



Council Has First (And Last?) Secret Meet

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The new members of Charlotte's City Council have held their first—and, perhaps, only "secret" meeting.

It was an innocent affair, they maintain, and it was just a shame that only the five brand new members of the City Council could be present.

The meeting was held Sunday evening in the office of Brewster Myers on Baldwin Cir. It was attended by Myers, Horbert Hinch, Jim Whittington, Gibson Smith and Randolph Babcock. Missing were re-elected Councilmen Steve W. Dellinger and Claude L. Albea.

MAJOR MISSING, TOO

The session, held the day before the new Council was sworn

in, also had another missing member—Mayor Jim Smith.

Mr. Hinch said today that Dellinger, Albea and Smith "were invited to attend, but for various reasons, only five of us attended. I was out of town and arrived a little late myself."

The meeting came about this way:

The morning after the May 8th city elections, the entire council met for pictures on City Hall steps. Jim Whittington suggested the council members get together to get "oriented" Sunday or some time before Monday's swearing in. He suggested that Mayor Smith and former City Manager Henry Yancey come to answer questions.

At that time Mr. Albea said he did not like to attend Sunday meetings. Mr. Dellinger said he attended church on Sunday night.

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Mr. Myers suggested his office. One councilman said he thought any meeting "ought to be held in a public place."

Later in the week Mr. Albea was called.

Friday a message was left with Mr. Dellinger's secretary. Mayor Smith attended a wedding Sunday evening and could not be reached.

"I understand someone tried

to get in touch with me," Mr. Smith said.

The meeting went on as scheduled in the office of Myers and Chapman on Baldwin Cir. Hinch, Myers and Whittington,

contacted today, freely discussed their motives and confirmed that the meeting was held.

"We just thought we ought to get oriented. Some of us had checked with various city officials on what was expected of us the next day when we were to be sworn in," Mr. Myers said. "We had just been elected and we didn't know what was expected of us the next day. I think any newly elected group would react the same way."

"It didn't turn out the way I hoped it would," Mr. Whittington said. "Because those who could guide us weren't there. I still feel we ought to meet with the mayor and discuss a few things."

Although the mayor, Dellinger and Albea were absent,

there was discussion on several vital city matters.

The Recorder's Court judgeship vacancy was discussed. The names of Peter Gerds and Kenneth Caldwell came up. One of those present said he "understood" Howard Arbuckle might take the job if approached.

Discussion also touched on urban redevelopment and the city manager's job. A success to Mr. Yancey is one of the first orders of business for the Council.

"We did not discuss personalities," Hinch said. "We discussed the necessity of getting a first rate man and the qualifications for the job."

"I don't consider this a 'secret' meeting," Mr. Myers said, "and I don't know if we're going to have any more."



Bubbles And Buddy

Bubbles, a monkey at the Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire, England, continues his chattering discussion with his friend Oscar, a Highland calf, despite the interruption of the photographer.

3 Men Killed In Collision Of Train, County Truck

Convoy Of Coal Trucks Ambushed

CLINTON, Tenn. (AP)—A barrage of shotgun and rifle fire from three hidden locations in the woods halted a convoy of coal trucks headed for TVA's Kingston Steam Plant last night.

Three sticks of dynamite were hurled, but did not explode.

No one was injured, but Anderson County deputies said bullets struck the radiators of two of the seven or eight trucks and knocked them out of commission.

TRUCKS REPAIRED

The damaged trucks were repaired and the convoy resumed its journey to Kingston late last night. They had come from the Roadside area of northwest Anderson County.

The ambush was the latest of a series of violent incidents reported in East Tennessee since the United Mine Workers Union began trying to organize non-union coal operations in the area.

The trucks involved in last night's incident all were owned by non-union operators of small strip mines.

Officers said the three d dynamite sticks were thrown from one of the trucks after the shooting stopped.

The trucks reported they were fired on from three locations and that four or five shots were fired in each incident. No one saw the assailants.

The violence came a week after the dynamite explosions in downtown Jellico, on the Tennessee-Kentucky line, destroyed two coal tipples and damaged much of the delicate business area.

Those blasts have not been solved. The UMW has denied any part in the violence.



Tangled Mass Of Metal Is All That Remains Of Truck In Which Three Died

Six Hospitalized Crewman Killed In Blimp Crash

LAKEHURST, N. J. (AP)—One crewman was killed early today when a silver Navy blimp crashed into a hangar while attempting to land in dense fog. Six crewmen were hospitalized and several others suffered minor injuries.

The wreckage was wedged in the hangar roof 130 feet above the ground.

Rescue workers clambered over the roof and removed the injured crewmen who had been trapped in the blimp's gondola.

Names of the dead man and the injured were withheld by the navy pending notification of next of kin.

The freak accident left the wreckage wedged near the top of the 130-foot high hangar. The whole rooftop was shrouded by the limp folds of the blimp's great gas bag.

Rescuers had to reach the scene with aerial ladders and a then tunnel beneath the deflated bag to reach the gondola, where the injured lay. It had rammed partially through the hangar roof and remained stuck fast.

The blimp was returning for a routine 24-hour anti-submarine patrol early this morning. It was making a radar-controlled instrument approach through a swirling fog that blanketed out everything more than 100 feet away.

NEVER SAW GROUND

"They probably never saw the ground until after they hit," said Lt. Cmdr. Herman Spahr, administrative officer of Squadron 3 to which the craft was attached.

"The fog was so bad we radioed the blimp to gain altitude and try to come in again," said Spahr. It was just picking up speed, to 45 miles an hour when it hit.

The same confusion arose recently over the question whether Air Force Thor's should be engaged for use by British troops were "operational."

The Army announcement said that 19 Jupiter weapons fired, 17 were launched as part of a scientific space probe shot.

It added that "only a single launching out of the 19 has been considered unsuccessful." This apparently referred to a test shot on Oct. 9, 1958, in which the missile was destroyed deliberately 32 seconds after launching because of technical difficulty.

Under the Defense Department's assignment of roles and missions to the service, the Army was barred more than a year ago from using the Jupiter IRBM which it had developed. Instead, the Air Force was assigned the use of both its own Thor and the Army Jupiter.

Pins call for five Thor squadrons and three Jupiter outfits, with Britain receiving the first Thor weapons.

Jupiter Given Official Okay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army made the 19th launching of its Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile today and said the weapon is now "ready for operational use."

Today's missile "successfully traveled" the planned distance of 1,500 miles from its launching base at Cape Canaveral, Fla., the Army reported.

The announcement means the missile, built in competition with the Air Force Thor, can be delivered to the Air Force troops which will use it.

However, while a weapon itself may be ready for operational use by troops this does not mean necessarily that the whole integrated weapon system—the supply and maintenance, guidance, instruments, launching sites—all are assembled and prepared for combat firing.

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Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy this afternoon, generally fair tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning 40
Low tomorrow morning 50
High today 70
High tomorrow 73
Sunrise today 5:30 a.m.; sunset today 7:19 p.m.

School Employees Die South Of Huntersville

HUNTERSVILLE—Three Negro men were killed early today when their pickup truck collided with a Southern Railroad freight train about two miles south of Huntersville.

The three men, employees of the Mecklenburg County school system, were identified as: Leo Henderson, 34, Rt. 1, Huntersville.

Hanover Sherrill, 20, Rt. 1, Huntersville.

Floyd Benton, 47, Mint Hill, driver of the truck.

The three men were riding in a county-owned truck.

The collision occurred at the railroad crossing at Hubbrook Rd., about two blocks north of the Mecklenburg Sanatorium.

Mecklenburg County Police officers Paul Reed and E. B. Ransom said the truck apparently pulled onto the crossing directly in the path of the train which was headed south.

WARNING SIGNS

There are two warning signs at the crossing, a yellow railroad sign about 50 feet from the crossing and a white sign on the crossing.

Boyce Clement, engineer on the train, said he saw the truck approaching the crossing but thought it was going to stop. He said police he sounded the train whistle but that the truck didn't stop.

The engineer said he applied the brakes to the 17-car train, but it was too late to avoid the collision.

Baum and Reed said the truck was so badly wrecked that a wrecker could not remove it from the scene.

The train never left the tracks but sustained damages amounting to approximately \$2,000.

Albert K. Johnson, who lives near the tracks, told police he saw the wreck from his kitchen window.

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Hodges Plan For Schools Dies In House

RALEIGH (AP)—The House Education Committee today killed one of Gov. Hodges' pet proposals—the incentive plan aimed at getting counties to boost their support of the public schools.

By an overwhelming voice vote, the committee gave an unfavorable report to incentive plan legislation after a motion to give the bill a favorable report attracted only nine votes.

Under the incentive plan, the state would have put up 18 million dollars a year and divided it among counties which increase their support of the schools.

The plan was recommended by the School Finance Study Commission and strongly endorsed by the governor. Wednesday night, the governor made a last-minute plea for the plan in a radio address. He said he was willing to have the plan adopted on a contingency basis at the present legislative session in order to get the principle adopted. He said details of financing to put the plan into effect could be worked out later.

However, the plan fell by the wayside because many legislators considered it a step toward shifting support of the schools from the state back to the counties. The governor repeatedly asserted this was not so.

Speaking against the bill at its committee session were Reps. Ed Yarborough of Franklin and Roger R. Jackson Jr. of Hertford. Supporting it were Reps. Watts Hill Jr. of Durham and Clinton B. Moore.

Global Disarmament

West Asks Reds To Unify Berlin

GENEVA (AP)—The Western powers proposed to Russia today that divided Berlin be made a united city under Big Four guarantees as the first step in a sweeping package plan to unify East and West Germany and begin global disarmament.

The massive, four-phase Western program was introduced in the fourth session of the Big Four foreign ministers conference as the Western response to Russia's demand that West Berlin be made a free city. It also countered Premier Nikita Khrushchev's call for a peace settlement with divided Germany.

The proposals provides for successive disarmament measures, including initial limit of 2½ million men in the armed force of the United States and Russia, and leading eventually to limitation and possible withdrawal of all foreign troops "Soviet and Western" from Germany and neighboring areas.

GERMANY NEXT

It would unify Germany in 30 months. United Germany would be free to elect membership in either the Atlantic Alliance (NATO) or the Soviet bloc's Warsaw Pact or to choose a neutral policy.

Whatever the choice, the big powers, Germany and other European countries would take steps to avoid any change in the East-West balance of power and could enter into agreements against aggression. Western leaders have long expressed confidence Germany would line up with the West.

As a package the plan had no prospects of even serious consideration by Russia. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has already rejected it as a "tangle" of unrelated issues. But parts of it, especially the Berlin proposal, conceivably could lead to some bargaining.

FREE ELECTIONS

Berlin, in the first phase of the package program, would be unified by "free elections to be held through all Berlin under supervision."

REUNION HELD

TOKYO (AP)—The Dalai Lama's older brother, Thubten Ljama Norbu, arrived by plane today en route to India for a reunion with Tibet's fugitive ruler. Norbu said he plans to return to the United States, where he's been living. He fled Tibet in 1951 after the Communists took over.

—THE LIGHTER SIDE— Good, But Not THAT Good

(From AP Reports)

Jim Craft of Oklahoma City admits he's a "real talker," but not quite as good as Southwestern Bell would have him be.

Craft returned his phone bill—\$9.99, 91.51 for the month of April—with the opinion a raise had been made. The company assured him it was so, and that a new bill would be issued.

Two Celebrations

Some day the daughter of the Edward Fessenden of Frankfurt

Ky., may ask for birthday parties on both May 4 and 5.

The clock in a Lexington hospital showed 12:25 a. m. May 5 when the baby was born, but in view of time zoning Fessenden asked for a legal opinion.

The reply: Lexington is on Daylight Saving Time, but state law prohibits use of any time but Standard. So the child was born on the 4th, officially, at least.

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