of cooperation with the Soviet Union merely because acceptance of the avenue might relax tension in the world.

He and his advisors believed, Acheson said, that the American people would quickly spot any evidence of insincerity on the part of the Soviet Union.

COTTON EXEC. DIES

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. —(AP)— Morgan Butler, 60, widely-known cotton manufacturer and yachtsman, died today.

Butler was president and treasurer of the Hoosac Mills with plants at North Adams and New Bedford and was a former president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Assembly Hears Strike Appeal

HONOLULU — (AP) — Gov. Ingram M. Stainback turned to Hawaii's Legislature today in hopes of getting broad new powers to end the islands' 74-day dock strike.

He will call a special session, he announced, just as soon as the Legislature's holdover committee drafts a proposed little Taft-Hartley labor program. He asked that it be done by Tuesday. The committee went right to work.

The key bill in a five-measure series by the Hawaiian Bar Association would arm the Governor with injunctive powers to step into the CIO longshore tieup. It also would authorize him to seize and operate the now idle docks and other public utilities "when the health and welfare of the people" are at stake.

The International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union pulled its 2,000 stevedores off the waterfront May 1. It wants a 22-cent increase of the 1.40 hourly pay. The employers once offered 12 cents, but withdrew it. The strike has locked in sugar and pineapple exports. No shipments can come in except Government-arranged food relief cargoes.

Stainback acted soon after returning yesterday from Washington.

TV Supplement Included Today

The Charlotte News and the Charlotte Radio & Appliance Distributors Association salute television, the Carolinas newest industry, in a special section in THE News today.

This section is crammed full of stories and pictures of television stars together with pertinent information on this new and fascinating industry.

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Rep. Chatham's Wife Succumbs

WINSTON-SALEM — (AP) — Mrs. Lucy Hanes Chatham, wife of Representative Thurmond Chatham, died this morning at a local hospital.

She was born in Winston-Salem, a daughter of John Wesley and Anna Hodgin Hanes, and had lived here all of her life. She was an active member of Centenary Methodist Church.

In 1919 she was married to Mr. Chatham, prominent manufacturer and Representative from the Fifth District.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Hugh Gwyn Chatham of Elkin and Richard Thurmond Chatham Jr. of Winston-Salem; one sister, Mrs. Robert Lassiter of Charlotte; four brothers, James G. Hanes, Robert M. Hanes and Ralph P. Hanes, all of Winston-Salem, and John W. Hanes of New York City.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

New York Mayor Will Run Again

NEW YORK —(AP)— Mayor William O'Dwyer announced today that he will run for reelection.

The Mayor said at a news conference: "I deem it my duty in the best interests of the city to run for reelection."

The announcement came a day after the Democratic mayor conferred with President Truman in Washington and just after Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan had been promised the nomination by three of the city's five Democratic leaders.

Walkout Hits Firms Opposing President

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— The CIO-United Steelworkers today ordered a strike effective midnight Friday against steel concerns which have rejected the Presidential 60-day truce proposal accepted by the union.

By WILLIAM G. SMOCK

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— The CIO-United Steelworkers executive board today accepted a Presidential plan for a 60-day steel strike delay—but failed to mention whether steel concerns rejecting the plan would be included in the truce.

Only one steelmaker—Jones & Laughlin—has accepted President Truman's proposal. The giant U. S. Steel Corp., the nation's top producer, Bethlehem and Republic all have rejected the White House proposal.

U. S. Steel and Bethlehem, the nation's two largest steel producers, said their rejection of the President's proposal did not mean they would halt operations if the steelworkers did not strike.

Both said operations would continue in accordance with contracts which don't expire until next year. The rates of pay and insurance provisions of the pacts were reopened this year. The contracts permit a strike this Summer if agreement on those clauses is not reached.

Replying to the President, Bethlehem said: "We will continue operations of our plant in accordance with our collective bargaining agreements. Those agreements remain in effect until April 30, 1950, in the absence of a strike."

A strike embracing 500,000 union workers was threatened for this week-end, at Friday and Saturday midnight. President Truman had proposed a 60-day contract extension while an unofficial fact-finding board investigated the issues.

A highly placed unionist said after the executive board's action that:

"The picture now looks as if our truce will be effective only with those concerns which go along with the President. The picture may change but that's the way it looks now."

The union's 170-man wage and policy committee must ratify the executive board's action. This ratification was expected at a meeting this afternoon.

CIO President Philip Murray announced the executive board's decision. Murray told a news conference after the executive board meeting that "when the wage policy committee acts today we will officially notify the President of our decision."

Murray said he had no comment on U. S. Steel's refusal to go along with the President's plan.

The union leader said he probably would have a statement concerning U. S. Steel following this afternoon's union meeting.

Only one of the six steel companies — Jones & Laughlin—thus far has accepted the White House proposal.

Jones & Laughlin, one of the nation's leading independent producers, immediately wired the President it was agreeable to the 60-day reprieve.

Then U. S. Steel hurled its bombshell. The corporation declared it would have nothing to do with the fact-finding board. It based its objections on the fact that the President had by-passed the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Republic and Bethlehem then chimed in with rejections. They echoed U. S. Steel's reasons.

Bethlehem Steel told the President in a telegram:

"We do not believe that any such question, affecting as it does, the welfare of our country should be dealt with by a board which is not established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law (Taft-Hartley) which expressly describes a procedure for the handling of such matters."

Frank Purnell, president of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., today wired the President:

". . . The company cannot agree that it will be bound by the recommendations of the suggested board

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U. S.-Jap Policy Hit By Russia

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Russia charged today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Japanese government are carrying on a "brutal" campaign against the "democratic forces" in Japan.

Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin told the eleven-nation Far Eastern Commission also that American policies have brought the "Japanese economy to a state of total collapse."

Panyushkin called on the commission to rule that workers in Japanese government enterprises may bargain collectively and go on strike.

MacArthur and the Japanese government have forbidden strikes on government enterprises.

Panyushkin declared that all the Pacific allies but the United States favor giving strike rights to government workers. He charged the United States has tried "by all possible means" to keep the commission from adopting a policy on this issue.

Calcutta Reds Heckle Nehru

CALCUTTA, India — (AP) —Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru arrived here last night to study the political situation in India's West Bengal and was greeted by a shower of missiles from shouting Communists.

The prime minister had an enthusiastic reception, however, from the majority of the crowds which greeted him. He will address a public meeting tomorrow night.

Bandit's Mother Beaten By Bandit

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— The mother of a man serving a workhouse sentence for armed robbery was beaten and robbed by another bandit early today as she returned from her job at a downtown hotel.

Police said Mrs. Elsie Hamilton, 64, was waylaid at a hedge near her East End home, beaten with a length of pipe; dragged to an adjacent lawn, and robbed of $10.

Three months ago Mrs. Hamilton's son, David, 24, was sentenced to two to eight years after he pleaded guilty to being a member of a bandit trio.

War Bride Jumps To Certain Death

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — A 24-year-old German war bride plunged to her death from the eighth floor of a downtown office building here yesterday.

The woman was identified by friends today as Mrs. Eva Renkes, formerly of Oberlin, near Munich, Germany. They said she was separated from her husband, Lieutenant Renkes of Ft. Clairsville, Ohio, whom she married while he was in service in Germany.

Czech Reds Outline Campaign

Anti-Catholic Program Set Up

VIENNA — (AP) — A reliable diplomatic source said today the Central Committee of the Czechoslovakia Communist party has adopted a six-point program designed to destroy the strength of the Roman Catholic church in Czechoslovakia.

The program calls for confiscation of church property, the disgracing of the clergy, censorship of all mail between church authorities and the Vatican, and government control of all sermons and pastoral letters.

The Vienna informant said the program was outlined in a top secret circular distributed to Communist leaders throughout Czechoslovakia. An original copy of the circular was smuggled across the border to Vienna, according to this source.

The six points were outlined by the Vienna source as follows:

1. "All correspondence between the Vatican and the bishops and archbishops of Czechoslovakia must first pass through government hands."

2. "Confiscation of Catholic property and its distribution to the Czechoslovakian National Church." The circular does not state whether the confiscation is to be complete or only partial.

3. "Immoral women — preferably from Catholic families — must be used to 'expose' the immorality of Catholic church leaders. The 'exposures' should be by gossip and stories printed in the national press." The circular did not elaborate.

4. "Pastoral letters of all bishops and archbishops may be published only with the approval of the government."

5. "All pulpit speeches must be controlled."

6. "Every effort must be made to persuade Catholic priests to switch their allegiance to the Czechoslovakian National Church."

About 9,000,000 of Czechoslovakia's 12,000,000 population are Roman Catholic.

German Gift Parcel Racket

Phony Charity Groups Uncovered

By BRACK CURRY

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP) — American officials reported today they have uncovered a gift parcel racket involving the shipment of huge quantities of goods from the United States to phony charitable groups in Germany.

The United States Army, three Military Government agencies and German customs officials have launched a drive to crack the racket. U. S. customs officials said coffee, cigarettes, cocoa, chocolate, Nylons, drugs and cloth are being shipped to the U. S. occupation zone as gift parcels and then resold on the black market. Regulations permit charitable groups to import bulk shipments duty-free.

John R. McCarthy, chief of inspection of the U. S. Customs group, said some of the rackets' proceeds have been used to purchase critical materials in Germany for shipment to other countries. He did not identify the countries.

"The people of the United States are giving their money for charitable purposes in Germany but it doesn't always work out that way," McCarthy said in an interview.

John Kenney, chief of intelligence of the customs group, said:

"Known customs evasions for the American zone total $500,000,000 to $600,000,000 annually. A big part of this involves goods supposedly brought in as gift shipments—and then resold.

"If customs duties are collected on this, it will provide needed money for reconstruction by the hard-pressed German states."

McCarthy said that hundreds of so-called charitable organizations have mushroomed throughout the U. S. zone. Only 24 are recognized by the American Military Government.

"In one case," he said, "25,000 pairs of Nylon stockings were shipped in as a gift shipment to a welfare organization. Now what does a welfare organization need with Nylons?

"Chocolate brought in as gifts has been sold and the receipts used to buy critical items, such as ball bearings, for shipment to other countries.

"Several shipments of critical materials destined for export without military government approval have been stopped recently and confiscated at the border."

New regulations will apply even to personal imports by foreign consular representatives in the U. S. zone. They also cover military and occupation personnel, displaced persons and Germans.

Displaced persons, Germans and non-American Allied personnel are most responsible for the racket, McCarthy said.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

People don't mind having the buck passed to them if it's got Washington's picture on it . . . Where there's a will there's always relatives.