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FIRST TO HIT THE ICE on the coliseum's new rink were these four skaters. Left to right, W. E. Bassett, his daughter Beverly Jane, Dermott Reddy and Judy Bethke. Mr. Bassett and Mr. Reddy are both with Celanese Corp. of America here and Miss Bethke is the daughter of J. A. Bethke, contractor for the rink. (Photos by Kugler)

Coliseum Rink Tested

Now We've Got Ice Skating

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

It was January in June in the Coliseum this morning.

It was more than that, it was downright chilly. Half-dozen fellows were wearing sweaters and women pulled their coats about them.

There was ice on the concrete floor, a good three-eighths inch coating.

Good thing too. Four skaters showed up to test the rink for the first time and detect any rough spots which might show up.

They glided gracefully over the ice and pronounced it as smooth as a baby's cheek.

JUST ONE FALL

Only one spill. One man took a tumble, but he quickly picked himself up and grined his slight embarrassment.

Well, you know how it was. It had been a long time. After all, he's been living here a couple of years and this was the first chance he'd had to go ice skating.

This was W. E. Bassett, manager of customer service of the Celanese Corp. of America. He brought his daughter, Beverly Jane, with him. Dermott Reddy, project engineer of Celanese's textile engineering department, also rode the ice.

A LITTLE RUNY

"Been a long time," he said, "I'm a bit rusty at this sort of thing now. And man I'm beat."

The trio was joined on the ice by Judy Bethke, daughter of J. A. Bethke, contractor for the rink.

Mr. Bethke brought his wife and daughter to this city so they could see the rink. Mrs. Bethke pronounced it "one of the most beautiful" she had seen.

Actually, Judy was the first person to test the ice. She set her dainty toes on the rink about

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Nationalist Plane Shot Down By Reds

Unarmed Commercial Craft Is Attacked

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Nationalist Defense Ministry reported today Chinese Communist MIGs shot down a T33 jet training plane near the Matsui Islands within two hours after Red jets attacked an unarmed commercial amphibian plane.

The ministry said the training plane plunged into the sea 10 miles south of the island group after two of them had been attacked in the area. The pilot was not recovered, the ministry added.

A U. S. Army officer aboard the commercial plane, a Catalina twin-engine PBV, 1st Lt. John J. Goodrich, 26, Rayne, La., earlier was reported wounded in the attack but pilot Chen Kuo-Min said upon arriving here that none aboard was hurt.

NEWSMEN BARRED

Newsman were barred from approaching the Catalina when it landed at Taipei's Pinehill Airport after the American was whisked away in a jeep. He did not appear wounded.

The pilot said two MIGs made four passes at the plane, hitting it on the first pass. Newsman inspected bullet holes in the left wing and left afloat. A wing spar was damaged, also.

It was the first reported instance of Red MIGs appearing south of the Nationalist-held Matsui Islands group.

The American officer is a member of the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group on Formosa.

SUDDEN DECISION

But last week Mr. Bethke came back in town and went into conference with John A. Hinzelman, the Chicago mechanical engineer who designed the rink. They decided to make a little ice over the weekend.

So at 11:30 yesterday the huge pumps went into action and the brine solution started flowing through the 10 miles of pipes under the rink.

At the same time the compressors started cooling the solution. Object: to bring the floor temperature to 12 degrees and the ice temperature to 18 degrees.

But there was no ice then, no water. When the floor cooled a bit, water was sprayed on it. When it was frozen into a thin

Two County Men Face Cockfighting Charges

The ancient sport of cockfighting, illegal in this state, resulted in two arrests late yesterday when county police discovered a cockfight in progress at a tenant farmer's house off Concord Rd.

Charged with violating N. C. General Statute 14-362 — which makes "cockfighting, bearbaiting and similar amusements" — were Alfred W. Alexander, 29-year-old Negro, Rt. 10, Charlotte, and Sehorn Hugh Burley, 38-year-old white man, also of Rt. 10.

Patrolmen L. T. Burden and B. E. Sherrill came upon the cockfight about 5 p.m. quite by accident, while looking for a Negro man who had been breaking and larceny charge.

"The fight between two game roosters was in progress in the yard of Alexander's house," Officer Burden said.

The house is about a quarter of a mile off highway 28-N, to the right, near the County Home in Huntersville.

He said that the spectators included seven adults and seven children including two white adults and two white children.

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for all the beauty of this earth. May our pleasure call forth our thanks. Help us to grow every day nearer to the ideal as found in Christ our Saviour. In His name. Amen.

The Springs Bulletin JAPANESE WIN!

Joint H. R. 1 Version Is Passed By House

HEAR JAPAN DROPS TARIFF ON JAPANESE COTTON GOODS LOWERED UP TO 45 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, June 27 — Substantive American tariff on Japanese cotton goods was lowered today by the House of Representatives.

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Bechtold, Aitken Also Selected

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The appointment of a three-man committee to study the integration of races in Charlotte schools was announced today.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Spang, chairman of the City School Board, named the committee members as follows:

J. P. Hobson, chairman, Douglas Aitken and Al Bechtold.

Appointment of this committee of school board members was authorized at a meeting of the school board June 8.

Sought for a statement regarding policy and possible plans, Mr. Hobson today said:

"Naturally, I feel very humble over the responsibilities placed

on me by the good chairman of our school board.

"This selection of committeemen to serve with me is most gratifying."

Until our committee has had the opportunity to meet and organize, any statement from me would be inappropriate.

There was an indication as to when the newly appointed committee would be able to meet and initiate its significantly important study.

"GRAVE MATTER"

While Mr. Hobson was unprepared to issue a public statement as chairman of the new committee, at the board's June 8 meeting during discussion of the possibility of appointment of a study committee he asserted:

"This is the gravest matter ever to face a public body."

While the actual study committee is composed of school board members exclusively, it is anticipated that other individuals and groups of citizens will be sought for information and aid in preparation of a program of integration.

The board's authorization of the committee provided authority for the retention of extra legal counsel and clerical assistance if necessary.

Employment of a full-time person to assist the committee was mentioned by board members but it was decided to leave this course to the decision of the committee. Board members plainly indicated their willingness to provide the committee with all necessary "working tools."

While the board was authorizing the appointment of the study committee, it also ordered collection by the administrative staff of all possible information regarding integration plans and the assembly of official records on the Act of the 1955 State Legislature increasing the authority

of the committee.

Several times during the discussion, one or two of the commissioners mentioned the possibility that they may be out of order in the chief appointment is in the hands of a three-man Civil Service Board, appointed by the resident Superior Court judge.

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning, 67.
High yesterday, 86.
Low tonight, 63.
High today, 81.
High expected tomorrow, 85.

Sunrise, 5:10 a. m.; sunset 7:42 p. m.
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North Korean Plane Violation Is Charged

By BILL SHINN
SEUL, (AP) — Communist North Korea has built up an air force of 380 planes—part jets—in violation of the armistice agreement, the Republic of Korea charged today.

The government said the North Korean jets were three divisions of MIG's jets, a fighter-bomber force, 15 air bases in operation and two more under construction.

The figures to two North Korean air force pilots who fled the Communist last week.

The Communist Korean air force now has 380 planes and 25,000 men—with more being trained in Red China by Russian advisers and

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By S. J. WARD



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