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Commission Says Powers Too Limited

Council Accepts Plan To Close Up Office

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer Charlotte's well planned urban redevelopment program collapsed today as members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission notified the City Council of their intention to resign.

Members of the five-man commission, headed by Paul R. Younis, chairman, appeared before the council and Mr. Younis handed councilmen a letter which was revealed the commission's intention to resign in a body.

Because of the limitations of the state enabling act and the lack of definite court decision on the law constitutionality Mr. Younis in his letter to the council wrote:

"As a result of the commission members' commitment to the Council that the commission's operation be ended, that its personnel be freed for employment elsewhere, that its office be closed and equipment sold, and that its final accounting with the federal government be completed as soon as possible, within 30 to 60 days, TO RESIGN NOW.

As a consequence and when these steps are completed Mr. Younis writes, "the commissioners will submit their resignations for the pleasure of the mayor and the City Council."

The other commissioners who accompanied Mr. Younis to the council's public session were Douglas Aitken, C. A. McKnight, Irwin Bell and George Sibley.

David Younis, the commission's executive director, was also with the group.

After the letter had been read by Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, city clerk, Mayor Van Every followed Mr. Younis' request and the recommendations to close out the operations.

It is to be noted that Mr. Younis was accompanied by Douglas Aitken, C. A. McKnight, Irwin Bell and George Sibley.

Mr. Younis expressed appreciation to Mr. Younis and the other members of the commission.

He said: "Our thanks. You tried hard to serve the citizens of Charlotte and the five counties."

The following is the text of Mr. Younis' letter:

"On July 22, the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission met in formal session with you and members of the City Council to ask Council approval of the commission's resignation and the constitutional amendment of the North Carolina Urban Redevelopment Act. No action was taken by Council on that day pending a study of the redevelopment.

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U.S. Casualties Reach 141,705

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced today by the War Relocation Authority, 141,705 today in the fighting that began in Korea nine days ago.

The total was the result of a report that was reported last week.

Today's figures were based on the number of notifications sent by families about last Friday.

Although the cut-off date of the weekly summary came four days after the cease fire went into effect, the Pentagon noted that the new total did not necessarily include all of those killed, wounded or believed to be missing before the armistice.

A spokesman said there would be at least one more casualty summary and that it was possible to get reports from the new front line battle front would prompt the issuance of additional summaries.

Younis' report was completed before the beginning of the prisoner exchange started in Korea last night. Next week's summary should reflect the beginning of the exchange process by confirming the previously reported 10,000 prisoners and throwing additional light upon the 8,705 men still carried as currently missing.

OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy and not so warm. High temperature, 85 degrees; high expected today, 85 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 85 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 74 degrees; low expected tonight, 72 degrees.

Sunrise 5:25 A. M.; sunset 7:22 P. M.

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DEATH WATCH ON SLUM CLEARANCE



Members of the Charlotte Urban Redevelopment Commission are shown as they appeared before the City Council with the announcement of their intention to resign as soon as the office can be closed and equipment sold. Seated

in front (left to right) are Chairman Paul Younis, George Sibley, and David Eddy. In the back row are Doug Aitken, Pele McKnight and Irwin Bell.

Mayor Phil Van Every accepted from Chairman Paul Younis the resignation of the Urban Redevelopment Commission's intention to resign because of the limitations of the state enabling act. Members of the council who voted unanimously to accept the plan to close the office are (clockwise) City Attorney John Shaw, Herb Baxter, Eb Wilkinson, Jim Smith, Mayor Van Every, Claude Albee, Herman Brown and City Manager Henry A. Vancey.

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Body, Survivors Found

23 Fliers Jump Into Atlantic

LONDON (AP)—A big 10-engine U. S. Air Force bomber, blazing like a meteor, plunged into the North Atlantic early today and its 23 men jumped into the icy waves.

Fourteen hours after the RB29 reconnaissance plane went down a British ship, the Manchester Shipper, radioed she had picked up one survivor and recovered one body, 420 miles west of Prestwick, Scotland.

Search planes sighted two masses of wreckage 285 miles apart. Ships rushed to both places.

One circling rescue plane radioed that it had spotted a raft with five men aboard. Four of the men waved, but the fifth seemed to be motionless on the wildly tossing surf.

SHIPS AT SCENE The merchant ship Uruguay also radioed it had reached the scene. Later, the other bit of wreckage was sighted 285 miles east-southeast of the raft. An American search plane that made this find said it believed a floating silk parachute was among the jumbled floating mass spotted. The plane circled the area awaiting the arrival of a surface vessel.

RAF SPOTTED As soon as the raft was spotted, a search plane and another aircraft boat and radioed other drops in the area. Another search plane

like the first an RB29, also dropped a boat.

An Air Force list of those aboard, made public by Travis Air Force Base in California, included the name of Air Force first class Robert Scott, 21, of Spartanburg, S. C., a gunner.

Meager reports received here shortly after 4 a. m. (10 p. m. EST Tuesday), when the plane reported that an engine was on fire. The RB29 was six gasoline piston engines and four jets.

Nineteen minutes later the pilot messaged Buislip that the plane was out of control and "We are leaving the aircraft."

On the platform with him were Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov—and these others of Russia's "big five" at their last meeting: N. S. Khrushchev, K. E. Voroshilov, M. Z. Saburov and M. G. Perikhin.

This session was of the Council of the Union—one of the Supreme Soviet's most important meetings. The Council of Nationalities was to meet later today.

The deputies approved as the second item of their agenda "the ratification of the interim decision of the position of the Supreme Soviet on the case of the accused."

That last meeting was in March. It confirmed the Malenkov government in the office after Stalin's death.

After adopting the agenda the deputies voted to go into joint session with the Council of Nationalities this evening.

The fugitives, including one of government report on the budget.

SHIP RELEASED HONG KONG (AP)—The British freighter Admiral Hardy, which radioed July 29 that she had been boarded by pirates off the American coast, today announced that she was released last Monday but said "Our cargo was confiscated."

Second Biggest Day 37 Cops, Soldiers Desert E. Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Thirty-seven East German soldiers and policemen defected to West Berlin today in the second largest mass desertion of Red armed forces this year.

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Door Open For Talks, Says State Dept.

Soviet Note Still Requires Study

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department said today Russia has left the door open for a Big Four foreign ministers conference on Germany. The announcement added, however, that the new Soviet note on the subject is ambiguous and will require a great deal more study.

The department said also there will be consultation with Britain and France before a Western answer is drafted.

Informally, officials told reporters, the note is not clear. The department has accepted a Western bid of July 13 for a Big Four meeting on German unification—but that Russia's note was so confusing, officials were unable to tell after nine hours that what conditions were attached to the acceptance.

Malenkov At Soviet Meeting

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Georgi Malenkov and six of Russia's top leaders attended the opening session of their crew who may have been killed as a result of the attack by Soviet fighters."

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70 TASTE FREEDOM Prisoners' Stories Curbed By Censors

The censor was told by one reporter that he wrote the story when it happened more than two years ago.

The same censor refused to allow the ex-prisoner to discuss deaths of Allied captives on a mid-winter march from Seoul north to the Yalu River "except those deaths you actually saw yourself."

As the helicopters carrying the eight litter patients whirred down on the landing strip ambulances sped them to clean hospital cots and expert care.

None was smiling. A hospital spokesman remarked: "Here it is the happiest day of their lives and they are too sick to appreciate it."

The first two litter patients were Col. Richard M. Davis of Booneville, Ark., and 1st Division infantryman Sgt. James Davis, 25.

Mr. Davis said many of his friends starved to death in the early months of 1951. He described treatment in Red camps as "pretty rough."

"It feels wonderful" to be back in America, he said.

U.S. Demands Pay For Loss of Plane

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States demanded "appropriate compensation" from Russia today for the shooting down of an American B50 bomber over the Sea of Japan, July 29.

A formal American note rejected Moscow's version of the incident and demanded "an exhaustive investigation" regarding the whereabouts of 15 crewmen aboard the plane.

At the same time, it demanded payment not only for the loss of the plane but for "the lives of six of its crew who may have been killed as a result of the attack by Soviet fighters."

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Second PW Group Leaves Red Camp

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Peiping radio said today a second group of 500 non-Korean prisoners, including captured AP photographers, had been released.

The broadcast reported that in the group were Americans, British, and 18 million Germans in the rest of the Russian occupation zone were barred by a virtually complete blockade on rail and road. Berlin imposed last weekend. Prolet demonstrations against the travel ban were put down by German Communist police.

The Communist government added that it was planning to send 100,000 German prisoners to Berlin to help the city's food shortage.

Comic Dictionary

SCANDALMONGER A person who always gives you the benefit of the dirt.

Betty Boyer Tells you today in The Grocery News

How to Do Away With Washday Worries

After the FDIs used firearms and called up troops, the report said, despite police threats and rain, hundreds of people from Soviet East Berlin still came over for the night.

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