

# THE NEWS-AND-COURTESIES

## Courthouse Cleanup

This painter is named Craig Lawing. When he isn't painting, he's a County Commissioner. Here he's busy pulling a baby blue coat on the walls of the tiny Courthouse press room of Ann Sawyer, The News' County Government Reporter. The paint was donated by Commissioner Carl McEwen, who stipulated that Mr. Lawing had to do the work. It all started as a small jest of Miss Sawyer's about "cleaning up the Courthouse."



## SHE WENT TO THE TOP

### Stubborn Lady Reporter Wins A Point: Pressroom Paint Job

By TOM FESPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
That legislative committee in Raleigh that slammed its door in the face of the press the other day ought to take a look at what's happened in Charlotte.

A couple of Mecklenburg County Commissioners, only willing to be quoted, hauled off and painted The News' Courthouse press room. Our Reporter Ann Sawyer could write about them in lovelier surroundings. Baby blue, mind you. Commissioner Carl McEwen de-

## Stassen Professes Accord With Ike On McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)— Mutual Security Director Harold E. Stassen said today that he is in agreement with President Eisenhower's position on the controversial efforts by Sen. McCarthy to curb free world trade with Communist nations.

Stassen called the attention of Sen. McCarthy to a question that was the original McCarthy announcement, which spoke of "negotiations" and the Dulles-McCarthy statement of Wednesday which McCarthy recognized that negotiations were the function of the President.

## American Troops Repulse Reds in Two-Hour Battle

By FORREST EDWARDS  
SEOUL (AP)—Chinese Communist troops hit Allied lines in Central Korea in a 24-hour, hurling a 175-man attack against a strategic outpost hill northeast of Chongju.

Troops of the U. S. 3rd Division, 15th Regiment, fought the Reds in a bloody two-hour battle marked by hand-to-hand fighting, the Eighth Army said.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today, increasing cloudiness, not much temperature change tonight with chance of rain beginning late tonight. Saturday, showers and scattered thunderstorms, turning cooler.

## 6.5 Billion Deficit Seen For This Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—Government finance specialists said today the country appears headed for a deficit of nearly six billion dollars—a half-billion more than predicted—by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

## Public Hearing Promised

### Secret Law Repealer Offered

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## Garnishee Bill Killed; Dope Penalties Stiffer

RALEIGH (AP)—Proposals to amend the State Constitution to allow creditors to attach—garnishee—debtor's debt in State Judiciary Committee today.

## DRUNK, JUDGE AGREE AFTER BARGAINING

DETROIT (AP)—Recorder's Judge John A. Ricea and Gzost Lakes Seaman George Kolbah reached a happy compromise here today on a matter of drunkenness.

## Three Die When Plane Crashes

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## REDS STAGE EASTER CRACKDOWN ON CHURCH

BERLIN (AP)—The East German Communists chose Good Friday to begin their harassment of the Church. The Red regime in three sudden thrusts: 1. Planned to permit the Evangelical-Lutheran Synod to hold a planned annual meeting in Weimar April 16 to 21 and gave no reason for the refusal.

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## 14 French Civilian Internees Released

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Western world saw further signs of conciliation from Moscow this Good Friday and hoped at long last the Communists were matching words with deeds that would insure peace. There was cautious optimism almost everywhere.

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