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The Guard Gets Ready



Sgt. S. L. Parsons Belongs Command



Air Guardsman Victor A. Brawley Gets Blanket, Rifle, Mess Kit, Helmet



'Here's How You'll Carry This Rifle Today—At Trail Arms'

Airmen Learn Infantry's Job On Eve Of Strike Duty

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

Charlotte units of the North Carolina Air National Guard held their 8 a.m. formation today on a flight line, flanked by sleek jet planes.

Monday, the guardsmen will be on the picket line at Henderson, maintaining peace in the town of Henderson and the struck Harriet Henderson Mill.

This morning the guardsmen picked up equipment at ANG headquarters here.

They were issued steel helmets.

"Boy, they're heavy."

They were handed M-1 rifles.

"These things are big."

And some of the guardsmen were issued olive-drab blankets.

"They smell like moth balls."

2-DAY TRAINING

Then the guardsmen launched into the first of a two-day training period. They will go to classes, listen to lectures and attend drill periods.

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The Air Guardsmen will receive Army National Guard units for summer training encampment. The Army Guardsmen have had the job of maintaining the peace at Henderson since May 12.

The Charlotte Air Guard unit will be the first Air Guardsmen to go to Henderson.

Air Guardsmen face a two-week period of virtual isolation.

They will be housed in the Armory at Henderson and will stay there except when on duty at the gates of the mill or in other official duties.

NO PASSES

Guardsmen will not be given passes except for emergencies. The men will not be allowed to fraternize with civilians at Henderson.

Actually, there will be more to do than simply maintain the peace at Henderson.

Support units provide mess facilities. The motor pool will maintain vehicles. Other units

of the Air Guard will provide supplies.

BYRD COMMANDS

The Air Guard task force will be commanded by Col. Henry C. Byrd Jr., and has been designated the 145th Air Police Support Group (Provisional).

Air Guardsmen got their first taste of Army life this morning when they picked up the heavy infantry equipment.

They'll get their second taste early Sunday morning when they climb aboard borrowed Army trucks for the convey trip to Henderson.

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—LITTLE CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD— What Of Chief Selvey?—He's Hurt

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Ernest Selvey is a plump man who is rapidly losing his hair. He's usually a jovial fellow, but he's finding it a little hard to smile right now.

Today he's Charlotte's police chief. But he probably won't be after next week.

When Ernest Selvey talks about the chain of events that has made a political football out of him, tears fill his gray-blue eyes.

He was named acting chief on Aug. 13, 1958, and was given the post permanently on Nov. 26, 1958.

"I'd be telling you a lie if I said I wasn't hurt," he says. "I'm deeply hurt."

Ernest Selvey has been a policeman for 21 years. He's been a beat for five years and worked his way up to captain in January, 1958.

OLD RANK?

When Jesse James takes over later this month, Selvey will probably go back to his captaincy, but that will be determined by the new chief.

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Court Bill Faces Last Appraisal

RALEIGH (AP)—The Senate was set today for final action on a compromised court reform bill and a proposed new constitution.

Both measures require three-fifths majorities in the Legislature before they can be presented to the state's citizens for their approval.

After the judicial bill was approved by a 40-7 vote on second reading Thursday, its chief promoter, Mecklenburg Sen. J. Spencer Bell told newsmen, "I'm as happy as a pig in a hog wallow. It's still a good, sound bill."

Sen. Lindsay C. Warren, major foe of the proposal, objected to a provision which gave the State Supreme Court administrative control over the court system.

His amendment, enabling the Legislature to veto Supreme Court regulations, drew most of the opposition to the proposal—a watered-down version of a court reform program recommended by a State Bar—committee led by Bell.

BIG MAJORITY

The Senate defeated an amendment by New Hanover's Cicero Yow to enable the General Assembly to modify or amend Supreme Court rulings. Bell fought the Yow suggestion.

The Senate passed the revised constitution on second reading Thursday by a big 43-2 majority after an amendment was passed limiting big counties to one state senator.

The amendment passed 49-7 with big city senators lined up in solid opposition.

A similar amendment was approved by the Assembly several years ago, but the people rejected it in a statewide election.

The proposed constitution guarantees freedom of speech, increases legislative pay from \$15 to \$20 a day and outlines a plan of succession if the governor is incapacitated.

Magistrates Favor Vote

RALEIGH (AP)—"Certainly the people of North Carolina are competent to judge the judges who judge them."

With this remark by chairman W. J. Thomas, the North Carolina Magistrates Assn. has reiterated its stand against appointment of judges.

Thomas commented Thursday on a feature of a court reform bill, up before the Senate today, which would require that judges be elected by the people.

He added he believed such an amendment "would be a great factor in securing the approval of the voters when this constitutional amendment is submitted to the people."

The court reform bill must pass both Houses by three-fifths majority. It could be turned over to the people in a popular election.

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Selvey leaves the chief's office with a sad heart. His friends don't think he's been given a chance.

Neither does he.

"I would have loved to have had the chance to make good," he says.

"I don't feel I've been given the chance. I think I could have made good."

The chief says he has not had a chance to put his plans into operation.

SET TO MOVE

He was about ready to reorganize the department by naming more chief officers.

Atlanta Given Time To Lift School Bars



Mother Discovers Tragedy

Mrs. Imogene Kleppin (left, plaid dress) at an accident scene in Milwaukee after hearing siren. She learned that her daughter Linda, 2, and sister, Mary Ann Chalklin, 14, had been killed by a truck. Her son Daniel, 3, was injured in same mishap. At right, she is aided by police, treated for shock.

Philadelphia Slaying

Dad Offers Aid To Girl's Killer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A father, sick with grief over the senseless slaying of his three-year-old daughter, today wrote an open letter to the people of Philadelphia offering to help the 15-year-old honor student who confessed the slaying.

Anatol Holt, 31-year-old mathematics instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, expressed the thoughts of his tortured mind in a copyrighted article in the Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Dear people of Philadelphia," Holt wrote, "I write to you this morning at the rise of dawn, still in the midst of a tormented grief which has ever seared my soul."

"Yesterday afternoon I lost the most precious thing that life ever gave to me—a 3½ year old girl child. . . . She was murdered at three in the afternoon, in the basement of a house only a few doors away from ours."

NO VENGEANCE

" . . . Had I caught the boy in the act, I would have wished to kill him. Now that there is no undoing of what is done, I only wish to help him. Let no feeling of cave-man vengeance influence us. Let us rather help him who did so human a thing."

Holt, in his 1,300 word letter, said his letter was motivated by "an irrepressible wish to contribute my share of understanding to what has taken place in the hope of thus slightly increasing our understanding of one another."

The letter was written but a matter of hours after the little girl, Becky Holt, was found strangled in a toy closet in the

basement of the home of her teenaged slayer. The boy, Edward Conney Jr., admitted the crime after confessing to his priest. He led authorities to the closet.

"I don't know why I did it. I don't know why," Conney cried.

"You will understand," the professor wrote, "that I am not lecturing to you for the pure joy of sounding wise. I am hurt to the depths of my being and I cry out to you to take better care of your children."

N VILLAINS

He wrote further: "The point I am arguing goes, of course, well beyond the question of children's education."

"Our habit of thinking in terms of villains and heroes extends well beyond our family management, but expresses itself in political attitudes and to conduct of foreign affairs."

"It is very hard to admit, but there are simply no villains on whom to blame it all. There are simply lots of human beings, all with a similar set of fundamental drives, all needing control and love in order to function in society."

"And some of these human beings have had their basic drives so profoundly inhibited—often by being overwhelmingly good for much longer than health and sanity will permit—that the problem of their control poses a most serious problem for society, thus making police departments and armies an unhappy, weighty necessity until we can, as a race, grow some more, and make them less weighty accordingly."

Young Conney told police he strangled the child when she resisted his advances.

Earlier Findings Are Cited

ATLANTA (AP)—Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper ruled today that Atlanta schools cannot remain racially segregated, but he indicated he will not order immediate integration which could lead to closing of the city's classrooms in September.

Instead, it appeared he would allow municipal authorities time to work out an integration pattern. Under present law any integration could result in school closings.

"Even the most ardent segregationists in the land, though bitterly opposed to such ruling, now recognize that racially segregated public schools are not permitted by law," Hooper declared.

His tentative order was handed down at the start of a hearing in which 10 Negro parents seek to rule out segregation in the city's schools.

The case is being heard by Hooper and Judge Boyd Sloan, with a jury. Both men have ruled against segregation in recent cases.

Hooper then allowed attorneys a recess to discuss his preliminary order. However, it is regarded unlikely that the city's attorneys will be able to shake the position taken by the judge and concurred in by Sloan.

The two judges were hearing the case on a tandem but Hooper said there is no provision of law by which two judges can decide an order. There is precedent, he said, for such a judge sit in and confer and Sloan did so in this case.

As he began reading his tentative order, Hooper said he did so "to clarify the atmosphere."

"The order notes that the Georgia Supreme Court is bound by the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court handed down in May of 1954 and in many other cases ruling against segregation in Little Rock, Ark., in Virginia and in other localities."

In stating that even the most ardent segregationists now realize the law, Hooper said, "Even the legislatures of Georgia and of other states recognize that the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court constitutes the law on this question and the various legislatures for some years have been passing laws in order to meet the problem created by such decisions."

Hooper then declared:

"This court cannot at this time make any other ruling except to the effect that the operation of a racially segregated school in Atlanta violates 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution. To make any other ruling would only add to the confusion which already exists in the minds of many of our good citizens and burden up a racially segregated schoolhouse where the rights of our citizens have of escape which would soon be torn into shreds by the rulings of our appellate courts on review."

Gromyko Hints Of Concession

GENEVA (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko reportedly has hinted in secret talks that the Soviet Union may be willing to reach a compromise agreement to maintain their military garrisons in West Berlin indefinitely.

This is said to be one reason why U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and other top Allied diplomats persist in thinking the Big Four conference may yet produce an East-West agreement on Berlin leading to a summit meeting.

The unguarded, underlying optimism apparently was not shaken by Gromyko's flat refusal Thursday to begin detailed negotiations to insure the free flow of Western traffic between West Berlin and West Germany.

The Western ministers asked for a guarantee of free access to West Berlin as a test of Soviet willingness to reach a compromise agreement in the Berlin crisis.

Gromyko said he would give the requested assurance if the West agreed to convert West Berlin into a demilitarized free city—a proposal the Western Allies have rejected because it would leave West Berlin defenseless.

Long Hearing Set June 16

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—Probate Judge Hugh Gibson today set a sanity hearing for Louisiana's Gov. Earl K. Long for June 16.

Judge Gibson's formal order said the hearing is "for the best interests and protection of Earl K. Long as a mentally ill person."

The governor's wife earlier signed documents asking that Gibson hold a hearing aimed at committing Long for mental treatment.

Her action came after the governor showed signs of wanting to leave John Sealy Hospital here, where he started mental treatment Saturday following a husband trip from Louisiana.

The hearing is set for 10 a.m. at the U.S. District Court Courthouse annex.

Mrs. Long's petition asked that the governor be committed for 90 days or less.

Gibson earlier committed the 63-year-old governor to the protective custody of the hospital.

The hearing June 16 will follow Texas law in that Long can be present and be represented by attorneys.

Judge Gibson appointed three Galveston attorneys to represent the Louisiana governor, but he said Long still may name his own attorneys to represent him at the hearing.

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) told his newsmen in Baton Rouge, La., that the name "might be back (at the capital) within a month."

Long had just returned from Galveston, where he conferred with attending physicians.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Saturday.

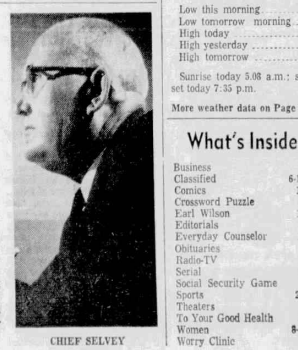
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