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President's Speech Will Honor Signers

Local Delegation's Invitation Accepted

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today accepted an invitation to attend a celebration May 18 in Charlotte, N. C., honoring the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The invitation was presented to him by a delegation led by Rep. Charles Raper Jonas (R-N.C.). The signing of the document in Mecklenburg County declaring independence from England was reported to have taken place May 20, 1775. The anniversary celebration in Freedom Park at Charlotte has been moved to two days, however, to accommodate the President, Jonas told a reporter.

The celebration is also in observance of Armed Forces week, Jonas said. It will be a box-lunch all-day observance, he said.

Here today for the visit at the White House are Sen. William B. Umstead, Mayor Phil Van Evers, of Charlotte; former Mayor Victor Shaw; C. W. Gledhill, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; A. Grant Whitely, chairman of the Army Advisory Committee for the Charlotte area which is sponsoring the May 18 program; J. F. Bryhill, Republican national committeeman from North Carolina; E. B. Springs and George M. Ivey.

President Expected To Speak At Noon

President Eisenhower is expected to speak here around noon on May 18, it was learned in Washington early this afternoon.

A representative of the office of Congressman Jonas said the definite time of the speech will not be announced until later.

The President will fly here in his plane, the Columbine. He is expected to arrive in the morning and leave some time that afternoon.

The delegation was cordially welcomed by the President who inquired about the history of the county and the occasion by asking "Do I have to bring my own lunch?"

He was assured by the group that he would not.

Congressman Jonas presented the President with a copy of the history of the county and the President expressed great interest in Mecklenburg.

The topic of the President's address has been the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. It is believed he will speak on a freedom theme, since he will be invited to speak at the Mecklenburg Declaration.

BULLETIN Police Pick Up Kendrick

The South Carolina Highway Patrol reported this afternoon that L. Roy Kendrick, escapee from Charlotte, had been arrested in Georgetown, S. C. Kendrick had been in custody from a prison for the criminal, had been the subject of a search for several days. Police here said he had been identified as the man who stole a local teacher's car last week and later reportedly molested some local children.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy weather today and tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer tomorrow with more numerous scattered afternoon or evening showers or thunder showers.

High temperature yesterday, 86 degrees.
High temperature expected today, 88 degrees.
Low temperature this morning, 63 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight, 65 degrees.
Sunset 5:37 a.m.; sunset 7:05 p.m.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

AS A PITCHHITTER for John Crosby today on the Radio-TV page, columnist Richard Many takes a swing at baseball announcers and their liking for unimportant statistics. Who is Richard Many? He's a theatrical press agent who has handled publicity for such stars as Maurice Evans, Billy Rose, Noel Coward and others. Turn to Page 3-B.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has as great a stake as anyone in the McCarthy-Army battle, say the Alsop Brothers. They tell why in their column on the editorial page 4-A.

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PICTURE TOUCHES OFF FLEW ORKS AT HEARINGS IN MCARTHY CASE



SECRETARY ROBERT STEVENS... With The Photograph In Question

(AP WIREPHOTO)

Reporter Watches Paratroopers

20 Seconds Over DZ—Then, 'Go-o-o!'

By LUCIEN AGNIEU
Charlotte News Staff Writer

FT. BRAGG — Yesterday 8-600 Americans, much more concerned about Indochina than who's in first place, spilled out of C-119's into the sunny skies above Camp Mackall and drifted down to the friendly, sandy fields.

To learn what these 82nd Airborne think and say before they jump, the reporter drove to Pope Field, adjacent to Ft. Bragg, to observe an Airborne platoon landing for this drop—the biggest since World War II.

A light mist hung over Pope Field and the Big C-119's flanked a mile-long runway like silver sentinels.

The troops had arrived by truck in a nearby assembly area and now they marched, columns of twos, to their planes. Baker Company, 325th Infantry, First Platoon, lined up by the plane at which the reporter had stationed himself.

Lt. Herbert Guderian, Long Island, the platoon leader, walked among his men, offering a quiet word of encouragement here and a friendly pat there.

The reporter asked if anyone were from Charlotte.

"You mean people live around here what don't have to?" cracked a trooper.

"Oh, it ain't all that bad," said a coffee-colored Southerner.

How much did standard gear—parachute, weapon, entrenching tool, and personal field items weigh?

800 POUNDS "About 800 pounds," said a PFC, grinning as he wriggled into the chute's shoulder straps.

"About 125 pounds," Lt. Guderian corrected.

It was 0730 and the pilot and co-pilot arrived.

"Let's get in the plane so I can sit down and go to sleep," said a private.

"First the briefing," said Lt. Guderian. "This is our pilot," and Lt. S. E. Orner of Scout, Tenn., stepped forward. In his coveralls and light cap, his figure contrasted sharply with the burdened paratroopers.

"This briefing is no different from a lot of others you have had," Lt. Orner began, aware his audience was made up of 40 men who had made from 15 to 30 jumps apiece.

"Our flight time is about an hour and 15 minutes.

"You will get a 20-minute verbal warning.

"You will get a four-minute verbal warning, accompanied by a red light.

"The green light is your jump signal.

"We will be 20 seconds over the DZ (drop zone).

"Hold your burg bags. It's disgraceful to get sick. We don't want any heroes getting sick all over the plane. Keep those burg bags handy.

"Any questions?"

The massive platoon sergeant raised his hand.

"Will we have the door open?"

"The door will be opened when you get the 20-minute warning."

"It gets pretty hot back there," the sergeant suggested.

"Let's leave the door open," urged a man from the ranks.

"It's SOP for us to open the door at 20 minutes before the jump and that's all I've got to say on that," and his co-pilot, Lt. M. E. Kaiser, nodded agreement.

"Can we take pictures?"

"It's kind of hard to fly formation with you guys walking around," said Lt. Orner. "Of course, if somebody wants to go to the latrine, or if one at a time wants to take a picture, that's okay, but let's not make a parade out of it."

"They won't, sir," the sergeant assured.

Were they keeping up with the news from Indochina?

"They sure were. Most of them knew that the French were asking for Airborne infantry help. And most of them felt that if the call were heeded, the 82nd Airborne division would automatically get the nomination to fight."

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Army Charges Photograph 'Doctored'

Angry Words Traded Over Exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army hurled a charge of using a "doctored" photograph at the McCarthy camp today, and Roy Cohn, counsel to Sen. McCarthy, acknowledged he had provided it. Cohn denied knowing the picture had been altered.

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UMSTEAD ASKS BACKING FOR AIR ACADEMY SITE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. William B. Umstead of North Carolina said today he has asked his state's members of Congress to do everything possible to back Charlotte, N. C., as the site of the proposed Air Force Academy.

Umstead said he understands the Charlotte site is the only one in the state under consideration for the proposed Air Force Academy.

He said he urged Congressmen also to support improvements for the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

"Many facilities in the park need to be rebuilt and others should be improved in view of the tremendous number of people going there every year," Umstead told reporters after the session in the White House today with others attending the governors' conference.

Commiss Propose Korean Election

By EDDY GILMORE
GENEVA (AP)—North Korea proposed here today that Korea be unified by an election to be conducted along lines the West has rejected in the past.

Nam Il, foreign minister of the Communist regime in North Korea, laid the proposal before the 19-nation Geneva conference.

The session was closed to the press and details of the plan were not announced immediately. But it was understood the proposed election would be conducted simultaneously with the election in West Germany at the Berlin conference.

The German election plan was rejected by the Western Big Three on the ground it stacked the cards in favor of the Communists.

Nam Il addressed the conference after his counterpart in South Korea, Pyun Yung Tai, appealed for reunification of the war-ravaged nation. Pyun called for free elections.

The addresses of the Korean adversaries came amid two developments affecting the other Asian hot spot, Indochina.

S. Soviet Russia and France opened discussions on Indochina here amid reports the solidarity of the Western Big Three was weakening over cease-fire terms in that country. The United States was reported to oppose any cease-fire not backed by certain unspecified guarantees. Britain was believed ready to back France in seeking an immediate cease-fire.

2. France Minister Churchill announced Britain does not intend to take any military action in Indochina pending the outcome of the conference here. The British House of Commons cheered as Churchill reported. "We have not entered into any new military or political commitments."

S. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov drove in a bulletproof limousine to the lakeside villa of France's Georges Bidault for talks on which nations will be invited here for discussions on Indochina. They had a 40-minute discussion. Then Molotov drove back to his villa. There was no clue as to the results of the get-together.

U. S. Military thinking generally is reported to be that the fall of Dien Bien Phu, while it would be serious, would be nothing more than the loss of a battle and not a



Lt. Guderian Inspects A Parachute Before Loading



Hitting The Silk In Largest Jump Since Rhine Crossing