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### Action Approved By 6 To 1 Vote

The City Council today asked the Federal Government to reserve \$700,000 for Charlotte's use in a proposed program to clear and redevelop local slum areas.

Funds of the U. S. Housing & Home Finance Agency are expected to be set aside for Charlotte, in the event an urban redevelopment plan can actually be started next year.

The Council action was the first positive step taken by a North Carolina city toward a major slum clearance and redevelopment program.

**NOT COMMITTED**

This request for a preliminary reservation of money carried with it Charlotte's intention, but not a commitment, to make the "blighted" areas available for other uses.

The action was recommended by a special Urban Redevelopment Committee headed by Beaman Whitton. This committee was appointed in January by Mayor Victor Shaw, with the Council's approval to study the redevelopment program that is provided in the Housing Act of 1949.

This committee, after several conferences, voted its approval of the slum clearance plan and suggested that the Council make a reservation of money.

**WILKINSON: NO!**

The vote on a resolution asking for \$700,000 was six-to-one. Councilman Emmet Wilkinson cast the single negative vote, made it clear that he passed—no commitment.

Councilman Basil Boyd said he would make it clear by his vote that he was not committing the city to the program.

Pro-Town Councilmen Douglas Aiken, who also serves on the Urban Redevelopment Committee, moved that the Council make a reservation of money.

There was no discussion, other than Mr. Boyd's one remark.

**NO LEGISLATION**

Charlotte actually cannot accomplish much toward redevelopment of blighted neighborhoods until after an enabling act is passed by the State Legislature.

Several organizations are working toward getting the act passed—early next year—an official agency can be designated to make a city-wide survey, acquire slum property, clear it, improve the facilities, and make it available for business, industrial, public or housing uses.

This program can be financed through loans and grants from the Federal Government, with a share of the reserves to be borne by the city.

**MAY RESERVE FUNDS**

Nathaniel S. Keith, director of slum clearance and urban redevelopment for the Housing & Home Finance Agency, said that cities that make a request for a reservation of capital grant funds, this request to constitute simply a statement of intent—but not a binding commitment—that the locality plans to participate.

The Council's resolution follows: "Whereas, the City of Charlotte is advised that it presently has no authority to undertake any slum clearance and redevelopment program; and whereas, the Federal Government and the States of the United States and the City of Charlotte are interested in such program; and whereas, the City of Charlotte has been advised to presently make application for such program:

**Once Over Lightly**  
By Walter Seymour

Recken television will force these children to eat and drink what they recommend. —The Government may be weak in some departments, but they are not at a perfect collection system.

## Tolar, State Patrol Commander, Indicted

### On Way To Wreck, Col. Says Of Charge

WASHINGTON, N. C. (AP)—A Beaufort County Grand Jury today indicted Col. C. R. Tolar, State Highway Patrol commander, on charges of reckless driving and improper use of a state car as a funeral.

The indictment grew out of an incident which allegedly occurred Feb. 28 at the funeral of Tobe Moore, a Beaufort farmer, at Chowan, a Beaufort town.

Tolar was not available for comment. His office said he was somewhere in the Western part of the state and was not expected back until Friday.

According to Howard Harwell, a Washington policeman who attended the funeral, a large crowd had congregated at the Moore home for the funeral.

Cars were parked on both sides of the highway and patrolmen were directing the traffic. Tolar approached the scene in a state car and was stopped by patrolmen. Instead of stopping, he turned on his headlights and continued driving. The incident created much indignation against the patrolman. Tolar was indicted for reckless driving and for improper use of a state car.

**TRUMAN MOVES TO SAVE HOUSING PLAN**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Trying to wash his \$2,000,000,000 off-housing program from prospective defeat, President Truman declared today that he would provide money to help build a million more houses.

Over 100 Democratic congressmen have signed a resolution to support the bill. It is a bill to provide money to help build a million more houses.

**Chatanooga Granted Slum Clearance Funds**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government today granted Chattanooga, Tenn., \$1,054,000 in its slum clearance program. The Housing & Home Finance Agency said the money would be used to help about whatever deficit may be incurred when the city buys slum areas, clears and then resells the land.

**Italian Police Try New Trick On Strikers**

ROME (AP)—Home police broke up a strike today by using a new trick—fire hoses squirting water on the strikers.

**The Greatest Story Ever Told**  
By Fulton Oursler

And what began as a pilgrimage — for Jesus and His friends who journeyed to the city to join in celebrating the birth of the Messiah, was called nothing less than the most remarkable triumph march of all time.

**CHAPTER 25**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

It was now the time of the Passover, the Master of blood and death from the sea and from the cross, and the Master of life and death, who had brought scores of thousands turned from darkness to light, and who had brought scores of thousands turned from darkness to light, and who had brought scores of thousands turned from darkness to light.

## Committee Passes Charlotte Up

### Wake Forest Seminary Site

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A Southern Baptist Convention committee today selected Wake Forest, N. C., as the site for a new seminary in the southeast.

A spokesman for the convention's committee on theological education said the committee will take over the facilities of Wake Forest College when that institution moves to Winston-Salem, N. C.

**Mississippi Gets Life Term**

KOSCIUSKO, Miss. (AP)—A 28-year-old white man was sentenced to life imprisonment last night in the massacre of three Negro children.

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**Second Man Guilty in Killing**

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**First B-29 Bombers Arrive in England**

MARHAM, England (AP)—The first B-29 Superfortresses (B-29s) landed in Great Britain today.

The Superfortresses, which arrived on the night of March 21, were the first of their kind to arrive in England.

**Italian Police Keep Down Violence in Red Strike**

ROME (AP)—The Italian Government met a Communist strike today by using force.

The Italian police kept down violence in the big Piazza Etruria.

**Jennings And Vest To Attend Conference**

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**Jessup Reply To McCarthy Has Acheson's Approval**

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## World Lease Facilities To Private Firm

C-C Committee Recommends Move

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Proposal that the City Government seek title to the U. S. Army Quartermaster Depot on Statesville Ave., appoint an authority to handle its rental and use the income for maintenance of municipal airports was recommended today to the City Council by the Chamber of Commerce.

The vast storage facilities of the depot, which occupy 1,000,000 square feet of space are a threat to orderly operations of the local business and industry.

Prospective construction of additional storage buildings, the Council was told, would be a threat to the depot.

**Chase Group Wins Bond Bid**

RALEIGH (AP)—A syndicate headed by the Chase National Bank of New York City submitted a bid for \$100,000,000 of U. S. Government bonds.

**WOULD SAVE U. S. TAXES**

Then, too, he said the use of the present municipal airport and the proposed Federal terminal would eliminate the Federal Government's expenditure for the operation of the Federal terminal.

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