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Cecil St.: No Room Here—It's Chock Full. Park Center In Background

Where Will Everybody Park When Park Center Opens?

By DICK YOUNG
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Charlotte's new Park Center is a "close to home" example of the necessity for planning for parking facilities as an important adjunct of any public building project.

In these days of automotive transportation it is almost imperative that provision be made for parking even before a line is drawn in the design of the building.

Now that the new assembly hall, replacing the fire-damaged Armory-Auditorium on Cecil St., is nearing completion, Park Board officials have come face-to-face with a problem which, if not solved, may well interfere with the usefulness of the new building.

This same dilemma faced the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority when members realized that the city's parking lot at the rear of the Independence Blvd. entertainment facility was not adequate for the full capacity of the two buildings.

Fortunately there was adjoining vacant space, owned by Dwight L. Phillips, who agreed to provide auxiliary parking facilities and the Coliseum officials were gotten out of the tight spot.

From the very beginning Park Board members gave heed to parking plans, which include the reclamation of ground surrounding the building for the parking of cars. But this was not enough. It was estimated that 120 cars

could be parked on the Park Center grounds after grading and other improvements.

STREETS FULL

This with on-street parking in the vicinity was deemed adequate, but suddenly came the realization that most of the nearby streets are filled with cars in the late afternoon when students of Charlotte College come to evening classes at Central High School.

At its March 5 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission gave first attention to parking for the new Park Center in the light of these developments.

And at that meeting decision was reached to ask the City Council to widen Cecil St. so that

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In Showdown Tests

Proof Of Nike Potency Demanded By Senator

House Passes Huge Defense Fund Bill

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Chavez (D-NM) said today he will insist on decisive tests to show whether Nike guided missiles, a mainstay in U. S. anti-aircraft defenses, are as potent as the Army contends.

Chavez heads a Senate Appropriations subcommittee conducting public hearings on the armed forces' multibillion-dollar budget for the coming year.

This biggest money bill of the year passed the House yesterday. A 370 vote sent to the Senate a \$25,866,000 defense budget containing exactly what President Eisenhower recommended for procurement of new airplanes — \$6,948,200,000.

Sen. Chavez said he will call a closed hearing perhaps late next week to explore with top Air Force and Army officials whether the Nike guided missile, developed by the Navy, is a more potent weapon than the Nike, as the Air Force reportedly believes.

Sen. Stennis (D-Miss) demanded a showdown test yesterday after Secretary of the Army Brucker had described the Nike as powerful enough to knock down "any Russian bomber we have heard about."

WANTS TESTS

Chavez said he has heard the Talos has a longer range, requires less manpower to fire it, and is cheaper. He said he will tell the Army and Air Force he wants a competitive test of the two missiles "within a reasonable time."

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army chief of staff, questioned whether the Air Force with its Talos is trying to "invade" the Army's traditional role in providing primary ground-to-air anti-aircraft defenses.

The defense money bill as passed by the House would provide for a 1,045,300-man Army, a Navy of 1,035 ships and 12,000 aircraft and an Air Force growing to the target figure of 137 wings during the year which starts July 1.

FINAL STAGES

The Nike is scheduled to be produced in the Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant. This plant, now in final stages of conversion from an Army Quartermaster Depot, will be operated by the Douglas Aircraft Co.

The plant will be dedicated May 22 and production is expected to get under way in the next several months. It is being equipped in such a way that if the Nike became obsolete or was found inferior to another missile, the more powerful missile could be manufactured there.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, testified today he considers U. S. armed forces to be so great no nation would dare attack us "this year."

Sen. Stalwart (R-Mass), asked Twining:

"Will the Air Force that we now have—and the money that is now provided for the next fiscal year—be an Air Force together with our Navy and Army that will be a sufficient deterrent so that no nation would dare attack us?"

Before replying, Twining paused thoughtfully and called it a "very difficult" question. To this Stalwart retorted that he had hoped "the answer would be yes."

Truman Raps High Smiles, Low Smears

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former President Truman said today the Eisenhower administration is preparing for "another election campaign of high-level presidential smiles and low-level vice-presidential smears."

Accusing the administration of three years of "concealment and complacency," Truman said in a message to the opening session of the ninth annual convention of Americans for Democrats Action:

"The job of the liberals is to bring the real issues out from behind the smoke screen and help all the people to reach an informed opinion."

He said President Eisenhower has toward the grand alliance of the free nations to "fall into decay" and the free world must be held together in the face of a "new and more insidious communist offensive."

Truman said an agricultural "depression is growing up in the midst of the big boom" and Eisenhower "persists in the cruel policy of lower farm prices and fewer farmers."

Truman said liberals must oppose "socialism of corporate power equal to that of socialism by government."

He said centers of private power, beyond Democratic control, are "exerting greater and greater influence over our national life, driving small business to the wall, and strangling individual enterprise."

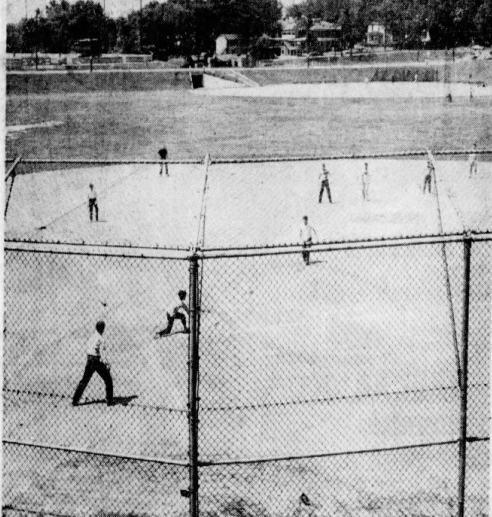
"This course of bigness," he said, "dominates our press, our air, our radio, our television, our industry, and is beginning to shape our thoughts and beliefs."

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach us not only to pray but to bring our lives into Thy storehouse, our labor, our amusement, industries, and our presence into Thy sanctuary. Help us to labor earnestly and joyfully in the Redeemer's name we ask this Amen.

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Ball Field On East Side Of Independence: It's Too Far Away

Topeka Folks Get Stirred Up

All That Alarm And No Tornado

TOPEKA, Kan.—(AP)—A tornado alarm sounded on Topeka as its raid sirens thrummed this city of 100,000 into a hubbub last night.

A black cloud approached from the southwest all right. A little rain fell. That was all.

It was the first time the sirens had blown except for a Civil Defense test widely announced in advance. Hardly anyone knew what to do.

Richard Garrett, chief of the Topeka Weather Bureau, ordered the alarm at 10:05 (CST). Two tornado funnels were sighted about 150 miles southwest of Topeka near Cassady and the storm system was reported heading this way at 50 miles an hour.

The sirens blew. Anxious callers tied up the telephone. Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store—Adv.

lines into police headquarters. It was the same at the Topeka Daily Capital, radio stations and the weather bureau.

"What are the sirens blowing for?"

"Is it an atom bomb?"

"Is there an air raid?"

"What do we do?"

"Go to the cellar."

"What corner do we tell people to hide in?"

"Basement, southwest corner."

"What do you do when you get no basement?"

About 800 baseball fans at Community Park were watching Topeka play Albuquerque in a Western League game. Topeka was ahead 7-6 in the ninth when the sirens blew. The game ended a few minutes later with the score unchanged but only 200 in the stands.

Two police prowlers were

dispatched to the southwest part of the city to watch for the tornado.

GETTING CLOSER

At 10:25 p.m. the weather bureau said: "The cloud in which the tornado was observed is now only about 20 miles southwest of town and a thunderstorm with likely hail and possible tornado will break over the city very shortly."

At 10:30 the two prowlers reported: "A little rain followed by deadly calm."

At 10:37 they added: "Black cloud in southwest but skies clear and stars shining in southwest Topeka."

At 10:43, police headquarters: "Most people in cellars."

At 10:50, the weather bureau: "Storm diminished intensity as it approached Topeka and there appears no further danger of tornado. This is the all clear."

S. C. Governor Hits North's Race Dealings

RIVERS' BRIDGE, S. C. (AP)—Northern advocates of racial integration were challenged today by South Carolina Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. "to cast off their hypocrisy and accept the Negro into their communities, their institutions and their families."

Timmerman called on "the integrationist to prove his sincerity" by supporting a program of voluntary migration of Negroes from the south to communities "where racial mixing is acceptable."

He said, "A federal program of financial aid to enable those who want to mix to move" to other areas "would cost only a fraction" of the billions advocated for foreign aid.

Timmerman spoke at the 80th annual Rivers' Bridge Confederate Memorial Assn. Ceremonies that commemorate a Civil War battle near here.

Calling that war the "war of northern aggression," Timmerman charged that its cause was not Negro slavery in the south but the determination of northern plutocrats to establish national control under which the policies of the north would determine the policies of the nation.

GETTYSBURG "MECCA"

Gettysburg, Pa., where President Eisenhower has a farm, "could become an eastern mecca of integration," Timmerman continued. "High officials in Washington could establish their homes there and enjoy the blessings that they advocate for other people."

He maintained that "the time has come for the south to assert political strength" since "the current trend in national affairs clearly indicates that the south can expect little consideration unless the states of the south are willing to organize."

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and rather warm today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning 53
Low tomorrow morning 55
High yesterday 79
High today 85
High tomorrow 87
Sunrise 5:23 a.m.; sunset 7:16 p.m.

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SUDDENLY IT'S SUMMER
TOKYO—(AP)—Summer came suddenly to Tokyo today. The mercury hit 86.5 degrees, the hottest May weather in the Japanese capital since 1944.

Go First to FIELDS—Sterling FRIENDSHIP RINGS \$1. (Adv.)

Who'll Be Chairman? County Democrats Split Over Chief

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Democratic party in Mecklenburg County may split wide open at the County Convention tomorrow.

The source of disagreement: Who'll succeed David McConnell as chairman of the party's executive committee.

The "old guard" of the party is pushing Linn D. Garibaldi, presently campaign manager for Ben E. Douglas.

A "people's choice" group, a new lineup of party members, is pushing hard for attorney W. M. Nicholson.

Late Monday or early tomorrow the factions may get together on a candidate.

VIKE FULL OF SPIZERINTUM DESPITE TV

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) thinks television floodlights some enemies show President Eisenhower "looking aged" while actually, Wiley says, the chief executive is "young, vigorous and full of spizerintum."

Wiley made the remarks at the White House yesterday as he and the President posed for a photograph in Eisenhower's office in the glare of powerful floodlights.

Stars' Walkout Closes Circus

OKNARD, Calif. (AP)—The American Guild of Variety Artists has closed the Clyde Beatty Circus. Karl Knudson, advance man for the circus, said the show equipment has left Los Angeles by train for Denning, N.M., the circus' winter headquarters. He added:

"All future plans of the circus are temporarily canceled." An AGVA representative said the walkout was ordered because of \$15,000 in back pay owed performers.

Reynolds Dividend

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of 9 cents a share on the 3.60 series of preferred stock and 81 1/2 cents a share on series 4.50 preference stock. Dividends are payable July 2 to stockholders of record June 8.

For Murder Six Years Ago Firing Squads Execute Two

By HOWARD S. BENEDICT
POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP)—Volunteer firing squads executed two midwestern men at dawn today for a murder they committed more than six years ago.

The riflemen fired at 5:14 a.m. (MST). A doctor pronounced Verne Alfred Braesch and Melvin Leroy Sullivan dead one minute later.

Braesch, 30, of Reinbeck, Iowa, and Sullivan, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., were convicted of the Oct. 22, 1949, slaying of a Beaver, Utah, service station attendant.

Legal action delayed three previously scheduled executions. The execution took place at the Utah State Prison, located in a rural area 20 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Shaking hands betrayed the taunt nerves of the two killers as they were strapped side by side, in execution chairs in the prison compound. A shot of morphine aided them.

A black hood was placed over the head of each and black hair shaped targets pinned over their hearts.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Wells was convicted, read the death warrants. He then asked the condemned men if they had anything to say. They both said, "No."

Wells walked his hat as a signal and 10 rifles—five in each execution squad—cracked in unison. BLANK IN EACH SQUAD

Four bullets into the targets pinned with each of the killers. One rifle in each squad contained a blank shell—no one knew which. Braesch's body lurched forward as far as the strap would allow and then it was still. Sullivan uttered a sharp cry and slumped in his seat.

The shirts of both men turned a bright crimson.

Only a few hours before their execution the two condemned men issued a statement saying: "May our tragic lives and ending serve as a warning to all—youth and old."

NO 'FAIR CHANCE'

They blamed their situation on a lack of "a fair chance in life." "Coming from broken homes," they said, "we grew up in neglect."

Wells said the two convicted killers spent an uneasy night in their cells on death row where they had been since December, 1949.

Sullivan's mother and sister and

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