



## Ex-Charlotte Tots Die In Refrigerator

### Two Found Dead At Utah Air Base

Two young daughters of a former Charlottean, Staff Sgt. Ray Mullis, were found dead of suffocation at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, last night.

The two girls, Joyce Mullis, 6, and her sister, Donna, 5, had apparently climbed in the refrigerator and closed the door behind them.

They were found by a neighbor, Howard Bell, when he noticed a pair of roller skates lying in the doorway of a vacant Wherry Housing Unit apartment.

He went inside the apartment to investigate and found a little girl's sweater in the kitchen. He also noticed that the shelves of the refrigerator had been removed.

Inside the ice box door, he found two girls upright on the floor of the refrigerator. The children had been missing since about 3 p.m. yesterday.

Mrs. Mullis and the children had lived here until about two years ago, until Sgt. Mullis was transferred from overseas to Shaw Air Force Base, near Sumter, S. C. He was transferred to Hill AFB about last Christmas.

In Charlotte, they lived with Sgt. Mullis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Mullis, at 1823 Rozelle's Ferry Road. Mrs. Mullis is the former Mrs. Laska, a native of the Long Creek section of Mecklenburg County.

The Mullises have a third daughter, Judy, aged 7, and are expecting another child.

Sgt. and Mrs. Mullis will fly to Charlotte. Funeral services for the children will be held here.

### Housing Fraud Hearings Set For Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee today set public hearings for Monday on multi-million dollar housing scandals.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said the first witnesses would be Albert M. Cole, federal housing chief; Guy T. O. Holladay, resigned head of the Federal Housing Administration; and Clyde L. Powell, assistant FHA commissioner.

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President Eisenhower was reported to be ready to open government tax files for the banking committee. By law, income tax returns are kept secret even from Congress but the President has authority to let congressional investigators look at them.

Some committee members nonetheless felt strongly the inquiry would at least slow up Eisenhower's housing program — and perhaps kill it altogether for this session of Congress.

Capehart said he talked to the White House and expected to receive shortly a list of at least 20 firms or individuals "who were beneficiaries of the worst deals" aggregating 100 million dollars.

"We'll get the big ones out here and put them under oath," he said in an interview.

N. C. Housing Projects Face Investigation

GREENSBORO — All housing projects built in North Carolina under Section 608 of the National Housing Act, the emergency housing measure which expired in 1950, apparently will be studied in the Federal Housing Administration investigation launched this week in Washington.

This was indicated today by a letter received here by Roy C. Milkman, state FHA director, calling for information on all such cases for review in Washington.

In February when the situation made it appear that Stevens had "surrendered" to McCarthy, Byrd merely climbed again when it became clear that Stevens, with Eisenhower's support, was going to fight back.

An Army officer "We were shaken pretty badly by the story of Stevens' surrender." But we've shaken it out of us. We've decided to realize it was no surrender at all because Stevens had never intended to surrender. I know my friends and I are proud of the fact that Stevens was the first one in the administration to fight McCarthy and the Defense Department think McCarthy was "losing the fight."

McCarthy was "losing the fight" in a desperate program of harassment, rightly or wrongly, they felt somebody had to call a halt sooner or later.

Two Children Unhurt In 47-Foot Plunge

PARIS (AP)—Three-year-old Michele Aleepe and her 21-month-old brother Tony fell 47 feet from a balcony today and landed on the sidewalk 47 feet below.

They were rushed unconscious to a hospital. X-rays showed no fractures and there wasn't even a bruise.

An hour later they were playing gaily in the hospital corridors.



SEN. AND MRS. JOE MCCARTHY  
A Controversial Senator Chats With His Host After Dinner in Phoenix, Ariz.

### Prestige Damaged By Fight McCarthy Hurts Army Pride

(Ninth of a Series) BY WHITEHEAD

WASHINGTON (AP)—The bitterness of the Army's fight with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy is rooted in a conviction of men in the Pentagon that the Wisconsin Red-burner has damaged the integrity and prestige of the Army.

For them the basic issue is one of honor and pride. They regard as a secondary matter in itself the question of whether McCarthy and his aides tried to get special treatment for a friend and former member of the McCarthy staff, Pvt. G. David Schine.

They contend McCarthy has questioned the loyalty, honesty and truthfulness of Army men to the point of grave embarrassment.

That is why, Pentagon sources say privately, there has been an unrelenting hardness in the position of the Army's top men against McCarthy. As one officer put it: "You don't compromise when your honor is involved."

From the Pentagon viewpoint McCarthy's fight with the Army, with Secretary Robert T. Stevens as the Army champion.

One highly placed civilian in the Defense Department said in an interview:

"The Army's morale has dropped and it has risen in past weeks in direct relation to Bob Stevens' readiness to fight McCarthy."

"Morale dropped to a low point in February when the situation made it appear that Stevens had 'surrendered' to McCarthy. But morale climbed again when it became clear that Stevens, with Eisenhower's support, was going to fight back."

McCarthy temporarily as subcommittee chairman, told newsmen the group's special staff had orders to start "examining the witnesses and evidence" while the senators themselves grapple with problems of procedure.

These include the role McCarthy will play in the inquiry.

McCarthy already has stepped temporarily aside as chairman and the subcommittee and the Army have agreed not to vote on matters referred to make public the seven concerning the inquiry. But it still is a question of the status of the Army's case, but an informed wall source said it struck tightly to examine witnesses.

WHAT'S INSIDE

IT'S MAUNDY THURSDAY and Dr. Herbert Spangh explains that the term comes from the Latin "Maundy red." It was on the evening of this day in the Holy Week that Jesus delivered His two great commandments. Turn to the Everyday Counselor on Page 2-C.

THEY TRAPPED AN UNWARY MALE in Cynthia Lowry's office and proved to the satisfaction of every woman there that the men gossip just as much as the women. This AP feature writer's story is on Page 15C.

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AIRBORNE AND ALL TIED UP in his work, Infelder Forrest Jacobs makes an all-out try for a double play in a game between Philadelphia and Boston at Philly. Though he caught the Red Sox' Billy Goodman at second, his throw failed to catch Dick Gernert at first. This (AP Wirephoto).

### Dean, Lilienthal To Testify AEC Heads Back Scientist

WASHINGTON (AP)—The two former chairmen of the Atomic Energy Commission plan to testify at the security hearing for pioneer atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer—both of them apparently in his behalf.

David E. Lilienthal, who headed the commission from the time it was formed in 1946 until 1950, said in a statement issued in New York last night he will testify for Oppenheimer.

Gordon Dean, who succeeded Lilienthal and served until last summer, said he had been asked to testify by Oppenheimer's attorney. While he would not discuss what he will say, his acceptance of an invitation by the defense presumably means his testimony will be favorable to Oppenheimer.

Another prospective witness is Dr. Vannevar Bush, wartime head of the office of Scientific Research and Development. An aide said Bush expects to testify.

STRICT PROCEDURES The hearings for Oppenheimer, suspended from access to government secrets by order of President Eisenhower, are going on in a secret room somewhere in Washington. The procedure is guided by strict rules formalized by the AEC in September 1950 in an effort to provide maximum protection for the rights of individuals and for the government's interests.

The AEC has announced only that Oppenheimer was suspended, that a hearing is in progress and the membership of the three-man inquiry board.

"Expressions of confidence in Oppenheimer came yesterday from Dr. David Hill, chairman of the Federation of American Scientists, and from Dr. Howard Meyerhoff, airport from Paris en route to his

bidaway retreat on Duck Island in Lake Ontario.

He said a more serious disaster can be prevented if the free nations are united—that unity depends on full understanding.

Dulles said the possibility of a bi-lateral alliance similar to NATO proposed for the Southeast Pacific "has been enhanced by my talks."

The proposed alliance would aim to stem Communist expansion in Indochina and the rest of Southeast Asia.

Dulles discussed the matter this week in London with British Foreign Secretary Eden and with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in Paris.

Dulles said "our common purpose" was set forth in joint statements issued after each of those talks.

He pointed out that Thailand already had agreed to participate in the proposed to nation alliance and added "more President Macagsavay of the Philippines has indicated willingness to participate."

Dulles said he believed the proposed to nation alliance would head off Communist ambition to control Southeast Asia.

He declined to answer any questions and said "I now have an other very important engagement."

He referred to his visit to his Lake Ontario retreat before going to Washington and returning to Paris early next week.

He is to be in Main Duck Island in the Philippines, called by Richard K. Benson of Chaumont, N.Y.

Mrs. Dulles accompanied the secretary.

In Paris, American sources conceded formal negotiations for the proposed alliance probably could get under way before the Geneva conference on the Far East, scheduled to open April 28.

State Department aides in Washington said "working parties" would be set up within a few days to chart specific steps toward forming the united front in the shortest possible time.

OWN USE CHARGED The charges involve allegations, Chief Littlejohn said, that Mr. Holden as superintendent of the city's cemeteries had appropriated to his own use certain city properties including fertilizer, seed, etc.

Chief Littlejohn said that the monetary value of the allegedly misappropriated properties was in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

In the letter to Mr. Holden, Mr. Yancy instructed him to turn over all records and other paraphernalia of his office to Frank W. Haas, who is the assistant.

Personnel records of the city mentioned that Mr. Holden, a food government shows that Mr. Holden, who formerly had operated a grocery store, entered municipal employment on June 10, 1946, as an employee at his office in Frank W. Haas, who is the assistant.

On July 1, 1951, he was made assistant cemetery superintendent.

OUR WEATHER

Generally fair weather today. Partly cloudy weather tonight and tomorrow. Widely scattered afternoon or evening showers or thundershowers tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 70 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 83 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 52 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 62 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:51 a.m.; sunset, 6:55 p.m.

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### Rebels Seize Key Airstrip

By LARRY ALLEN HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The French high command announced tonight that Communist-led Vietcong troops succeeded in entering themselves in the northern part of the main airstrip of the fortress of Dien Bien Phu, only 2,400 feet from the heart of the bastion.

An earlier announcement said the rebels had been driven off after blowing up the northern end of the airstrip in a night attack.

The Communist-led attackers got within 100 yards of the French defenders in the hard-paved north-west corner of the fortress where the airstrip lies. With Bangalore torpedoes—high explosives on the end of bamboo sticks—they managed to rip up a big hunk of the airstrip's steel matting.

In Tokyo, the U. S. Air Force announced the temporary transfer of a squadron of American C-119 flying boxcars to the Philippines for airlifting supplies to Indochina.

The Air Force said the squadron personnel would not normally leave the Indochina run, but would serve in maintenance, supply and administrative capacities.

The rebels have poured tons of artillery shells onto the Dien Bien Phu airstrip and put up a curtain of anti-aircraft fire and kept planes from landing with supplies or evacuating the wounded.

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WITH A FEATHER TOUCH and a steady hand Mrs. Bertha Huntington, 84, of Rochester, Vt., proves that she can still use a straight razor. A barber for the past 65 years, her career was threatened when she broke her arm. But the arm mended, and Mrs. Huntington is back at work. Her subject is her grandson Walter Severy, who owns the barber shop where Grandma works. (AP Wirephoto).

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