

COLD BLAST FOLLOWS SNOW

Committees Could Hold Closed Talks

Proposal Provides For No Final Action

RALEIGH (AP)—Rules which permit committees of the House to hold closed sessions were approved by the House today by an overwhelming 74-21 vote. The rules provide that no final action may be taken in such executive session.

The vote was the first in the 1955 General Assembly on the legislative secrecy issue.

The rule provides that committees may hold executive sessions upon a majority vote of the committee.

House committees have held executive sessions in the past as a matter of tradition but their right to do so was not spelled out in the rules.

Shortly after the vote was taken it was announced that Rep. J. K. Doughton of Allegheny had been appointed by House Speaker Larry I. Moore as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and that Rep. W. B. Rodman Jr., of Beaufort, would head the Finance Committee. Both held these positions in the 1953 Legislature.

The new House rules would give committee chairmen the power to preserve order and to exclude from committee meetings any persons if they should disturb "the peace, good order, and proper conduct of the legislative business."

DELAY URGED

The rules were adopted despite an effort by Rep. John W. Umstead Jr., of Orange and others to win a delay in their consideration until tomorrow.

Umstead told the House, "Two years ago I voted for the secrecy bill, and my conscience has been burning ever since because I don't think the people should be deprived of the right to know everything that goes on down here for the sake of the indiscretions of one or two men who may report for a newspaper."

Doughton told the House that all that was involved in the rule changes was the power of a committee chairman to preserve order and "the inherent right" of the Legislature and its committees "to hold executive sessions."

Under questions by Umstead, Rodman pointed out that the power of a committee chairman to preserve order would include the right to remove a legislator from a committee session if he were creating a disturbance.

RULES STUDIES

Rodman said he had been studying the House rules and found that nowhere did they give committee chairmen the power to preserve order.

Rodman recalled a meeting two years ago of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs which he said "would have gotten completely out of order" if a "strange individual" had not been presiding. He said that actually that chairman "had no power" to enforce his order.

The rules changes recalled situations that developed during the 1953 Legislature when news reporters refused to leave committee meetings when executive sessions were called. On one occasion they refused to leave a meeting of the Joint Appropriations Committee. This resulted in passage of the Legislature of the so-called "secrecy" law which permits appropriate committees or subcommittees to hold closed meetings.

CHANGE PROPOSED

The rules adopted by the House had been approved earlier at the meeting of its Rules Committee. At this meeting, the change later adopted by the House was proposed by Rep. E. T. Falls Jr., of Cleveland. It was explained by Rodman.

Objecting to the last part of the five-part amendment were Reps.

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OUR WEATHER

Cloudy today, gradually clearing and colder tonight. Tomorrow, sunny and continued cold.

Low temperature this morning, 28 degrees; low expected tonight, 20 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 18 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 55 degrees; low expected tonight, 20 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 35 degrees; sunset, 5:38 p.m.

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Snow means play for some, work for others. Trudy Carey and Betty Ross go sledding at Freedom Park while mailman M. F. Whitaker walks his icy route.

Dr. Sheppard Denied Bail By Judges

CLEVELAND (AP)—An appellate court today denied bail to convicted wife-slayer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, whose father died last night, 11 days after his mother committed suicide.

The three judge court held that no person convicted of a crime punishable by life imprisonment is bailable under state laws. Sheppard, convicted of second degree murder, has been sentenced to a life term.

Judges Jay Seth Hurd, Julius M. Kovachy and Lee E. Skel wrote the ruling.

Sheppard's attorneys had asked that he be released on bail while his appeal is pending.

Sheppard broke down and cried last night in county jail when he heard that his father had died.

Sheppard, who maintains an insider committed the crime, may be able to attend his father's funeral.

Judge Harry A. Hanna, the presiding jurist in Criminal Court, told a reporter today he probably would grant Sheppard that permission.

Army Tank Sent To Scene

Convicts Still Holding 5 Hostages

BOSTON (AP)—State police reported today an Army tank is en route from Fort Devens to Charlestown State Prison where four rebellious convicts hold five guards hostage in the second day of a desperate bid for release.

In addition to the five guards, six other convicts, apparently held against their will by the desperate doers, are in an isolated solitary confinement cellblock.

Otis M. Whitney, state public safety commissioner and head of the state police, said he ordered the tank sent here. It is from the National Guard detachment at the Army post.

The tank, an M41 "Walker bull," is equipped with a 76 mm rifle and two machine guns.

The 24-ton vehicle has the first power to blast any steel door at the prison, Army officers said.

Texas Woman Dies In Mystery Blast

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Harry E. Weaver, wife of a noted Texas architect and scientist, was killed today when a nitro-glycerine bomb blasted her husband's car to pieces.

A second bomb was believed to be in a car belonging to Mrs. Weaver, and police said there was a possibility a third car belonging to the family might have been booby-trapped.

The blast was heard all over downtown San Angelo.

Two cars were parked in the driveway of the age home of Mrs. Weaver's parents in the downtown portion of this West Texas sheep ranching center. A third, a Cadillac, was in a garage there.

Police said they knew of no motive for the bombing.

The explosion came as Mrs. Weaver apparently stepped on the starter of the car at 8:30 a.m. She died five minutes after being admitted to a hospital.

Weaver was in her mother's home at the time of the blast and joined in the investigation.

The blast sent chunks of the late-model Chevrolet sailing a half block away.

There was no fire.

Mrs. Weaver's body was badly mangled.

Weaver, about 60, is a widely known architect, geologist and paleontologist. The Weavers formerly lived in Houston, where he was the architect of several of Houston's major buildings.

Mrs. Weaver, 52, was the daughter of Mrs. Ralph Harris and the late Ralph Harris of San Angelo. Harris was a pioneer San Angelo rancher and banker.

The wealthy Weavers own a show place ranch and home 23 miles north of here and keep an apartment in town. The couple had been living at the Harris home because Mrs. Harris, alling, was in a hospital here.

STUDENTS ARRESTED

HAVANA (AP)—Police have arrested six students who were about to leave for Costa Rica to take part in the revolution.

On the other hand, the hardened convicts—all serving virtual life sentences—repeated their earlier conditions: "This is a battle to the end, we have only one demand—out."

Score of state police and local law enforcers stood by with machine guns, bazookas, shot guns, submachineguns, rifles and small arms.

Spokesman and ringleader of the armed convicts is Theodore (Teddy) Green, 38, a notorious bank robber and experienced prison escapee, who notified Warden O'Brien last night. "One shot, one gas bomb and one of your screws (guards) dies. If shots are fired at us, then to hell with what happens from then on."

Even a touching telephone conversation with his 16-year-old daughter—brought by the Boston Post—failed to bring Green to his senses.

The Post reported that Green told his daughter: "I got to have my freedom and get all that money that is put away. I have to get it for you and Ma and the kids."

He also was quoted as saying: "I'm sorry, Toby, but if that warden don't let me out in the car, I POSITIVELY will. That is the way I feel about it and that is that."

The three prisoners with Green are Walter H. Balbin, 38, of Hudson, Mass., who has so many sentences against him for gunplay and robbery that it would take until 1966 to complete them; Fritz O. Swenson, 31, of Boston, serving life for killing a policeman; and Joseph Flaherty, 32, also of Boston, a burglar and rapist with 47 years to serve.

Ike Favors Truce Effort In China War

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he would like to see the United Nations try to arrange a cease fire between the Chinese Nationalists and Red China's attacking forces.

The President told a news conference that he does not know whether the U. N. would be able to do anything about halting the shooting, but he said he would like to see it use its good offices to seek a cease fire.

The President's remarks came atop a statement yesterday by Secretary of State Dulles that the United States would offer no objections to the United Nations' seeking a cease fire. Dulles' statement created a sensation in Formosa, stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists.

AP correspondent Spencer Mosch at Taipei reported that qualified sources indicated the Chinese Nationalists would reject such an idea.

A cease fire in effect would end Chinese Nationalist hopes of ever returning to the mainland.

Eisenhower also told his news See IKE on page 2-A

Bulletins

U. S. Restricts Russians

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States today barred Russian citizens from sketching or photographing military objects, railway stations, radio installations or other places or things in this country having possible strategic importance.

U. S. To Delay Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles told United Nations Secretary Dag Hammarskjöld today that for the time being the United States will abstain from any "direct action" which might hinder U. N. efforts to obtain the release of American airmen imprisoned in Red China.

Bullet Misses Hornel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A sniper's bullet narrowly missed George (Gordie) Hornel, 26, piano-playing scion of the wealthy meat packing family, as he sat in his apartment in a blaze that swept their frame home here. The victims were Geraldine and Jacqueline Delman, both 4, and their 2-year-old brother, Raymond Jr.

3 Children Die In Fire

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J. (AP)—Three young children of a fireman, including a pair of twins, suffocated early today in a blaze that swept their frame home here. The victims were Geraldine and Jacqueline Delman, both 4, and their 2-year-old brother, Raymond Jr.

Wise Going To Clemson

CLEMSON, S. C.—Carl Wise, head football coach at Washington & Lee University in 1952-53, and an assistant in the Canadian League this season, has been named backfield coach at Clemson College.

Mrs. Moss Reinstated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson today ordered the Army to reinstate Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, suspended employee whose case figured in controversy between the Army and Senator McCarthy.

Crosby Has Operation

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Bing Crosby underwent an operation today for removal of a kidney stone and three hours after he entered surgery there was no report on his condition.

Union Official Slain

NEW YORK (AP)—A top-level longshore official was found shot to death in gangland style in his automobile today in the east New York section of Brooklyn, an old Murder Inc. dumping ground. Police identified him as Walter C. Smith, 45, an organizer for the International Longshoremen's Assn., independent.

Fall Heaviest For Charlotte Since 1948

Traffic Slowed And Schools Closed

By EMERY WISTER
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Winter promised another taste of bad weather medicine today, before the bitter dregs of a 4-inch snowfall could melt.

As weather observers predicted more snow this afternoon and evening, they forecast the mercury will drop to 20 degrees tonight to refreeze the hard-packed snow and ice.

This will make streets even more dangerous than they were today, cause many motorists to leave cars at home.

The snowstorm, which roared out of Texas, was the worst the city has received since February 1948. Most snow fell during the night and morning, but flurries were expected all afternoon.

The Weather Bureau said the snow will likely fall intermittently until 7 o'clock tonight.

The Weather Bureau said colder air in the Carolinas caused the rain to change to sleet and snow, while cities to the south such as Atlanta had only rain.

The storm, starting last night as a gentle rain, swelled to a downpour, then changed to a mixture of snow, sleet and rain before settling down to a solid snowfall around 2:45 a.m.

Although there were flurries in mid-morning and afternoon, the storm ended about 9:30 a.m.

By that time City and County schools had been forced to keep their doors closed, and scores of stores and business establishments were operating with reduced staffs.

PIEDMONT COVERED

The storm blanketed the Piedmont Carolinas, reached as far as Tennessee west and Rocky Mount and Fayetteville east. Practically every city reported a heavy snowfall.

In Charlotte, the snow and ice made streets and highways so dangerous that even the most expert of drivers were hesitant about taking their cars out.

Many didn't and those that did were extremely careful. Service stations reported they were rushed with orders for tire chains.

CARS STRANDED

Cars stranded in ditches, along sides of roads, even turned crossways in streets were familiar sights. Drivers avoided hills for fear of getting stuck and sliding back down.

Drivers used such caution, in fact, that city police reported See HEAVY on page 2-A

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GROCERY NEWS

TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Mothers—Read About the Ideal Fruit Juices for Your Baby!

Betty Boyer Tells About the Use of Full-Action Suds in Your Automatic Washer

Read About the Easy-to-Prepare Meal You Can Serve Absolutely FREE!

Successful Meals at Budget-Pleasing Prices!

Read The Grocery News

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