



## Building Levelled In Minutes

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### Other News Men Win, Too

## JEEP: PHOTOG OF YEAR

CHAPEL HILL — Charlotte News Photographer Jeep Hunter was named Southern Photographer of the Year at the annual Southern Photo Course in Press Photographing here today.

Other News men, Tommy Franklin, won first place in the South in spot news photography with his picture of a city policeman shooting at a rampaging steer.

Tom Walters, a third News photographer, took second place in the sports category with a picture of seconds working on a tired boxer between rounds.

### TWO FIRST PLACES

Mr. Hunter took two first places in pictorial and portrait categories. His pictorial winner was a dramatic shot of an airplane warming up at Municipal Airport. The portrait category is a collection of the 10 photos each entrant considers his best of the year.

Among them, the Charlotte News photographers won more top prizes than any other newspaper in the South.

All the winners are employed by Tom Franklin Studio, Charlotte News photographers.

### The list of winners:

Pictorial—B. J. Nixon, Hampton, Va., 1st; Charles Cooper, Durham, 2nd; William Jordan, 3rd.

Pictorial—Jeep Hunter, Charlotte News, 1st; Clifton Guthrie, Morehead City, 2nd; Franklin—Jeep Hunter, Charlotte News, 1st; Charlie Kelly, Charlotte Observer, 2nd; Bob



MR. HUNTER



FRANKLIN



WALTERS

Preston, St. Petersburg, Fla., 3rd.

Sports — Don Sturkey, Charlotte Observer, 1st; Tom Walters, Charlotte News, 2nd; Louis Patterson, 3rd.

Spot News — Tommy Franklin, Charlotte News, 1st; T. E. Langston, 2nd; Maury Rosen, Charlotte Observer, 3rd.

Features — Ollie Fife, Washington, D. C., 1st; Robert Preston, 2nd; Don Sturkey, Charlotte Observer, 3rd.

Portrait — H. M. Gault, 1st; Charles Cooper, Durham, 2nd; Charlie Kelly, Charlotte Observer, 3rd.

The second place winner in pictorial, Hugh Morton of Wilmington, has been for many years a special sports photographer for the News. His winning shot, a snow scene on Grandfather Mountain, was taken for The News and appeared in this paper last fall.

Color — 1st, Ollie Fife, Washington, D. C., 2nd, Hugh Morton, Wilmington, 3rd. Bob Preston, St. Petersburg, Fla., 4th.

Sports news winners: 1st, Buddy Moore, WPMV, 2nd, Earl Wells, WBT, 3rd, Earl Wells, WBT.

Feature news winners: 1st, Earl Wells, WBT, 2nd, Buddy Moore, WPMV, 3rd, Earl Wells, WBT.

Sylvania award: Charles Cooper, Durham.

His photographers' work puts The Charlotte News in the running for the annual Graflex Award for best picture coverage by a Southern newspaper. This award is to be given at a banquet tomorrow night.

## Red Head Asks U.N. Ban On Arms Shipping

### Bulgarian, Khrushchev End Visit To England

LONDON — Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev said today the Soviet Union would "welcome" a United Nations ban on the shipment of arms to the Middle East.

Khrushchev and Premier Bulganin wound up their 10-day tour of Britain at a press conference with some 400 newsmen where they answered questions freely and got a warm reception.

The news conference covered a wide range of topics but the Prime Minister had accepted an American invitation to visit the Soviet Union this year — a date to be fixed later.

Bulgarian and Khrushchev indicated they would like to visit the United States if they thought such a visit would be profitable. They parried the question with, "Who would not like to visit that country if he has business there?"

### CLOSER TIES

Bulgarian appealed for British help in bringing about closer ties between the United States and the Soviet Union, which he said at present are "far from sufficiently normal."

He said that the fact was that Khrushchev denied any intention of attempting to drive a wedge between Britain and the United States and said Russia favored even "putting oil on the wedges" now existing.

Bulgarian urged that western embargo on shipment of strategic materials to the Communist world "be thrown on the rubbish heap."

Millions of Britons sat in on the news conference televised from London's great Central Hall near the Houses of Parliament.

Khrushchev declared that Russia does not ship arms to anyone "and we would like that to be no shipments at all," he said.

But he added, "I think we should answer clearly if we were to say that we would not sell arms to states which urge us to do so and the reason for that is that shipments are being made by other countries."

### TAKE PART

"If we were possible to agree through the United Nations or otherwise that this would not take place," he said, "we would welcome that, and we would be prepared to take part in such an undertaking which would help bring about peaceful conditions in the troubled areas of the world."

Khrushchev spoke in answer to a written question whether Russia would use her influence on "friendly governments" to slow the international arms race.

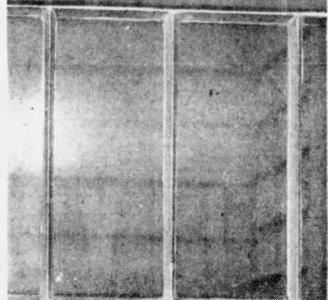
He contends that peace has been endangered in the middle east by Communist Czechoslovakian sale of arms to Egypt, which has upset the balance between the Arab world and Israel.

The Soviet leaders left the news conference with smiles on their faces.

"They departed once by train and once by boat," said the Soviet cruiser Ordzhonikidze on the trip home. Bidding the Kremlin chiefs farewell at Victoria railway station, Eden told them:

"There is no doubt in our minds that our talks have been of value to our countries and to the peace of the world."

Bulgarian spoke of the "spirit of confidence" in the talks and said, "Our dealings have shown that agreements can be concluded between the Soviet Union and western nations."



BULGANIN AND KHRUSHCHEV



LITTLEJOHN

## HE WENT THROUGH HERE

A small, wiry Negro boy, about as big, say police, as a two-foot flashlight—slipped through this window last night at Morrison Training School.

The boy, just 15, had a look-out stationed outside the store. He was identified as 19-year-old Jim Mickens, Negro, 428 W. 7th St. and a deaf mute.

It was a tight squeeze between these bars for the young man who made it into the store. Both boys were arrested shortly after 2 a.m. when workmen for the City Street Department spotted Mickens waiting outside. They called the police.

Missing from the store were a single-barrel, 16-gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber automatic rifle, three wrist watches and assorted cigarettes.

L. E. C. Selvey said the small boy was "about as big as a two-foot flashlight." Otherwise, he couldn't have made the entry.

## Training School Full

## Chief Breaks Law, Jails Two Youths

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, declaring "I know I'm breaking the law—but I'll let the public decide," held two young Negro boys in city jail today.

The two, called "delinquent and incorrigible" were released at Morrison Training School because of lack of space for Negro juveniles.

State law provides that children under 16 must be segregated from adult prisoners.

"But I'm not going to turn them loose and have them believe they are immune to punishment," Chief Littlejohn told a reporter this morning.

"If psychiatric treatment and lecturing won't help them, do you think I'm going to turn them loose on the public after they've been declared delinquent and incorrigible," sent up to Morrison Training School by Judge Willard L. Gatling in juvenile court and was sent to Morrison Training School for an indeterminate period.

The younger of the two, a 13-year-old Negro boy, was brought to the Youth Bureau by his mother on April 3. The latter told the Youth Bureau officers that she could not control the boy who was staying out of school and had been "stealing everything he can get his hands on."

The boy's mother explained that after the lad ran away from home several times, she found him living with adults in a house long suspected as a house of prostitution. The boy's father is currently serving a life term for murder in South Carolina.

Juvenile court authorities investigated the mother's complaint, and Judge Gatling also ordered the boy sent to Morrison Training School.

Chief Littlejohn said that he had long fought for a place of detention on the local level for

## Explosion Follows Lighting Of Heater

PULASKI, Va. (AP)—A restaurant owner lit a match to a gas heater and touched off an explosion and fire today that leveled a three-story brick building with the possible loss of 10 lives.

The blast rocked the old business section of this manufacturing town of 9,000 and in a matter of minutes the building was a giant torch. It housed a restaurant, two shops and a Salvation Army transient home of the ground level. Seven families lived in upper-floor apartments.

Four survivors of the 15 or 16 believed in the building were hospitalized and one unidentified boy was recovered. Police Lt. G. E. Bouldin said he believed 12 bodies were in the smoldering ruins. Only the back wall and a small section of the side wall were still standing when firemen finally ran down the flames.

### ROOF LIFTED

A witness said the blast lifted the roof which then crumpled inward.

A National Guard company from the Pulaski Guard area was ordered to ready.

Police Chief Lee S. Boothe said it probably would be late afternoon before the charred ruins would be examined carefully.

W. J. Mahaffey, the restaurant operator, said he was met with a roaring explosion when he struck a match to the gas heater at about 6 a.m. Mahaffey, a man unskilled in mechanics,

Mahaffey's wife, who lived with him in an apartment upstairs, escaped from the building by sliding down a drain pipe. The explosion blew off the back stairs to the apartment.

The Salvation Army maintained a transient headquarters on the first floor of the building. It was not known immediately if there were any occupants.

The explosion rocked houses for several miles and knocked out windows in an area of three blocks. Two cars in front of the buildings were demolished.

Injured in the blast were Mrs. Nora Davis, 38, burned extensively, and multiple fractures.

Mahaffey, in serious condition, Norma Jean Mabe, 12, fractured pelvis.

Eugene Welch, around 55, possible internal injuries. Joseph M. Lytle, a man who was waiting for a ride to work and leaning against the building, suffered a fractured arm.

A second nonoccupant, Jordan Oliver, was walking past on his way to work and knocked to the street by the force of the explosion. He was treated and released.

There was some doubt also whether George Morris and Arnold Woodard, two men in the building at the time of the explosion.

Believed still in the building were Mrs. Minnie Akers, Mrs. George Morris, Mrs. Arnold Woodard and a son, age and name undetermined. Mrs. Eugene Welch and two sons, Grant, 16, and Victor, 12.

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## AF Turnover Called Critical By Maj. LeMay

WASHINGTON — Gen Curtis E. LeMay testified today that a constant turnover in "professional airmen" is "my most critical deficiency."

LeMay, leader of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), told a Senate air power inquiry that his assigned mission of conducting any nuclear attack "at a moment's notice" is handicapped by lack of skilled and trained personnel.

It takes from six to seven years to design and produce the powerful "new weapons system," the general said, while most persons who joined the Air Force four years ago have returned to civilian life.

LeMay said SAC does not classify its men as "professional airmen" until they have completed a four-year hitch and re-estimated Brig. Gen. Hargis (head of personnel for SAC), aided LeMay in the presentation with charts and colored slides.

Chairman Symington (D-Mo.) of the special five-member subcommittee asked to check reliability of U. S. and Soviet air power, said the group already had heard much closed-door testimony "on the strength and weaknesses of the Strategic Air Command."

He said the personnel problems being presented in public because "the Russians already know about them."

### Honors Her Wishes

## Rocky's Wife Says Champ Will Retire

BROCKTON, Mass. — World heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano is retiring from the ring, his wife Barbara said today. She said she had just received positive assurance from the champion that he was agreeing to her wishes.

Mrs. Marciano telephoned to sports editor Vic DuBois of the Brockton Enterprise, Rocky's home town newspaper, that she had talked with her husband in New York and that he planned a formal announcement immediately.

Allie Colombo, local manager for the champion, confirmed the news.

Mrs. Marciano, who will be 33 in September, will retire with a record of never having been defeated in a fight.

In making his decision, Rocky not only accepted to his wife's long-expressed wish but those of his mother and father, also.

Mrs. Marciano, saying her husband will not fight again, explained that for three months she had been "pleading and begging" for his retirement.

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### HOP WILL HOP

ANGELES CAMP, Calif. — Won Leong Hop soon will have a chance to justify his name. Charles Leong of San Francisco has entered Won Leong Hop in the annual Calaveras County Jumping Frog Derby, to be held here May 17 to 20.

## Richards Would Mark Time On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (D.C.) — Chairman Richards of the House Foreign Affairs committee said today he favors marking time on President Eisenhower's \$4,900,000,000 foreign aid request unless the committee gets assurances no drastic policy change is planned.

Richards told a news conference he thinks a majority of the committee favors a "substantial" foreign aid program, "although not by any means \$4,900,000,000."

He said the President, by advocating creation of a nonpartisan group of citizens to study the aid program, has raised the possibility of a drastic change in policy.

Under the Eisenhower circumstances, Richards said, "the Congress must regard the pending mutual security bill as only an interim measure," and may decide "to report out only an authorization sufficient to meet essentials until the new recommendations are ready."

Richards said the committee hopes to have Secretary of State Dulles meet with it soon for a business discussion.

Richards said he was speaking only for himself in his observations on administration policy.



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## COOK LEAPS FROM FRYING PAN INTO FIRE

COVINGTON, Ky. — It was out of the frying pan and into the fire for this Cook.

The judge told William E. Cook that he could serve on a 10-day sentence, for disorderly conduct, on weekends and so keep his job.

The judge went on to say the penalty could have been 90 and 30 days in jail.

"Well, why don't you do it then," said Cook.

And that's just what the judge did.