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Space 'Flight'

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Five Air Force men will climb into a permanently grounded aircraft cabin at 9 a.m. tomorrow and live together five days under conditions similar to those in a flight through space.

Castro Rejects

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Rebel leader Fidel Castro rejected today a church-backed move to end his guerrilla war. He vowed to fight to the finish to oust President Fulgencio Batista.

Search Ended

CHERRY POINT (AP)—The Cherry Point Marine Base public information officer announced today that a search for two pilots missing since March 3 while on a training flight has ended without success.

Strike Settled

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—The Peoria Journal Star published morning editions for the first time in more than two months today after settlement of a strike by the American Newspaper Guild and four mechanical unions.

Pakistan Jobs

MANILA (AP)—Pakistan rocked the opening session of SEATO foreign ministers today with a sharp demand for more economic aid to counter tantalizing Communist offers.

Demand Rejected

GENEVA (AP)—The United States today flatly rejected a Russian demand that the world conference on the law of the sea make the prohibition of nuclear weapon tests on the open ocean a principle of international law.

West Scores Win

CAIRO (AP)—The pro-western Umma Party won a big margin over its nearest rivals in the Sudanese parliamentary elections but came 15 seats short of a majority in the 173-seat chamber.

Figuring School Cost Tricky Job

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Today's

Weather



Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday.
Low this morning 38
Low tomorrow morning 35
High today 62
High yesterday 57
High tomorrow 52
Sunrise today 6:40 a.m.;
sunset today 6:27 p.m.
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\$6 Knife Equals 6 Surgery Hours

KANSAS CITY (AP)—James William West Jr. went for the sick knife his mother had bought him when he got into a scuffle at Westport High School yesterday.
James Gant, a 17-year-old sophomore, is in fair condition in General Hospital after six hours of surgery on a deep stab wound in his lower left side.
Jimmie West, 13, is held at the county parental home. There is no charge against him. He is a big boy—20 pounds, 5 feet 9. One teacher said he was quarrelsome and acted like a 6-year-old. He was transferred from Northeast High to Westport three weeks ago, mostly to get away from the crowd he had been running with.

He had the knife at Northeast, one of the main trouble spots in a recent outbreak of rowdiness in the Kansas City schools.
"He took me down to a store and showed me the knife and said that people that didn't have them might get beat up," said Jimmie's mother.

AN "EQUALIZER"

"I bought it for him for his protection after school," he promised me he wouldn't pull it out in school. He's the only kid we got and we hoped he'd try to be something."

The knife has a four-inch blade which slips inside the steel handle. You press a button and flip your wrist and the blade

clicks into place. It was supposed to be a German paratrooper knife and cost \$5.

The trouble at Westport started Friday. West said he accidentally bumped into James Gant, who is two inches taller but almost 100 pounds lighter.

"He followed me," West said. "He told me he'd whip me if I didn't apologize. I told him if he wanted to fight, okay, but I wouldn't fight in school."

Yesterday noon in a basement corridor West passed by a line of pupils waiting at the cafeteria. This time Gant bumped into West.

"I said, 'Lay off, will you,'" West related.

"He said, 'Now you're getting tough, huh?'"

"I told him, 'You can call it that if you want to.'"

"He pulled a wrist watch off his arm, handed it to another boy and struck me in the mouth with his fist. In fact, he hit me several times and knocked me up against the lockers."

West reached in the left front pocket of his blue jeans for his knife.

"I don't remember trying to stab him," Jimmie said. "He may have got stabbed as he attempted to hit me."

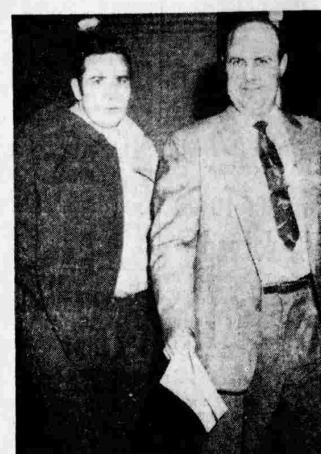
Police questioned two other boys in the corridor crowd and they told substantially the same story.

West's father is a feed dealer at a milling company. Intelligence tests rated the boy among the upper fourth of his class at Northeast. Fred Heine, vice principal, said Jimmie hadn't been in any fights there. He was searched twice on the basis of reports he carried a knife.

Jimmie said he was transferred because of "talking in classes — I didn't do my homework — and I didn't apply myself."

Gant, who operates a firm which specializes in supplying tear gas stings, guns and other equipment to police departments, is showing.

Dr. Richard Ball, Westport principal, said neither of the boys were discipline problems.



Young West (Left) Leaves Police Headquarters

Prison Guards Fired In Escape Plot Case

5.2 Million Jobless

Labor Secretary Predicts Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Labor Mitchell reported today that unemployment reached 5,200,000 in mid-February, up about 700,000 from January. He said a tax cut is "the next big step" toward halting the recession.

Garment Union Okays Contract

NEW YORK (AP)—Negotiations for dress manufacturers and 105,000 striking garment workers reached agreement today on a new three-year contract.

Subject to ratification by both sides, the pact restores peace to the industry — New York City's largest — after the first major walkout in 25 years. The strike started last Wednesday.

Dan Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, said no one would return to work before tomorrow morning. Picketing will continue, he said, until the union receives word of employer ratification, expected today.

Union shop stewards vote today on the pact.

Return of the workers in a seven-state area will permit a start on the movement of dresses for the window of the pre-Easter delivery. These dresses will bear a union label, said Dubinsky. They will cost more because of higher wages, according to the manufacturers.

LABOR COSTLY

The increased labor cost was estimated at 75 million dollars over the contract term.

The settlement was announced at 3:30 a.m.

Hammered out during seven overnight hours of negotiations, the pact was the product of contract enforcement, the last obstacle to agreement after wage issues were settled by negotiators Sunday.

Harry Uviller, impartial chairman of the dress industry and one of two special negotiators named by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, said the enforcement provisions are "so complicated that until we get it down in the report we won't be able to go into that."

Both sides said they hoped the enforcement program could be carried out in non-union shops and those outside the five associations involved in the strike.

Mitchell announced the February jobs figure, prepared jointly by the Labor and Commerce departments, in a speech to an AFL-CIO economic conference.

He called for government action to help the sagging economy, but cautioned against "ill-advised action."

Mitchell said it was too easy to recommend "broad and far-reaching money spending" that would not provide jobs needed right now. "The program must fit the need and must be designed with the need clearly in mind," he said.

FUTURE MOVE

He said that in event the business downturn proves more stubborn than anticipated, an administrative recommendation for a tax cut would be made.

This action, he can assure you," Mitchell said, "is being fully considered and is being worked out. It is ready for immediate use as an additional stimulus to the economy, and it will be used if necessary."

"Certainly this is the next big step, and it is far preferable to massive new public works spending because it puts money in the hands of consumers and investors."

Mitchell echoed comments made yesterday by Vice President Nixon on preferring a tax reduction to massive public works spending.

Mitchell followed George Meany, AFL-CIO president, in speaking to the AFL-CIO conference. Meany accused both Republicans and Democrats of playing politics and acting too slowly to counter the business recession.

The AFL-CIO president demanded a quick tax cut, increased unemployment benefits, more defense spending and more money for public works.

Mitchell disclosed that President Eisenhower had been invited to attend the AFL-CIO session but had responded, apparently declining that, "I assure you that I shall come to take, or propose to Congress, such steps as can contribute effectively to the health of our economy and the welfare of our people."

Conditions unexpectedly create hardships.

Easter comes this year on April 6, an unusually early date. Consequently, management of retail stores that are affected particularly by pre-Easter consumer demand will wait until they can combine March and April sales to compare with combined sales for those two months last year.

However, they are expecting now March-April comparison to be favorable for this year with a gain of at least a few percentage points.

Spokesmen for several large stores said they were expecting this year's March-April sales to show a "substantial" gain over sales for that 1957 period. That expectation is based upon this year's favorable trend after due allowance for the weather.

SALE OKAY

Larger stores reported Dollar Day sales this year compared favorably with totals for those special days last year.

One of the leading merchants emphasized a comment that "promotions" are paying off splendidly this year.

Reports from bankers, retailers and other sources were that the slump in the Charlotte area consumers still have buying



Birds Are For The Army

Ronald Urban, 22, Chicago magician, showed up for induction into the Army there with part of his stock in trade, brightly-colored doves. The Army says there's a plan providing he's assigned some place where he can take care of them.

Nixon Suggests Tax Cut; GOP Opposition Voiced

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and Republican Congressional leaders today discussed the possibility of an anti-recession tax cut. There were indications the Administration is prepared to propose a reduction under certain conditions.

Administration thinking was a pointed up yesterday by Vice President Nixon, who said he would prefer a down-the-line tax cut to

any massive public works spending programs.

But the Administration's willingness to turn to tax reduction as a means of combating the recession was conditioned on failure of the nation's economy to respond promptly to less dramatic stimulus.

The possibility of a tax cut came up at Eisenhower's regular weekly news conference.

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SBI Called Into Probe At Raleigh

RALEIGH (AP)—Three guards at Central Prison have been fired for allegedly having been involved in a plot by five prisoners to escape. W. F. Bailey, state prisons director, said today.

The three guards were fired Sunday by Warden K. R. Bailey after he had conferred with W. F. Bailey. The guards were listed by the prison director as Jesse B. Lee, a sergeant, H. W. King, and Herman Taylor.

According to W. F. Bailey, a rumor had been heard some time ago of an escape planned before Christmas. That escape did not come off. Then, he said, there were reports that an escape was to be tried last Sunday, with the men going through a service tunnel and fleeing in a car which was to be parked outside the walls.

TAKEN OFF

The guard who was supposed to be on duty in the tower at that time was taken off duty and Raleigh police called to help guard the reported escape spot. The attempt was not made.

W. F. Bailey said Lee and Taylor had admitted being in the tower at a December escape, but had not admitted being in on any escape planned for last Sunday.

The five prisoners are now in segregation cells at Central Prison. They were listed as James Mears, John K. H. O. Mann, James Smith, James H. Smith and Carl H. Smith.

According to W. F. Bailey, Lee admitted that he was supposed to arrange an escape and drove down to Georgia somewhere to pick up the money — which was not forthcoming.

Of the five prisoners, Mann H. Smith, 36, Negro of Marion, entered prison in 1938 under a death sentence for rape. His sentence was commuted later to life and still later to 40 to 50 years. The other four prisoners are white.

Mears, 32, of Augusta, Ga., was sentenced in Guilford in November, 1935, to 10 to 15 years for kidnapping. Koborner, 32, of Winston-Salem, was serving terms to 10 to 15 years for robbery with firearms, larceny and auto theft. James H. Smith, 38, of Raleigh, S. C., was serving 5 to 8 years from Rutherford and Cleveland counties for breaking and entering and larceny; and Carl H. Smith, 34, of Raleigh, was sentenced in Wake in 1957 to 7 to 10 years for attempted rape.

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Wetzel Trial

Gun Expert Tells Of Death Bullet

By BILL HUGHES
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SANFORD (AP)—An FBI ballistics expert today said a ".38 to .44 caliber bullet" killed N.C. Highway Patrolman J. T. Brown.

Robert Frazier of the FBI's Washington laboratory, testifying in the second murder trial of Frank E. Wetzel, used the patrolman's clothing to determine the size of the slug, he said.

Dr. James H. Byerly identified the bloody clothing taken off Brown's body shortly after the shooting.

The State maintains Wetzel used a .44 caliber magnum pistol to shoot Brown and Patrolman Walter L. Reece Nov. 5. Wetzel is on trial for the Brown slaying.

SEND WETZEL

Today the State picked up loose ends in a chain of circumstantial evidence with which it hopes to send Wetzel to the gas chamber. The case is expected to go to the jury late tomorrow or Thursday.

A cigarette butt and two car bumpers were introduced as the State attempted to fill gaps left in its case against Wetzel in his trial for Reece's slaying.

Both these bits of evidence tend to verify testimony by Robert Terry, Negro hit-chick, who identified Wetzel as Reece's defense attorney.

Terry testified that Reece's left leg backed into the patrolman's car before leaving the scene of the first shooting.

At the scene trial in Rockingham John T. Page Jr., Wetzel's defense attorney, said the State failed to introduce the car bumpers. This morning the bumpers were introduced.

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Indians Pack Cole's Trial

**By CHARLES L. WEST
LUMBERTON (AP)—**With bright Indian eyes peering from the spectators' section, Ku Klux Klan Wizard James W. Cole went on to the jury late tomorrow or Thursday.

The dark-haired, neatly dressed Cole sat smilingly beside his attractive wife and his lawyer, Charles Nye. The Klansman carried a scrapbook of newspaper clippings which told of his recent preaching and KKK activities in the Carolinas.

The first items of the trial were the reading of the indictment and assembling of a jury.

The Indians, members of the Lumberton tribe, took two cross burnings and the Jan. 18 rally plans as insults and warnings to them against race mixing.

Sheriff Malcolm McLeod, aware that feeling was running high among the Indians, said he drove to Cole's Marion, S. C. home 40 miles away and urged the 33-year-old Klan wizard not to go through with the rally.

The Indian raid on the Klan rally near Maxton, although potentially dangerous, seriously injured no one. The incident, widely hailed in the press, caused amusement in the racially tense South and elsewhere in Klan-disdaining quarters.

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