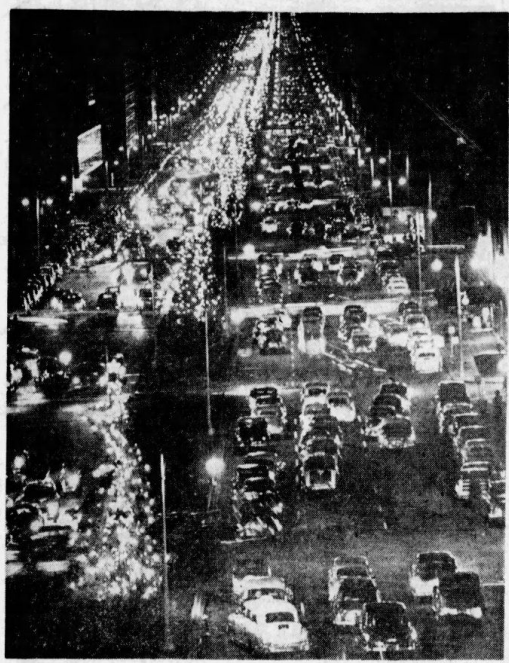


THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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Christmas In New York...



CHRISTMAS SEASON TRAFFIC Jams Park Ave. in this scene looking north on the avenue from the New York Central Building as headlights from siltroving cars combine with the lighted memorial trees to make the



The huge building of the Merchandise Mart forms the backdrop for a Christmas greeting whose lights are reflected in the Chicago River. (AP Wirephoto)

And In Chicago

May Go To China Before Long
Chinese Student Action Seen Soon

WASHINGTON—The United States may act before Christmas to clear 35 Chinese students for return to their Communist-ruled homeland.

"That would torpedo Red China's claim, made in a broadcast Monday, to have urged a decision to delay, that the 35 are being held as hostages for 11 U.S. airmen imprisoned by Peiping as 'spies.'"

It would also set the stage for United Nations efforts, projected for the week after Christmas, to have the fliers freed.

Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld has offered to go to Peiping to discuss the case. Peiping has yet to reply.

The State Dept. yesterday ruled out any deal in which the students would be swapped for the airmen. However, department press officer Lincoln White would not say the 35 students would be refused exit permits.

A check showed screening of the cases has been completed and all that remains to be done is for the Depts. of State and Justice to make a joint analysis and decision.

Allies who are actively trying to help the United States free the fliers — countries like Britain and Canada — are reported to have urged a decision to free the students.

The argument for such a decision goes like this: The United States already is in a strong moral position to demand before the world that Red China release the fliers, so why permit Peiping to becloud the issue with accusations which could be useful to the Reds as hostages?

The 35 students are all that are left of 430 Chinese who indicated some years ago they wanted to go home. More than 4,000 of those Communist elected to stay in the United States after China fell to the Communists.

The students got to the United States in the first place to pursue their higher educations. Most of them acquired technical skills which could be useful to the Red regime — such as radar operation and technique — but none is known to be a specialist in the atomic field.

Of the original 430 who indicated a desire to return, 800 departed in 1949-50. That left 120 who had been denied permission to leave after Red China entered the Korean war in late 1950.

A resurvey since then determined that 62 no longer wanted to go home. Of the others, 27 were notified earlier this year they could leave. Eleven did so. They bought down to 35 the total whose cases are still being studied.

OUR WEATHER

Fair weather today. Tomorrow, fair and cooler.

Low temperature this morning, 34 degrees; low expected tonight, 28 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 29 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 57 degrees; high expected today, 50 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 48 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:24 a.m.; sunset, 6:18 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Take Could Postpone Scheduled Tax Cuts

3 Accidents Before Noon Mar Record
But Safe Driving Day Shows Results
By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte and Mecklenburg County kept a clean slate with no accidents for the first 8 1/2 hours of Safe Driving Day, but a county resident's truck ran into the rear of an auto at Morehead and Graham Sts. at 8:40 a.m., marring the city's clean record.

The guilty driver, who paid an \$8 citation for following too closely, was a veteran of 12 years' driving experience. While paying the fine, he told police that he had never had an accident before.

Police traffic officials listed him as Cecil J. Little, 34, Rt. 3, Matthews.

Sgt. J. A. Horton said Mr. Little's 1951 Chevrolet ton truck headed east on W. Morehead St. struck the rear of a 1951 Nash automobile after the auto had stopped for the Graham St. traffic light.

The Bookmobile and a truck were both headed east on Stonevale St. when they came together, causing \$10 damage to a fender of the pickup truck.

Operator of the Nash auto was listed as Aaron J. Jones, 31, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who estimated the damage to the rear of his car at \$125.

Mr. Little said his front bumper which struck the car rear, was not damaged. He told Sgt. Horton that the driver ahead "stopped quicker than I thought he was going to."

ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTS
Two other accidents followed at 9:53 a.m. at W. Trade St. near Cedar St. and at 10:30 a.m. when Public Library Bookmobile was involved in an accident at Stonevale and Brevard Sts.

By noon there were no other traffic accidents reported. This left a clean slate for Mecklenburg County Police and the State Highway Patrol in Mecklenburg County.

Officer F. A. Polson, who investigated the W. Trade St. collision, said a 1951 Chevrolet, driven by Evelyn B. Grooms, 20, 600 Sunny side Ave., struck the rear of a 1940 Chevrolet pick-up truck.

The officer said both vehicles were headed east on W. Trade St. and explained that the truck had stopped for a traffic light. Mrs. Grooms, who said she had been driving for 12 years and had never had an accident before, was cited for following too closely and paid an \$8 fine.

Damage to the front of the car she was driving was estimated at \$125. Thomas L. Hunter, 41, 805 Greenleaf Ave., was operator of the truck, which was not damaged.

FAST TRIP IN VAIN
DALLAS—Capt. Herbert A. Durham of the Air National Guard, streaked home in a jet from Panama City, Fla., where he had been on a training flight. He made it here in time — only to be thrown off the jury panel on a challenge and sent off to await another call.

Both Sides Rest Cases
Testimony Ended In Sheppard Case

By BELMAN MORIN
CLEVELAND—Both sides ended their testimony and rested their cases today in the first-degree murder trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

In the middle of the ninth week of Sheppard's trial for the murder of his wife, defense lawyer Fred W. Garmone announced at 9:53 a.m. that this time Sam Sheppard rests his case.

Sgt. Jay Hubach was called by the state as a rebuttal witness. He is a member of the police force of suburban Bay Village where 31-year-old Marilyn Sheppard was beaten to death in her bed July 4.

His testimony was brief and at 10:16 a.m. assistant prosecutor John J. Mahon told Common Pleas Judge Edward Blithin:

"The state rests, your honor."

The trial started Oct. 18, but many of the days were closed because of the season's first heavy snow here Monday. He warned against showing any bias in the selection of a jury.

The case is expected to go to a jury of seven men and five women by the end of this week.

Perfect Record Hopes Spoiled
Few Deaths Mar S-D Day
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A scattering of accidents but very few traffic deaths were reported today—Safe Driving Day across the nation.

At 9:25 a.m. PST only six motor vehicle fatalities had been reported. There were two in Ohio and one each in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and South Carolina.

Eleven accidents were reported in Cook County (Chicago) in the first six hours.

Areas of snow and rain increased the hazards in the north on the day set for a test of Americans' ability to drive and walk safely for 24 hours.

The goal: No traffic deaths and a minimum of accidents, and, if possible, none.

President Eisenhower, who proclaimed S-D Day and has taken the leadership in the campaign, pleaded for an unblemished record of safety. He expressed hope even American motorists could make it a day without a single traffic accident throughout the country.

The National Safety Council said that last year motor vehicle accidents averaged about 27,000 a day. In the first 10 months of this year, the council said, traffic deaths averaged 97 a day.

The council estimated that 50 million drivers, and a total of about 150 million drivers, riders and walkers will be on the streets and highways in the 24-hour period.

Mid-December, with its short span of daylight and Christmas shopping crowds, is regarded as the most dangerous period of the year for driving.

Cities across the country have been alerted by newspaper stories, radio and television broadcasts, parades, posters and handbills to be careful every day of the week—not simply during holiday periods.

An Associated Press survey on Wednesday, Dec. 1, showed 64 traffic deaths were reported. It was selected to stress that "no-fault" deaths.

President To Ask Congress For Delay

Action Would Save Treasury \$2 Billion

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower said today he will ask new Congress to postpone the scheduled April 1 cuts—estimated at three billion dollars—on corporation and excise taxes.

The President told his news conference the budget deficit makes it necessary for him to make such a request.

He said that when you have the government going into the red, federal income must be kept up.

Under present law corporation tax rates are scheduled to go down from 52 per cent to 47 per cent on April 1.

That would mean an estimated loss of about two billion dollars in revenue.

PRE-KOREAN LEVELS
Excise taxes on liquor, tobacco, automobiles and some other items are slated to return to pre-Korean war levels on April 1. That would cause an estimated loss of one billion dollars in revenue.

The President also dealt with these other matters:

Cooperation—The President expressed confidence he will have very real cooperation from the Democrats as well as the Republicans on foreign policy, national defense and mutual security matters.

The President said that by and large he would expect maximum cooperation from Republicans on other matters.

National Defense—He indicated, but did not say so specifically, that the administration might be thinking about a further cut in the strength of the armed forces.

He was asked to comment on a report that Army strength will be reduced by an additional 100,000 men, and that the 1st Marine Division will be withdrawn from Korea.

The President replied any full exposition would take a good deal of time. He went on to say, however, that development of the long-range ballistic and atomic weapons has made it necessary for the United States to concentrate first on continental defense, and secondly on preventing strategic areas such as Western Europe from falling to an enemy attack.

RESERVE NEEDED
He said that in doing those two things, the nation can cut back on its active forces so long as it has an adequate trained military reserve.

Plans to build that reserve, to be sent to the new Democratic-controlled Congress are a far cry from Universal Military Training, he said. But he left it to Secretary of Defense Wilson to answer questions about details at a news conference Friday.

Second Term—The President drew a round of laughter in saying "See Eisenhower on page 2-A."



ORIGINATOR OF S-D DAY, Al Vega of Sacramento, Calif., California state traffic official, is beating the drums for S-D Day with Mrs. Cecilia Viegas, left, and Bessie Pothos. (AP Wirephoto)

radio and television broadcasts, tourists and pedestrians could be careless every day of the week—test because it is an ordinary weekday. A committee spokesman said it was selected to stress that "no-fault" deaths.

From Democratic Congress Ike Expects Real Cooperation

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower said today he expects very real cooperation from the Democratic-controlled new Congress on foreign policy, national defense and mutual security matters.

The President told a news conference that meetings with congressional leaders of both parties convinced him he will get maximum support from Republicans for his legislative program and that the Democrats will give very real cooperation in the foreign policy, defense and mutual security fields.

He is very hopeful on this score, the President said, and has every reason to believe he will get bipartisan assistance.

Eisenhower said there were some obvious areas in which there was Republican disagreement over policies. He mentioned in this connection a proposal for tariff cutting, a tariff for the jury and a reciprocal trade agreements act.

Despite these differences, Eisenhower said, he would expect maximum cooperation from his own party on the major portions of his program.

Asked if he planned periodic conferences with Democratic as well as Republican leaders, the President said he does not know whether or not any such meetings will conform to a set pattern.

NO SET PATTERN
Instead, he said he had invited the Democratic leaders to see him at any time they felt the need to consult with him about legislative and policy matters.

In addition the President said he was asking each Cabinet officer to consult with members of both parties in the proper congressional committees on any new plan that was to be laid before Congress.

He said these conferences would be held before final decisions are crystallized.

In response to a question, the President said:

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WHAT'S INSIDE

HE GETS INTO ALL SORTS OF trouble, but he's still one of the most popular little guys we know. Follow Dennis the Menace on page 2-B.

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Trains Hit Building, Hurt Four Residents

PARIS, Ill.—Twenty cars of a New York Central freight train plowed off the right-of-way in this city of about 10,000 early today and a witness said "it miraculously the entire West End wasn't blown up."

There were no fatalities. Four persons were slightly injured. They lived in a store-apartment building at any time which a string of three cars crashed, wrapping themselves two New York Central freight trains.

Among the cars which left the rails were three tank cars containing naphtha, gasoline and fuel oil. Tilted or overturned and with seams leaking, they still were a menace to the community several hours later.

Fire Chief Maurice Johnson stated the train was stuck in the middle of a residential section of frame houses much as if a small boy had kicked his toy electric train apart," said Gover Hoff, Associated Press string correspondent.

"The cars were sticking up in the air at different angles, and were torn and broken," said Hoff, managing editor of the Paris Beacon-News. "They're scattered all over the tracks."

Two cars rolled more than 200 yards right down the middle of the street.

A pedestrian passerby reported a narrow escape from a boxcar which skidded down a street on its side, lengthwise across the street.

"I had to run back onto a lawn," said Raymond Rescow.

VENING PRAYER

Gracious God, help each of us today to say and do that which will lift the burden from somebody else's heart. Grant unto us warm hearts, enlightened minds, and sensitive consciences that our lives may be fruitful unto the Lord and to the glory of our Father who is in heaven.

GROCERY NEWS TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Use The "Instant Flavor" Margarine for Your Holiday Cooking

Betty Boyer Says Use the New-Type Dry Milk, Preferred 2 to 1 by Housewives!

A Suggestion for Tree Decorations and Stocking Fillers

Use the Bread Filled with Nutrition and Good Taste

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