



Ike In Happy Mood

President Eisenhower is caught in a happy mood by a newsman's camera as he laughs before addressing the opening session of the United States Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting.

HERTER'S ATTITUDE OPTIMISTIC

By DAVID MASON

PARIS (AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter arrived from Washington today to help wrap up Western proposals on Germany for the Geneva foreign ministers' conference with the Soviet Union.

In a brief arrival statement, Herter said he is confident the West will approach the Geneva meeting "with unity and firmness of purpose."

He referred to disagreements among the Allies over proposals to be made to the Soviet Union saying, "It is wholly natural that the Western Countries should regard the questions to be discussed with the Soviets from somewhat different points of view."

But he said he has no doubt the Western Allies will "agree wholeheartedly" on the position they will take in Geneva.

Herter stepped from his four-engine Air Force plane and walked easily down the ramp. He had a broad smile and warm handshake for the welcoming party.

CRUTCHES HELP

With the aid of crutches he walked over to a group of photographers behind a police barrier and posed for several minutes.

Then Herter went into an airport reception room and made his statement, first in slightly accented French and then in English.

Herter expressed confidence the allies would "reach the right result" as he left Washington by plane Monday night for his first foreign assignment as secretary of state.

Herter is to meet for three days, beginning Wednesday, with the British, French and West German foreign ministers.

The new U.S. Secretary said the Allied ministers "will be primarily concerned with reaching final agreement among ourselves on a common Western position on outstanding questions related to the German problem which can be expected to arise during the Geneva four-power meeting."

BASIS FOUND

"We have found the basis for a general agreement," a top French diplomat reported. An American source added: "I'd be surprised if we didn't have it wrapped up beautifully before Geneva."

The four Western ministers will work on recommendations drawn up by a team of experts at London meetings which ended last week. They also will have suggestions from their North Atlantic Alliance partners who have studied the experts' recommendations.

They may also get a new inkling of Soviet views on the Berlin and German problems from the Warsaw Pact conference which opened in the Polish capital Monday. It is expected to end quickly with a declaration of Communist unity, having apparently been called to encourage the Kremlin's decisions.

PACKAGE DEAL

Informants in Paris said there was broad Allied agreement to present a package German proposal to the Soviets in Geneva. It includes:

1. A resolve to maintain Western occupation rights in Berlin and an agreement to negotiate on the German question provided these rights are not impaired.
2. A proposal for step by step limitation of forces in central Europe, linked with progress toward German reunification.
3. A proposal to create an all-German committee to build contacts between East and West Germany and to study the prospect for eventual free elections.

ON TAX STRUCTURE

"I believe we should explore our tax structure to find out what can be done with adequate incentives."

"We should call in our businessmen to find out what can be done to develop new world markets. We should re-examine our trade and aid policies to find new customers."

He asked the legislators to question the bill because it has failed to build into general assembly and because it would make North Carolina the only southern state to have a minimum wage floor.

Crane, leading the forces in favor of the measure, cited statistics showing that the bill as it stood today would create new purchasing power of \$15 million dollars a year.

"As the bill before you now stands," he told the committee, "it will increase the wages of approximately 15,000 retail and service-industry workers by an average of about 15 cents an hour. This amounts to an average increase of about \$6 a week, or \$300 a year for each affected worker."

Hypnosis Help
A New York doctor using hypnosis says he has helped 42

overweight women take off a half-ton of fat. Dr. Lawrence Weinstein of Mount Vernon made the report in the May 1 issue of the New York State Journal of Medicine.

Individual losses, he reported, ranged from nine and a quarter to 35 pounds.

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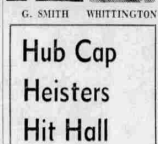
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Hub Cap Heisters Hit Hall

Every day the City Police Youth Bureau gets reports from car owners who have hub caps stolen.

LT. J. R. Hall—director of the Youth Bureau—bought a new station wagon Saturday.

And on Sunday he went to church in his new vehicle.

When he got out he found that someone had swiped all four of his hub caps.

"If anything turns up, one of his own detectives told him, 'we'll let you know.'"

CHILD SUFFOCATES
NEW YORK (AP)—Two-year-old Lorraine Alverson slipped a small plastic bag over her head and suffocated yesterday while her mother was away from their Manhattan apartment on a 10-minute shopping trip.

Following the election, Mrs. See SMITH on Page 2-A

—THE LIGHTER SIDE—

Inflation Hits Behind Stone Walls

(From AP Reports)
Nothing seems safe from the dangers of inflation, not even the prison system.

The Oregon House of Representatives has passed a bill to allow prisoners to serve fines at the rate of \$3 a day rather than the present \$2 per day rate.

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man Affleck was bitten on the right ear by a 10-inch alligator when he tried to pet the reptile.

The alligator wasn't a customer, just a pet kept by management.

Special Delicacy
Visitors attending the state's centennial celebration in Portland, Ore., this summer will be offered a meal featuring buffalo burgers.

Twenty-two of the shaggy

Smith Is Repeat Victor As Mayor

'Citizens' Lead Way On Council

(More Election News On 1B)

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

James S. Smith will serve a second term as Charlotte's mayor. But the election that put him back in office yesterday was almost too close for comfort.

Mayor Smith beat Councilwoman Martha Evans in the primary by just 958 votes — 8,243 to 7,447 for Mrs. Evans. It was the closest race in the primary and means that only Mayor Smith's name will appear on the May 5 general election ballot.

In the race for City Council, a four-man Citizens For Better Government slate flexed its young political muscles and emerged with the top four spots among the 41 candidates seeking the seven council seats.

Herbert Hitch (8,573), Gibson Smith (7,929), Randolph Babcock (7,574) and Howard Myers (7,458), the four first-rounders in the political arena, finished in that order. Three incumbent councilmen — Claude Albea (7,003), Steve Dellinger (6,185) and Herbert Baxter (5,513) — rounded-out the top seven in the council race.

The next seven men in the select 14 whose names will appear on the May 5 general election ballot include James Whittington (8,519), Ernest Ford (8,357), Herman Brown (7,437), George P. Houston (7,487), John H. Hicks (7,211), Joseph Scott (1,639) and Murlan King (1,003).

Mr. Hitch led the entire ticket, and Mr. Albea, an 18-year veteran of the council, led the incumbents.

FOUR FOR SCHOOLS

Four candidates in the City School Board race were nominated for the general election. They are Ben F. Huntley and James V. Plarr Jr., who received wide margins, and Phil Hargis and H. L. Belk Jr.

Mr. Huntley polled the most votes in the school board race (7,939), and Mr. Plarr was second (7,052). Mr. Hargis placed third with 3,810 votes and Mr. Belk came in fourth in the eight-man race with 3,185 votes.

Eliminated in the school board race were the Rev. H. W. Givens, Harry P. Stokley, Paul L. Walters Jr., and James H. Boggs.

In the general election next Tuesday, voters will choose two of the four who emerged victorious in the school board race yesterday.

The total vote yesterday in the mayor's race was 15,760, about what election officials forecast.

"REAL CLOSURE"

Today, Mayor Smith was happy with his down-to-earth victory. "It was a real close race," he said after victory was assured last night.

Admitting there was a time when he was concerned, Mayor Smith said, "There was a while there when I was just looking for that one vote."

In winning the mayoral race, Mayor Smith carried 22 of Charlotte's 33 precincts. Mrs. Evans, ending her second term as Charlotte's first councilwoman, carried 19 precincts. The two candidates tied in Precinct 13 with 135 votes each.

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FOOD PRESERVATION
Teaching on experiments to preserve food without refrigeration through irradiation. The two candidates tied in Precinct 13 with 135 votes each.

"Maintenance of the freshness of peaches for even a few days would, as you can imagine, mean tremendous benefits for the industry," he said.

The whole field of food preservation by irradiation offers tremendous possibilities.

To The Public
News and circulation departments of The Charlotte News are continuing to operate from The News Building at S. Church and W. 4th Sts. The News' switchboard — EDISON 3-6003 — is also in operation.

Advertising and business office functions are being carried on from The Observer Building, 600 S. Tryon St., telephone EDISON 2-7121.

No Sitting Here
A Chicago mailman who estimates he has walked 30,000 miles delivering the mail says he isn't going to sit around after he retires tomorrow.

Advising that he is retiring tomorrow, the mailman said, "I'll get a couple of dogs and take them for walks. Smith, 70, has been bitten 19 times during his postal career.



Mayor Smith Receives Victory Kisses From Daughter Gerri (Left) And Wife

Witness To Be Freed

Students Quizzed In Kidnap Case

POPLARVILLE, Miss. (AP)—FBI agents here questioned several students at Pearl River Junior College only blocks away from the jail where Mack Charles Parker, 23-year-old Negro truck driver was held on a charge of raping a white woman.

A dance was being held at the junior college campus late Friday and early Saturday when Parker, who maintained his innocence, was kidnapped from the jail by some eight to 10 hooded men.

In another development yesterday, officials announced that C. J. Mondy, who was in the jail with Parker and saw the kidnapping, will be released from jail on bond this week.

It was the 23-year-old Mondy, held on a charge of murder, who gave officers the first account of the beating and kidnapping.

Mondy had been in jail for six months. His trial was scheduled for tomorrow, but it was put off until the next term of criminal court in November when Judge Sebe Dale adjourned the court term yesterday.

Mondy's lawyer, the county attorney and Gov. J. P. Coleman

authorized the release on bond. Meanwhile, highway patrolmen guarded the Pearl River County Jail on a 24-hour basis to prevent any intimidation of the prisoners who saw the light or 10 hooded men who broke into the jail Friday night and brutally beat and kidnapped Parker. The jail normally is unguarded. No one was on duty Friday night.

The 23-year-old Parker was scheduled to go on trial yesterday on a charge of raping a 24-year-old white nurse.

Officers still apparently had found very little to help them in their search for leads to the trail of the abductors and Parker, who he feared dead.

More than 60 FBI agents are now on the scene working with highway patrolmen and county officers.

Agents also returned to Bogalusa, La., former home of the rape victim. They declined to reveal the extent of the probe at Bogalusa, 20 miles away. Agents went there Saturday on the premise the kidnappers might have taken Parker from the state.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and rather windy today with scattered showers or thunderstorms by late afternoon, continuing through the evening. Clearing early tomorrow and cooler.

Low this morning 61
Low tomorrow morning 60
High today 78
High yesterday 78
High tomorrow 80
Sunrise today 5:37 a.m.; sunset today 7:05 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Bovine Honor Guests Handsomest In Room

LONDON (AP)—Two young cows strolled down Park Lane today and into the ballroom of the Dorchester Hotel, thus causing a traffic jam of awe-struck proportions.

The Dorchester is a glittering lounge from home for patricians and princes of industry. It is visited by cows only once a year when the National Milk Publicity Council holds its annual convention there.

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