



CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY PLANS OPPOSED

State Supreme Court Rules Vote Valid

\$800,000 Bond Issue Wins Legal Approval

RALEIGH (AP) — The State Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the plans of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County to expand their library facilities.

The court in an opinion written by Association Justice R. Hunt Parker, affirmed a ruling of Judge R. Lee Whitmire in Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Several months ago voters of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County each approved bond issues of \$800,000 by both the city and county to expand the library system.

TEST CASE
The legality of the proposals was tested in a case brought by H. Paul Jamison against the city and county and the voters of the Board of County Commissioners.

In affirming Whitmire's decision, the court found:
1. That the submission of the proposed bond issues to the voters of the county is not in violation of a constitutional prohibition against the combination of distinct and unrelated propositions.

2. That the proposal would not result in a lack of uniformity of taxation between taxpayers of the county and taxpayers of the city.

3. That the issuance of the bonds would be for a public purpose.

Justice Parker wrote: "Unquestionably the words on the official ballot information for a public purpose in the city and the voters inside the county outside the city with certainty and exactitude as to the proposal submitted and how to cast an affirmative or negative vote."

Jamison had contended that the proposal called for double taxation of the residents of Charlotte because they will pay taxes to both the city and the county to support the library.

"There is no double taxation," Justice Parker wrote, "for one tax will be imposed by the city of Charlotte and another by the county of Mecklenburg, and further, the state nor federal constitutions, though the courts do not look upon it with favor."

Justice Parker wrote: "The levying of taxes for public libraries by the state, counties and municipalities is authorized for a public purpose under Article 5, Section 3 as amended of our Constitution and the people have said so in emphatic tones."

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Eisenhower Thinks McCarthy Shouldn't Judge



Ike Gets A New Hat . . .

The President in all smiles as he accepts a broad-brimmed Western-style hat from Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (center) and Rep. John E. Moss Jr., The two Californians gave him the hat in a White House ceremony.

. . . But So Does Mamie

Mrs. Eisenhower also has a new topper for spring. Designed by Howard Hodge of New York, it's a white satin shell with a pink rose and an off-the-face veil. She wore it at a luncheon. (AP Wirephoto)

Mum On Right To Question Witnesses

President Holds News Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower replied to a question about Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) today by saying: "In cases where a man is a party to a dispute in America—directly or indirectly—he should not be permitted to sit in judgment."

The President declined at a news conference to express any opinion on McCarthy's demands for the right to cross-examine witnesses in the forthcoming Senate investigation of his controversy with Army officials.

As is his custom in connection with questions regarding McCarthy, the President said he has no feelings regarding any particular situation.

GENERAL COMMENT
But he said he was ready to put himself on record with respect to the general situation.

It was then declared that a man should not sit in judgment on his own case.

McCarthy has agreed to step aside as a member of the subcommittee when it looks into his charges that Army officials tried to "blackmail" the group into dropping an investigation of alleged Communists on Army rolls.

But the Senator has insisted he should be permitted to cross-examine Army witnesses and that Army officials should be permitted to cross-examine him when he takes the witness chair.

The President was asked for his evaluation of McCarthy's position but he would give up his right to vote on the committee but would insist on cross-examination witnesses.

Eisenhower said he had no feeling in any particular situation, that these were technicalities in which he could not concern himself.

But the President said that he was personally ready to put it on the record that no man should have the right to sit in judgment on his own case.

He said that the President did not believe that any leadership can escape the responsibility for carrying on that tradition and that practice.

Reporters sought permission to quote him directly but the President denied this at least temporarily.

CHANGES WOOD
However, the official reporter read back at the news conference the President's words so all reporters could get them exactly.

The President insisted on putting in the word escape where original he said he did not believe the leadership could duck the responsibility.

McCarthy himself in statements last night sought to discount the row as "a blow-up . . ." squabble between an employee, a subcommittee and an employee of the Army.

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Library Officials Prepare To Move

By BOB WALLACE
Charlotte News Staff Writer
With the favorable decision handed down by the State Supreme Court on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg library bond issue today, library officials began completing plans and making preparations to move into the old Southern Bearings Co. building at 315 N. College St.

A. G. Odell & Associates, architects, are already well along in drawing plans for the project.

The building on N. College St., which is directly behind the present library, will serve as temporary quarters while the L-shaped modern building is being erected

on the site of the present structure. The new library will have an entrance on E. 6th St. as well as on N. Tryon.

The decision climaxed a long and anxious waiting period for the officials. The case first went to the Supreme Court late last year, was sent back to the trial court and then back to the high tribunal.

The issue began when New York attorneys, who represent City and County, questioned the legality of the bond issue because there was a question of duplicate taxation.

The attorneys' question was: Could city residents be taxed both as city residents and as county residents, making them pay more of the bond issue than persons living in the county?

City residents voted \$800,000 of the issue and county residents voted the other \$800,000. When the issue was sent to the New York firm, it asked for a Supreme Court ruling.

In a friendly suit filed in November of last year, Mr. Jamison, local attorney, asked for an injunction to keep the city from issuing those bonds. That case was heard before Judge Lee Whitmire, who denied the request for injunction. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court.

RETURNED
The issue was returned to Mecklenburg last month with instructions for Judge Whitmire to submit all of his findings in writing. When the court back the issue to the local court, the Supreme Court, through Associate Justice Parker, said that when a jury trial is waived, under provisions of GS 184 and GS-1185, it is required that the court's decision shall be given in writing and shall contain a statement of the facts found and the conclusions of law separately. In bringing the suit against the issue.

WHAT'S INSIDE
GARDEN AND FARMING TIME: The News comes to you today in three sections. Section C being devoted to garden and farm suggestions. A feature of the section is a 12-month Garden Time table by Miss Cora A. Harris, garden editor.

OUR WEATHER
Occasional rain today and tomorrow. High temperature yesterday, 58 degrees; high expected today, 55 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 62 degrees. Low temperature this morning, 44 degrees; low expected tonight, 48 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 57 degrees. Sunrise, 6:22 a.m.; sunset, 6:38 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Civil Defense Test Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—A national-wide Civil Defense exercise, featuring mock atomic attacks on 42 of the most critical target areas, has been announced for June 14-15 by the Civil Defense Administration.

"Operation Alert," designed to detect weaknesses and improve efficiency of Civil Defense organizations at all levels, will involve all 48 states, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the 10 provinces of Canada.

For purposes of the test, it is assumed that guided missiles will be launched from submarines on Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Other federal agencies, including the Defense Dept., are helping to plan this first test in which all the states will take part at the same time.

Talks Broken Off
CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Britain today notified Egypt the new convention British-Egyptian talks on the future of the Suez Canal base "formally broken off."

Ike Discounts Unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today there is nothing in the current unemployment situation calling for emergency action.

Eisenhower was reminded by a reporter that he had said March probably would be the key month in determining whether a slump in business and employment would be deep or only temporary.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower told his news conference today that something must have happened at the recent hydrogen explosion in the Pacific which surprised and astonished scientists.

A reporter told Eisenhower at his news conference that anti-American newspapers in Japan and elsewhere were making much of the incident in which Japanese fishermen 75 miles away from the Pacific blast March 1 were reported to have been possible victims of contamination.

Something must have happened, the President commented, that surprised and astonished the scientists.

Eisenhower said Adm. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has not yet returned to report on the explosion. But the President said that from what he has been able to learn thus far the reports of possible injuries to persons who were relatively close to the blast are more serious than the actual results of the explosion on them justified.

Twenty-three Japanese fishermen were burned seriously in a shower of nuclear ashes from the blast. They said they were far from the official hazard zone.

The Navy reported last night that, in addition, a 4,500-ton tanker had received "a slight and not a serious" amount of contamination of radioactive fallout.

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13 DIE IN RIOT
DACC, East Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani authorities announced today 13 persons were killed and 35 injured in rioting Monday in a paper mill at Chandra. The rioting started with an argument between the plant's management and one of his subordinates.

BOB WANTED RECORDS AND HE GOT RECORDS
Bob Alexander is a young man in the County Tax Supervisor's office who usually gets the tax figures and records he's after.

But this week, he met his match in one local importer.

The company, Mr. Alexander says, was not in the habit of filing a balance sheet with its listing. And the Tax Dept. insists the figures be substantiated by actual records. Mr. Alexander called on the business man and explained his mission.

"I don't think you can tell much about the records," the business man said. But Mr. Alexander insisted that he see the records.

Out came the books. The writing was like shorthand to the tax office's business appraiser.

"My bookkeeper doesn't write very well," was the importer's offered explanation. The books were in Arabic.

French Repel Red Efforts

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The French claimed today to have killed 184 Vietminh rebels and captured 85 others in beating off fresh harassing attacks on the vital rail and highway lines in the Red River delta.

The Communist-led Vietminh have stepped up these attacks in the last few days in an obvious effort to divert French reinforcements from the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

The Vietminh were reported "beating the bushes" throughout northern Indochina to recruit every available fighting man for French mass assault on that French Union fortress in the mountainous tract country west of here.

Rumors circulated in Hanoi that the Communist commander in chief, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, had sworn to raise a force of 100,000 men if necessary to try to crush the fortress. French sources don't believe he can raise anywhere near that number. French sources don't believe he can raise anywhere near that number.

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