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## 15 Cars Derailed

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) — A loaded coal truck the driver said he was unable to stop smashed into a diesel engine of the Baltimore & Ohio's Chicago-bound Capitol Limited near here early today, derailling 15 cars and injuring at least eight persons.

## Demonstrators Killed

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — Police shot and killed two demonstrators and injured several today in a clash in Central Ceylon's tea plantation district.

## Pentagon Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today sent Congress a six-point Pentagon reorganization plan. He said it would give the Secretary of Defense authority for "truly unified" military operations.

## Quick Transfer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Non-military space projects can be transferred quickly to the new civilian agency proposed by President Eisenhower once the organization is set up, Secretary of Defense McElroy said today.

## Strong Quake

ROME (AP) — A strong earthquake shook parts of southern Italy early today. There were no reports of damage. Experts estimated its center at some point outside of south Italy, about 300 miles from Rome.

## More Subs Bought

CAIRO (AP) — The newspaper Al Shaab reported today that the United Arab Republic has obtained three more submarines from the Soviet bloc.

## French Bomb

PARIS (AP) — French atomic experts today said France has produced enough plutonium to build her own atom bomb. The giant reactor located in Marcoule, in southern France, has been producing an average of about 13 ounces of the precious metal daily for several months, and the stock now amounts to about 22 to 26 pounds.

## Damage High

BOSTON (AP) — Coastal New England counted its damage losses in the millions while keeping a wary eye on the Atlantic Ocean which was expected to flood beachfronts and pound over sea walls again today.

## It's Psychological

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard flew back from a 10-day visit to the United States today and said the American recession is mostly psychological.

# Cubans Told To Shoot To Kill If Rebel Acts Threaten Jobs



Problems arising from the nation's spring weather this year are plentiful and varied. At left industrial workers have no choice but to wade off their jobs after



heavy rains flooded San Francisco. Center is a picture of one of three tornado funnels which wrecked a portion of the town of Wichita Falls, Tex. At right trucks



are lined up in deepening snow on the lower western slopes of California's High Sierra, and machines struggled to keep the road open.

## Judicial Powers Curtailed

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — President Fulgencio Batista's government today authorized workers to kill if necessary to stay on their jobs when rebel leader Fidel Castro issues his long-threatened call for a general strike.

The order — one of three of the harshest decrees in the history of the Cuban republic — was issued by Batista and his cabinet after an all-night meeting.

A second decree virtually scrapped the nation's judiciary. It barred any judge from issuing a ruling against a government official or agency or against any government or legal opposition leader. Judges who failed to obey would be immediately dismissed, said the decree.

The third order said any employer who ordered a work stoppage of any kind could be jailed from 30 days to six months.

## LICENSE AUTHORITY

All government ministers were authorized to issue licenses to bear arms to Cuba's 160,000 public employees and all other workers. The decree absolved workers of criminal responsibility for any steps they thought necessary — including killing — to prevent being forced into joining a strike.

The government also decreed that anyone joining a general strike would lose his job permanently. When this penalty was first applied in 1933 it quickly broke a general strike.

Despite solid support of labor union leaders for Batista, Castro claims that workers are secretly organized to follow him. He has threatened that his rebellion succeeds, he will try for treason any officials who keep working after his strike call is issued.

## MOVE ON SANTIAGO

Meanwhile, two columns of Castro's rebels were reported moving toward Santiago, Cuba's second largest city and the capital of the easternmost province of Oriente. From there, the rebels claimed, they would move to the west in the Sierra Maestra.

Another force led by Castro's brother Raul destroyed communications around the sugar mill city of Sagua de Tanamo and apparently moved on toward Santiago, 30 miles to the southwest. In contrast to the small bands which previously had swept down from the mountains, the rebels claimed 1,000 persons were in this column.

## TRANSPORT WRECKED

Both columns shot up and wrecked motor and rail transport as they advanced.

The communist said thousands of armed men from the Oriente countryside soon would march on Santiago. President Fulgencio Batista's army reinforced is 5,000 or more men in Oriente, and officers expressed confidence they could defeat Castro if he risked an open battle. So far in his 16-month campaign to overthrow Batista, the rebel leader has stuck to hit-and-run guerrilla tactics.

Clashes between government troops and the rebels continued on a small scale. The army said 12 rebels were killed 60 miles north.

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## Floods, Tornadoes, Snow

# U. S. Battered From Coast To Coast By Spring Storms

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heavy rains, snow and floods battered northern California and the mountain region today while pounding winds and tides ran damage losses into the millions in coastal New England.

Sections of Texas and Oklahoma surveyed widespread damage caused by tornado winds.

Heavy surf and rough seas continued along the New England coast today in the wake of destructive winds that whipped the area Wednesday.

Tides and battering surf flooded coastal communities in Massachusetts and Maine. Hundreds of persons were marooned, scores of cottages and business establishments were undermined and many roads were washed out.

Rain drenched southern New England and gale-force winds piled wet snow to a 12-inch depth in parts of Maine.

The storm was the 18th to hit New England since December. Many called it the worst spring storm in some 21 years.

California Gov. Goodwin J. Knight declared his state a disaster area as rains and snow stranded trains, marooned 200 in the Sierra Nevada and sent rivers flooding over their banks.

Four persons died — two by drowning and two others in accidents attributed to the storm.

Southern Pacific passenger train with 97 persons aboard was stranded in a snowed-out Donner Summit in the Sierra 165 miles northeast of San Francisco.

Two avalanches of snow buried a 22-car mail train on the track ahead, stalling the westbound passenger train which followed.

All 25 on the mail train got out safe.

Previously the House defeated 22-109 an attempt to send the bill back to a Senate-House conference committee for further consideration.

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## House Passes Highway Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed and sent to the Senate today a compromise \$1,800,000,000 anti-recession highway construction bill.

The Senate seemed likely to approve the measure promptly and send it to the White House before Congress starts a 10-day Easter recess later today.

House passage was by roll call vote.

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## Another Charged

# Pistol Shot Kills Davidson Student

A 20-year-old Davidson College junior from Asheville was being shot in the neck by another student, Mecklenburg

James B. Hambright, 21, senior from Burlington and a pre-medical student, has been charged with murder. He was released under \$1,500 bond.

Officers quoted Hambright as saying he was showing his .38 caliber pistol to Redding and two other students in Redding's third floor dormitory room about 12:30 a. m.

Police said Hambright pointed the pistol at Redding and started snapping the trigger.

After the second snap, the gun fired and the bullet hit Redding in the neck, police said. The student died at 12:32 a. m.

Witnesses to the shooting were George Rhyme of Belmont and Charles F. Feltz, Hambright's roommate, police said.

Police said Hambright told them he attempted to stop the bleeding when he saw Redding was hurt. An ambulance was called, but the student died before it reached the hospital.

A preliminary hearing for Hambright is set for Monday in County Recorder's Court.

## Evening Prayer

Lord of all who lift their hearts to Thee in song, fill my life with praise, so that I may proclaim Thee and Thy goodness to others. May my life in every step this day be in fellowship with Thee. In the name of the Master . . . Amen.

## Filing Fee Paid

# Brown Will Run For Board Again

By ANN SAWYER

News Staff Writer

County Commissioner Ernest K. Brown today officially entered the commission race by paying his filing fee to the County Board of Elections.

He is the last of the four-man board to make his intentions known. With the exception of Commissioner Sam McNinch, who will not seek re-election, all incumbents will run in the May 31 Democratic Primary.

Mr. Brown said he sticks by his original promise to the voters, that he is in favor of an economical government, but he does not believe in a false economy.

The only board member to live in the city, Mr. Brown lives at 1229 Kings Dr. with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Brown.

He is completing his fourth year as commissioner, having



ERNEST K. BROWN

## Man Charged In 8 Deaths

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — A New York-born woodcutter, 31-year-old Peter Manuel, today pleaded innocent to murdering three teenage girls, three women, a man and a boy.

Accused of a wholesale killing wave in the Glasgow area stretching back over two years, he was ordered tried later this month, probably on April 14. His lawyers did not disclose the nature of his defense, saying only that it would be a "special defense."

Manuel was born in New York City to Scottish parents but was ordered to Scotland when still a child. He was arrested in January at the home he shared with his parents in a Glasgow suburb.

# Unhip D-Jay Squared Deal With Chicks

By HAL COOPER

LONDON (AP) — The average cool fool in the U.S. platter-chatter bit may have it made for moola, but how's he fixed for dignity? Now dig us, cats: with a deejay in the U.K. money is strictly secondary, or even tertiary, but you call him a square with fair hair and it's fountain pen at 40 paces. In the United Kingdom, if a disc jockey's alive, he won't take that tone.

## GIVE GALS

This is why four of the gone gals at Wisbech high were kissing along lately with their knees in the breeze, a sight which will go down in school annals as

"Jack Payne's Revenge." Payne is the platter-spinner on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s television show Off the Record. Not long ago he made some snide remarks about the modern school remarks of popular singers.

This irked four of the 17-year-old chicks in the sixth form at Wisbech, and they composed and mailed a mild letter of reproof. Among other things, they told Payne:

"Your program is out of the groove.

"CUT THE CACKLE."

"Cut the cackle. If you don't like modern music, get your face off the screen.

"If there is a vacancy in a kids' program, you are invited to apply for it."

In this country, without dignity a man is nothing. So Payne quickly fired back a letter of complaint to the school headmistress, describing the fuming four as "rude and vulgar."

The headmistress, Miss D. M. Leonard, took prompt disciplinary action. She ruled that the offending quartette would have to wear their synchro-suits—a kind of short-skirted blue serge play uniform—throughout the school day for the rest of the term.

This was real punishment, for nobody this side of Marilyn Men-

roe is ever going to give off glamor in a gym slip.

## LETTER RUDE

Said Payne: "I thought that the letter, coming as it did from youngsters, was rude and ill-mannered."

"I'm sorry that the girls were punished, but dash it all these modern youngsters — well, you know what I mean."

Said one of the letter writers from the solid sixth: "I'm a big girl now and it wasn't nice having to wear a shapeless gym tunic two inches above the knee. Jack Payne? I think he's a bigger square than ever."

## Rosemary Putting Her Family First

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