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Seven degrees below zero mean happiness for Blundy and White, two polar bears at the Madison, Wis., zoo. In their joy they chew on the cold bars that surround their cage. (AP Wirephoto)

Newsmen, Judges Discuss Problems

RALEIGH (AP)—Newsmen, judges and other court officials today engaged in frank discussion of mutual problems encountered in keeping the public informed of court proceedings.

Gov. Umstead set the stage for the "Freedom of Information" conference with the assertion that "We all agree, of course, that public business should be conducted in the open."

Then came a panel discussion between court officials and newsmen during which Superior Court Judge Jesse Sharp asserted that newspapers "do sometimes interfere with due process" in their reporting of trials.

Judge Sharp added that by printing advance trials "rumors and alleged confessions" and statements from opposing lawyers, the press "can destroy the presumption of innocence" and "in short, prevent a fair trial."

She said she felt "the danger" from television and radio broadcasts of court proceedings outweigh the advantages and should not be permitted.

HAYES VIEWS Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes declared that the constitutional guarantee of a jury trial "means a public trial" and that "publicity is the terror of tyrants."

Judge Hayes said he felt freedom of the press should include coverage of court proceedings by radio, photography and television but that rules laid down by the U. S. Supreme Court forbid their use in Federal Court.

He declared that a "conscientious public servant ought to welcome the public's knowledge of his official acts." The people, he said, will overlook more mistakes, but "they detect corruption."

"Concealment or the prevention of letting the public know the judge's business arouses suspicion and distrust," he asserted. "It creates a state of uneasiness and division, consequences which can be avoided in a free country like ours."

"A citizen has the recognized and legitimate right to know the results of deliberations, decisions and official actions of those entrusted with the responsibility, duty and power of public office," the governor stated.

He added that while there always be a difference of opinion between the newsmen and public officials on questions of coverage, but "I am sure that when such differences arise in North Carolina we can resolve them in a reasonable and sensible manner."

The governor reminded his listeners that freedom of speech and press carry responsibilities for unbiased and accurate reporting "to the end that all citizens may be properly informed and make decisions based upon accurate and reliable information."

He said the rights of freedom of speech and of press "have withstood the storms of violence and

Sports Dept. Takes Look At Coliseum With the Coliseum out of the planning stage and in actual construction, The News' sports page today starts a three-part series on the giant building which will look, how it will affect Charlotte sports. It's on Page 14-B.

OUR WEATHER Cloudy this afternoon with possibility of freezing rain or sleet, which will probably turn to rain later. Friday, cloudy with light rain. Low temperature this morning 20 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight 15 degrees. High temperature yesterday 54 degrees. High temperature expected today 37 degrees. Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:33 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 6-A

Real News For Big Boost Social Security System

Larger Payments, Coverage Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower proposed bringing 10 million more Americans under social security, raising benefits all along the line, and raising to \$4,200 the amount of income subject to social security taxes.

In a special message to Congress the President said the average benefit payments to retired workers is now \$50 a month, with a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$85.

For social security to "fulfill its purpose of helping to combat destitution, these benefits are too low," Eisenhower said.

Both the maximum and minimum should be increased, he said, and that will be presented later by Secretary of Welfare Hobby, he told legislators.

Wetted congressional sources told reporters they understood the increases Mr. Hobby is to propose range from a minimum of \$43 a month in the lowest brackets to more than \$10 in the upper brackets.

CALLS CONFERENCE Mr. Hobby called a news conference for tomorrow to discuss the administration plan. Benefits to \$4,200 the amount of income subject to social security taxes, as Eisenhower proposed, would mean an immediate \$12 a year tax increase for workers earning that much or more.

Employers' payrolls would also be increased that amount for each worker in the \$4,200 a year bracket or above.

At present, the first \$3,600 of income is taxed. The rate this year went up to 2 per cent. It had been 1 1/2 per cent on worker and employer.

POINT PLAN The President set forth a six-point program for "improvement" of the social security system.

1. Expansion of insurance protection.

2. It is obvious that the people in delegating legislative power do not yield up all their legislative power necessarily to any one man or group of men and they reserve the right to withdraw it later. This is an empty right unless they have the information needed to decide whether to extend or terminate a delegation of power.

RISK LESSENE 3. Open sessions diminish the risk of irregular transactions. Open sessions protect legislators from false accusations of dishonesty or deceit or inadequacy in their actions.

4. Open sessions alone can enlist the intelligence of the whole community in the solution of government problems.

5. Of enormous importance to lawmakers is the fact that open sessions enable them to discover errors before final action.

"Persuasive as these considerations are," Wiggins added, "... We still encounter practical legislators who oppose public proceedings of legislative committees. They are not necessarily, of course, evil-winded or ill-intentioned, anywhere than were legislators of colonial times or the members of the House of Commons in the reign of George III. Often they are oppressed by the practical inconveniences and difficulties of public proceedings."

Wiggins said that "the imaginative eyes of public proceedings, so far as they concern the quick dispatch of action."

Ridgway Reports On Korea Pentagon Sees No Renewal Of War

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said today Pentagon leaders do not see any evidence that the Communists in Korea are ready to negotiate with the United States.

Ridgway, the Army chief of staff, was formerly Supreme Commandant of Allied Powers in the Far East.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the planned withdrawal of two U.S. divisions from South Korea would "weaken the American position but provide greater flexibility of action."

MISSING WITNESS SURRENDERS IN CANADA



Donald Ritchie, 33-year-old Canadian who voluntarily became a key witness in the 1944 attempt to murder Dr. J. Edgar Hoover, is escorted by police in Canada. He is seen here (left) as he surrenders to custody in Detroit, covers his face (right) as he surrenders to custody in Detroit, Mich. (AP Wirephotos)

In the picture at right, he poses smilingly as he leaves the police station. Although Ritchie gave himself up, he later changed his mind again and is now fighting extradition to the United States. (AP Wirephotos)

Weather Cold And Damp For Most Of U. S.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Wet and cloudy weather prevailed in most sections of the nation today.

But clear skies and heavy snow on the ground set temperatures tumbling below zero in wide areas in New England and Northern New York. It was 12 below in Lebanon, N. H., early today.

Considerable cloudiness helped to moderate temperatures over the central part of the country after several days of zero and below zero readings in the Midwest.

Readings, however, continued far below freezing during the night.

The sub-zero belt extended north of Boston with a low of 9 at Portland, Me., and readings near that mark in other New England cities. It was -12 at Albany, N. Y., and -5 at Syracuse.

Light rain continued in Eastern Texas and freezing rain or drizzle hit areas northeastward into Arkansas, Missouri and over most of Illinois and Indiana.

The Weather Bureau issued special warnings to motorists on hazardous driving conditions in Illinois and Indiana.

Light snow fell from Minnesota eastward into Michigan while an other band of snow extended from Arizona northward through the Rockies to Montana and western Oregon.

Fairly mild weather prevailed in Southern Texas and Florida with readings of around 50 early today in Brownsville and Miami. There also was some warming in most of the southeastern states.

Truman Escapes Injury In Wreck

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman escaped injury in an automobile collision on icy Kansas City streets this morning.

John C. Mayall, driver of the second car, also came out unharmed. Truman, driving his 1953 Dodge, attempted a left turn. Mayall's car struck it at the right front wheel.

Both men said their view was partly obscured by a third car. When the police arrived, they found drivers of all three standing in the street discussing the accident.

Liaison Men To Meet Again

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Allied and Communist liaison officers met today in an effort to get the stalled preliminary Korean peace talks going again, but they agreed only to try again tomorrow.

U. S. State Department officials said the talks were suspended because of a disagreement over the proposed changes would apply to some four million persons who receive income from dividends. About one third of these would be relieved of any taxes at

Harry P. Shaw Dies After Brief Illness

Harry P. Shaw, president and founder of Shaw Manufacturing Co. of Charlotte, furniture producer, died today at a hospital here after two days of illness.

Mr. Shaw was active in Charlotte's business and civic affairs during the past 30 years.

A native of Charlotte, Mr. Shaw was the son of the late William P. Shaw and Mary Preston Shaw and a brother of Victor Shaw Sr., Charlotte tire dealer and former mayor.

Funeral services will take place tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Harry & Bryant Chapel in the Oaks, with the Rev. Dr. James A. Jones, minister of Myers Park Presbyterian Church here, officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Shaw are his wife, the former Miss Eva Ross of Cary, S. C.; one son, Harry P. Shaw Jr. of Charlotte; his brother, Victor Shaw Sr.; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three nieces; Mrs. L. C. Withers of Charlotte; and two nephews, Oliver Shaw and Victor Shaw Jr.

LIFELONG RESIDENT Harry P. Shaw Sr. lived his entire life in Charlotte, and in his adult years was active in his community's business, civic and religious affairs. He was a member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

Early in his business life, he became associated with Victor Shaw Sr. in the operation of a radio and appliance store here.

Mr. Shaw suffered an attack of illness two days ago and was taken to a hospital, where his death occurred at 8:30 a.m. today.

Nash-Hudson Merger Slated

DETROIT (AP)—The long-mooted proposed merger of Nash Motors and Hudson Motor Car Co. was expected to get approval of directors of both companies today.

Directors of the two companies met today and reportedly were putting final touches to the agreement. The project, of course, requires stockholder approval but this is regarded as routine.

Financial reports show Nash is a profitable company, occupying a position with the consolidated company.

House Group Would Cut Tax On Dividend Income

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today announced in a complete overhaul of tax laws launched by the agreement yesterday. The first agreement would provide \$6 million dollar tax savings for about 700,000 single heads of households.

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Airliner Crash At Rome Kills All 16 Aboard

ROME (AP)—A smoking four-engine Philippines Airlines plane crashed and exploded in the populous outskirts of Rome today and all 16 persons aboard were killed.

The DC6 hit a vacant lot not far from a big apartment building. It was coming in for a landing on a flight from Beirut, Lebanon, on its regularly scheduled trip from Manila to London. An eyewitness said the left engine was smoking as it approached Ciampino airport outside Rome. It appeared to be heading for the building, then banked and plunged into the lot with a tremendous roar.

Among the seven passengers aboard was the airline's European manager, Royal R. Jordan, a native of Boston who has lived in Rome several years. The pilot—chief of the nine-man crew aboard—was Ira Broome of Caro, Mich., head pilot for the airline.

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