

THE CAROLINAS — Sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.

CHARLOTTE AREA — Fair and warmer. High today 78; low tonight 48.

Sunday High 74; Low 41
Year Ago High 58; Low 41

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Spring Attraction

Miss Margie Bernhardt of Marion, Kan., and Richard Schwartz, a Marine stationed at the Quantico, Va., base, stroll around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D. C., ringed with blooming Japanese cherry trees.

Union 'Slush Funds' Probe Is Suggested

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell suggested Sunday that Congress conduct a full-scale investigation of illegal political contributions from "slush funds" set up by unions and other groups.

He opposed including in a labor reform bill a ban on use of union funds for political purposes because "this is a matter far beyond labor reform legislation."

"If it is a problem — I'm inclined to think that it might be — then Congress ought to investigate it in its broadest terms," he said.

Mitchell, appearing on a TV program with Sen. Kenneth B. Keating objected to the labor reform bill co-sponsored by Sens. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) and another by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.).

He said the first did not go far enough and the second too far.

Mitchell's proposed inquiry would go into "illegal support of candidates by slush funds and funds from various sources." He said he was sure that "in some cases, money has been spent illegally" by unions for political purposes, but he criticized such spending as no matter who was responsible.

"It would be unfortunate in this country if money became the sole criteria for whether or not a person is eligible for federal office," he said.

This applied, he said, whether the money came "from unions, from management, from rich families."

Predicting that Congress would eventually pass a labor reform bill along the lines of the administration's proposals, Mitchell said the Kennedy-Ervin bill did not hit hard enough at labor racketeering.

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Robinson Sells The News To Knight Publishing Co.

U. S. Charged With Violation

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Soviet Union charged Sunday that a U. S. plane intentionally violated regulations of the West Berlin air corridor March 27 in order to worsen East-West relations on the eve of a foreign ministers conference.

The note published by Tass was handed to the U. S. Embassy Saturday — just as American authorities in Germany were rejecting a Soviet complaint that a U. S. C-130 transport created a hazard by flying too high.

The note raised the issue to a formal diplomatic level. Previously the argument had been confined to the four-power Air Safety Center in Berlin.

The note said the C-130, which was buzzed by Soviet jets in the Berlin corridor March 27, had violated flight regulations by coming in at 20,000 feet.

It accused the Americans of sending in the high-flying planes out of "a desire to prejudice conditions for the meeting of foreign ministers or even to wreck the agreement on negotiating between East and West."

It said the Soviet Union, on the other hand, "allows nothing to happen that would be liable to hamper the situation on the eve of the negotiations but is doing everything to make the negotiations easier."

The note, as broadcast by Moscow radio, contained no warning of any action the Soviets might take in and out of isolated West Berlin at a greater height than 10,000 feet. U. S. officials argue that no legal ceiling exists.

The West is reported determined to establish its rights to fly to West Berlin at any height it chooses — particularly in case another aircraft supplies to the city becomes necessary.

The Soviet note renewed earlier complaints voiced by the Russians inside the Berlin air corridor about the flight of the C-130.

American officials also reiterated the view of West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano who said on a Sunday television program that the West should be realistic and "should not expect too much" from the Geneva talks.

"The fact that the Soviet Union has agreed to a foreign ministers conference justifies, however, some optimism," Brentano added. "The West will, I am sure, do everything in its power to achieve positive results at the conference."

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Merville and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, who appeared on the same program, also said they believed the foreign ministers meeting would be followed by a summit meeting of heads of government with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The big show is tonight at the Pantheon Theater. All the elements have been combined to make this Oscar night a smasher. Consider these factors:

1. A hundred stars in a lavishly two-hour, telecast-longest in academy history.

2. The sentimental journey of two-time winner Ingrid Bergman back to the place where she won international fame, ending a 15-year exile.

3. A wide-open race that could see Oscar pull one of his famous surprises.

4. The academy race is coming to a finish with no one sure of the winners. In the past, a trade paper poll of the academy voters has pretty well predicted the outcome. But the power bowed to academy arguments that the poll put a damper on the race for losers. It has been discontinued.

"You have a beautiful really love to come and live here. You know you people just don't do enough advertising. Never have we had such a successful visit in so short a time. I won't me, it was the doing of the Lord."

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Knight (Left) Receives News Building Key From Robinson

Brodie Griffith To Direct Entire News Operation

Brodie S. Griffith, for 25 years a top executive of the Charlotte News, was appointed editor and general manager of The News Sunday by James L. Knight, president of Knight Publishing Company.

Knight said that Griffith will have full charge of the news and editorial departments and large responsibilities for other operations of the newspaper.

"Brodie Griffith is one of the finest newspaper executives in the South. I am delighted that he is remaining with The News under its new ownership," Knight said.

"I might add that Mr. Griffith will be given the resources to develop one of the best afternoon newspapers in the South."

Griffith then named Cecil Prince associate editor of The News. This is the title carried by the man who are directly responsible for the editorial pages of all Knight newspapers.

Griffith also said that Richard L. Young Jr. would continue in his post as managing editor of The News, in charge of the news department.

The new editor and general manager of The News was born March 14, 1899, in Saluda County, S. C., the son of the late John and Elizabeth Spurgeon Griffith.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1917 to 1919 as a sergeant in the 15th Infantry, and 1931 Hickory division which saw service in France.

In 1920, Griffith was married to Miss Thelma Wilkerson of Greensboro. They have two daughters, Gail Elizabeth (Mrs. W. C. David III) of Charlotte, and Myra Elise (Mrs. Norman L. Moore) of Panama City, Panama.

Griffith began a newspaper work in 1910 as a reporter for the Greensboro Record. He went to the Greensboro News in 1921 as a reporter. He was later state editor and finally editor.

He came to The Charlotte News in October of 1923 as state editor becoming managing editor from 1925 to 1948 and executive editor from 1948 to 1955. He was elected vice president, secretary and a director of The Charlotte News Publishing Co. in September, 1955, and was appointed general manager of The News on Oct. 1, 1955.

He is currently serving as a director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the Charlotte Merchants Association and the Family and Children's Service, a member for 20 years of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and president of the Carolinas Carrousel.

He and Mrs. Griffith live at 310 Ridgewood Avenue. Associate Editor Prince, 37, is a native of High Point, the son of Cecil C. and Bessie A. Prince.

He attended the High Point University schools, Pasadena Junior College (1940-41), and the University of North Carolina (1942-43 and 1944-45) where he received an AB degree in journalism.

He was turned to the Shelby Daily Star as news editor, See GRIFFITH, Page 2, Col. 2

Papers' Rivalry Remains

Buyer Promises Strong Coverage

The Charlotte News, largest afternoon newspaper in the Carolinas, was sold Sunday to the Knight Publishing Co., owner of The Charlotte Observer.

The announcement was made by Thomas L. Robinson, publisher of The News.

Robinson explained that the sale involved the physical assets and good will of The News. The Charlotte News Publishing Co., of which he is president, remains in existence pending liquidation.

These developments followed in rapid order:

1. James L. Knight, president of Knight Publishing Co., pledged to build The Charlotte News into an even stronger newspaper, "with an expanded content of news and editorials and features, and likewise a newspaper which retains its distinctive personality and its independent editorial philosophy."

2. Knight announced the appointment of Brodie S. Griffith as editor and general manager of The News. Griffith was formerly executive editor and more recently general manager of The News.

2. Griffith in turn said that two other top News executives would continue in their present positions. Cecil Prince, who will remain in charge of the editorial page, will assume the new title of associate editor. Richard L. Young Jr. will keep his present title and duties as managing editor with supervision over the news department.

4. Griffith also said that the Monday edition of The News will be produced in a new editorial plant on South Tryon Street. The mechanical force of The News will be considerably augmented by the addition of its advertising department and business office.

Pending rearrangement of The Observer plant, news, editorial and circulation departments of The News will continue to function at their present location on the corner of S. Church and W. 1st.

See KNIGHT, Page 2, Col. 1

Griffith began his journalistic career as a reporter for the Greensboro Record (1910-23) where he covered government and politics. He was an editorial writer and associate editor for the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville in 1923 and 1924. He joined the staff of The News in 1924 as an editorial writer. Since 1955 he has been in charge of the editorial page, first as associate editor and later as editor.

He won third place in the N. C. Press Association's editorial writing contest in 1953, took both first and second place in 1956, and won first place again in 1958.

Prince is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the National Conference of Editorial Writers and the N. C. Editorial Writers' Conference. He served as chairman of the latter association in 1958-59.

He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Charlotte Community College System, and a director of the Charlotte chapter, American Red Cross, the Charlotte Symphony Society, and the Mental Health Association of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Mrs. Prince is the former Elizabeth Watkins Blair of Charlotte. They live at 1220 Queens Road West.

Managing Editor Young is a native Charlottean. He was born on April 28, 1922, the son of Richard L. Young Sr., veteran newspaper editor, publisher, and the late Jean Conklin Young.

He attended the Charlotte City schools and the University of North Carolina.

He began his newspaper career as a reporter and desk editor for the Kammopis Independent in 1941 and was a reporter and desk editor for the Shelby Daily Star before entering military service with the U. S. Army in November of 1942, served until January, 1946 with a Signal Corps operational battalion, and was discharged as a sergeant.

Young returned to the Shelby Daily Star as news editor, See GRIFFITH, Page 2, Col. 2

However the finances of state and local governments will be deteriorating while the federal budgets improve, the Eckstein report indicated.

The report was prepared for the Committee for Economic Development, a privately supported, non-profit organization of businessmen and educators, by Dr. Otto Eckstein, Harvard University economist.

It tended to show that President Eisenhower probably will be disappointed in his hope of a balanced budget in fiscal 1960, the year which starts July 1. A rare balance is possible two years later, according to Eckstein's calculations, and a \$24 billion surplus by 1964.

The latter figure is the minimum surplus which administration officials in the past have suggested would permit a general tax reduction, though a modest one.