



## They Get A Big Hello

# LEGISLATORS COME TO TOWN



Governor Hodges Waves Hat Toward Waiting Crowd At Charlotte Airport Terminal

## It's A Busy Day For Lawmakers

Two Pages Of Pictures  
And Stories On 10A, 11A

By BOB SLOUGH  
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North Carolina's General Assembly arrived at Charlotte's Douglas Municipal Airport this morning in the midst of a flurry of activity and set out on a whirlwind tour of the Queen City.

The first aircraft, carrying 32 legislators and their wives, touched down at 9:07 a.m. on an airfield bathed in warm March sunlight and brimming with excited citizens.

Rep. Carson Gregory of Harnett County, one of the first off the plane, said, "I hardly know what to say. This is the most wonderful thing I know of."

Moments later more planes began arriving and excitement mounted as Chamber of Commerce and city officials moved from plane to plane to extend an official welcome to Charlotte.

Gov. Luther Hodges, wearing his ever-present white carnation, flashed a broad grin as he and Mrs. Hodges stepped down the ramp of the big Eastern Airline Super-C Constellation.

### HOORAY FOR DIXIE

Governor and Mrs. Hodges were greeted by the stirring sound of "Dixie." When the music stopped he waved his hat at the band and yelled, "Hooray for Dixie."

"This is a wonderful experience and it is something on which I heartily agree," Gov. Hodges commented. "I think it's wonderful for legislators to visit various parts of the state."

Gov. Hodges saluted "all the people who have made this trip possible."

Arrival of the legislators signaled the beginning of a day filled with activities.

With sirens blaring and red lights flashing the entire airport delegation, led by a car carrying Gov. Hodges, moved from the airport terminal and headed for Owens Auditorium at the first part of the formal program.

### BUS RIDERS ARRIVE

The General Assembly caravan pulled into the parking area at Owens Auditorium at 10:10 a.m. The legislators and state and city officials were met in minutes later by another group of lawmakers that came to Charlotte by bus.

Chamber of Commerce President Duell Duncan, who led off the welcome speeches at Owens Auditorium, assured the legislators they were not invited to Charlotte because the Queen City wanted special favors.

"You are not going to hear today any sort of request for a legislative program tailored to Charlotte's particular need," Mr. Duncan said. "So you can just relax and we hope, enjoy your visit."

### A HAPPY DUTY

Mr. Hodges resumed to a welcome from East Germany's Premier Otto Grotewohl and Communist party leader Walter Ulbricht, officially he is here to visit the trade fair in Leipzig, 110 miles from Berlin.

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## A Sunny Welcome For Guests

By JULIAN SCHEER  
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March, which is traditionally supposed to come in like a lion, played like the lamb for the North Carolina General Assembly today.

No better weather and setting could have been desired for the unique legislative airlift.

Douglas Municipal Airport, brimming with excited local citizens, greeted the lawmakers as seven airplanes from Raleigh brought the lawmakers here for a one-day whirlwind tour of Mecklenburg.

### IT'S "WONDERFUL"

The first aircraft, a Piedmont Prop-jet, landed at 9:07 a.m., carrying 32 legislators and their wives with host Bill Ficklen of the Chamber of Commerce. One of the first off was Rep. Carson Gregory of Harnett County, who drawled, "I hardly know what to say. This is the most wonderful thing I know of."

Gregory's voice was drowned out by a chorus of "Dixie" as the band which flanked the Charlotte sign atop the airport ramp, the band struck up "On Wisconsin" and the lawmakers tipped their hats.

The band was but one of many presenting appointments. The lawmakers had already had a breakfast of juice, fruit, cupcake and coffee aloft after a 7:30 a.m. trip from downtown Raleigh to the Raleigh-Durham airport and hence to Charlotte in perfect flying weather.

Sweepers manned their brooms at the airport terminal just before arrival; a motorized city sweeper cleaned the exterior of the terminal.

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## Our Weather

Fair and mild this afternoon, increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight with a chance of showers by morning. Thursday mild with showers.

Low this morning ..... 26  
Low tomorrow morning ..... 40  
High today ..... 57  
High yesterday ..... 55  
High tomorrow ..... 63  
Sunrise today 6:49 a.m.;  
sunset today 6:21 p.m.

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## Billy's Crowds Blamed For Music Bowl Flood

MELBOURNE, Australia—A downpour flooded Melbourne's new \$45,000 outdoor musical bowl last night, and the crowds that turned out to hear Billy Graham were blamed.

The American evangelist had drawn a total of 250,000 people to the bowl for nightly meetings last week. The vast crowds overflowed onto the grassy mound surrounding the amphitheater, trampling the lawn into one mess.

The heavy rain washed away the earth, clogging the drains and blocking the electric pumps which failed.

Portable pumps were working furiously today to clear the orchestra pit and dressing rooms of half a foot of water.

"It was an act of God," said one of Graham's crusade team. The evangelist had shifted his meetings last night from the bowl in the center of town to the city show grounds four miles away and suffered a sharp drop in attendance.

Between 25,000 and 50,000 people had been coming out nightly at the bowl, but only 15,000 showed last night.

The rain at the time was only a light drizzle. Campaign officials felt it only partly explained the falloff. In an effort to swell his audience, the evangelist announced another special meeting for ten-a-days tomorrow night.

## Separate Peace? Red Leader Hints At German Treaty

LEIPZIG, East Germany (P) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today the Soviet Union will sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany if the West fails to come to terms on an all-German settlement.

Khrushchev accused the West of refusing his proposals on Germany without proposing any alternatives "that a normal human intelligence can agree to."

The Western Allies have refused to recognize Premier Otto Grotewohl's Red East German regime, which never has faced a free election, as a legal government. The West insisted they would not deal with it on Berlin controls that the Russians propose to give up this spring.

The Soviet leader insisted in a 20-minute speech that his government wants only peace—and needs peace to carry out its seven-year economic expansion program.

Khrushchev declared that "only justice can seek solace by war." He made that statement at an airport near East Berlin after arriving from Moscow, where he and Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan wound up talks on cold war issues Tuesday.

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## Tour Timetable

Here is the legislators' schedule while in Charlotte:

- 9 a.m.—Arrive Charlotte airport.
- 9:30 a.m.—Buses depart for Owens Auditorium.
- 10 a.m.—"Welcome" session at auditorium.
- 11 a.m.—Buses depart for Park Center.
- Noon—Joint sessions of House and Senate at Park Center.
- 12:45 p.m.—Depart for luncheon, Myers Park Country Club.
- 2:30 p.m.—Tour of city.
- 5:15 p.m.—Social hour, dinner at Charlotte Country Club.
- 7:30 p.m.—Depart for Coliseum and circus performance.
- 10:30 p.m.—Leave Coliseum for airport and return to Raleigh.

The legislators' wives will tour the estate of former Governor Cameron Morrison at 11 a.m., will have lunch at Ivy's Tulp Terrace at 1, and will be entertained by Belk's at a reception and tea at 3:30. They'll rejoin the men for dinner and the circus performance.

## Cars Are Targets Of Mill Violence

HENDERSON (P)—Observers said about 10 cars were stoned today before highway patrolmen arrived at one of the two strike-bound Henderson cotton mills.

An angry crowd of about 250 spread itself out along the street approaching the Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills' north side plant. Only about 15 persons were on hand at the South Henderson plant, scene of recent disturbances.

The South Henderson group threw rocks at autos carrying incoming workers, hitting several cars. Twenty patrolmen moved to the scene and about 20 more were called from the Henderson plant.

The disturbance quieted down when patrolmen arrested two persons, Louis Barnett and Annie Henderson, in connection with rock throwing. There were no injuries.

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## Futile, Ike Says Mobilization Said Door To Disaster

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower said today it would not only be futile but disastrous for the free world to have general mobilization against possible attack.

Eisenhower told his news conference that the present 15-manule air command is completely appropriate for world conditions.

The President was asked if he believes the strategic bombing force should be put on an alert with part of its planes airborne at all times.

Not under present circumstances, the President replied. He said airborne bombers would be worse than useless against bombing attacks — that they are better off on the ground.

Eisenhower said the day probably will come when it will be necessary to have some planes airborne at all times to counter possible missile attacks.

The President said today Russia's latest note on Germany indicates a lessening of rigidity of the Soviet position.

He told a news conference the U. S. government is taking an optimistic view as possible of the outlook in the light of the Soviet note.

REDS AGREE  
In that note, delivered to the Western Allies earlier this week, Russia reluctantly agreed to a foreign ministers conference on

the Berlin problem. But the Kremlin specified its own terms regarding what is to be included in the discussions.

Eisenhower last week expressed pessimism about chances for an accord with ministers conference.

After commenting today that there seems to be a lessening of rigidity in the Soviet position, the President went on to say that the Western Allies will do everything possible to come up with a constructive reply to Moscow's note.

Eisenhower said, as he has before, that this country always is willing to negotiate when there is evidence the other side is ready to bargain in good faith.

As for Soviet propaganda, Eisenhower cautioned Americans against being taken in whenever the Kremlin cries wolf. We must not allow ourselves to get frightened in connection with rock throwing in the Russian leaders make propaganda threats, he said.

Eisenhower also was asked if he believes mobilization of NATO forces should be one of the steps to be taken to insure maintaining the Western world's access to Berlin.

He replied that general mobilization would mean that each nation in the free world would be into this picture. He said that if we know we are under the threat of attack from missiles or planes coming in our direction we will act as quickly as is humanly possible.

In the news conference, the President dealt with these other topics:

MCELROY — Eisenhower will act as quickly as is humanly possible.

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