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SCHOOLS, TAX TOP AGENDA AT RALEIGH

State Legislature Begins 7th Week Of Session Tonight

RALEIGH (AP)—Hearings on budget requests of the state's public schools and a proposal to tax tobacco products headed the agenda for this week as the Legislature prepared today to begin its seventh week.

The House and Senate will meet tonight at 6 o'clock. Before the week is out a flock of new legislation is expected to be introduced, including a bill to control the use of the state's water resources.

Much attention will continue to be given to the Legislature's two major issues—appropriations and a tax on cigs. Tomorrow's Joint Appropriations Committee will hear officials of the State Board of Education, which administers the operation of the public schools, outline budget requests for the next two fiscal years. The state's biggest appropriation goes to the schools.

At hearings last fall, the Board of Education asked the Advisory Budget Commission for appropriations of \$125,129,585 the first year of the biennium and \$129,565,432 the second year. The commission recommended appropriations of \$125,085,044 and \$127,424,449.

The Appropriations Committee will wind up its budget hearings Thursday when the Highway Commission will present its spending requests.

Thursday through Thursday has been set aside by the Joint Finance Committee for hearings on the controversial proposal to levy a tax on cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco. Gov. Hodges and the Budget Commission proposed a levy of 2 cents per pack on cigarettes, 1 cent on each cigar, and 1 cent on each 10 cents worth of smoking tobacco. This would bring the state an additional revenue of approximately \$8,945,000 a year.



ONE OF THE THOUSANDS of children evacuated from the Tachen Islands, a little girl munches on a cracker probably from the pocket of the man-sized coat she's wearing. The little boy leaned forward to get into the picture. (AP Wirephoto).

Idle At Asheville

Railway Walkout Ends At Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP)—The first crews of about 600 idle Southern Railway operating employees returned to work on the early morning shift in Atlanta today, ending a four-day walkout that began in Knoxville.

About 1,000 workers returned at Knoxville, where they had been on the job since Tuesday.

The walkout had spread to Birmingham, Chattanooga and Asheville. Birmingham workers returned to the job Friday.

Freight and passenger operations were back on a normal basis this morning. There had been no disruption of services, however, since supervisory personnel handled the traffic.

S. A. Scarborough, president of the Atlanta local of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said workers had been promised there would be "no reprisals" for the walkout.

SETTLEMENT REACHED
A settlement between the employees and officials of the railroad

Former Phenix City Officials Deny Killing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Arch Ferrell and Albert Fuller were called to trial for the murder of L. Patterson today with both defendants again denying any connection with the killing which smashed a once-mighty racketeering empire at Phenix City.

The state has not decided which man will be tried first.

Ferrell, 37-year-old former prosecutor attorney during the heyday of vice at Phenix City, and Fuller, 35, who was chief deputy sheriff, are charged with first degree murder in the slaying of the anti-vice crusader who had promised to clean up the crime-ridden gambling dens.

Former Alabama Atty. General S. Garrett also is under murder indictment but was not called to trial today. He is undergoing mental treatment at a Galveston, Tex. hospital.

Ferrell told the Associated Press in a pre-trial statement: "I am completely innocent of any connection with the death of Mr. Patterson. I am confident that I will secure a fair trial in Jefferson (Birmingham County) and that a fair trial will confirm my innocence."

Meanwhile, Special Judge J. Russell McElroy began quizzing a jury panel for the first of the two trials today. He is questioning the slain Patterson's son, John, who became attorney general of Alabama after his father had won the Democratic nomination for that office a few days before he was killed.

Soviet Opposes U. N. Talks On Cease-Fire

Wants U. S. Help

Chiang To Fight For Other Isles

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek expressed his determination today to hold the rest of the Chinese Nationalists' offshore islands and made it plain he expects United States to help him fight for them if Chinese Communists attack.

"In no case," he asserted, would the strategic islands Quemoy and Matsu be abandoned.

Chiang met newsmen at Nationalist headquarters here after the Reds' Peiping radio triumphantly announced "liberation" of the Tachen Islands, evacuated by the U. S. 7th Fleet. Peiping boasted it placed Red soldiers on vantage ground for liberating Taiwan (Formosa) and other islands off the China coast.

Contrary to some reports, the Nationalist Defense Ministry announced it had no intention of evacuating Nanchishan, 140 miles north of Formosa and now the main northern Nationalist outpost.

The ministry said a small number of dependents and civilians had been removed and more would be removed, but that no troops would be withdrawn.

Nanchishan is 23 miles from the mainland. When newsmen visited the island last year about 2,000 civilians were there. The size of the garrison was not reported.

Chiang smiled contentedly as he faced the largest news conference held here since Nationalists fled the mainland in 1949.

"You newsmen fear the islands will not be jointly defended," he said slyly. "But I think the matter is very clear."

SEVEN QUESTIONS
Chiang referred to Quemoy and Matsu specifically in written replies to seven questions submitted by newsmen. He added informally:

"As a matter of fact, whether Kinmen, Quemoy and Matsu will be defended is very clear to us, and to the Communist's very clear."

His written reply had said: "With regard to the question of the joint defense of the offshore islands, the statements made by the governments of the Republic of China and the United States have been clear enough and need no more elucidation. That the defense of Kinmen and Matsu is essential to the defense of Taiwan and Penghu (The Pescadore) should have become an opinion generally accepted by qualified military experts."

Chiang's news conference followed by only 24 hours return of Communist shelling of Quemoy, 120 miles across the Strait of Formosa, Sunday morning.

The windup of the operation was punctuated by three hours of Communist shelling of Quemoy, 120 miles across the Strait of Formosa, Sunday morning.

Frigid Air Moves Over The Atlantic

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The main mass of frigid air which blanketed much of the nation last week and threatened disaster to the Florida citrus and winter vegetable crops had moved eastward out the Atlantic today.

Its passage brought some spectacular temperature rises, but it left behind two pockets of zero or below weather.

The upper Mississippi Valley has temperatures ranging from 5 above zero to Grantsburg, Wis. 6 below zero. The other zero zone extended from northern Maine to central Pennsylvania, with readings from zero down to Mt. Washington, N.H.'s 17 below.

Strong southerly winds set early morning temperatures as high as the 30s in mid-continent, and most of the country had early morning readings in the 20s and 30s. At Miami, however, it was 63 — up 22 degrees from yesterday, and southern Texas basked in like temperatures.

There were light snow flurries in the central Mississippi Valley, western New York and the Ozark Mountains. Chicago had a light drizzle, and northwestern Washington had a shower.

The 31 degree temperature at Chicago was 31 degrees above yesterday.

Warm Forties Due After Frigid Spell

Clouds and warm air broke the back of a cold wave today, and the temperature dragged bottom for the third day in succession. The mercury headed for the mid 40s today and weather men said it is not likely to fall below freezing in the morning. A 34-degree minimum is forecast.

It was a cold 20 this morning as thick clouds formed on the horizon. Newsmen said clouds will increase during the day, but little if any rain is predicted here. Skies should be cloudy through tomorrow.

EVENING PRAYER

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A VALENTINE FOR TEACHER, with fruit inside the big heart, is displayed by fourth-grader Mary Jane Rightor at Eastover School. Teacher's valentine was too big to go in the box, where students put their valentines to each other.

Pineau Next?

Pfifflin Gives Up Effort In France

PARIS (AP)—Pierre Pfifflin abandoned his efforts to form France's 21st postwar government today and President Rene Coty asked Christian Pineau, a right-wing socialist, to try. Pineau said he would decide after conferring with his political associates.

Former Premier Rene Mayer's attempt of the party to secure the former to be Coty's next choice, necessary outside support.

It was Mayer's split with Premier Pfifflin went to Elysee Palace Pierre Mendes-France, like him a before chosen today to tell Coty he leader of the Radical Socialist could not line up enough Assembly (moderate) party, which caused backing. The President summoned the overthrow of the Mendes-France soon after.

Pineau was the third man called and wartime resistance leader who to help solve France's latest was arrested twice by the Nazis. Cabinet crisis, now in its 10th day. Released from prison camp in 1945, Former Premier Antoine Pinay, a he became food minister in Gen government, failed first in the Charles de Gaulle's postliberation search for National Assembly sup-provisional government. He was elected to the Assembly in 1945 and

Giant Fireball Excites People In East Texas

TYLER, Tex. (AP)—A fireball, but no evidence of it had been found.

Information indicated it was first seen and disappeared some 60 miles south, near Lufkin, and the Weather Bureau at Dallas got reports of people seeing its glow as far as Jackson, Miss., to the east and Mineral Wells in West Texas.

There were no reports of injuries or damage.

The most vivid account came from J. N. Aber, a control tower operator at Pampa, Tex. here. Here's his story:

"Around midnight this light seemed to pop out of the sky directly above us. It looked like a huge electric arc. It was greenish, like the tip of a welder's torch."

"It was going due south. There were three of us in the tower. We of course had the lights on, but the room lighted up brilliantly. It was a blinding light, the brightest I ever saw. The tower operator and I both appear to the South, about 30 degrees above the horizon. It looked like a football with a short tail. It lasted just a second."

John Fontaine, Civil Aeronautics Authority aviation operation specialist at Lufkin, said:

"Along about midnight we felt a percussion as if from an explosion. We didn't see a flash, but it was reportedly seen in the area. They said it came down somewhere between Tyler and Lufkin. Everybody in town is stirred up about it. Several said that when it hit it felt like a car door slamming."

Reds Say No Useful Purpose To Be Served

Question On Agenda Over Soviet Vote

By MAX HARBELSON
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Russia declared today that no useful purpose would be served by U. N. discussion of a cease-fire on the coastal islands in Formosa Strait.

Soviet Delegate Arkady A. Sobolev told the Security Council, "a bigger question has to be considered—that question is to lessen tensions."

Sobolev made his declaration in explaining his vote against placing on the Council's agenda a New Zealand proposal for a cease-fire. The Council overrode Soviet objections and agreed by a vote of 9-1 to inscribe the question. Nations China abstained.

The Council agreed as it did Jan. 21, to consider a Soviet charge of U. S. aggression against China and a demand for the withdrawal of U. S. forces from Formosa.

Chief U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. called the Soviet item "a preposterous cold war fraud without the slightest basis of fact."

As soon as the agenda was adopted, New Zealand's St. Leslie



HENRY CABOT LODGE

Munro led off the general debate by expressing regret that Red China had rejected a Council invitation to take part in the Formosa discussions.

The invitation was voted by the Council at its only meeting on the Formosa issue, two weeks ago.

The same council meeting rejected Soviet demands for Nationalist China's ouster and refused to give the Soviet charges priority. Instead the group agreed to take up first New Zealand's proposal to discuss the situation as the first step toward a cease fire agreement. Observers considered, however, that any cease-fire resolution which did not have Red Chinese concurrence would have the force only of a moral censure.

Legislation Success Is Seen By Martin

HOUSTON (AP)—Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Miss.), House minority leader, predicts congressional approval of three major proposals submitted by President Eisenhower—the one-defeated health insurance bill, a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade laws for school construction.

Martin made his remarks during a press conference yesterday at the Houston airport. He stopped here en route to Dallas, where he speaks tonight.

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OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer today. Cloudy and warmer tonight with a chance of light rain. Mild, cloudy and warmer tomorrow.

Low this morning, 20.
Low tonight, 34.
High yesterday, 40.
High today, 48.
High tomorrow, 48.
Sunrise, 7:11 a.m.; sunset, 5:05 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 9A

Ex-Charlotten Found Dead

Abigail Adams To Be Buried Here

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The body of Abigail Adams, 37, actress and once fiancée of Congressman George Jessel, will be returned to Charlotte for burial.

The body of Miss Adams was found in bed in her Beverly Hills apartment yesterday and police said she had apparently committed suicide. Death was caused by an overdose of sleeping pills.

Miss Adams' mother, Mrs. Eugene Buchanan of Charlotte, left here early this morning for California. The body will be sent to the Douglas S. King Mortuary here for burial.

Miss Adams, who claimed she was descended from U. S. Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, was first known as Tommy Adams, later changed her name to Abigail. She appeared in a number of motion pictures and had also been on stage in New York and Chicago. She had also made several TV appearances.

In January, 1949, she was an honor guest of the annual convention of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of North and South Carolina. She appeared on a "homecoming" program which honored a number of Carolinians who were in motion pictures. Sidney Blackmer, of Salisbury, was among those present.

Miss Adams' body was discovered yesterday by Max Marks, a drug store owner who had been at her apartment yesterday afternoon after she had failed to answer her telephone.

Dr. Lester V. Laurion said a preliminary examination of the body indicated she had taken an



ABIGAIL ADAMS