



## Russian Soldiers Fire Upon Women Trying To Flee Hungarian War Dead

### BIRTHDAY MEMORIES— David Owens Recalls How We Grew Up

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Sunday afternoon and evening he had been ill. He was a little tired now, for it had been a restless night. "I would have given everything I had," he said, "last night for a good night's sleep."

Now, in the final whispers of a warm fall afternoon, he sat in a low leather chair with his back to a large, sunless window. At his side was a cane, to his right a table with a copy of Fortune magazine on top of a book called "World's Famous Paintings."

He wore creased brown slacks, a brown sports coat, slippers.

**HE'S TIRED**

He would love to talk and you would enjoy him, the women said, but today he is tired and may not be up to it. But as he sat there with his nurse, Mrs. Nancy Snapp, and secretary, Mrs. Trudy Felts, he talked—and talked long with enthusiasm, energy and interest.

Today David Owens is 84. Yesterday he talked to the old Charlotte of business trends, of "delightful people."

The vice chairman of the board of J. B. Ivey Co., is one of the South's leading business men and one of the city's most generous benefactors.

He came to Charlotte 50 years ago as manager of S. H. Kress Co. and soon joined J. B. Ivey in the department store business. In the 30 years he has been in a city of 500,000 people he has grown into a metropolitan center of superhighways.

**PRETTY HARD**

"Nobody knows why one city grows and others do not. It is pretty difficult to put a finger on the most challenging step Charlotte has made."

"It is a number of things. The bringing of Duke Power here and making power available to all is probably a basic thing that made for growth and industries."

"I have always felt we have never given Mr. Duke credit for what he's done in Charlotte."

"And if you go back far enough, there is E. D. Latta who controlled our lights and our transportation system and built Dilworth."

"Things that contributed to Charlotte's growth? It was, I think, the establishing of the thought in people's minds that Charlotte could be a large distributing center."

"The best thing that happened in Charlotte is that young men with faith and courage and who believed in the South came here."

And then he thought a while about 1960, the year he arrived in the city.

**DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE**

"In 1903 — we had a city of delightful people. And we had the Academy of Music which brought the best shows here, the top rankers on the circuit," he said.

Then random thoughts came to mind.

"We had no paved streets, no decent lighting. It was before See DAVID on page 2-A"



MR. OVENS

### Ships Start Suez Canal Evacuation

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — Troops and an naval force on the way to Port Said today to start the evacuation of British and French troops from the Suez Canal Zone.

A military spokesman who announced this added that actual dates of departure of the troops would be decided after the arrival here tomorrow of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian commander of the U.N. emergency force.

Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, commander of the British-French force which invaded the canal zone on Nov. 5, also may arrive from Cyprus tomorrow to join in the talks with Burns.

The first refugee from strikers' operations commander, of the British-French task force here, toured the front lines in his three-starred jeep and told the troops he would get them out of Egypt "in the next few weeks."

"I can only say everything will be done to give you chaps a break," he told the soldiers.

**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

"Home For Christmas" was the cry raised by the celebrating soldiers last night when they received the news that the British and French governments had decided to withdraw their forces "without delay."

There was much huzzaking and shouting.

The U. N. police force in Egypt which is to take over responsibility of maintaining order here when the British and French are drawn from their sector has grown to nearly 2,500 men and officers.

A Swedish contingent of 108 men and a group of 15 Colombians arrived at Abu Suweir, the transit base in the Suez Canal Zone. A Yugoslav unit of more than 700 men, which had reached Port Said by ship, passed through the buffer zone into the Egyptian sector yesterday.

U. N. troops from Scandinavia, who had been camped on the beach at Port Said for several days, took over full responsibility for patrolling for about one third of the city yesterday.

The British already have withdrawn one battalion of 800 men from the port, and the French pulled out 500 of their troops Friday. Previously 700 French troops had been withdrawn.

After his visit here tomorrow, Harold Macmillan is expected to go on to Jerusalem to discuss with Israeli Army representatives the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and the posting of U. N. troops in that area.

U. S. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, appointed by U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to advise on clearance of the Suez Canal of obstructions, is expected in Egypt next week to make a study of the problem. He is now in the Netherlands conferring with Danish and Dutch sailing contractors.

**Our Weather**

Sunny and warm today, fair and cool tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and a little cooler.

Low tomorrow morning — 36  
High today — 75  
High tomorrow — 73  
High tomorrow — 65  
Sunrise today 7:15 a.m.; sunset today 5:11 p.m.

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TALKING WITH the refugee whose identity must be concealed are student leaders at today's chapel program and his interpreter. They are (left to right) Mary Ann Brown, president of the Pan-

### Hungarian Rebels Have 3 Choices, 2 Of Them Death

By HELEN PARKS  
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The U. N. police force in Hungary to reach Charlotte said today Hungarians who remain in the country have three hard choices.

The refugees, who arrived in Charlotte today, spoke to a Queens College audience this morning. He will talk at Davidson tomorrow morning.

Speaking quietly through an interpreter, Mrs. Elizabeth Vilexy Higgins, he said:

"I was one of the Hungarians compelled to leave the country. I was one of those who fought for a better and free life."

"I am one of those Hungarians who through America's love and sympathy will find a new life."

"The Hungarian freedom fight showed to the world what 10 years of terror has done."

**WANT FREEDOM**

"America won her freedom through fighting and sacrifice. And though Hungary is a small country, we wanted our freedom, too."

"We also have had our George Washingtons, when they had nothing else to kill, began destroying the houses for reason at all."

"In Budapest, almost all have lost all they own. They now face a bitter winter with very small food rations."

"I do not ask you to help only."

**'Hopped Up' Kiss  
Discovered In Jail**

BOSTON (AP) — A superior court judge has sentenced Mrs. Joan Wheeler, 23, to a year in jail after she admitted it was more than a kiss that she gave her imprisoned husband.

Mrs. Wheeler pleaded guilty to a charge of passing narcotics to her husband, Calvin, 27.

The husband was serving nine months on narcotics charges.

**Clinton High School Closed  
After Attack Upon Minister**

CLINTON, Tenn. (AP) — The Anderson County School Board ordered integration term at Clinton High School closed today in the wake of an attack on a white Baptist minister who accompanied six Negro students back to classes.

The Rev. Paul Turner was beaten by a group of white men a few minutes after he escorted the Negro students into a school building. He suffered a bloody nose and facial cuts but returned home without hospitalization.

ELECTIONS HELD

Police Chief Francis Moore said the Rev. Paul Turner was assaulted and that a man had been taken into custody. No charges were placed immediately.

Moore said there was no question but that the assault on Turner, who had said he would escort the Negroes back to classes whenever they wished to return, resulted from his assistance to the Negroes.

"A man jumped on Mr. Turner about 300 yards from the school," the chief said.

**FACIA LUTS**

The minister "was reported to have suffered facial cuts," Moore said about 50 persons heckled the Negroes when they entered the school. He said no other than the calling and booing. The Negroes filed in to classes at the main entrance.

The Negroes had been absent since last Tuesday because of "abuse" they said they had been receiving from the school.

Tension mounted in this east Tennessee town, where state troopers and National Guardsmen were called out Labor Day weekend to quell the mobs who protested the integration ordered by a district federal court at Knoxville.

Adding further tension was today's municipal elections, in which the integration question was a major issue.

Principal D. J. Brittain said he closed the school on orders of the school board and that it would remain closed indefinitely.

Today's action came only one day after the school board rejected federal aid in helping enforce the federal court's integration order, issued last Jan. 4.

The appeal was sent to U. S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell in Washington. No action had been received to the time of today's school closing.

### Thousands Jammed Square In Budapest

BUDAPEST (AP) — Russian soldiers opened fire in Heroes' Square today when thousands of women pressed forward to lay wreaths on the tomb of Hungary's unknown soldier.

A woman was hit by one of the several shots fired and was taken to a hospital. Her condition was described as not serious.

Eyewitnesses said the shooting broke out when the women "became unruly" while trying to get free themselves past Russian soldiers to lay flowers on the tomb—exactly one month after the Russian military crackdown on the Hungarian revolution.

A Russian officer brandished a pistol, eyewitnesses said, and the women began to scatter, running in all directions. Several shots were fired. The injured woman was hit in the leg. She was placed in an ambulance and driven away.

**IGNORE REDS**

The women ignored Russian soldiers who tried to push them back. They placed red, white and green bouquets on the large white stone monument the Hungarian dead of World War I.

It was clear to all who watched that the women were honoring the dead of 1914-1918, but the thousands who fell before the Russians in the rebellion of October-November this year, particularly on the black Sunday of Nov. 4.

The demonstration, announced only by leaflets handed out on Budapest streets yesterday, started at 11 a.m.

Singly, in groups, and finally in hundreds, the women converged on the square with their bouquets.

At least two dozen Russian army officers and scores of Russian soldiers were at the square.

The women passed the Soviet Embassy on former Stalin street, heavily guarded by tanks and troops. About 300 feet from the square they ran into the first Russian roadblock manned by armored cars and tanks.

Russian soldiers, in some cases, shoved the women back. But the women shouted defiantly "We are not leaving."

The women, passing past the roadblock gathered at the corners of the square. They pressed up to within a few feet of the muzzle of Russian guns and began to sing Hungary's national anthem.

Their high voices carried over the square and the old song was repeated by word on the opposite side, nearly 1,000 feet away.

Later, a group began reciting a Hungarian poem by Sandor Petofi, written at the time of the 1848 revolution. It ends with the solemn oath: "We shall no longer be slaves."

**STEEL PLANT  
FOR COUNTY  
IS POSSIBLE**

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The bright orange shower of flying sparks, the steaming mass of molten metal, may be hallmarks of the next industry to move into Mecklenburg as a possible site for its operations.

Real estate men have heard rumors of a big plant coming here. Business firms admit they have "received inquiries."

Chamber of Commerce executives smile and say "well, maybe."

There's nothing concrete but the talk is based on facts and not rumors. And the facts are these:

At least one big firm is interested and has looked into North Mecklenburg as a site of the plant.

Such a plant would employ several hundred, perhaps a thousand or more persons.

**BIG INVESTMENT**

The mill would represent an investment of at least a million dollars, with perhaps more depending on its size.

Steel would be made from scrap iron brought in from the surrounding Piedmont.

The scrap would come from the junkyards, with wrecked automobiles providing a goodly supply. Much scrap would also be provided through discard of obsolete machinery and tools in continuing modernization programs.

A sizable amount would even come from consumers who in their purchases of refrigerators, stoves, mattresses and hundreds of items are continually discarding outmoded and worn out articles of household equipment.

The processed steel mill would not of course compare with the giant plants of Birmingham and Pittsburgh. Those cities are in the heart of mountains whose veins run rich with iron and coal. The mill here would be concerned mainly with converting scrap into steel, perhaps steel bars.

Two or three steel companies are reportedly interested in the rich Piedmont. It is understood that the companies is from California.

**CHARLOTTEANS  
OFFER AID TO  
HUNGARIANS**

There have been eight delirious meetings of Hungarian refugees through the local Red Cross chapter.

The Red Cross Home Service here said today most of the requests have come from relatives of Hungarians.

A native of Hungary now living here said he has had requests to care for 15 individual refugees and three or four families.

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**CONVERTING PLANT**

It is also understood that one firm is interested in purchasing a local company which deals in steel products and converting the plant into a steel-making mill.

Representatives from at least one of the interested companies have visited the Charlotte area. However, in at least one case it is understood these men were planning a stock company with the idea of raising capital for necessary construction through sale of stock to residents of this area.

**SHOPPING  
DAYS LEFT**

BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas Greetings

HELP  
FEST

**Evening Prayer**

Our Father, we thank thee for the Church, nourisher of our faith, and defender of our troubles, constantly our challenge. Bless Thy Church, we pray, and enable us ever to find in it the spiritual grace and renewal that our souls need. In Christ's name. Amen.

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