

City Is Officially Entry Port

Ceremony Opens New Era For Greenville

A half-hour ceremony this morning at the Greenville Port Terminal marked the opening of the city as an official Customs port of entry.

With some 85 local businessmen and city, county, state and federal officials on hand, New Orleans Customs officer Claude E. Blancq briefly outlined the benefits the port of entry designation would bring to the area.

The ceremony, originally scheduled to take place at Schelben Park on the levee, was moved into the port's terminal building because of the intermittent rain which fell all morning.

Blancq, assistant collector of customs at New Orleans, said Greenville had been made a port of entry because of the vessel documentation workload created by the large number of towboats from the port and the operation of the Brent freighter, Ruth Ann, as an international trade vessel.

As a port of entry, Greenville will be open to any vessels in foreign trade to enter, discharge and take on cargo and clear cargo for export, Blancq said. Also, vessels in the Greenville port area will be able to be documented and addressed here rather than in Baton Rouge, he added.

OVER the last three years, he said, local ship owners have had to pay an average of \$900 a year for these services elsewhere. There will be no charges for the same services here, except for an occasional small fee.

Blancq said that because the potential workload presently did not justify a full-time deputy collector, a part-time deputy would be "hired" immediately to operate a local office some 12-15 hours a week. Interviews for the job will start tomorrow morning at the new customs office at the federal courthouse and post office building.

Until the local deputy collector is hired, Frederick R. Berger, deputy collector in Houma, La., will run the Greenville office and set it in operation. Berger, also on the speakers platform, has been in Greenville since Thursday and will remain for several weeks, Blancq said.

"It is up to you people in the Greenville area to develop foreign trade to the extent it will justify a full-time deputy," Blancq emphasized.

Port Commissioner Conwell Sykes acted as master of ceremonies at the 11 a.m. ceremony. It was opened with an invocation by the Rev. T. Robert Fulton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Sykes said the occasion marked the day when "Greenville has truly become a port city of the Delta. It will contribute materially to the development of Greenville as a port and of the Delta as industrial area."

ON THE platform with Blancq, Sykes and Berger were Jesse



New Era Opens

The five men who will play key roles in Greenville's new status as a port of entry talk over prospects for the city's water transportation industry. The five are (l.-r.) Col. Milton P. Barschdorf, port director; Jesse Brent, towboat company president whose activities were instrumental in earning the port of entry designation for the city; George McMillan, president of the Washington County Port Commission; Frederick Berger, who will be temporary collector of customs here, and Claude E. Blancq, deputy collector of customs, New Orleans district.



Teamwork Pays Off

Greenville's river port is a mid-Delta enterprise. Illustrating its broad impact are four mid-Delta leaders who represent agencies and governments directly concerned with the development of the Port of Greenville as it begins its new status as a port of entry. The four men pictured above are (l.-r.) B. F. Smith, executive vice president of Delta Council, George F. Archer, mayor of Greenville, Conwell Sykes, port commissioner, and W. P. Powers, president of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

U. S. Accepts Indian Request For Arms Aid

NEW DELHI (UPI)—India appealed for U. S. arms to help battle invading Chinese Communists today and announced it has lost up to 2,500 troops killed and missing in 10 days of fighting.

Disclosure of the first overall casualty toll came shortly after the U. S. embassy here announced that India had asked for arms and the United States immediately agreed to supply them.

Shortly afterward, an Indian spokesman confirmed that the Americans had offered to "assist in any way they can" in sending supplies to aid India's defense effort.

In announcing the toll of dead and wounded Indian troops, a spokesman said: "It is estimated that Chinese casualties are much higher."

The announcement came shortly after U. S. Ambassador John Kenneth Galbraith met with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and gave him a letter from President Kennedy expressing "full sympathy and support by the United States for India's

Meredith Notes Silence Of State Negro Students

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—Negro James Meredith says any talk of his admittance to the University of Mississippi apparently has been declared taboo in the state's Negro school system.

Meredith said in a telephone interview from Oxford Sunday, that he had received thousands of letters from students in other states but not more than a handful from Mississippi.

"Either students in Mississippi are being pressured, or they are against my enrollment, or they are insensitive to the situation," he told United Press International. "The first reason seems the most likely."

"I haven't even received a single word from my old school, Jackson State College," Meredith added.

The 29-year-old Air Force veteran said he recently got a letter from two Negro high school students in the state who added, "as you know, we can't sign our names."

Meredith said he checked with a teacher at the students' school who told him faculty members and students were not allowed to discuss his enrollment.

Meredith said he had hoped his entrance to the school would have its greatest effect on Mississippi's Negro youth.

"But, contrary to students the world over, Negro college students in Mississippi have been totally and completely silent," he said.

Asked to comment on a claim by the Citizens Councils, that he would never be able to attend Ole Miss without an armed guard, Meredith replied: "They would have more knowledge than I would about those things."

Home Damaged By Gas Can Blast, Fire

A gasoline explosion and fire damaged the W. M. Bramlett home, 2694 Old Leland Road, near Fish Lake Bridge, Sunday morning.

Assistant Fire Chief Joe Harper said Bramlett was painting his home when paint spilled and while he was cleaning the paint from the floor with a container of gasoline an explosion resulted and several windows were blown from the house.

Khrushchev Promises To Pull Out Cuban Missiles

U.S. Remains Cautious As Crisis Is Relaxed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States kept its guard up in the Caribbean today while President Kennedy sought speedy fulfillment of Russia's promise to pull her missiles out of Cuba.

Negotiations on Soviet weapon withdrawal from Cuba under U.N. supervision were in progress at the United Nations. American representatives were instructed to be cooperative, but alert to resist any delay that would permit the rockets to stay on their Cuban pads many more days.

The President today named former disarmament adviser John J. McCloy to head a three man U. S. coordinating committee to handle developments involved in "the conclusion of the Cuban crisis."

The committee will be involved in discussions at the United Nations and will concern itself with implementation of the points raised in recent communications between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The other two members of the committee are Undersecretary of State George Ball and Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell Gilpatric. Ball and Gilpatric left for New York today to join McCloy. The latter has been at U. N. headquarters as a special adviser to U. S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson on the Cuban situation.

Kennedy's announcement came as the United States maintained its guard in the Caribbean until there is verification of the Russian promise to withdraw missiles from Cuba.

THE U. S. naval blockade and aerial surveillance of the Cuban sites will continue until U. N. Secretary General Thant can make arrangements for inspection of the removal of the rockets.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov has arrived in New York from Moscow to join in the negotiations.

The White House announced that the coordinating committee head by McCloy would "give full time and attention to the matters involved in the conclusion of the Cuban crisis."

"The members will act under the supervision of the three Cabinet members concerned, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, De-

fense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, and Ambassador Stevenson, and will report to the President," the White House said.

Ball and Gilpatric attended today's one-hour meeting of the executive committee of the National Security Council, the key policy-making group which has met daily with Kennedy to survey developments in the missile crisis.

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Khrushchev changed the crisis picture suddenly Sunday when he announced he had ordered his missile bases in Cuba to be dismantled, the weapons crated and shipped home. The Russian leader informed Kennedy the removal could be verified under U.N. supervision.

THE President, after a Sunday conference with the National Security Council (NSC) executive committee, quickly saluted Khrushchev's move as "statesmanlike."

"We step back from danger," said Kennedy.

This was polite understatement. Until Khrushchev's Sunday message, the United States was moving rapidly toward military action to nullify the ready-to-fire medium range (1,200 mile) ballistic missiles stationed and manned by Russians in Cuba.

Military strength to undertake this action remained in readiness. The southernmost Florida Keys bristled with weapons and men.

Kennedy was to meet again this morning with the NSC group. Secretary of State Dean Rusk Sunday night called in Latin American ambassadors for a secret briefing on the latest U.S. evaluation of the Cuban situation.

Khrushchev in his Sunday note to Kennedy made no mention of having consulted Cuban Premier Fidel Castro on the missile removal. In Havana Castro tried hard to avoid becoming a forgotten figure in the big league power play. The Cuban leader took to the broadcast waves Sunday to in-

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New School Dedicated To Veteran Teacher

Greenville's newest school was dedicated yesterday afternoon to a Negro teacher who has spent nearly 50 years in the city school system.

Melissa Manning Elementary School, which was opened just last month, was formally dedicated in ceremonies in the school auditorium which drew over 100 guests. Featured in the program were the honoree, Mrs. Melissa Manning; B. Hal Buchanan, superintendent of Greenville schools; W. L. Featherstone, school board president; Roy D. Campbell, school board vice president; Frank Hall Sr., architect-engineer for the building, and James O. Garner, new principal of the school.

Platform guests were Mayor George F. Archer and city councilmen Jake Markuson, R. A. Blackmon and Bryan Wilson; school board member Frank England Jr.; F. E. Hall, whose firm built the school; W. B. Thompson, assistant superintendent of city schools; G. P. Maddox, superintendent of Negro education; Mrs. M. V. Manning Jones, daughter of the honoree, and Negro school principals F. D. Hill, L. R. Hill and T. L. Weston.

The Coleman High School glee club sang. An open house followed the ceremonies.

BUCHANAN, in the opening remarks, said the school was a tribute to the desire and determination of the citizens of the Greenville Separate School District. Architect-engineer Hall said the building is designed to create an environment for learning and said that creative man — either a teacher or a builder — "breathes life" by benefitting his fellow man.

Featherstone said the prosperity of this nation consists of abundant education and that education is linked to freedom and democracy in that informed citizens are the bulwark of democracy.

He said the Manning School is an act of hope, an expression of confidence in a world beset with problems. The new school, he said, "stands as a symbol of our expectation that our children and our children's children will continue to enjoy freedom of speech and thought."

Mrs. Manning, after receiving a bouquet of roses from the Washington County Unit of the Alcorn College alumni association, said it was the happiest day of her life. To the school leaders and city officials she said solemnly: "For your kindness, interest and consideration, I am deeply grateful."

Campbell called the new school a Temple of Learning and

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Castros Demand U.S. Surrender Guantanamo; Dare Us To Invade

MIAMI (UPI)—The Castro brothers have demanded the surrender of the U. S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, and dared the United States to invade their Soviet-infiltrated country.

Premier Fidel Castro started the ball rolling Sunday with the publication of a five-point demand for guarantees against aggression shortly after Premier Nikita Khrushchev announced Russia will dismantle its Cuban missile bases.

However, he did not repeat his earlier declaration that United Nations observers never would be allowed in Cuba.

CASTRO's program included a demand that the United States get out of the \$76 million base, on which it has a 99-year lease, and return it to Cuba.

The premier's brother Paul, chief of Cuba's armed forces, toned down the demand somewhat in a bitter anti-American speech at a mass meeting in Santiago Sunday night which included a challenge to the United States to invade Cuba.

Paul asked for "peaceful return" of the base. U. S. spokesmen, however, said there was "not a chance" that America would give up the installation.

Air-Conditioned Schools Plan Clears Hurdle

A major hurdle has been cleared from the path of the Greenville Separate School District in its attempt to gain state approval for the construction of two air-conditioned schools here, but some still remain.

Supt. B. Hal Buchanan said this morning the state Education Finance Commission has approved the district's preliminary plans for the two schools and authorized the district to proceed with final plans for submission to the commission.

The state agency's order emphasized that approval of the preliminary proposals "is not to be considered as a final approval of this project or of such plans." Greenville voters last July passed a \$1,400,000 bond issue for construction of an air-conditioned white junior high school and Negro junior-senior high.

The School Board then requested that the remaining money left to Greenville's credit in the minimum education program be released. Heretofore, the commission has never approved the use of state funds in the construction of an air-conditioned school.

HOWEVER, after several months of conferences and negotiations, the commission on Oct. 16 gave its sanction to the preliminary plans and a go-ahead for final plans. The board last week discussed the commission's action in executive session, with Buchanan releasing the details today.

Several agencies must give final approval to the air conditioned schools before they can be built, Buchanan pointed out. These are the commission, the division of school buildings and transportation of the State Department of Education, and the Mississippi Health Office.

The finance commission added several requirements which the board approved in its executive session last week. Among them were the stipulation that a secondary exit be provided for each classroom, that corridors not be used for return air in the air conditioning system and that the cafeteria be operated on a plate lunch rather than individual serving basis.

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First reports said the dynamiting of the power stations would temporarily halt a sixth of Venezuela's oil output, but a government spokesman said later that it would have no effect on production.

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French Voters Back DeGaulle But More Trouble Lies Ahead

PARIS (UPI)—President Charles de Gaulle won the backing of French voters in a national referendum approving his plans for the popular election of future presidents. But the narrowness of his majority signalled trouble ahead for France's Fifth Republic.

Premier Georges Pompidou said the results gave De Gaulle no cause to resign. The 72-year-old president had threatened to quit unless he received a heavy majority.

De Gaulle's proposal for popular election of presidents received 61.75 per cent of the ballots cast, but this represented only 46.44 per cent of the total electorate.

IT WAS his lowest total in four referendum votes since returning to power in 1958 and the first time less than 50 per cent of the electorate backed a De Gaulle proposal.

The president could not be reached for a statement, even by his own government ministers, so Pompidou spoke without consulting De Gaulle.

"The president took the stand that the majority in his favor must not be either mediocre or indecisive," he said. "I do not think these adjectives apply in this case."

The vote totals showed 12,808,848 in favor of popular election of presidents and 7,932,399 against. This represented votes of 77.35 per cent of the electorate.

The existing method of choosing the president had been a vote by about 50,000 local politicians acting as electoral college.

Surgeon General Calls Smoking Hazards Study

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The government has begun a study to find out how big a health threat tobacco is to the 70 to 100 million Americans who smoke.

Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, in naming 10 medical experts to the special new advisory committee, said its first task will be to investigate the "nature and magnitude of the health hazard" of tobacco.

Five years ago, Terry's predecessor, Leroy E. Burney, said the weight of medical evidence "is increasingly pointing in one direction: that excessive smoking is one of the causative factors in lung cancer."

Weather

FORECAST — Mostly cloudy and mild with occasional rain and scattered thundershowers today, becoming partly cloudy and a little cooler late tonight and tomorrow. High today 65-75. Low tonight 48-54. Outlook Wednesday: Fair and mild.

High temperature for the 24-hour period preceding 8:20 a.m. today 73 degrees, low temperature 54 degrees. Temperature 64 at 8:20 a.m. Rainfall .03.

THE tobacco industry has an estimated annual income of more than \$7.5 billion and pays about \$3 billion a year in state and federal taxes.

17 million Americans and the economies of six states could be drastically affected by a negative government decision about tobacco.