



## Montgomery Bus Line Integration Is Smooth

### Violence Lacking At Outset

MONTGOMERY (AP) — Racial integration on buses started smoothly in Montgomery today, bringing to a dramatic close a tradition of public transportation dating back for decades.

Negroes, some of whom had refused to ride segregated city buses for more than a year as part of a mass boycott movement, boarded the buses calmly, taking seats where they chose.

Under the segregated pattern, Negroes were required to sit in the rear, white passengers occupied seats toward the front. Segregation laws were knocked out by a U.S. Supreme Court decision which went into effect here yesterday.

Some Negroes took front seats today and white passengers sat behind them.

#### NO VIOLENCE

There were no reports of violence, but four carloads of white men, one of the cars drove away from a downtown bus stop close to the historic transition to integration.

Once the white men got out and conferred on a street corner. Later, one of the cars drove away at a signal from three heavy-set white men in another car which paused at the bus stop and drove on.

One unidentified white man, watching a Negro board a bus, shouted to photographers, "Go ahead and get that black — — picture." Negroes standing nearby let the remark go unchallenged. They had been coached by their leaders to refrain from violence and to ignore such incidents.

#### CLERGY ON BUSES

Negro ministers rode the buses, too, to set an example for their people. Three of the clergymen — the Rev. M. L. King Jr., the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and the Rev. W. J. Powell — said bus drivers were "exceptionally" courteous.

King and Abernathy commented after alighting from a bus downtown. "That was a mighty good ride. It was a great ride."

A young white girl, who gave her name to a Montgomery Advertiser reporter as Linda Russell, 18, boarded a bus in a residential area and sat alongside a Negro woman, Arslia Henry, although there were empty seats toward the rear.

The reporter quoted the girl as saying, "I figure if they stay in their place and leave me alone, I'll stay in my place and leave them alone."

One of the first Negro passengers as the buses left downtown Montgomery at the start of their runs today was 64-year-old Joe Thomas, a pressroom employee of the Montgomery Advertiser who said he walked two and a half

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#### What's Inside

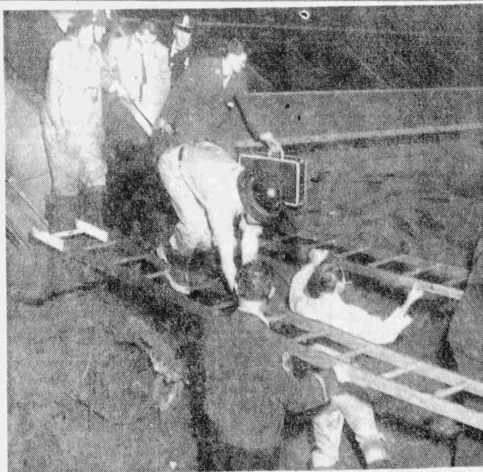
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#### SHAKES HANDS

After shaking hands all around and chatting with many of the refugees, he visited Interior Minister Oskar Helmer, recuperating from a minor operation in a hospital; watched U.S. immigration officers interview a Hungarian family preparing to go to the United States; and visited the office of the International Committee for European Migration where refugees are processed and assigned to planes and trains for transportation to the United States and other countries.

#### Evening Prayer

Dear Father, remove all those things which obstruct a full and complete vision of Thyself, God, to our souls unlimited vision. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Rescue workers remove passengers from derailed Illinois Central coach. (AP Photos)

### Cars Plunge 20 Feet

## Train Wreck Kills Two, Injures 23

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — An Illinois Central passenger train derailed 20 feet down a muddy embankment early today when its rain-weakened roadbed gave way.

Two passengers were injured fatally and 18 others were hospitalized.

One of the dead was Mrs. Orson Cecil, North Platte, Neb., on her way with her husband to Jackson, Miss., to spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Richard, and his family. The other was Henry Hudson, 67, a farmer from Groverdale, Miss.

The train, bound from St. Louis to New Orleans, was crawling through a foggy, misty night toward Belleville, just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

A shifting roadbed, weakened by recent rains, was blamed by authorities for the derailment which occurred just after midnight.

Two ambulances speeding to the scene of the wreck on the edge of Belleville city limits collided and two men were injured.

Two ambulances speeding to the left the track all the injured had been reported removed from the overturned cars.

"The train began to rock, then it rolled over," said Arthur Salzman, 78, of Bloomington, Ill., who was en route to New Orleans with his wife to visit their son, a teacher at Tulane University.

"It felt like it was running on the ties for awhile."

The track was torn up for half

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TOMMY PAPPAS, 5, with his mother.

at hospital to see his mother, who was injured in Illinois Central train derailment.

## Ike Gets 800-Pound Cake For Christmas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower got an 800-pound fruit cake today.

The giant cake, baked in the form of a red brick fireplace with Christmas decorations, was the gift of the Young Men's Republican Club of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Earl D. Cheney of the White House staff accepted the gift on Eisenhower's behalf from five-year-old Deborah Kocher, her grandmother Mrs. Floyd Dush who did the baking, and James A. Librize, chairman of the club.

Deborah, blond and smiling in the presence of newsmen and photographers, ate with apparent relish the first piece cut from the "fireplace."

Asked if she liked grandma's cake, she nodded affirmatively.

But Deborah wouldn't talk — Eisenhower got it — she lives in St. Louis, Mo.

The fireplace, faced with red better being, took nearly three weeks in the making. Mrs. Dush said it is laced with two gallons of rum.

The cake, destined to be passed along to Washington's town for the aged, is 32 inches high, 60 inches long, and 30 inches wide.

Decorations include peppermint logs, cookie Christmas trees, and two three-foot long hand knitted red wool stockings, trimmed with white angora. One is embroidered with the name "Ike" and the other "Mamie."

Mrs. Dush, assisted by Air Force Sgt. James Tuttle, baked the cake in the kitchen of the Niagara Falls air force base.

## Nixon Meets With Austrian Cabinet

By CARL HARTMAN  
VIENNA (AP) — Vice President Nixon met with Chancellor Julius Raab and most of the Austrian Cabinet for an hour and a half today, discussing hard facts and figures of the problem created by 140,000 Hungarian refugees.

Nixon is seeking first-hand information to guide President Eisenhower and Congress in dealing with the aftermath of the Hungarian revolution.

Although Nixon and members of his small party declined to discuss the meeting with the Austrian leaders, authoritative sources have disclosed that the Australian government will have spent more than seven million dollars caring for refugees by Jan. 1. This does

**SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

1956

1957

1958

### Prison, Highway Split Urged

RALEIGH (AP) — A special study committee recommends separation of the state prison system from the State Highway Commission effective next July 1.

The special report on the feasibility of separation was released by Gov. Hodges during his news conference today.

In an accompanying statement, the governor gave his unqualified support to the report.

The report was compiled by the chairman of the Highway Commission, A. H. Graham; the chairman of the Prison Advisory Council, William McGehee; and State Prison Director W. F. Bailey.

"Effecting separation at the beginning of a new biennium," said the report, "will avoid budgetary

Gov. Hodges approves of recommended changes by a special study group of a complete overhaul of the State Highway Commission. See story on page 16-A.

difficulties that would follow this change if made at any other time."

Hodges told his news conference today he thinks the proposed separation is "constructive. I think the people will support it."

If and when the prisons system is separated from the commission, Hodges said people will look upon the prisons system with a critical eye. This, he said, should cause the prisons system to do a better job.

"We have been accused," he declared, "of using prisoners on roads that were not needed. I would rather waste a little money to see that prisoners are kept busy, rather than have them idle."

Hodges said he wanted to dry immediately the thought the proposed separation will make a prison split.

"I want to see it a disgrace to go to prison," he said, "I want to see prisoners treated humanely and firmly." He added that he didn't think a man should be treated soft.

OTHER FINDINGS  
In addition to recommending that the effective date be set as next July, the report also recommended that:

The separated Prison Department have complete jurisdiction over prisons but none over any other part of the correctional process.

The office of director of prisons be abolished and the departmental executive and administrative powers be invested in a full-time commissioner of prisoners appointed by the governor for a four-year term.

The Prison Advisory Council be abolished and regulatory and policy-making powers of the department be placed in the hands of a state prison commission.

Responsibility of the State Highway and Public Works Commission respecting prisoners" be limited to employing "male prisoners for road work and purchase of supplies for the prison."

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Sears, Roebuck Co. officials told detectives they would provide clothes for the boys.

According to the father, the mother and the eight other children in the family, some of them married, are living at other places in Charlotte.

When detectives asked the boys what they wanted for Christmas, Charles said, "I'd like a bike or maybe a little fire engine."

Little Frank answered, "When's Christmas?"

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## Hodges Predicts Speedy Session

RALEIGH (AP) — Despite the problems and proposed changes in state government facing the 1957 General Assembly, Gov. Hodges said today he is optimistic that the session will not be long.

He told his news conference he hopes the General Assembly will be able to wind up its work by June. The Legislature will convene in February in 1957 and January as in past years.

Hodges predicted the tax study report, the highway commission report and prisons separation report will be approved basically by the legislators.

The governor said that seven reports on reorganization of state government have been made and three more are yet to be made.

Although the proposed changes in the state's tax structure will reduce revenue, it will not cut down on the needs of state departments, plus a pay raise for state employees and teachers, Hodges said. Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.



Youngsters huddled under house & Officer J. T. Coble



Chowtime, Says M. J. Wilson To Waifs Frank, Charles

### Father Denies Saying 'Go'

## Santa Dons Police Badge To Aid Boys Living In Open

By JIM SCOTTON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Santa Claus was a policeman's badge today for two little boys who were found early this morning asleep under a house on E. 3rd St.

The children, identified as six-year-old Charles Alexander Jr. and his brother, Frank, five, were getting hot meals, new clothes, and even a few toys, thanks to police officers and a Charlotte department store.

The older boy told police they had been sleeping under houses near their home since Sunday when their father told them to get out of the house where they lived at 206-B Morrow St. Alley, in the Brooklyn section.

Charles said their mother had told them she didn't want them any more.

Detectives today picked up the boys' father, Charles Alexander, who was charged with neglect of minor children. He denied that he told the boys to leave home.

He said the boys stayed at home Tuesday night, and at his sister's Wednesday night, but he did not know where they were last night.

He told police the boys "sometimes stay out at night, but always come back the next day." He said he makes \$50 to \$55 every two weeks at his job with the city school department.

Officers M. J. Wilson and J. T. Coble found the boys when they answered a call to the home of Mrs. Gertrude Wallace, 1024 E. 3rd St., about 7:30 a. m. today.

The boys told police they slept under Mrs. Wallace's house last night "because it was hilly and the water runs off when it rains."

"We were too cold," said Charles. "We had covers."

Their "covers" was a ragged quilt which Charles said he found on a clothesline yesterday.

The boys said they did eat yesterday.

"We got a loaf of bread at Mr. Frei's store yesterday, and he let us have two cans of beans on credit," said Charles.

When police found them, the boys were dressed in dirty, torn clothing. The soles on one of the boy's shoes were only half attached.

Detectives gave the boys milk and egg sandwiches for breakfast. Charles said he ate yesterday and thought they ate on Tuesday, too.

One detective took the boys in a shower at police headquarters and scrubbed them down while others called their own homes to collect clothes for the boys.

## Second Church Firebug Sought

TRENTON, N. J. (AP) — Another hunt was under way today for a church firebug in this state capital.

Two more blazes broke out in churches yesterday less than three hours after a man was jailed on arson and murder charges in five earlier church fires.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Zaparyniuk, priest at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, grappled with a man he saw running from his burning church last night and noted part of the license number of the car in which the man escaped.

After the man escaped his grasp, the priest tried to put out

the flames with his overcoat. He suffered a wrist burn and was treated later at St. Francis Hospital.

The fire there burned drapes, a chair, two tables and a light fixture. An estimate of the damage was not immediately available.

Within 40 minutes, a fire broke out in the altar boys' sacristy of Saint Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church with damage estimated unofficially by police at \$750.

Police said someone had poured gasoline from an anti-freeze can on the furnishings and then ignited them.

### Our Weather

Cloudy and mild today, tonight and Saturday, with occasional light rain or drizzle.  
Low tomorrow morning — 55  
High today — 56  
High yesterday — 64  
High tomorrow — 72  
Sunrise today 7:23 a. m.; sunset today 5:19 p. m.

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