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TURN CHURN THE WATER around the bow of the 60,000-ton aircraft carrier USS Forrestal as they move her to a new berth in the James River at Newport News, Va. The giant ship was launched in a special ceremony Saturday. (AP Wirephoto).

Huge Improvement Program To Be Reviewed By Council

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

City projects costing \$10,950,000 were to be reviewed at a special meeting of the City Council this afternoon.

Acting upon instruction from the City Council, City Manager Henry A. Yancey compiled a list of probable projects that might be financed by additional bond issues. That list, made public today, includes:

- Water improvements, including a new 12-million gallon capacity water plant, three storage plants, and additional distribution and supply mains, \$6 million.
- Sewer extensions, \$500,000.
- Furnishings, equipment, paving, roadways and parking areas, etc., at the auditorium-coliseum, \$750,000.
- New health center (not including land), \$500,000.
- Additional facilities at Memorial Hospital, \$1,500,000.
- Additional fire station for the west side, \$200,000.
- Street improvements, opening, widening, paving, etc., \$200,000.
- Sugaw Creek improvement, including straightening, cleaning, and cementing channel, beginning at the mouth.

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OUR WEATHER

Rain today, ending tonight. Clearing and colder tonight. Tomorrow, sunny and rather cold. Low temperature this morning 37 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 32 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 33 degrees.

High temperature expected today 40 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 46 degrees.

Sunrise 7:23 a.m.; sunset 5:12 p.m.

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Eisenhower Confers With GOP Leaders

U. N. Secretary Awaits Word From Peiping

Hammarhjold Seeks Talks About Fliers

By A. I. GOLDBERG
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (P)—U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarhjold and his aides settled down today to a spell of watchful waiting for an answer from Red China on Hammarhjold's proposed free-the-fliers trip to Peiping.

There was no comment immediately from U. N. officials on a Peiping radio broadcast early today asserting that the United Nations "has no right to interfere with China's sentencing of the American spies."

The broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, made no direct reference to Hammarhjold's cable to Premier Chou En-lai Friday night proposing that they meet in Peiping soon after Dec. 28 to discuss the case of the fliers and all other U. N. personnel still held captive.

The radio blast repeated Peiping's previous charges, which the Soviet Union had aired in the U. N. Assembly, that the jailed Americans had "sneaked into China by air to carry out espionage" and that "it is China's... sovereign right of punishing spies."

The U. N. Assembly has approved the U. S. contention that the fliers were prisoners of war entitled to release under the Korean armistice.

Regarding Peiping's failure to reply to Hammarhjold's cable, a U. N. spokesman said last night that the secretary general



AS FOUR OF HIS FRIENDS CHAT in front of the Gettysburg farmhouse of President Eisenhower the Chief Executive limbers up his movie camera for some pictures. The four friends are (left to right), Dr. Howard M. Snyder, Eisenhower's personal physician; William E. Robertson, New York public relations executive; George Allen, who has a farm close by the President's; and Alton Jones, a businessman. (AP Wirephoto).

Doctor Admits Some 'Sins'

CLEVELAND (P)—Dr. Samuel Sheppard ended his direct testimony today with the statement that he had committed some "sins," which were not immediately described.

The final question put to him by his chief defense counsel, William J. Corrigan, was "Doctor, in your lifetime, have you ever committed any sins?"

Sheppard, on trial charged with murdering his wife, testified a moment and then said:

"Yes sir, I have sinned in human frailties."

"You may cross examine," Corrigan said, looking at the three state attorneys.

Prior to that, Corrigan brought from Sheppard two points that may bear on police investigation of the case. They were:

1. The fact that the wrist band on the watch Sheppard was wearing on the night of his wife's murder, is now broken. The defense attorney asked if it was broken when Sheppard last wore it and whether he knew how the wrist band had been so damaged. Sheppard did not reply to both questions that he did not.

2. That a T-shirt found on the beach some distance from his home could have been his.

Friends have testified that doctor was wearing a T-shirt when they last saw him and his wife, Marilyn, together some hours before she was killed. In the morning, however, Sheppard was bare from the waist up and said he does not remember what became of the T-shirt or anything about it.

Chief defense counsel William J. Corrigan reminded Sheppard today that a T-shirt was found at a private beach several hundred feet from the Sheppard home in the early stages of the investigation of the crime.

He asked Sheppard if the T-shirt had ever been shown to him before the trial started. Sheppard replied he had not seen it.

"Have you looked at it in this courtroom?" Corrigan asked.

"I certainly did," Sheppard replied emphatically.

"Is it your T-shirt?"

"It certainly could be," Sheppard replied. "I'm not sure."

Before the hearing opened, Corrigan told reporters that it might be several days before Dr. Charles Elkins, a brain specialist, would be able to testify. Elkins examined the accused man in the hospital on the morning of the murder.

He returned to Cleveland from Arizona to describe Sheppard's injuries, but Corrigan said Elkins is suffering from a severe attack of laryngitis at the moment and can hardly speak.

Dr. Elkins was called to the hospital by Sheppard's family.

Domestic And Foreign Issues Aired

1955 Legislative Proposals Discussed

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (P)—A meeting of President Eisenhower and Republican congressional leaders took an unexpected turn today with a 45-minute discussion of foreign affairs.

The President called the GOP leaders to the White House to outline the administration's 1955 legislative proposals. Eisenhower had indicated in advance though he did not say so specifically—the meeting would deal with domestic issues.

In announcing plans for the meeting at his news conference last Wednesday, the President also disclosed that Democratic leaders who will be in charge of the new Congress will join Republicans at a conference tomorrow to discuss foreign policy.

IKES' PLEDGE

The chief executive pledged after the November election, which gave the Democrats control, there would be bipartisan consultation on international affairs.

At that time the President said he intended to confer with the Democrats on domestic issues. Since then the White House has placed less emphasis on that phase of the program.

An hour and a half after the start of today's meeting with the Republican leaders, Secretary of State Dulles left the White House and told newsmen he had just spent 45 minutes briefing the GOP chiefs on foreign affairs. He declined to provide any details.

WILSON TALKS

In response to questions, Dulles said Secretary of Defense Wilson would be the speaker when he left.

Republican Senate Leader Knowland said the administration on some foreign policy questions, said in advance of today's meeting he expected its scope would be limited mainly to domestic issues.

Knowland said also the legislation proposed by the President may determine whether the GOP wins or loses in 1956.

Eisenhower was expected to repeat some of the rejected or never-acted-on proposals he made to the GOP-dominated 83rd Congress.

JOBLESS MAN BEGGED NOT TO SHOOT SANTA

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (P)—You can't shoot Santa Claus in Springfield.

If anyone dared, he would be tried before a jury consisting entirely of children.

That's the unofficial ruling of acting municipal Judge Orville Wear following an advertisement in the Springfield Daily News and Sun.

The ad in the help wanted classified section said:

"I will shoot Santa Claus if I don't find something to do."

Reporters here called the number listed in the ad and talked to Rube E. Wilson, 40-year-old bookbinder. Wilson said he had been laid off work through the Christmas holidays. He wants to earn some money to brighten his family's Christmas.

Since inserting his ad, Wilson said he received two calls pleading for Santa's life. Both begged, "Please don't do it."

One of the unidentified callers suggested he go to the North Pole "and I'm sure Santa will give you a job."

Alabama's Attorney General Is Arrested

GALVESTON, Tex. (P)—Alabama's attorney general, Silas Garrett III, today was served with a fugitive warrant charging he killed Albert L. Patterson, attorney general-elect of Alabama.

Garrett is being treated for a mental and physical condition at a hospital here.

Galveston County Sheriff O.E. Hansen served the fugitive warrant.

Jules Damiani, first assistant Galveston county attorney said the fugitive warrant charged Garrett "unlawfully and with malice aforethought killed Albert L. Patterson by shooting him with a gun."

Serving of the warrant on Garrett had been expected since Saturday. It had to wait pending the arrival from Alabama of a certified copy of the indictment against him.

Doctors at the hospital where Garrett is being treated have said he is too sick to be moved.

Garrett is a central figure in the notorious Phenix City, Ala., cleanup.

Patterson, who crusaded against vice in his election campaign, was killed last June 13.

Two other persons are under arrest in connection with the slaying. They are a former chief deputy sheriff, Albert Fuller, and a suspended prosecuting attorney, Arch Ferrell.

Garrett could not be contacted personally to find out if he would waive extradition to Alabama. His Galveston attorney, E. H. Thornton, Jr., was also unavailable for comment.

Serving of the fugitive warrant on Garrett technically in the cus-



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would not be disappointed if several days elapsed before a formal answer came.

"The answer may come directly, it may come roundabout," the spokesman said.

He added that it was too soon to think about setting a deadline for a reply.

Some diplomats in Washington thought the Chinese would agree to the trip. State Department officials indicated they were keeping hands off, with full confidence in the course of the U. N. secretary general was talking.

Clue In Arkansas Slaying

Child May Have Seen Mother's Death

BRINKLEY, Ark. (P)—A strong possibility that the 5-year-old daughter of Brinkley socialite Mrs. Fuller saw her mother murdered today.

Police Chief Frank Henderson said the little girl, Mary Helen, "I saw the man hit mamma."

However, the chief said that he had not questioned the child closely, and he seemed to think there may be only a small chance the little girl could recognize the killer.

Mrs. Fuller, 25-year-old wife of Brinkley auto dealer Milton Fuller, was shot to death with a stick of stove wood as she slept in her modest home shortly before dawn yesterday.

Her husband told police he found his dying wife when he was awakened by the thud when she fell from her bed. Fuller was asleep on a couch in the living room at the time, he said. Mary Helen and

WHAT'S INSIDE

WHILE CHARLOTTE SHIVERS, it's 80 in the shade in far-away Phoenix. Bill Williamson Sr., an ex-Tar-Heel who now spends spare moments prospecting in the Arizona hills, tells about life in the sunshine country on today's editorial page. Turn to page 8-A.

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Lattimore's Lawyers Attack Indictment

WASHINGTON (P)—Owen Lattimore's lawyers sought in court today to have a two-count indictment against the controversial Far Eastern seer dismissed.

They contended in advance briefs that "the sole issue... would be Lattimore's opinion of his opinions," but U. S. Dist. Atty. Leo A. Rover replied that the legal attack on the indictment "was based on an objection to the mere fact that he was indicted."

The hearing sent Rover once more before Dist. Judge Luther Youngdahl, whom he had accused earlier in an affidavit of having "a fixed personal bias and prejudice" in favor of Lattimore and against the government.

The new indictment alleges that Lattimore lied when he told the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1952 that he (1) had never been a follower of the Communist line and (2) had never been a promoter of Communist interests.

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Shah, Queen In Washington

NEW YORK (P)—Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Queen Soraya of Iran flew to Washington today in President Eisenhower's personal plane for a White House visit.

They left LaGuardia Field at 8:30 a.m. after a medical checkup at New York Hospital and some night excursions to theaters and restaurants. Their journey was reported widely satisfactory.

At the airport, the Shah told James J. O'Brien, who represented Mayor Robert F. Wagner, that he wants "to get to know the city" when he returns in February from an informal tour of the nation.

The royal visit said he was interested to see what changes have taken place since his visit here five years ago. He expressed particular interest in a helicopter flight over the city and visits to tourist spots.

EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, point us to the tasks Thou wouldst have us do, and grant that we will see in them glorious opportunities to find life rich and meaningful for ourselves and for others. O Lord, grant us the willingness to walk after Thee in lowly paths of service, for Thy glory, Amen.



Two Pilots Killed In Jet Collision

GIG HARBOR, Wash. (P)—Two Air Force pilots were killed yesterday in a collision of their Sabrejet planes across Puget Sound from McChord Air Force Base.

The dead were 1st Lt. James L. Teekling, 23, of Oakland, Calif., and 2nd Lt. Donald L. Moory, 24, son of Mrs. Hazel Fern Lynch, of Los Angeles, and William Moory, of Salem, Ore.

The plane, a stick of stove wood and a blood-stained shirt were sent to Little Rock today for examination by the state medical examiner and state police.

The shirt was taken, said Chief Henderson, from one of "six or seven" men jailed in a general police roundup shortly after the murder was reported.

Henderson said the owner of the shirt told him the garment was stained when he suffered a nose bleed Friday. The stains will be checked against a sample of the victim's blood.