



Majority Of Council Lines Up For Foa. Man As City Manager

Opposed By Mayor

Veeder's Career At Florida City A Stormy One

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William J. Veeder has been a controversial figure in the city government of Fort Lauderdale.

Escaped Convict Kills Deputy Near Sanford

SANFORD — A deputy sheriff was killed today while searching for an escaped Negro convict. Two men were wounded when they went to the aid of the officer, who lay mortally wounded in a wheat field.

Mowed down by a shotgun blast at close range was Lee County deputy sheriff J. L. Powers, 29, who was shot in the arm. King got a shotgun pellet in his hip.

Powers was searching for a Negro prison escapee in a wheat field when the shooting took place, according to Lynn Walker, who operates a nearby store.

The Negro was in the edge of a wooded area when Powers approached, Walker said. The shotgun blast caught Powers "either in the face or the heart," Walker said he was told.

A large posse gathered quickly and an intensive search was being conducted at noon today, Walker said.

SECOND SLAYING

It was the second slaying of a North Carolina law enforcement officer within a week. Sheriff T. E. Bebbler, 33, of Alexander County, was shot and killed at Taylorsville last Tuesday while attempting to question Willard Ellis, 38, after a domestic quarrel.

Deputy Powers was married and the father of a 15-year-old boy. He had been a member of the Sanford police force before joining the sheriff's department.

The shooting took place about 9:30 a. m. today near the Cameron's Grove cemetery five miles southeast of Sanford. Residents of the area said food had been stolen from several homes there recently. Law enforcement officers had been conducting a search for an escaped Negro convict in the area.

Nevada Police Hunt For Girl

DAVIS, Calif. (U-P) — California and Nevada police are hunting the 15-year-old daughter of mystery writers Kenneth and Margaret Miller.

Her father uses the pen name "John Ross McDonald." The girl disappeared after leaving a Nevada gambling casino saying she had to get back to school. Linda J. Miller, a sophomore at the University of California branch in Davis, was last seen leaving the casino at Lake Tahoe the night of May 29-31.

Two male companions said Miss Miller told them, "I've got to go... I'll hitchhike back." She was to have been back on the campus by 2 a. m.

She had driven to Stateline, a town at the lake, with two young men from nearby Woodland — Tom Hudson, a dairy worker, and Frank Corjue, a power company employee.

Both told Sheriff L. J. James Gorman that Miss Miller was worried she could not get back to her dormitory by the deadline. Gorman said both told the same story, with only minor discrepancies, and were released.

News of her disappearance had been withheld at first by police and her parents.

Presently he is serving a 90-day probationary period imposed by the new administration which was elected to office last month. They are mayor John V. Russell, who has been elected to his second term, and vice mayor and commissioner Edward H. Johns.

It is Commissioner Johns who has repeatedly attacked City Manager Veeder for his failure to do good public relations work with the citizens by neglecting to answer complaints.

Commissioner Johns also claimed City Manager Veeder was unco-operative, so far as he was concerned, in carrying out the mandates of the commission.

CRISIS REACHED

The major crisis, for Veeder and the Commission, was reached around the first of the year. Without previous consultation with the mayor or commissioners, Veeder presented in 1958 a commission session a recommendation for a five per cent across the board raise for city employees.

This had been recommended by Robert Earle, who held Veeder's old job as personal director for the city.

TURNED DOWN

The commissioners indicated they felt the sudden presentation left them "over a barrel" since the election was only a few months away. But they turned down the recommendation.

Veeder then asked the commissioners to secure a representative from the Public Service Administration in Chicago to survey the salary situation. They accepted and the survey was made at a cost of \$2,000. Thus far, the report of that survey has not been sent the Fort Lauderdale government.

When the new administration took office last month, missing were the three commissioners who had been critical of Veeder. Back were his principal opponents—Russell and Johns.

ON PROBATION

At the first meeting of the new city government, the members of the commission voted to place Veeder on 90-days probation. E. Ross and his two assistants—Robert J. O'Toole and Donald Norman—Veeder had no comment except to say that the commissioners could have his resignation "any time."

The municipal judge may have come under the probation except

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Sgt. Clay Childers, Kannapolis, On Duty At Struck Mill

X15 Makes First Flight

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (U-P)—The rocket ship X15, expected some day to carry man 100 miles high at 4,000 m.p.h., successfully made its first glide test today.

This means the ship was dropped at 30,000 feet from a B2 mother plane, glided for four or five minutes, and landed on a dry lake bed at 230 m.p.h.

Veteran engineer-test pilot Scott Crossfield was at the controls.

The dart-like black craft carried no fuel, and landed on specially created skids.

It has made four previous captive flights, locked under the B2's wing.

The test program has been delayed by various failures of electronic equipment.

Later this year the X15 will undergo tests with jet engines. Next year all-out flight with rocket engines is planned.

WEATHER

Sunny and warm today and tomorrow. Fair to partly cloudy and warmer tonight.

High yesterday — 90
High expected today — 93
High expected tomorrow — 94
Low this morning — 64
Low expected tonight — 65
Sunrise, 5:08 a.m.; sunset, 7:36 p.m.

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Henderson Calm

Charlotte Guard Starts Quiet Duty

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HENDERSON—It was all quiet on the strike front today as Charlotte Air National Guardsmen took over patrol and picket line duty at the son Cotton Mills here.

There were no incidents and no heckling on the picket lines in front of both the North and South mills of the large textile firm.

Charlotte Guardsmen met their first shift at 7 a. m., and will meet every shift — 7 a. m., 3 p. m., 11 p. m. — for the next two weeks. They will also maintain a 24-hour motor patrol through the mill areas.

The Guardsmen shared the mill entrances with pickets beginning at 6:30 a. m. Yesterday, when the Air Guard arrived, the mills were closed for the usual week-end layoff.

About 300 members of the 145th Fighter Interceptor Group, now provisionally an air police group for this state duty at the struck plants, arrived here at 10:30 a. m., and 11 a. m., yesterday in two long convoys. They left Charlotte from Morris Field at 6:30 a. m., traveling U.S. 29 N., U.S. 70 E. and U.S. 15 E.

The 145th is a Charlotte-based Air National Guard unit with

members from all over the Charlotte area, including Badin and Wadesboro. They will be here two weeks. Col. Henry C. Byrd of Charlotte is the commanding officer. He relieved a Hickory-based group commanded by Col. Tom Pressell of Statesville. The National Guard unit here for the past two weeks reported for summer camp at Ft. Bragg yesterday.

Col. Robert Brooks is the deputy commanding officer and Capt. Tom C. McNeill is the operations officer.

One member of the group, Capt. Ben F. Beckert, of Charlotte, died shortly after arrival here yesterday. The fighter pilot died in a local hospital of a heart attack.

Guard units on duty here are being rotated every two weeks to prevent excessive personnel hardships. The Charlotte Air National Guard group is the third to report. The troops are housed in

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Ike Asks Interest Hike

WASHINGTON (U-P)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today to remove the ceilings on interest rates for government savings bonds and other long term obligations and to boost the limit on the national debt.

Eisenhower said the Treasury plans, if Congress permits it, to raise the rate of savings bonds from 3 1/2 per cent to 3 3/4 per cent.

Wiping out of the limit on treasury bonds which run five years or more to maturity, he said, would give greater flexibility to federal financing. The present limit is 4 1/2 per cent. There is no ceiling on bonds of less than five-years maturity.

At the same time, Eisenhower proposed that Congress hike the permanent national debt ceiling from the current \$23 billion dollar to \$28 billion and boost the temporary limit from \$26 to \$29 billion.

In a special message to Congress, the president said these steps are necessary for successful management of the public debt, now at a record 236 billion dollars.

The immediate reaction to Eisenhower's proposals on Capitol Hill was mixed.

Rep. Clarence E. Kilburn of New York, ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee, said Eisenhower was right because "if we're going to get the money we need we've got to raise interest rates."

"When this Congress shows evidence of trying to keep a sound dollar and interest rates coming down, Kilburn added.

Rep. Wright Patman (D-Text), an influential monetary spokesman for House Democrats and vice chairman of the Senate House Economic Committee, said there is no excuse for higher interest rates "except to give the bankers and big-money lenders a larger share of the national income."

Announcing his opposition, Patman said higher interest rates are "the main cause of inflation" because they increase all business costs and prices.

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Veeder Is Choice Of At Least 4

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William J. Veeder, 36-year-old city manager at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., appeared certain of selection as Charlotte's city manager just before this afternoon's session of the City Council.

At least four votes were solidly lined up behind Veeder as councilmen gathered at the City Hall for the weekly council session. And by the time of the formal vote Veeder could have more than just the bare majority of four required for his appointment.

At his conference with councilmen Saturday Mr. Veeder expressed the hope that if he were offered the local job it would be on the unanimous action of the council.

STRONG IMPRESSION

The comparatively youthful municipal administrator made a strong impression on the council members at his interview Saturday and he emerged quickly as the front runner for the job vacated by the retirement of Henry A. Yancy.

At an informal poll of councilmen and Mayor Smith — who doesn't have a vote except in case of a tie — Mr. Veeder was reported to have received six votes but not necessarily all as first choice.

Councilmen were asked to indicate their preference for three candidates after the interviews were concluded Saturday.

Of the five applicants interviewed the last two Saturdays, Mr. Veeder arose rapidly to the top in council consideration.

However, the so-called D-15 four majority was not combined on the Florida man.

CRESSWELL NO. 2

As late as this morning there was still substantial feeling among the council — even in the ranks of the Big Four — for L. B. Cresswell, the city manager at Meridian, Miss., who is a retired Marine major general.

Mr. Veeder, a native of New Amsterdam, N. Y., went to Fort Lauderdale as personnel director and the fact that he "was in personnel" helped some councilmen in their thinking about him.

Selection of a personnel director is one of the tasks facing the new council, members of which are anxious for expansion of the personnel department of the city government.

In their job of finding a successor to Mr. Yancy, councilmen interviewed Frank A. Jackson, city manager at Savannah, Ga., Gerald W. Shaw, city manager at Greenville, S. C., and Gary C. Burnett, city manager at Albany, Ga.

A salary of \$17,500 a year is expected to be paid Mr. Veeder who is at present receiving \$15,000 at Fort Lauderdale, a city slightly in excess of 70,000 population.

Mr. Yancy, who was paid \$15,000 when he came here 13 1/2 years ago was receiving \$20,000 when he retired.

Guided Missile Brings Mail From Sub At Sea

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (U-P) — The Navy today made the first successful delivery of U. S. mail by a guided missile. The missile was fired from a submarine at sea to the Navy's Auxiliary Air Station at Mayport, Fla., at the mouth of the St. Johns River near Jacksonville.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced the successful delivery of a hastily prepared press conference an hour and a half after a Navy Regulus I was brought in to Mayport. The distance traveled by the missile was not disclosed. The Navy would say only that the 60-foot missile was fired from an international waters off the coast—meaning more than three miles out.



WILLIAM J. VEEDER

Selvey Told He Can Fight For His Job

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Police Chief Ernest Selvey, who was scheduled to be relieved of his office today by a majority of the City Council, has a legal right to fight the appointment of a successor.

Chief Selvey said today that attorneys have advised him that it would appear from the city charter he can be removed from office only "for cause"—and only after being heard.

"I have made no plans to appear before the City Council today," he told The News. "I have made no plans to fight the appointment of a new chief at this point. I have been advised that I can fight this, that I could get an injunction, but I am not going to do that at this point."

The new development cropped up just as the City Council was scheduled to name Burlington Police Chief Jesse R. James as Selvey's successor. Four new-by-elected council members — Herbert Hinch, Randy Babcock, Gibson Smith and Brevard Myers and have the necessary four to three voting strength to put him in office.

The section of the city charter which appears to give Chief Selvey the legal right to object to his removal is contained in Paragraph 1, Section 40 under the heading "Police Dept."

THE READING

It reads, "The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the City Council and said Chief of Police may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Council after being heard in his own defense."

The provision has been known to Chief Selvey "all along," he said.

The section does not spell out other reasons for dismissal, only "for cause."

Chief Selvey said he has not retained counsel, although he said he has received "technical advice" from some local attorneys. It is believed he could block the appointment — at least temporarily — if he requested a hearing on his dismissal.

There was strong Selvey support from several quarters in the city today on the eve of the City Council meeting this afternoon.

There was also a reported switch from Selvey to Asst. John Selvey on Page 2A