

FREED MAN'S CITIZENSHIP QUESTIONED

One Of 3 Released
By Russians Tells
Different Stories.

By TOM REEDY
BERLIN (AP)—A civilian handed over to U. S. control by the Russians after seven years in Soviet labor camps was questioned closely today to determine his claim to American citizenship.

U. S. officials said that Frederick Charles Hopkins told "so many different stories" that his actual citizenship could be open to question. The man reportedly said yesterday after the Russians released him that he was from New York City.

Hopkins is in the custody of intelligence agents. He is in good health in spite of his long years in camp, doctors said.

He was handed over by the Soviets yesterday along with Pvt. Wilfred C. Cumish, 39, Amesbury, Mass., and Cpl. Murray Fields, 36, of Bayside, N. Y.

FACE POSSIBLE TRIAL
Both soldiers had been missing since 1948 and may be tried as deserters. They were under guard today in the Army hospital until medical examinations are completed.

The three said they knew nothing about a report another American by the name of Grishman was in Soviet hands and was about to be released. The report came from Austrian repatriates in Vienna last week.

Officials said that Hopkins apparently had some reason for clouding his past and they had not yet discovered what it was. One authority said the man "acts and talks like an American."

Army spokesmen said it was presumed all three had been held in various slave labor camps for the past seven years.

The three were turned over to a U. S. State Department official, A. E. Dubois, at the Soviet consulate in East Berlin. The Russians had said earlier they would be released at Karlovo and a U. S. liaison team had gone there to get them.

Dubois, who had gone to the consulate to pick up a visa, was stopped by a Soviet official, who said:

"By the way, will you sign this receipt for these three Americans?"

Dubois signed and took the three to the U. S. provost marshal's office in West Berlin. They were arrested immediately and sent to an Army hospital for examination. Cumish and Fields said they needed medical attention. Hopkins said he was in good health.

All three are scheduled to be screened by Army's interrogators after several days medical treatment.

HE SIGNED
The Army indicated that both soldiers might be subject to court-martial for desertion. In view of Cumish's military intelligence work, officials were anxious to learn what he might have told the Russians during his captivity.

Authorities also planned to question the three about other missing Americans, especially soldiers who have disappeared from Berlin in recent years.

Austrian prisoners released by the Russians some months ago from Arctic labor camps reported that the three men had been among their fellow prisoners.

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**TERRY'S COLLECTION URGE
WILL TAKE NEW DIRECTION**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Detective Sgt. Byron Nolting stopped on his way to work yesterday to talk with 5-year-old Terry Weller.

Terry insisted that Nolting see his "collection." The boy produced from a sidewalk grate an accumulation of parking tickets taken from the windshields of cars.

The boy lives near Springfield's biggest municipal parking lot. Motorists using the lot have been complaining for several months that a delinquent notice in the mail was their first knowledge of an over-parking violation.

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**Even Robert E. Lee Criticized
As Choice For Stamp Picture**

By FRANK E. TAYLOR
WASHINGTON (AP)—Use of the twelve apostles as subjects for new stamps, Assistant Postmaster General Albert J. Robertson said today, and somebody will object.

Asked about criticism of the new Robert E. Lee stamp, Robertson said: "No stamp has ever been brought out without somebody objecting."

Even the inscription, "In God We Trust," has met objections, he said.

Our Weather
Partly cloudy with somewhat warmer weather today, tonight and tomorrow.
High yesterday—84.
High today—86.
High tomorrow—87.
Low this morning—67.
Low tonight—69.
Sunrise 5:59 a.m.; sunset 6:13 p.m.
More Weather Data on Page 3-A



IT WAS A CLOSE ONE, the boys in The News city room decided, Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, they figured scientifically, had missed Empire John Flaherty's nose by an eighth of an inch. Scene took place when Casey decided Flaherty was having eye trouble in calling balls and strikes. Flaherty sent Casey to the showers to cool off, but that didn't help, because the American League race between the Yankees, Cleveland, Chicago and Boston is not as well-an upset manager. For a baseball story that has the country talking, turn to the sports pages. (AP Wirephoto)

For Local Air Service Attorney Urges Continued Fight

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Further contention that Charlotte should be designated as a midway city in the current airline hearings before the Civil Aeronautics Board has been recommended by James M. Verner, Washington attorney representing Charlotte.

In a letter to Manager Henry A. Yancey and other Charlotteans interested in Charlotte's air transportation service, that course was recommended.

Mr. Verner said that it should be contended that Charlotte should be designated as a midway city in its brief which is due for presentation to the CAB on Sept. 28.

Mr. Verner further suggested that Charlotte take the position that it has proved a need for certain improved services.

ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
And he further suggested that the city maintain that the board's examiner has proposed an acceptable solution for a part of Charlotte's needs in his recommended extension of Capital Airlines.

But it should be further contended, Mr. Verner said, that the board should make adequate provision with respect to those needs which have not been met by the examiner.

Mr. Verner writes: "For instance, it may suggest that the examiner should have recommended the extension of East-West Airlines from Charlotte to Fort Worth-Dallas instead of from Washington and Pittsburgh since the announced explanation of the examiner for the route situation he proposed was to protect Delta traffic between Fort Worth-Dallas and Atlanta."

FEASIBLE SERVICE
Mr. Verner further writes: "It would be my feeling that Charlotte will have come off very well indeed in the case if we can get a feasible service by Capital to New York and a feasible service by Eastern to Fort Worth-Dallas."

Mr. Verner expressed the opinion that it would be well for Charlotte to except to the examiner's report insofar as that report fails to provide the service sought by Charlotte. He contended that the needs of Charlotte are more than an incident to the extension of Capital Airlines.

"We do not regard as significant receiving some critical letters," he said. "If you put the twelve apostles on stamps some one will object."

"Take a look at the Hall of Fame," Robertson said. "You will see some who never occurred to you and me to put there."

Robertson said selection of Lee was certainly not a matter of "running out of heroes."

"We have a long list of 1,200 more applications on file, although some of these are events and not persons," he added.

"What did Lee do to warrant the honor? Name one good reason and I'll be satisfied, I hope and draw the Lee stamp."

But Robertson said a great many of the letters received by the department concerning the Lee the 1938 series honoring presidents.

Holiday Death Toll Passes Predictions

Also Tops '54 Figure;
Below All-Time Mark

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A heavy toll of traffic accident deaths was made by American motorists during the three-day Labor Day weekend, exceeding advance predictions and the toll for the 1954 holiday.

Reports still trickling in today showed 430 persons died in traffic mishaps between 6 p.m. local time Friday and midnight Monday. An additional 80 persons drowned and 80 died in miscellaneous accidents for an overall total of 590.

This compared with a record high of 461 and record overall total of 658, both set in 1951. The 1954 traffic toll was 564.

The National Safety Council had predicted 490 would die over the holiday weekend.

Today Ned Dearborn, council president, said in a statement:

"The toll, thank heaven, stayed below the altitude of Labor Day... It is of small comfort to anyone who sincerely believes that this wholesale slaughter on the highways need not and must not be tolerated."

URGES EXTRA EFFORT
We hope and believe that extra effort on the part of everyone between now and Christmas will hold down the year-end holiday toll.

Council statistics show that 32 other persons are injured for every traffic death. Also, for every three persons killed, a fourth dies later of injuries.

This year's holiday toll also topped that of a nonholiday weekend tabulated last month for comparative purposes. An Associated Press survey of deaths during the Aug. 19-22 weekend showed 335 traffic deaths, 67 drownings and 85 violent deaths for miscellaneous causes.

Some safety experts contend the holiday tolls in recent years can be attributed in part to an inadequate road network to handle the large number of automobiles in operation.

The National Safety Council estimated 60 million motorists were on the highways yesterday afternoon and last night in 25 million vehicles.

**Flora Steers
Clear Of U. S.**

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Flora, a well-behaved lady, was making a sweeping curve today that will keep it in the open Atlantic and away from the American mainland.

This storm is not a threat to part of the United States east coast," the Miami Weather Bureau reported.

Flora should get into an upper air current flowing from the south," forecasters Cecil Gentry said. "This should head it further west while it is still well away from the coast."

It was roughly a thousand miles from the nearest mainland point, Nantuxet, and about 500 miles southeast of Bermuda.

Packing 100-mile winds, it slipped off its northwesterly path last night and began the turn to the left. If the curve continues it should pass Bermuda to the east, weathermen said.

**Escaped Lifer
Is Recaptured**

RALEIGH (AP)—An escaped lifer-term convict was recaptured today after briefly kidnapping a Cary man and taking his car. Prisons Director W. R. Bailey reported.

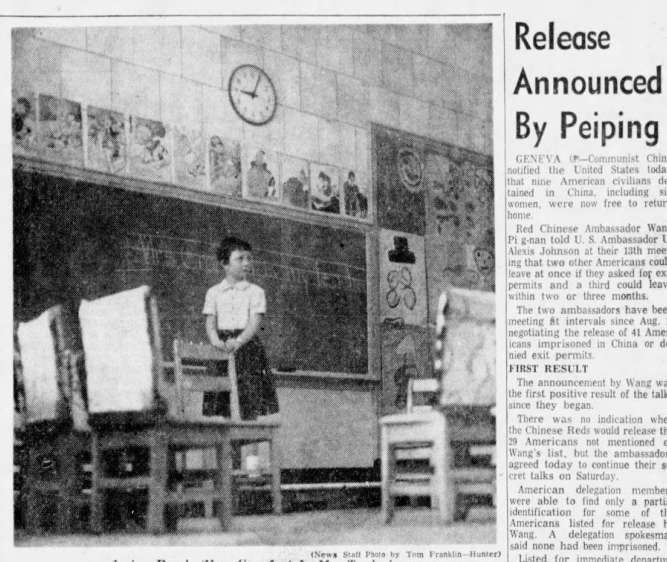
Bailey said James Strickland was taken in custody after wrecking the car at Rockingham.

Strickland and other prisoners were being transferred from the Jackson County Prison Camp to Central Prison here last night when Strickland and Haywood Jerzman managed to escape from a caged prison truck.

Evening Prayer
Thy will, not ours, be done this day, our Father. May we follow Thy guidance in every thought and word and deed.

May mercy, truth, love, and forgiveness be ours because we follow today where the Good Shepherd leads us. In the name of the Good Shepherd we pray. Amen.

9 American Civilians Can Leave Red China



Janice Royal: 'Mrs. Cranford Is My Teacher'

School Bells Ring Out For 27,000 Charlotte Children

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"If anybody asks you your teacher's name," Mrs. Wilson Cranford said, "don't just say your head and say you don't know."

She printed it in large letters on the blackboard: "CRANFORD." A six-year-old on the front row said it to himself: "Cranford."

The first grade at Elizabeth School was underway this morning, the room lined with parents, the city's newest students studiously ignoring them and learning their teacher's name.

With big and little variations, the scene was repeated in hundreds of classrooms as a record 27,000 city youngsters headed back to the books.

It was an abbreviated session in all schools. The problems of class assignment occupied most of the morning for the city's 1,100 teachers. There will be another brief session tomorrow, most city schools sending students home at 1 o'clock.

FULL DAY THURSDAY
The first full class day is Thursday, when cafeterias open in all schools except the new Eastway Junior High School. There, last-minute work on the cafeteria is still going on and students will be excused early Thursday. Friday is expected to be the first full day at Eastway.

Last year, and Seaford are the two junior high schools which opened today for the first time. A third, York Road School, is expected to be ready for opening in several weeks.

The 27,000 students in classes this morning are more than have ever attended an opening day in the city system. School authorities expect total enrollment to climb above the 27,618 students who were enrolled when the schools closed last term.

Mrs. Cranford was teaching part of a record first grade enrollment. More than 2,500 youngsters entered a classroom for the first time today, an increase of approximately 300 over last year's first grade total.

**NAIL TAKEN
FROM HEAD
OF WOMAN**

TOULON, France (AP)—A French surgeon worked three hours yesterday to remove a three-inch nail which had been in the head of a young woman.

The patient, Miss Evelyn Plotz, 20, apparently had suffered only bumps and scratches in an explosion in a Paris fireworks store where she worked a few weeks ago. But she complained of constant headaches.

An X-ray examination disclosed a nail had entered her skull and was lodged between the brain and the bone. Doctors said it probably entered through the left eye socket without injuring the eye.

Release Announced By Peiping

GENEVA (AP)—Communist China notified the United States today that nine American civilians detained in China, including six women, were now free to return home.

Red Chinese Ambassador Wang P. Kuan told U. S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson at their 13th meeting that two other Americans could leave at once if they asked for exit permits and a third could leave within two or three months.

The two ambassadors have been meeting at intervals since Aug. 1, negotiating the release of 41 Americans imprisoned in China or denied exit permits.

FIRST RESULT
The announcement by Wang was the first positive result of the talks since they began.

There was no indication when the Chinese Reds would release the 29 Americans not mentioned on Wang's list, but the ambassadors agreed today to continue their secret talks on Saturday.

American delegation members were able to find only a partial identification for some of the Americans listed for release by Wang. A delegation spokesman said none had been imprisoned.

Listed for immediate departure were:

Mrs. Emma Angelina Barry, a young girl living in Shanghai with her mother, a white-Russian who was not an American citizen.

Rep. Charles Boyd, Shanghai representative of the North American Syndicate, born in Washington, D. C., in 1891.

Mrs. Juanita Byrd Huang, a Southern Baptist missionary married to a Chinese citizen, born Mount Olive, Miss., in 1904.

Robert Howard Parker, a retired businessman born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1873.

Howard Lischke Ricks, manager of Bills Motors Branch in Shanghai, born in Shanghai, in 1889.

Mrs. Howard Lischke Ricks, his wife, born in Shanghai in 1894.

Miss Eva Stella Dugay, known as Sister Theresa, born in the Carmelite convent in Shanghai, born in New York City in 1883.

Mrs. Nadasha M. Romanoff, a white Russian living in Harbin who became a naturalized American citizen in 1937, place and date of birth not known.

Miss Irene N. Romanoff, her daughter, born in 1940.

FREE TO LEAVE
Wang said that Bishop Edward Walsh, head of the Roman Catholic Bureau in Shanghai, and Mrs. Peter Huizer, married to the Dutch manager of the Shanghai branch of the Bank of America, were free to leave China whenever they applied for exit visas.

Bishop Walsh is a brother of Judge William C. Walsh of Cumberland, Md. a former Maryland attorney general.

Charles Sydney Miner, Shanghai representative of several American companies, including American Asiatic underwriters, the Metropolitan Life Co. and C. V. Starr & Co., was free to leave after the two or three months he needed to complete the settlement of his affairs," Wang said.

**2 N. C. Tots
Perish In Fire**

FOREST CITY (AP)—A terrified mother returned home on errand today to find her two young frame home in flames. She was able to rescue the youngest of her three children, but the other two burned to death.

The fire 12 miles north of here took the lives of David B. Ballew, 4, and June Ballew, 2 1/2. Their seven-month-old sister, Diane Ballew, was hospitalized with severe burns.

The mother, Mrs. George Ballew, said she lit an oil stove in the home and then went up the mountain on an errand, returning in a few minutes when she heard the children calling.

The father had left for his job in a sawmill near Gailney, S.C.

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