

# Foster Child Doesn't Require a Palace

By CHARLOTTE AMES

At the Christmas season when all children should be happy, it is heartbreaking to realize that here on Long Island there are some youngsters who do not even have a home.

They are the children who need foster care . . . some for a week, some for months, some even for years.

They are the children of tragedy—children who, for one reason or another, either have no home or must leave

their homes, but for whom no satisfactory substitute, or foster home can be found.

IT'S NOT A matter of lack of funds to care for them. Public welfare provides the money to feed and clothe and board them.

It's simply that there are not enough private homes where they can stay—not enough families willing to board them and give them for a period of time the love and care that only home life can provide.

Why are these children homeless? — Because illness, death or other family tragedies prevent their own parents from caring for them.

For instance, the mother of the family may have to be hospitalized and the father cannot properly care for the family, because he must work and has no relatives who can help.

OR THE YOUNGESTER may come from what is ironically enough called a

"non-broken" home, where something is so wrong in the family relationship that the child's mental and emotional welfare suffers.

Children like these need a foster home where they can stay—perhaps for just a few months until the home situation mends—perhaps for years.

They desperately need the loving guidance and understanding of foster parents until they can either go to their own home again or are

old enough to take care of themselves.

Then, too, there are the children of neglect—like many of those in the Queens Children's Shelter—children whose parents have proved themselves inadequate to care for them.

SUCH PARENTS can often be trained to do a job, says Catherine E. Corbett, administrator. But until they have learned through expert counseling to care properly

for the children, a foster home is often the best solution for the youngsters.

The children's shelter, which is run by the Queensboro Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, service 393 children in the shelter during 1956. It houses 80 youngsters, who stay there anywhere up to a year, depending on their needs.

Then in hospital wards, you'll find babies waiting—scores and scores of them. Often they have been born

out of wedlock and are waiting permanent adoption—but that takes time to arrange, usually weeks, and far too often, months.

Such a waiting period can damage a child's personality for life, say psychiatrists. They explain that an infant desperately needs a "single maternal figure" on which he can depend for constant care and love.

WITHOUT that comforting "her," the world is a

bleak and frightening place, and the baby becomes listless, dull, timid, sulen—almost unable to respond to affection if it eventually comes his way.

Yet you'll find these little ones simply "existing" today in hospital wards—not because they need medical treatment but because there is no place else for them to go.

Busy, harried nurses do See FOSTER Page 4, Col. 2

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# MBA SET TO REJECT MAYOR'S BID

## West Still Holds Power Margin, Ike Tells NATO

PARIS (UP)—President Eisenhower told the opening session of the first NATO summit conference today the West still holds "the margin of power." But he said the Western nations "must work to maintain this lead over the Communist bloc" because the triumph

## Mighty Atlas Launching Postponed

### BULLETIN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—An attempt to launch the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile was postponed at the closely guarded missile test center today. The launching was called off shortly after noon for reasons not known.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UP)—The "Big A" pointed skyward ready for launching today. The U. S. hopes its earth-shaking rocket engines will give a shot in the arm to the NATO summit conference opening in Paris 4,000 miles away.

The Big A is America's largest and most powerful ballistic missile, the Air Force Atlas, a three-stage rocket designed to span continents with an atomic warhead in its blunt nose.

Two Atlas missiles stood on the launching pads at this top secret guided missile test center and the launching of one of them appeared to be imminent, barring last-minute complications in the "count-down" to the zero second of firing.

Both of the fat, 90-foot long rockets—resembling huge cigars—were stowed fired last week. Scientists tied down the missiles and ran up their rocket engines in the tests.

IT WAS reported in San Diego one would be launched today and the other Wednesday. San Diego is the Convair plant, prime contractor for the Atlas. It also was reported that the Air Force has ordered a speed-up in the Atlas testing program.

Such reports never are confirmed by Air Force or Defense Department officials. The Atlas is one of this country's most secret weapons.

The reports brought scores of newsmen, news and television cameramen and interested local residents—the unofficial "bird watchers society"—to the beaches to see the big show if it is staged.

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Applause and shouts of approval fill the meeting room of the Central Plaza in Manhattan yesterday as Louis Waldman, Motormen's Benevolent Association attorney, addresses an overflow crowd of

MBA members. Seated next to Waldman is Frank A. Zelano, wearing dark rimmed glasses, the MBA executive secretary.

## Train Service 80% of Normal; 162 Men Hired

Striking motormen were set today to reject Mayor Wagner's back-to-work demand as the subway strike entered its second week. The motormen will meet at 5 P. M. to vote on the mayor's "peace proposal" which includes freedom for the four jailed MBA leaders and

pledge of no "summary dismissals" of strikers.

Wagner said last night the city will not be "blackmailed" into acceptance of the strikers' demand for separate bargaining representation, a factor which is expected to lead the MBA to reject the mayor's plea.

THE STRIKE—the costliest in the city's history—entered its second week at 5 A. M. today. However, the Transit Authority claimed service was about 80 per cent of normal during this morning's rushhour.

This was accomplished by the use of supervisory workers and the promotion of 162 men on eligible lists to motormen. However, the "back to work" movement of striking motormen stalled today. The TA reported 620 motormen on duty between midnight and 8 A. M., only 30 more than worked the same shift last Friday. Normally there are 1,099. The increase was due to the transfer of 30 yard motormen to passenger runs.

Of 281 BMT motormen scheduled to work today, 99 reported for duty. Of 357 IND motormen due on the job today, 141 showed up. And, the IRT had 380 of its normal complement of 461 motormen operating trains this morning.

The Transit Authority indicated more men will be given motormen jobs and warned strikers that if they didn't return to their jobs at once there may be no jobs for them.

In registered letters to the strikers, the TA said:

"WE ARE filling the jobs of See STRIKE Page 5, Col. 2

## 'Wildcat' Bus Strike Fails To Come Off

A threatened wildcat walkout against four privately-operated Queens bus lines fizzled early today.

The unauthorized strike was threatened by rank-and-file members of Mike Quill's Transport Workers Union. The rebels had protested the handling of a vote Friday that postponed a TWU strike against the four Queens lines and four others in Manhattan.

The strike against the Queens Transit, Steinway Omnibus, Jamaica Bus and Triboro Coach was originally scheduled for 12:01 A. M. today. Friday's vote postponed the deadline to New Year's Day.

THE INSURGENT TWU men called a protest meeting for yesterday in a Manhattan ballroom. It never came off. About 300 showed up including Quill and a handful of top aides, but found a "No Meeting" sign posted on the door of the hall.

Quill took the occasion to warn the milling crowd to ignore any picket lines today and to fight any strike moves.

"If they attempt to stop even one bus tomorrow morning," Quill shouted, "give them the works—we'll be there to help you.

FIVE TWU rebels who refused to give their names told newsmen they called the meeting because they felt Quill had railroaded the strike postponement.

## Thief Escapes With 100Gs

The theft of \$100,000 in American and foreign currency and money orders was discovered today by a partner in a Rockefeller Center money exchange firm. Lionel Perera, of Perera, Manfra and Brookes at 40 West 50th street, said he discovered the theft when he opened the office this morning. There were no signs of forced entry and police surmised the thief had a key.

It was not known immediately how much of the loot was in American currency.

**EVICTIION NOTICE** BUENOS AIRES (UP)—Owners of the building housing the Soviet Embassy here have brought suit in the Supreme Court to evict the Soviet delegation.

### Struck by Car

## Unidentified Man Killed

Police today are trying to establish the identity of a man who was killed yesterday morning when he was struck by a car while crossing an Astoria street.

The victim, about 50 years old, was crossing Steinway street at 35th avenue at 5:45 A. M. when the car hit him, police said.

A St. John's Hospital ambulance doctor pronounced the victim dead at the scene. Police found no identifying papers in his clothes.

The body was taken to the Queens Morgue.

The driver of the car was Herbert Dow of 24-75 38th street, police said.

AN OCEANSIDE couple was injured in an auto accident with a Jackson Heights teenager later arrested for drunken driving, driving without a license and having an unregistered vehicle.

William Barlowe, 19, of 35-25 95th street, was held in \$500 bail in Ridgewood Week-end Court yesterday for a hearing Dec. 27 in Vehicle and Accident Court.

Treated at Elmhurst General Hospital were Manuel Marin, 60, of 303 Perkins avenue for possible internal injuries, and his wife, Evelyn, 53, for cuts and bruises of the knees.

A CORONA woman was taken to St. John's Hospital this morning after she was "bushed" when two cars collided at Thomson avenue and Queens boulevard, Long Island City.

Police said Mrs. Emma See ACCIDENTS Page 4, Col. 6

## \$9.5 Million Project To Aid Boro Traffic

It's in the future! Queens motorists are definitely in for major traffic relief with a \$9,500,000 highway widening and bridge construction project planned for the borough by the State Department of Public Works.

The plan, The Star-Journal learned today, involves the Whitestone parkway stretch from Northern boulevard in Flushing to the approaches to the Whitestone Bridge—a distance of 2.1 miles.

The multi-million dollar program calls for widening the present parkway from four to eight lanes, and the construction of another four lane bridge across Flushing River.

PRELIMINARY designs for the project are 96 per cent complete, the Public Works Department told The Star-Journal. The estimated date for completion of the remaining 4 per cent is April of next year.

No date has been set for the start of actual construction, according to the department. The job, once started, will take an estimated 18 months to complete, officials said.

The department admitted that the project could start within a month or two of the April 1958, date if no trouble should be encountered in reviewing the final designs, letting contracts, or in financial priorities.

The job falls in the interstate project category, and is eligible for federal aid. Under the federal road program, the government finances 90 per cent of the cost of interstate road projects with the state bearing the remaining 10 per cent.

DEPARTMENT officials said the Whitestone parkway project's priority will depend upon the state's other road programs. The only detail available, according to the department, is that the project calls for dual lanes 24 and 28 feet wide. Under the plan, parkway traffic would be divided so that one bridge would handle cars headed for the Whitestone bridge and connecting parkways, while the other would bear only city-bound vehicles.

The Star-Journal also learned that the Public Works Department has issued a contract to the Giles Drilling Corporation of 2 Park avenue, Manhattan, to make test borings in the Flushing River adjacent to the existing Flushing River Bridge on the Whitestone parkway.

The drilling company will start on the contract Dec. 18 and expects to complete the job

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## GOP Demands 'Crime' Office

ALBANY (UP)—Two powerful Republicans have asked Governor Averell Harriman to set up a special statewide office to check the "resurgence of organized crime" in New York.

Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney and Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck suggested in a letter to the governor yesterday the creation of a \$500,000 division of law enforcement headed by a special attorney general. They also asked for a bi-partisan attack on crime.

A similar Republican proposal earlier this month calling for appointment of a "special prosecutor" with statewide powers drew a rebuke from the Harriman administration. A Harriman spokesman said such a prosecutor would supersede the state's district attorneys.

The Mahoney-Heck letter mentioned the recent Apalachin conclave of many known underworld figures. The meeting, which touched off a flurry of investigations, also prompted highly critical statements that the present administration has not been effective in keeping organized crime out of New York.

### '58 Business Downturn Feared

## Steps Urged to Stop Recession

WASHINGTON (UP)—The National Planning Association's top economist has urged the administration to ready a stand-by "anti-recessionary program" to fight any downturn in the nation's economy next year.

The economist, Dr. Gerhard Colm, also called for the administration to ease up immediately on its "tight money" policy to provide a quick shot in the arm to the economy.

Colm said there was real danger of a greater business decline in 1958 unless steps are

taken to shore up business and consumer confidence.

AS ONE STEP he proposed an anti-deflation program be prepared to include provisions for tax cuts and the pumping of more federal funds into non-defense expenditures.

The national planning association is a non-profit, non-political organization engaged in planning in agriculture, business, labor and the professions.

Colm predicted a moderate rise in unemployment and a drop in business profit as the economy moves "sidewise" in 1958. He said there may be a decline in overall economic activity if consumers and business respond to these developments with less spending.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, that the total value of all U. S. goods and services turned out in 1958 would be three to five billion dollars below the \$435,000,000,000 forecast for this year.