

If Congress Doesn't Act

Reps May Call Conferences Deal With Civil Rights

Gives Views In Letter To Collins

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today he will consider calling special conferences to deal with civil rights problems if Congress doesn't act to create a bipartisan race relations commission.

In a letter to Gov. Roy Collins of Florida, Eisenhower said one such conference might be a meeting of southern governors and attorneys general. Such a session had been proposed by Collins.

Eisenhower said in his State of the Union message in January that he would recommend setting up a bipartisan study commission to investigate complaints of infringements of civil rights.

NOT GIVEN

But the administration has not yet given congress his recommendations in the civil rights field, Justice Department officials reportedly are restricting parts of the program, which presumably would include a call for the bipartisan group.

The President wrote Collins that he looks for greater progress in bettering racial relations "if we can look to moderate and responsible leadership supported by a spirit of patience on the part of all people."

Eisenhower gave his views in replying to a March 22 telegram from Collins suggesting that southern governors and attorneys general be called to review "the South's present problems in the whole field of racial relations."

GETS ATTENTION
The President's reply, dated today and made public by the White House, said Collins' proposal has had the President's thoughtful attention.

Eisenhower told Collins he is deeply cognizant of the difficult situation in certain regions of the South and is pleased that the Supreme Court's decision outlawing racial segregation in the public schools.

"It seems to me, however," he added, "that the progress already made in certain regions of the South before and since this decision is a clear indication that we can look forward to even greater progress if we can look to moderate and responsible leadership supported by a spirit of patience on the part of all of our people."

COULD PROVIDE
The President said it is his belief a special commission could provide the means for helpful discussion and the restoration of a clear understanding on the part of all of our people of the real nature of the problems you mention.

The President said he hoped Congress will act favorably on his proposal.

"Should they decline, he said, 'I will have to consider other kinds of conferences including the kind you suggest.'"

Evening Prayer

Almightly God, we rejoice in Thy Son's triumph over death. His grace over sin. His love over hate. His truth over falsehood. We praise Thee that we are assured salvation of our souls, and the hope of eternal life, through Christ. Amen.

CLEAR, COOL WEATHER SEEN FOR EASTER

Easter weekend skies will be clear over Charlotte and temperatures will continue to be springlike. The Weather Bureau reported this morning.

Charlotteans attending Easter sunrise services should plan to wear warm coats over their Easter finery—the weather man reports. The early morning temperatures to drop to a low of 38 degrees. But by church time the mercury should have climbed to an expected midday high of 70 degrees. This will be 10 degrees warmer than the expected high today.

Today's skies are expected to be clear and temperatures mild.

Soil Bnk Plan Given Approval By Conferees

By EDWIN R. HAAKINSON
WASHINGTON — An approval of Senate-House conferees as part of \$1,700,000,000 in election-year payments to farmers.

In addition to the \$7,200,000,000 soil bank plan of paying farmers to take land out of production, the conferees committee voted yesterday to authorize \$600 million dollars additional for buying poor and other perishable commodities next eligible for regular price supports.

Still undecided in the conference was whether to make soil bank participation voluntary, as the administration asked, or compulsory as the Senate voted.

The soil bank plan, which has not yet come before the House, was approved yesterday in virtually all the form agreed on by the Senate.



CHARLOTTEANS JOIN IN EASTER OBSERVANCE
Tomorrow is Easter—

And Charlotteans will join other Christians the world over in worshipping the Risen Christ. These children, Lisa Wainwright, Marcia Johnson and Robin Tackley, will observe Easter in their own intimate chapel at the Church of the Holy Comforter.

Thousands of their neighbors will also go to church tomorrow, and to dawn services and evening worship hours.

Many of them will take advantage of a sunny day to enjoy spring's natural beauty of new color—the perennial symbol of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

Many of the churches' congregations are holding Easter lilies at memorials. At St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Dr. John R. Brakhoff, pastor, is shown above arranging part of the 275 lilies from the congregation.

Easter Program Details Are Given On Page 1-B

25,000 Expected At Winston-Salem State To Greet Easter Dawn

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Thousands of North Carolina Christians will greet the Easter dawn at traditional sunrise services commemorating the resurrection.

The major single sunrise service will be at Winston-Salem, where some 25,000 persons gathered last year for the Moravian Church Easter observance in Old Salem. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfaff will lead the program, as he has for the past 25 years of the Union.

As the first light streaks the eastern skies, explosives set off in the distance will simulate an earthquake. Christ played by one of the more than 30 members of the Resurrection. An all-night service at the church's Sanitarium Hall will precede the pageant.

Service also will be held on scenic Whiteface Mountain on the Jackson-Mann county border. They are sponsored by the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Highlands and Cashiers. The mountain lies between the two towns.

Among other sunrise services in Western North Carolina will be those in the Asheville city auditorium, at Breckinridge College, in the Mountainide Theatre at Cherokee, at Lake Junaluska, at Hefner Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Spruce Pine, at Chimney Rock, at Warren Wilson College near Swain, on Hanes' Rock in Blount County, at the site of the proposed Highland Methodist Church.

Reds Accept 'Open Skies' Peace Plan

Want Three-Month Freeze On Arms

LONDON (AP) — Moscow radio said today Russia has accepted the basic idea of President Eisenhower's "open skies" aerial inspection plan and has proposed a three-months arms freeze to be followed by all-around cuts in conventional arms and armaments.

Meanwhile, all hydrogen weapon tests would be banned.

The Russian proposal, as outlined by the official Soviet news agency Tass, calls for immediate agreement on reducing conventional armaments. The Soviets say this step "will facilitate agreements on prohibition of atomic and thermonuclear weapons and their removal from national armaments."

In Washington, neither the White House nor the State Department had any comment on the Moscow broadcast.

Chief Alarmed By Increase In Fatalities

By JIM SCOTT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

County Police Chief Joe Whitely expressed alarm today at the "deplorable" accident rate after a Mourne man became the 11th traffic fatality in Mecklenburg County this year.

The latest victim was Joseph Grady, 21, of E. S. Mourne, who died at Good Samaritan Hospital this morning as the result of head injuries sustained in a wreck on Highway 74 East about two miles from the Charlotte city limits at 2 a.m. today.

In critical condition at the same hospital late this morning was Grady's companion, Julius Blakely, 22, of R. 7, Mourne. According to County police, the car, owned by Grady, was traveling toward Charlotte when it ran off the road and turned over on the grass center strip. The car was listed as a total loss. Police said witness reported the car had been traveling at a high rate of speed.

Because of the extent of the damage, police could not determine who was driving at the time of the accident.

"Speed and carelessness are causing most of these accidents," said Chief Whitely. "We have every available man on the roads, but we can't be everywhere at once."

Charlotte Traffic Captain Lloyd W. Henkel described the situation in the city as "extremely grave." Eight persons have been killed in traffic accidents within the city so far this year.

Even Planned His Own Funeral

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP) — Fred Frye, a 35-caliber revolver, killed at close range into their heads.

Gasolina had been poured on the bodies and splashed through the rooms.

No motive for the bizarre killings has been established.

The wife, Richard Best and Jan Kilcup, Gray Harbor county sheriff's deputies put it together it all began to brew last November. At that time, Leach arranged with an Aberdeen funeral home for his funeral and burial.

It was about that time the Fryes moved in with Leach. Authorities said Oletta was believed to have been George Frye's sister-in-law.



30 Days, With Luck

Buster Boyd Span To Close Tuesday

You can't please everybody, the North Carolina Highway Commission has discovered.

But it certainly tried. Repairs on the Buster Boyd Bridge across the Catawba River, which closed last year because of objections by local citizens, will get underway Tuesday morning and already two Christians have expressed some unhappiness about it.

H. E. Evans, district manager of the Burkee Cotton Oil Co., says the April closing will interfere with farmers who come across the bridge to pick up fertilizer.

"They've got all the field crop fertilizer in," said Mr. Evans. "That was the time when the row crops need fertilizer to insure a good crop."

OBJECTED LAST YEAR
Mr. Evans and others objected last year when the Highway Commission, after one postponement, announced plans to close the bridge for repairs last September.

He contended that it would seriously interfere with farmers traveling in cotton gins and with other traffic which is particularly heavy during that month. Another postponement was announced recently after.

"I certainly agree that the bridge needs to be maintained," Mr. Evans added, "but January or February would have been better."

The 1,200-foot bridge was first scheduled to be closed for repairs last May and June, but McAllister Carson Jr. and others objected to that date. Mr. Carson, a director of the local YMCA, pointed out that thousands of Charlotteans travel to the YMCA camp and other recreational areas across the Catawba during the summer months. The Highway Commission announced the first postponement at that time.

District Engineer of the North Carolina Highway Dept. H. M. Burgin of Charlotte, pointed out that repairing the bridge little by little so it could be used weekends would drag out the work well into May or even June.

The 20-year-old bridge, a link of N. C. Highway 49 between York, S. C., and Charlotte, was reportedly in danger of collapse from heavy summer traffic when state engineers inspected it a year ago. It had suffered fire damage, also, when a heavy truck smashed into it.

As it stands now the Buster Boyd Bridge will be closed Tuesday morning. It will be closed for about 30 days — if the weather is fairly good.

"It will be closed on weekends, too," said the harassed Mr. Burgin.

LOWDOWN ON LOCKMAN, NEW GOLF COURSE GIVEN INSIDE

Today's sports page has two stories of special interest to the Charlotte public — one concerns native son Whitey Lockman and his bid with the New York Giants. Another indicates a bright future for golf enthusiasts.

Lockman, who once again is rumored to trade back to the Giants, says he has been having a hard time in the market and explains his problems of waiting to see what his competitors do. Bob Givney's column carries the details.

A \$40,000 pitcheball game for Queen City golfers and should be constructed by fall. Read the setup in Ronald Green's story from Wilmington.

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