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## Sales, Income Drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported today that retail sales dropped one per cent in March and the rate of personal income dipped 300 million dollars annually.

## Georgia Weekend

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower set out for Augusta, Ga., hoping for three days of golf and leisure. The weather was chilly and misty, but it was reported warmer and fair in Augusta.

## Spring Snowfall

NEW YORK (AP)—A five-inch snowfall joined spring today in some sections of the northeast. Winter's return visit left snow in northern New Jersey, across lower New York and in New England. Rhode Island reported as much as five inches in some places.

## Ex-Governor Dies

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Former Massachusetts Gov. Paul A. Dever, 55, died in his sleep at home early today. For many years he had been afflicted with a heart ailment.

## Session Postponed

PARIS (AP)—Eleventh hour U.S.-British efforts to break a deadlock in the French-Tunisian dispute caused Premier Felix Gaillard to postpone an emergency cabinet session today.

## Problem Solved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy said today it has developed the equipment to fire its polaris 1500-mile range ballistic missile from underwater. This means the problem of getting it up into the air where its rocket engines can ignite.

## Ships Sought

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Indonesia is negotiating to buy 20 ships from Poland, the Polish Press Agency reported today. The agency's Jakarta correspondent reported the deal already has been agreed upon in principle but price and sale conditions remain to be worked out.

## Teachers Get Break On Taxes

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## They Came Prepared For The Worst

Four boys arrested in Brooklyn exhibit aluminum "armor" they wore to protect themselves in a gang fight broken up by police last night. They carried home-made swords and the old gang warfare standby—lengths of rubber hose.

## Woman Near Death From Poison Liquor

DOBSON (AP)—A 30-year-old woman from Ft. McClellan, Ala., was in critical condition at a Winston-Salem hospital today from drinking illicit liquor spiked with methyl alcohol, police said. One man has died and two others were hospitalized from drinking the poisoned whisky.

## BEEN DRINKING

After the woman's stomach was pumped out, Dr. Franklin said she had been drinking methyl (wood) alcohol. She was transferred to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Six men have been arrested and freed on \$500 bond each in connection with purveying the bad liquor. Surry County Sheriff Neal Thompson said a murder charge will be placed against the person or persons found responsible for poisoning the whisky, but he said this has not been determined.

## COULDN'T QUESTION

Police said they were unable to question Sgt. Dobson as to where she bought the liquor. Charged with possession of and transporting non-tax-paid whisky are Bill Miller of Mount Airy, Ralph Stanley and Gilbert Gillespie of Dobson. Charged with possession for sale are Andy White and Monroe Snow of Dobson and Clifford Bowers of Wilkes County. Officers said Miller and Stanley bought the whisky from Bowers and brought it to Mount Airy.

## Animals Catered

NEW YORK (AP)—The new animal park at New York's International 40 airport is the first institution of its kind in the world to cater to the needs of animal travelers.

It is expected to handle more than 100,000 animals a year.

## Buncombe Action 23 Titles Added To Banned Books

ASHEVILLE—Buncombe County's list of banned magazines and comic books will be boosted by as many as 23 titles within the next 30 days. Fred M. Barnett, deputy sheriff in charge of the censorship program, said he will submit the 23 magazines to a censorship committee in the near future. Those the committee chooses to ban will be added to a list which now includes some 63 prohibited magazines and comic books. The sheriff's department enforces the ban.

## COOPERATION OFFERED

However, Sheriff Lawrence Brown said he had not had to enforce the ban because the local distributor and newsstand operators "cooperate 100 per cent" in the censorship program. The new list, when issued, will be the third since the county began the censorship campaign late last year.

The first list included 31 magazines and 20 comic books. Included in the magazines were well known "slicks" such as "Confidential" and "Playboy," several photography magazines, and a number of "girlie" types. The comic list was attacked as unfair by the Comics Code Authority, which said 15 of the 20 comics listed were no longer published and the five still published had been cleaned up.

A second banned list was issued this winter. It included "Photo-Ram," "Inside Story," "Master Photography," (also included on the earlier list) "Men's Digest," "Model Studies for Artists," "Picture Digest," "True Strange," "Valer for Men," and "Your Romance." Deputy Barnett has refused to disclose the second list for publication although most newsstands in the county have it posted. Barnett said, "we don't want to publicize obscene matter."

## WAVE OF CENSORSHIP

The first Buncombe County blacklist touched off a wave of censorship over the state when Sheriff Brown had it mailed to sheriffs in every county. In Cumberland County a local Democratic blacklisted 72 magazines and labeled 15 more for sale to adults only. Sheriff Leas

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# Rebel Hopes As Attacks Faim

## Reds Ask Early Date For Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia reportedly proposed to the Western powers today that preparatory talks for a summit conference begin April 17 in Moscow.

Secretary of State Dulles immediately went to the White House to discuss the proposed date with President Eisenhower before Eisenhower's departure for a sailing weekend at Augusta, Ga.

The Soviet response also was being studied carefully by State Department experts to determine whether it gives evidence that Premier Nikita Khrushchev is ready to begin negotiating on the details of arrangements and the issues which would come before a heads of government meeting.

## NO DETAILS

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty gave out the first word here that the Soviet Union had proposed that preparatory talks begin April 17.

The Soviet note was a reply to a March 31 proposal by the Western powers—that country, Britain and France—that their ambassadors in Moscow should start the preparatory work.

The Western powers called for a start of diplomatic exchanges in the second half of April.

Receipt of the Soviet reply followed quickly on the return to Moscow yesterday of Khrushchev, Khrushchev had just wound up an eight-day visit to Hungary.

Authorities here are uneasily aware that the Soviet leader has two more potential propaganda bombshells in reserve if he wants to follow up the recent Soviet announcement of a decision to call off nuclear weapons tests.

## HINTS FROM BOSS

Already there have been hints from Khrushchev himself that the Soviet Union at some point may announce a decision to halt the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

The other potential action would be to announce some time after U.S. nuclear experiments start in the Pacific this spring that the Soviet Union is canceling its own test suspension—and put the blame on the United States.

The specific proposal to begin diplomatic talks is part of a Western effort to pin the Communists down to hard facts where possible.



Manheim Strokes Castro-Like Beard

## Castro's Double?

## Mike's Back; Life, Beard Important

GREENSBORO (AP)—When Grover M. (Mike) Manheim of Greensboro got off the plane at Greensboro yesterday, he'd better get a shave pronto.

"Hornbe, you could pass for Fidel Castro's double with that beard," he told Manheim, who has grown a lush crop of whiskers as a member of the local Brothers of the Brush.

Manheim said he was walking along the Prado about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday when he heard a boom and then saw flames from a gas main shoot up 20 feet or so. Then the police arrived on the scene.

"I saw two of them near up that New York newspaperman. I thought they'd kill him with those whips, but then somebody pulled him into a hotel," Manheim said.

The newspaperman was Neal Wilkinson, 37, a correspondent for the New York Daily News.

## "SAFE AS A CHURCH"

Everything was quiet in Havana until then, Manheim said. He said friends in Miami assured him that Havana was "safe as a church."

And Tuesday night, the manager of the Tropicana told him that "this revolution stuff is a lot of hokey."

"It's all in the heads of these Americans," Manheim said. "Manheim said the new Casino's boss told him. 'They sit around in bars getting drunk on champagne accounts and dream up these cock-and-bull dispatches.'"

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## Batista's Position Stronger

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's chances of ousting President Batista faded today following the failure of his forces' second attempt at total war and a general strike.

Bomb-throwing young rebels tried yesterday to touch off an uprising in Santiago but national police quickly smothered them with machine-gun fire. The number of casualties in the southeast Cuban port city could not be learned immediately.

On Wednesday rebels in Havana and Matanzas staged a general strike and popular risings. That time, too, the public did not report and police quelled the outbreak. Forty-five rebels and two policemen were killed.

From his guerrilla headquarters in the Sierra Maestra of southeastern Cuba, Castro continued to direct sabotage and attacks on communications and the kind of campaign he has waged against Batista for 16 months.

## HARD BLOW

But the two failures to win popular support for his proclaimed aim to overthrow Batista apparently left Castro without any immediate chance of success. The defeat in Santiago was a particularly hard blow since Castro's main strength and theater of operations is the surrounding Oriente province.

Only a massive uprising of Cubans or defection of many of Batista's 30,000 troops could appear likely in the foreseeable future. The armed forces have remained steadfast with former sergeant-major Batista, and he has been killing of strike agitators.

Rebels began attacks on Santiago utilities before dawn, hoping to spark a general strike in Cuba's second largest city. Youthful gunmen poured into the center of the city, firing pistols and machine guns and hurling grenades and gasoline bombs at stores that began to open.

## HEAVILY GARRISONED

The city of 250,000 persons has been heavily garrisoned by Batista's troops since Castro began raising the surrounding province. The troops scattered the rebels with fire from machine guns on the outskirts and the Castro forces with motorized patrols.

Within a short time the attack was over. Major strikes were reported in Camaguey province, just west of Oriente. In the next province to be taken over was Las Villas, 200 rebels reportedly clashed with government troops at Sagua la Grande. The army said six rebels and two soldiers were killed in a battle near Santa Clara, in Las Villas.

## 2 Killed, 15 Hurt in Crash

HAVANA (AP)—A Cuban army plane crashed in flames in the exclusive Miramar residential district of Havana today, killing two persons and injuring 15.

The plane crashed into a grocery store and adjoining residence. The craft burst into flames as it was taking off from a nearby airfield.

The pilot was killed, Oscar Luis Machado, and a Cuban civilian who was trapped under flaming debris in the grocery store. Wreckage flew over a wide area and smashed windows in residential houses for blocks around. About 30 houses suffered some damage. The explosion of the plane's gasoline tanks was heard throughout most of Havana, touching off rumors of fresh rebel bombing. The plane, described as a fighter aircraft, was carrying bombs but these did not explode.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father, the world needs to know the gospel of love that Jesus taught. Our selfishness, described as a fighter aircraft, was carrying bombs but these did not explode.

## 6 PLACED UNDER ARREST—Policemen Charged In Thefts

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP)—Six Muskogee policemen were arrested early today and charged with second degree burglary in connection with thefts which occurred while they were on duty. Chief of Police Ernie Webba announced the action after the six were taken into custody and they demanded their resignations.

Charged were Paul Battelle Jr., 31; Laymon Limbird, 36; Charles Hefner, 34; Jerry Grayson, 28; William Basham, 31; and Lehn Maples, 36.

Webba said all of the men were questioned and made statements. After the charges were filed, Webba issued the following statement: "I realize the investigation and resulting action will appear as a black eye to the Muskogee Police Dept., but I know the people of Muskogee would not do other than treat these officers as any other law violators."

per just recently retired after more than 29 years service on the force.

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Today's Weather

Cloudy and cool today, partly cloudy and cool tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and a little warmer.

Low this morning	41
Low tomorrow morning	43
High today	58
High tomorrow	56
Low tomorrow	44
Sunrise today 5:57 a.m.	
Sunset today 6:52 p.m.	

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