

LABOR PEACE PACT OFFER IS DENIED
Business Leader Says No Parley Arrangement Made

NEW YORK (AP)—The AFL-CIO feared the end of its historic founding convention today amid a disagreement over arranging talks for a labor peace pact with business.



Mrs. Tim Ives (L) Meets Mrs. Ernest Ives

Despite Defense Spending

Treasury Secretary Says U.S. May Balance Budget

GOP Would Tag Harriman With Tammany Label

Plains State Senators Offer Suggestions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Comments of Republican senators added up today to an apparent GOP attempt to pin a Tammany Hall label on Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, eyed as a prospective Democratic presidential aspirant next year.



MIRACULOUSLY none of 40 Negro school pupils were hurt when this school bus overturned on Robinson Church Rd. near Hickory Grove about 8:30 a.m. today. Sixteen-year-old Ernest Gaston Jr. driving the bus, said he did not know what happened but explained the bus ran off the road and turned on its side when he tried to stop back on the highway. Patrolman L. R. Broome charged the young driver with reckless driving. Students on the bus were on their way to J. H. Gunn School.

President Talks With Top Aides

By ED CREAGH

THURMONT, Md., (AP)—President Eisenhower met with his top advisers at Ingleside Camp David today in an intensive session aimed at rounding out next year's defense program while balancing the budget and providing a tax cut, if possible.

"I don't give a damn what the (military spending) indications are—I think we're going to balance the budget," Humphrey spoke with reporters just before the President arrived by car at the mountaintop conference site at 8:45 a.m.

Humphrey was talking about the budget for the current fiscal year ending next June 30, but he and Budget Director Rowland Hughes have expressed hope the 1956-57 budget can be balanced as well.

Adlai's Sis Discovers

Inaugural Dress Pretty Premature

By JULIAN SCHER Charlotte News Staff Writer

Fashion note: The gown worn by Mrs. Ernest Ives at the 1957 presidential inauguration in Washington will be a new one. There's one hanging in a Southern Pines closet now that would be suitable—if styles don't change too much—but a new one seems to be in order.

Mrs. Ives, who has become a well-known personality because of her brother Adlai Stevenson's role in the main parlor of Morrocco Farm this morning and laughed at a good yarn about herself.

1952 STORY Mrs. Ives, she said, would understand and for goodness sake don't make me sound like a "talky old woman" with "eggs and breakfast on my face."

The story goes back three years to Chicago. It was the time of the Democratic National Convention in 1952 and "some of the girls" went shopping.

"I saw this dress at Elizabeth Arden on sale and it was much too expensive for me. But you know a woman rationalizes. I kept saying, what if Adlai gets the nomination and what if he goes to Washington? Then I need a dress like this for the inauguration," she said.

QUEEN SAW IT Mrs. Ives, however, passed up the presidential inauguration in 1953 when a man named Eisenhower traveled to Washington instead, but "I did wear it to meet Queen Elizabeth."

In 1957, "Well, I'd want a new one this time," she said.

Mrs. Ives, a Southern Pines resident now and who looks a great deal like the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

HITS 'HANDICAP'

Sen. Watkins (R-Utah) said that Tammany has wanted to name a candidate in the past but that no one who has had a chance for the prize wanted "the handicap of Tammany Hall."

Camille Desapiolo, Tammany leader, is Harriman's chief booster for the Democratic nomination. He described Tammany Monday in a radio talk as the New York City Democratic organization and said that "except for the myth that has been created, it is no different from any other organization."

Harriman has said he is not an "active" candidate for the nomination, although he said his name will be submitted to the nominating convention "in good faith," not just as a "favorite son" candidate.

Desapiolo said earlier that Harriman would be more than a "favorite son" candidate.

'NOMINATION' HIT Hagerty referred to Desapiolo's statement yesterday in telling newsmen at Gettysburg that Harriman was the best man in his party to be "nominated" for the presidency by Tammany Hall.

"For a man who isn't a candidate," said Hagerty, "it seems very surprising that he allows himself to be put in a candidate's position by the leader of Tammany Hall."

Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.) commented that "Hagerty can speak for himself; we'll speak for ourselves."

Evening Prayer

Our gracious Father, we thank Thee for Thy love and care. How secure we feel when sorrow and disappointments assail if we trust and believe in Thee and Thy promises. Thou dost provide for our every need—today and every day. Grant us, O Lord, faith in the name of Christ our Saviour. We pray. Amen.

Action Upcoming

Waste Ordinance Crackdown Seen

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer

A crackdown on outside industrial plants which have shown no effort to comply with the industrial waste ordinance was imminent today.

W. M. Franklin, superintendent of the City Water Dept., has been instructed by City Manager Henry A. Yancey to proceed against those plant operators who are not showing evidence of cooperation in the waste disposal program.

Mr. Franklin said that letters have gone to the plant operators in the Sugar Creek drainage area requesting specific date for completion of equipment to prepare their plant waste for disposal through the municipal sewerage system.

Those who ignore this letter or fail to answer the specific question about completion date will be subject to action, Mr. Franklin said.

After a reasonable time those who do not answer the letters or the specific question will be recommended for citation as violators of the law, Mr. Franklin said.

Four plants have met all legal requirements and are now discharging their wastes into the Sugar Creek outfall.

1955 Cotton Estimate Tops '54 Production

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department, in a final report of the year, today estimated this year's government-controlled cotton crop at 14,663,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This figure is 180,000 bales less than last month's forecast of 14,843,000 bales. It compares with 12,696,000 produced last year and 12,952,000 for the 19-year (1944-53) average. It also is far above the government's goal of 10 million bales.

Added to reserve and surplus supplies accumulated from past crops, the crop will contribute to stocks of record proportions.

The department estimated the acre yield at an average of 416 pounds combined with 341 pounds last year and 279 for the 19-year average.

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What's Inside

The Background of the story of the time Jesus met the woman of Samaria at the well is told today by Daniel Ross in Chapter 4 of "Jesus And His Times." Turn to Page 18-B.

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Arrested GIs Reported To Be In Russian Hands

BELBIN (AP)—Reports from Communist East Berlin say two American soldiers arrested after a street fight have been turned over to Soviet military authorities. A U.S. Army spokesman said the Russians had made no reply yet to an American inquiry addressed them after the government-controlled press and radio in East Berlin reported the two soldiers arrested yesterday.

The soldiers were not identified in the Soviet news accounts. U.S. authorities said a quick check of records did not show any men absent without leave.

The first reports from East Berlin made no mention of what would happen to the soldiers and led to speculation that East Germany might seek to assert its newly claimed "sovereignty" by trying them before its own Communist court.

FRAUD TEST CASE The Reds recently have declared East Berlin a sovereign State and that Berlin is no longer under four-power control. U.S. Army officials said they were "pleasantly surprised" that the two men had been turned over to the Russians. They said they feared the East Germans might make a test case of the incident and "the Soviets would back them up."

Six Die In Fire

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CHARLOTTE WORKERS GET BONUS HOLIDAY

By EMERY WISTER Charlotte News Staff Writer

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Airline Would Offer Cut-Rate Atlantic Fare

WASHINGTON (AP)—North American Airlines today proposed to operate a regular air coach service across the Atlantic at fares less than half of the present rates.

The airline, for some years the nation's largest nonscheduled operator, had currently flying a Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) order which would halt its operations, asked CAB permission to begin the new service next April 1.

North American said its fares would be "approximately 50 per cent lower than those presently charged," and also would be lower than the tourist rates by ship.

It proposed to use four-engine Douglas DC6B coaches accommodating 100 passengers. Light refueling would be served aloft. There would be stops at Gander, Nfld., and Shannon, Ireland, to enable passengers to buy their own meals.

The airline proposed to operate two routes from Shannon into Europe, one by way of London to Frankfurt, Germany, and the other by way of Paris to Rome.

It suggested that its service be limited to not more than two flights a day in each direction, and that the authority be granted for an experimental three-year period.

The fares one way: New York-Shannon, \$125 compared with the present coach fare of \$261; New York-London, \$140 against \$290 now charged; New York-Paris, \$160 against \$310; New York-Frankfurt, \$156 compared with \$328; and New York-Rome, \$175 against \$350 now charged.

Our Weather

Clear to partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Continued cold. Low this morning - 29. Low tonight - 25. High yesterday - 48. High today - 45. Low tomorrow - 41. Sunrise 7:18 a.m.; sunset 5:11 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 2-A.

READY TO ROLL are these trucks that the Post Office has borrowed to help deliver the mail during the Christmas rush. A total of 24 trucks were borrowed from other government agencies for the job, 14 of them coming from Ft. Bragg. One problem was where to park the trucks when not in use, but the Police Department came through—some will be parked behind the Post Office on 4th St. as shown here, at least temporarily.

(New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)