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## BILL TIGHTENS PENALTY ON DRUNK DRIVER

Senate Measure Would  
Impose Prison Term  
For Second Offense

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislation proposing a mandatory prison sentence for second offenses of drunken driving was introduced in the legislative mill today.

Sen. Hamilton Hobgood of Franklin and Adam J. Whittier of Johnston introduced the measure which would leave the punishment the same as it is now for the person convicted the first time of drunken driving.

### PRISON TERM

However, it would require imprisonment of not less than 30 days nor more than six months for a second conviction, and for a third or subsequent conviction, the punishment would be imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than two years.

Hobgood predicted that further measures to increase penalties for reckless driving and speeding would be introduced.

"Inspection laws alone cannot reduce the fatality rate on North Carolina highways," he said. "New cars which would pass the inspection cause their share of the accidents."

For a first offense of drunken driving, present law calls for a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment of not less than 30 days, or both. For a second offense, the law provides for a fine or imprisonment up to two years, or both and for a third or subsequent offense a fine of \$500 or two years, or both.

In the meantime the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee was ready to bring hearings on appropriation bills called for a record state spending of \$37 million dollars.

During the hearings, heads of state departments, agencies and institutions will explain their money needs for the two-year period beginning next July 1. Many are expected to ask for increased appropriations above those recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission.

### TAX CHANGES

Available in a subcommittee of the Joint Finance Committee plans to look into possible changes in the state's tax structure in an effort to attract more industry to North Carolina. Members of the subcommittee are expected to be announced later this week.

George R. Uzzell of Rowan told the Finance Committee yesterday that the state's tax structure may be one of the chief reasons why new industries are moving into Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia instead of North Carolina.

Uzzell said that possibly the state's formula for taxing industry needs to be simplified so it will be better understood. He added that State Treasurer Brandon Hodges had found that most industrialists he has contacted regarding the possibility of locating in North Carolina are tax specialists.

After it is explained to them, Uzzell said, the businessmen are usually satisfied the state is not unjust in comparison with other states.

In his inaugural address, Gov. James B. Hunt called for renewed efforts to attract industry to the state.

Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Buncombe, one of whom made the tax study include intangible taxes. He said he had heard that the intangible tax is causing many returned people to move to other states.

## ELEVATOR WAS SLOWER THAN HE THOUGHT

RALEIGH (AP)—Two legislators got into the newly-installed elevator in the State Capitol today. It's a hydraulic lift job said extremely slow.

The two lawmakers stood for a spell. Finally, one of them remarked, "This certainly is a slow elevator."

"Why don't you press the button, so it'll move," replied the other.

## OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness to day, clearing and cooler late afternoon and evening. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer.

65 degrees. High temperature expected today, 63 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 33 degrees.

Low temperature expected tomorrow, 37 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:29 A. M.; sunset, 5:40 P. M.

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## ENTERING THEIR NEW HOME



President and Mrs. Eisenhower are shown as they entered their new home, the White House, yesterday afternoon after the inauguration ceremonies and the colorful parade. The President wears his homburg and both smile. (United Press Photo.)

## 'Guilty' Verdict Returned On Reds

NEW YORK (AP)—A Federal Court jury today found 13 Communist leaders guilty of conspiracy.

The jury of six men and six women reached a verdict after receiving the case last Thursday. The trial lasted 494 minutes.

All of the Communist leaders were charged with conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the U. S. government.

The jury foreman, Miss Lucille Arnold, a music teacher, announced the verdict after 40 hours of deliberations in a clear, firm voice.

"We find the defendants guilty as charged."

They could receive maximum sentences of five years in prison and fines of \$10,000.

The defendants, all from the New York area and all second tier leaders of the Communist Party, are:

Alexander Bittelman, 61; George Blake, 48; Elizabeth Gurly Flynn, 60; Betty Gurney, 44; Victor Jerome, 54.

Arnold, Samuel Johnson, 46; Claudia Jones, 36; Alexander Leach, 48; Louis Meisner, 48; William Wolf Weinstein, 63; Pettis Perry, 54; Jacob Mincer, 51; Albert Francis Lannon, 43.

Judge Edward J. Dimock told the jurors the verdict was "amply justified by the evidence" and "a just result."

### FAILURE RAPED

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia in a note to France to day rapped French failure to reach a settlement with Nationalist forces in Tunisia and Morocco.

It urged agreement in France's North African protectorates in line with the principles of self-determination laid down by the U. N. Charter.

### Oriental 'Flying Saucers'

Mysterious Lights Sighted Over Japan

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
 A U. S. AIR BASE, Northern Japan Dec. 28. On Jan. 9 a rotating cluster of red, white and green lights—have been sighted over Northern Japan by American airmen.

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## Lawmakers Like Eisenhower's Foreign Policy Creed

General's Domestic Views Awaited

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's no-appearance-for-foreign-policy creed commanded widespread support today in a Congress marking time for an early blueprint of his domestic program.

As the din of a three-day inauguration celebration died away, the 74th President faced the task of putting into a State of the Union message his ideas for carrying on the "Great Crusade" he pledged before his landslide vote victory last November. No date for delivery of the message has been announced.

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Two were killed and 40 injured in the head-on crash of two school buses near Manning, S. C. yesterday. One of the buses is shown above. Twenty-three children remained in hospitals today, three being reported in serious condition. This was the worst school bus accident in South Carolina since the State took over operation of the buses last year. (United Press Photo.)

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