

# City Primary Voting Lighter Than Expected

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## Voters Show Small Interest In Contests

### Increase Expected Later In Afternoon

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Unless there is a late afternoon surge of large proportions, a vote of considerably less than the predicted 15,000 may be expected in today's primary election.

This morning's vote was the lightest in recent history for a municipal election with voters

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staying away from polls despite perfect weather conditions. Less than 2,000 voters were cast the first four hours of today's balloting with approximately 60,000 Charlotteans registered.

### LAST-MINUTE VOTES

An upswing is expected during the lunch-hour period and a trend upwards is always evident in the afternoon. The last hour before the 6:30 p.m. closing time should see thousands of Charlotteans casting votes for the mayoralty, city council and school board posts.

Today's vote was expected to be light with a larger turnout predicted for the May 3 election and bond issue votes.

The light vote was seen at every polling place with the general sparsity of the voter not confined to any one section of the city.

### HILVER AT EASTOVER

The votes ranged from only 14 votes cast at Parks Hutchison School this morning to 163 at Eastover School. Only one worth and Elizabeth and Eastover School was the reported vote over the century mark.

The weather was ideal for a large turnout. The sun was bright and the day clear and cool at 6:30 a.m. Clouds added a threat at midmorning but no rain was predicted for the rest of the day.

Earlier estimates had set the vote upwards to 20,000, but indications late last week—vividly confirmed earlier today—showed the estimate to be highly optimistic.

### MAYOR UNOPPOSED

Mayor Phil Van Every is unopposed on the ballot and awaits word of his vote in Holland today. He and Mrs. Van Every are guests of the Dutch government.

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### Sparkman Urges U. N. Effort Toward Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Sparkman (D-Miss.) proposed today that the United States test the sincerity of Red China peace talk by seeking to renew United Nations efforts to gain a cease-fire in the Formosa area.

Sparkman and some other members of Congress lined up behind the State Department's suggestion that the Chinese Communists demonstrate their good intentions to negotiate.

Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said at the Asian-African conference in Bandung, Indonesia, that Peking wanted no war and was willing to talk with the United States about relaxing Far East tensions, particularly around Formosa.

### RETAINS 'RIGHT'

In a follow-up talk at yesterday's closing session, Chou said Peking will not give up the "sovereign right" to liberate Formosa. But he said "China and the United States should sit down and ease

tension in the Taiwan (Formosa) area." The legal status of Formosa is uncertain. China yielded her rights in the island to Japan at the end of the Sino-Japanese War in 1895. In the Japanese Peace Treaty ending the Pacific phase of World War II, Japan gave up her rights in Formosa. Peking claims the Nationalist-held island is rightfully a part of China.

Sparkman, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he supports the State Department's position that "of course the United States would insist on free (Nationalist) China's participation as an equal in any discussion commencing in the area."

### POSITION SET FORTH

That position was set forth in a statement made public Saturday afternoon after department officials had conferred at length by telephone with President Eisenhower. He spent the weekend at Gettysburg, Pa., returning last night.

The department said Red China could show in three ways evidence that it would enter such talks with good intentions: (1) agree to an immediate cease-fire in the Formosa Strait; (2) release imprisoned American airmen and civilians or (3) accept the U. S. Security Council's invitation to discuss the end of hostilities in the Formosa area.

The chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said that "one of those who got the shot that year."

## Dilworth First Grader



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## Kenneth Sherrill Gets His Arm Swabbed



Kenneth Sherrill Gets His Arm Swabbed By Mrs. William Bissell. Then An Anti-Polio Shot And A Hug From Miss Hazel Garner

## Inoculation Program Begins Here



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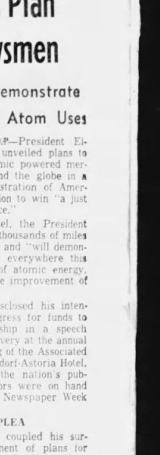
## Our Weather

Fair today, tonight and tomorrow. Mild temperatures today and tonight. Warmer tomorrow.

High today, 81.  
High today, 77.  
Low this morning, 60.  
Low tonight, 55.  
Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.; sunset, 5:13 p.m.

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## President Unveils Plan To Newsmen



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## Would Demonstrate Peaceful Atom Uses

NEW YORK (AP)—President Eisenhower today unveiled plans to send a new atomic powered merchant ship around the globe in a dramatic demonstration of America's determination to win "a just and lasting peace."

The new vessel, the President said, will travel thousands of miles without refueling and "will demonstrate to people everywhere this peace-time use of atomic energy harnessed for the improvement of human living."

Eisenhower disclosed his intention to Congress for funds to build the new ship in a speech prepared for delivery at the annual luncheon meeting of the Associated Press at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. About 1,300 of the nation's publishers and editors were on hand for the start of Newspaper Week in New York.

Eisenhower also spoke of the "unprecedented crises of these days—packed with danger"—and linked the idea of free world trade to the battle against "Godless Communism."

"Either we foster flourishing trade between the free nations or we weaken the Free World and our own economy," Eisenhower said.

### PASSED BY HOUSE

The administration's bill to extend the Reciprocal Trade Act three years has passed the House and still faces rough going in the Senate.

Rejection of the program, Eisenhower said, would mean "a major step back."

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## Chou Leaves Door Ajar

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
BANDUNG, Indonesia (AP)—Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Paktutan said today Premier Chou En-lai of Red China continues to leave the "door to direct negotiations with the United States over Formosa" as still open a "slight crack."

Ali made his statement to reporters after a 2 1/2 hour luncheon talk with Chou. This was after the 29-nation Asian-African conference adjourned.

Chou jarred the closing session by declaring that his government would not yield its "sovereign right to liberate" Chiang Kai-shek's island bastion. That chilled high hopes he had raised the day before by calling for direct talks with the United States to ease tensions in the Formosa area.

All, known as a supporter of the West, told reporters he discussed all phases of the Formosa problem with Chou.

### MUM ON PRISONERS

He did not say whether he had asked the Red Chinese premier to

## Children Line Up For Polio Shots

By HARRY SHUFORD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Mass anti-polio vaccinations began in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County schools today, with an assembly line method of giving shots going without a hitch.

City County Health Officer Dr. M. B. Bethel said that by 1 p.m. today between 2,400 and 2,500 first and second grade children had received the new protective vaccine.

"Everything is going like clockwork," Dr. Bethel said. "With the preparation and organization behind this thing it just couldn't go wrong. I have received reports from both city and county schools, and everything is going right on schedule."

### FULFILLMENT DAY

He added that "of course we are very happy about the whole thing. This is fulfillment day for us."

Six groups of doctors, nurses and aide-recorders, split into 19 teams, began giving the shots at 9 a.m. today in Park Road, Dilworth and Eastover Schools in the city and Davidson Negro, Matthews Negro and Flato Price Schools in the county.

By 1 p.m. almost all first and second graders in these schools plus 11 others had received the anti-polio vaccine. The others on today's schedule included Sedgewick, Barringer, Myers Park, O'Donoghue Parochial and Ascension Parochial Schools in the city and Torrence-Lyle, Rockwell, J. H. Gunn, Sterling, Paw Creek and Woodland Schools in the county.

### ABSENTEES' SHOTS

Dr. Bethel said that any school children who are absent from school when they are scheduled for the shot, or who do not receive the shot for some other reason, will get by going to the Health Department Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children in some of the small private schools will also get their shots at the Health Dept. Friday.

For the most part children accepted the vaccine without incident as a lark in their school day. Principals and teachers had thoroughly explained beforehand to the children what to expect and there was very little confusion as the program got underway.

### NOT MANY TEARS

In not many cases very few tears were shed, those lasting only while the needle was in sight. There were also a few cases where children were sent home or became upset briefly, but the doctors attributed this to nervous tension.

The children are too young to realize fully what is taking place," one principal said. "They are just going to the happiest days in their lives. When they grow older, though, these children will point back to this as the able to say, 'I was one of those who got the shot that year.'"

## Additional Air Service Asked

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee made public today a brief submitted to the Civil Aeronautics Board at Washington requesting four additional services between Charlotte and the northeastern points, particularly New York.

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Such additional service should be rendered by a carrier other than Eastern Air Lines.

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Charlotte "must be considered as a midway city and the issues should be so amended as to conform with the proof."

The Chamber of Commerce here submitted its brief and summarized arguments to CAB in connection with the "Additional Southwest-Northeast Service Case."

McAlister Carson Jr. is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce aviation committee, which is directing this committee's efforts to obtain CAB authorization for expanded air transport services.

## To Discuss 'Big 4' Parley

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Western Big Three foreign ministers will meet in Paris May 8 to discuss concrete plans for holding a four-power conference with the Soviet government.

The State Department in announcing this today said the United States, Britain and France "earnestly hope that a four-power conference can meet as soon as possible."

The brief announcement did not say at what level it hoped the meeting with Russia could be held. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have said in the past that a four-power foreign

## 'Big Three' To Meet May 8

ministers conference should precede any meetings of heads of state.

### 'PRELIMINARY STUDY'

In preparation for the May 8 Paris meeting, American, British and French technical experts will meet in London Wednesday to make what the State Department called "a preliminary study" of the problems to be discussed by the foreign ministers.

The State Department said that "in accordance with the usual practice" the three Western governments will discuss the possible Big Four conference with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and representatives of other Atlantic Pact governments.

"The governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States," the announcement said, "have consistently given proof of their desire to seek by negotiation the just and peaceful settlement of questions which might disturb the maintenance of enduring peace."

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### USUAL PRACTICE

"In accordance with usual practice they will also discuss the question with the chancellor of the German Federal Republic and ministers of other NATO governments."

Experts designated by the three governments will meet in London April 27 to make a preliminary study of these problems in preparation for the ministers' discussions.

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Jacob Beam, director of the State Department's Office of Eastern European Affairs, and half a dozen other officials will be in London to represent the United States at the preparatory

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A storm of protest built up by this week ended, however, primarily because of heavy use made of the bridge during summer months.

The general expression of the public was that while the repair work was needed, May and June was an untimely part of the year to do the work.

### SAFETY STUDIED

Mr. Hardison was contacted by local citizens Friday and he promised that at that time he would try to have the work put off for the summer if a safety factor was not involved.

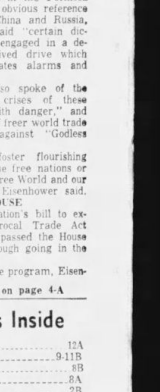
An earlier inspection by the department's Bridge Maintenance Dept. had resulted in a recommendation for the work to be done immediately. Danger of a collapse of flooring under heavy summer traffic was reportedly cited by the inspectors.

A \$35,000 renovation of the 1,200-foot bridge is now tentatively scheduled to begin Sept. 1.

## Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, draw us to Thyself by the bands of love so that we may live in complete trust of Thee. Reveal to us that the inner resources Thou dost provide for us are adequate for our every need, and that Thou, loving Father, art infinitely greater than our most difficult problem. In the Spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

## Boys' Curiosity Takes Over as Darrell Salk (right) tests the blade of his new penknife while his brother, Jonathan, admires the gift from President Eisenhower. The boys accompanied their father, Dr. Jonas Salk, to the White House where he was cited for his development of the polio vaccine. (AP)



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