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Warden O'Brien Clutched At Collar, Talks To Newsmen. (AP Wirephoto)

In Holdout Determination

'Cons' Believed Weakening

BOSTON (AP)—State prison authorities today saw indications the four rebellious convicts holding five guards hostages for the third day may soon be ready to settle for less than freedom despite their continued show of defiance.

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The Rev. Edward P. Hartigan, prison Catholic chaplain, and Dr. Samuel Merlin, prison physician, listened to the four hardened criminals for an hour and a half last night and later told newsmen: "The men say they are optimistic as to the eventual outcome."

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OUR WEATHER

Sunny and not quite so cold today. Fair and colder tomorrow, increasing cloudiness with chance of rain late at night or early Saturday. High temperature yesterday, 37 degrees; high expected today, 42 degrees; low expected tomorrow, 16 degrees.

Another U. S. Soldier Released By Russians

BERLIN (AP)—Pvt. William A. Verdine of Starke, La., was released by the Russians in Berlin today after six years of Soviet captivity, including a long stretch in Vorkuta prison camp.



PVT. VERDINE

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Ike Sees 1955 As Good Business Year
Maps Long Range Production Boost

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Eisenhower, in his economic message today, reported recovery "well under way," forecast 1955 billion-dollar output by 1955.

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower handed Congress today his 10-year blue print for the achievement of 500 billion dollars or more in annual production and said 1955 promises a high level of jobs and production.

In a glowingly optimistic economic message, Eisenhower gave virtual assurance of a "general though modest, reduction in taxes" in 1956, made possible by a broad business recovery now in process.

He wagged a warning finger at the soaring stock market, declaring that "continued economic recovery must be jeopardized by over emphasis of speculative activity."

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FEARS LABOR STRIFE
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The report, third and last of the major presidential messages, urged the states to increase the amount, duration and coverage of unemployment compensation and called again on Congress to raise the minimum wage from 75 to 80 cents.

He discouraged the proposals of labor leaders and some Democrats for a wage floor of \$1 or \$1.25 an hour. The 15-cent increase, he said, is all that can be "economically justified."

Most of the specific recommendations were aimed at promoting the role of the government in helping to achieve the 49 per cent production rise needed to reach a 500-billion-dollar annual output of goods and services in 1955.

See IKE MAPS on page 2-A

v. Hodges Rejects Road Bond Proposal



YESTERDAY Stephen Hawkins was outside, playing in the snow at which he casts a wistful look today from Miss Jean Wine-coff's first grade classroom at Park Road School. Stephen is just one of thousands of "unhappy" city and county school students who trudged back to the classrooms today after getting a day off during yesterday's big snow storm.

Closer Control Of Highway Funds Urged

Governor Would End Independent Role

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges today turned down the recommendation of the State Highway Commission for a 150-million-dollar bond issue for primary highway improvements.

In a message prepared for delivery at this morning's sessions of the Senate and House, Hodges also pressed closer budgetary control of the Highway Commission.

"In my opinion, it is time that the highway fund be handled in the same manner as other departments of the state government," the governor stated.

DELAYED REPORT
Hodges received the recommendations of the Highway Commission, based on a survey by a New York engineering firm, last Friday. However, he delayed his report to the Legislature and asked Highway Chairman A. H. Graham for answers to several questions concerning the road proposals.

Today, Hodges said the answers "have further convinced me that such of what the commission has recommended it, to say the least, premature."

Hodges said Graham told him, "In the opinion of the commission, none of the revenues to re-

Bad Weather Seen By Saturday

Carolinas Face New Snow Job

A new snowstorm was blowing toward the Carolinas today before sun and shovels could wipe away the remains of the last.

WRITER DIDN'T CARE TO CONTINUE TESTING

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—A reporter for the Munich Merkur told today about a U. S. Army lie detector test he took to get material for a feature story.

'Ole Liz' Clears Throat In City Tryout Feb. 1

Charlotte News Staff Writer
Tuesday, Feb. 1, has been designated as Testing Day in Charlotte for Ole Liz — the Civil Defense siren.

Driving Ban Lifted

By ROBERT HEWITT
CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—King Saudi Arabia has announced that he has lifted the ban on women drivers, but he is letting Christian ministers preach openly in oil company areas of Saudi Arabia.

FISH SURVIVES THREE DAYS IN ICE-BOX

SHELBY (AP)—Cats, "its said, have nine lives. Herewith is the story of a catfish who must have been blessed with at least two.

Mother, 3 Children Perish In Home Fire

GARSON, Ont. (AP)—A mother and her three young children perished today in a fire which destroyed their home.

Arab King Bows To Women
to hold household services for company personnel.

WHAT'S INSIDE

THE ANCIENT ART OF DUELING is the subject of a lively discussion by CBS Commentator Edward R. Murrow on today's editorial page. Turn to 12A.

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EVENING PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank Thee for the personal attention Thou givest to every one of Thy children. It fills us with renewed confidence to see that Thou hast a plan for every life. Draw us every one unto Thee, O God, that we may wholly submit our lives to Thy guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.