



They're Making Plans To Feed The Hungry

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What ever happened to our hungry school children? They're still with us. But a special Social Planning Council study committee is making progress toward a solution of the problem of these youngsters, whose plight was revealed in a series of Charlotte News articles in December and January.

News today the committee has determined the responsibility for providing lunches to youngsters who can't afford them rests with the schools. Now, the committee and school authorities — who agree with the committee's conclusions — are working together to find a practical way of feeding the children.

WORK OUT MECHANISMS

There is no difference of opinion on the responsibility, Mr. Van Allen said, the question

is to work out the mechanics for meeting the need. "The committee and schools are working on this together," Mr. Van Allen said. "These are some of the things Mr. Van Allen will tell the Social Planning Council when he gives it an interim report Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the directors room at First Union National Bank."

As for a final report from the committee, Mr. Van Allen said it probably will come in the fall. When the committee was appointed by Herbert Hinch, chairman of Social Planning Council of United Community Services, it was instructed to do these things: determine the responsibility for meeting it, and to implement ways of doing something about feeding school children who go hungry because their parents cannot afford lunches.

The committee, which began working shortly before Christmas, has determined that there is need. Mr. Van Allen said, and that the responsibility for meeting it lies with the school authorities. Suggestions for solving the problems of needy hungry school children will be made later. It is hoped the ideas will prove helpful, Mr. Van Allen said.

At the time The News brought this problem to the attention of the public, it was estimated approximately 2,800 school children went without lunches because parents could not afford either to pack sandwiches or buy hot lunches at school. Contributions which followed the News series have reduced the hungry by several hundred.

Included in the number of children who are considered deserving of free lunches but who do not receive them are those who receive welfare checks — At-Dependent Children grants. NOT ENOUGH Mr. Van Allen said ADC checks include less than \$2.50

per month for lunches for these children. The cost in the city lunchrooms would be about \$5.25 per month. City lunchrooms have been feeding about 250 free lunches per day out of cafeteria income, but because so few could be fed, it was decided to exclude ADC recipients. The largest problem of hungry school children is in city schools, but there also was some need in the Negro county schools. County white school

principals said they were feeding all of their needy children. Other communities meet the problem in various ways. Some have special functions to raise funds. At least one North Carolina town receives help through a united fund. The local study committee is not expected to recommend community participation, but to work through the schools where it believes the legal obligation lies.



Bread Litters Crescent Ave. At Scene Of Wreck After Truck Is Turned Upright

Bread Litters Street

Car-Truck Crash Injures Motorist

A spectacular collision between a bread truck and a car critically injured a Negro man early today at the corner of Crescent Ave. and Colonial Ave.

Henry Robinson, 31, 2, was haw, was admitted to Mercy Hospital with lacerations and head injuries. He was the driver of the bread truck. The driver of the Charlotte Bread Co. truck, David Hildreth, escaped the accident with only minor arm and face injuries. Police said both the bread

truck and the car were total losses.

The front ends of both vehicles were nothing more than a tangled mass of metal when wreckers pulled them from the street this morning.

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Agriculture Dept. Hit, Funds Cut

By William F. Arbogast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee approved today of "complete disregard for the law," criticized its policies, and cut its 1960 funds by \$142,199,365.

In recommending \$3,939,165,486 for the department's activities for the year starting July 1, the committee called for a much more active program of selling surplus commodities overseas.

Along with that criticism, it contended that many of the department's operations "are of more benefit to the general public than to the farmer."

"The situation in agriculture does not present a good picture," the committee said in a report written by Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (Miss.).

For the department's regular activities, the committee recommended \$2,235,843,385, a cut of \$42,199,365 from the President's requests.

ANOTHER CUT For the Commodity Credit Corp., which handles surplus commodities and other farm programs, it allotted \$2,705,521,913, a cut of 100 million dollars. It said "this amount can be obtained by a return to competitive sales as directed by the law."

For loan programs, which are not direct appropriations, it approved \$421 million dollars. This was an increase of \$3 million, all of it for the Farmers Home Administration which handles production and subsistence and farm ownership loans. The Rural Electrification Administration's share of the loan authorizations was 215 million, the amount requested.

The committee criticized what it called the department's failure to sell its surplus commodities on a competitive basis throughout the world. The existing policy, it said, "has invited expansion in foreign production" and has boosted storage and handling costs for the Commodity Credit Corp.

Failure to make world sales of surplus cotton, the committee said, "shows a complete disregard for the law" and "can only lead to further damage to the U.S. farmer, the Treasury, and the taxpayer."

The loss of that cotton, the committee said, "is a disaster which would have prolonged the war for years. Churchill and the British chiefs of staff knew better, and they were right."

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(AP Photos)

Who's Whose Boss?

Four-year-old Laura Strong of Minneapolis eyes her Irish wolfhound, Brogan, and gets eyed right back as the dog competes in the annual pet show at Northrop College School in Minneapolis. Brogan wasn't listed among the prize winners; but, nevertheless, he threw his weight around.

For '42 Invasion

Monty Calls U.S. Troops 'Unfit'

OXFORD, England (AP) — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery declared today Britain voted a U.S. plan to invade Europe in 1942 on the ground that available American troops were unfit to face the Germans.

Montgomery said any such invasion that year would have been an Allied disaster.

Addressing Oxford University students, Montgomery, revived one of the great controversies of World War II — whether the West should have staged a second front in 1942 as the Russians were demanding.

Montgomery recalled that early in 1942 military planners in Washington, among them Gen. Eisenhower, prepared for a cross channel operation. He added:

"In my opinion the American plan would have involved the Allies in a disaster which would have prolonged the war for years. Churchill and the British chiefs of staff knew better, and they were right."

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Soviet Version Would Cut Ties With West

GENEVA (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko introduced today the Big Four conference today the Soviet Union's proposed peace treaty for divided Germany.

The treaty as published by Moscow in its original form last January would force West Germany to sever its ties with the Western powers.

The United States, Britain and France months ago rejected this whole approach to the problem of a German peace settlement.

Western informants said after a quick examination of the version presented by Gromyko at today's conference, session that its apparently contained no substantial changes.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said in a speech in Russia yesterday that peace must be made "with the two actually existing German states." The Soviet plan is completely at loggerheads with the Western package proposal, introduced here yesterday, which calls for a peace treaty with a unified Germany.

COMMENT MADE Gromyko was reported to have made some preliminary comments on the Western plan today.

The package plan ran into a wave of Soviet opposition.

But Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev made clear in a speech in Kishinev that the Soviet position is exactly what it has been.

He declared West Berlin "must become a free city" — a sham of the Western defense forces. He renewed his call for a German peace treaty "concluded jointly with the 2 actually existing German states," and said again that the unification of East and West Germany is a question for those two governments to decide by themselves.

He also threatened again to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany if the West does not go along.

These views, at complete loggerheads with those of the West, were broadcast by Moscow radio hours after U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter had unwrapped the Western package before the conference here.

Soviet and East German press organs unanimously rejected the Western plan. The Soviet news agency, Tass, said the proposals were "based on obsolete conceptions which ignore the existence of two German states."

Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, termed the plan a "new version of old ideas whose unsoundness already has been shown in life and in the practice of international relations."

The East German agency ADN said the Western proposals were completely unacceptable, and would "turn all of Germany into a nuclear power keg."

The next move at Geneva was clearly up to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Khrushchev's words appeared to fore-shadow Soviet rejection of the whole Western proposal, possibly at today's session of the conference.

Our Weather Sunny and cooler this afternoon. Fair and rather cold tonight with the risk of scattered frost. Tomorrow, sunny and a little warmer.

High yesterday 80 High expected tomorrow 72 Low this morning 43 Low expected tomorrow 42 Sunrise 5:30 a.m.; sunset 7:30 p.m.

More weather data on Page 2-A

PRICE ON SCORE

R. H. Stone of Wilson, N.C. legislative representative, said: "They would place a price tag on achievement of a minimum (test) score."

He said passing the suggested examination would be no insurance of success in teaching.

Failure to achieve a minimal test score would not disqualify anyone from securing or keeping a teaching job, the report given by Hill stated.

It said recommendations are in addition to the existing system of certifications and pay and will not, in any way, reduce existing pay and benefits for anyone.

The subcommittee said it would not recommend a "merit rating system."

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His 'Foolish' Trip Ended In Ordeal

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (AP) — A somewhat subdued adventurer, rescued after more than two days fighting rapids and rocks in the Grand Canyon, today blamed ignorance and foolishness for his ordeal.

"It was my first attempt to run the river by canoe," said Earl Francis, 27, of San Manuel. "And I believe it will be the last, too."

Francis went without food or sleep for 2 1/2 days while he struggled nine miles down the dangerous Colorado from the Sedona dam. Rapids where he came capsize.

Water-soaked, exhausted, and hugging his dog, Cadillac, Francis was hauled from the river yesterday by a group of National Park Service rescuers.

"A guy's kinda foolish to try something like that," he said after reaching the south rim of the canyon today.

"They tell me it's foolish to get on that river without a special rig. They require a permit and inspect the rig before approving any trips and that the way it should be done. But I didn't know about it."

"They should never allow anyone to go alone."

BEGAN UPSTREAM Francis and his dog started the trip at Lee's Ferry, about 20 miles upstream from Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the canyon.

"It's beautiful country and I wanted to get some pictures," he said.

He said he had put the worst part of the river behind him "and then I let a little ripple throw me."

He lost all his supplies with the canoe, which was found floating on the river at Phantom Ranch.

But Francis and his dog had no life preservers which kept them afloat and managed to

stay out of the worst of the river's boiling rapids as they struggled downstream. There were few places they could get out of the water, which flows rising hundreds of feet.

"Did you sleep?" "I don't know if you ever tried to sleep on a rock — but no."

Francis said he figured he was "very lucky" that the mishap occurred where it did. He had just passed a particularly rough rapid where he would have had little chance to survive.

"It was a rough trip, but as bad as it might have been," Semann retorted, "I do have a glass eye."

The defendant, unnamed, was found innocent.

Smash Showing The Englewood, N. J., Air-Force Anonymous chapter had a meeting last night and John

Patrick Clougher, 34, showed up.

After he smashed a bottle of wine to the floor, others present had him arrested on a drunk and disorderly charge.

For The Birds The London breed reported with a straight face today that one Edgar Tickle lost a pair of valuable mynah birds, then recovered them because they remembered their telephone number.

One found a telephone line man and croaked "Uplands 1338." The other flew up to sunbathing Betty Blackford, said, "I love you," then gave

his phone number and was returned.

Silly Season Connor Precinct police in Detroit are wondering just what the heck is going on these days. Odd events include:

The loss of half a utility pole which somebody cut with a power saw; Hatanap, in which 27 assorted hats and caps were recovered; The theft of a packet of love letters; Two other theft cases, one in which the radiator of a parked car was stolen, the other in which several chairs are the only missing items from several offices.