



TIED FOR FIRST place in the "Most Unusual" division of the 7th annual Mad Hat party staged by the Golden Agers club of Baltimore were Mrs. Lucy Moltz (left), posing as "Miss Miami," Mrs. Mary Grace, who called her hat "Bats in the Belfry." (AP Wirephoto)

Democrat Tax Cut Proposal Gains Support

By RUSSELL BRINES
 WASHINGTON — The House Ways and Means Committee meets today to endorse a Democratic proposal for a \$20-a-person income tax cut that probably will set off the first partisan clash over legislation in the new Congress.

Although the committee's Democratic majority reportedly has promised to vote shortly for the plan, the group invited Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey to testify in closed session in advance of the vote. Humphrey was expected to oppose both the timing and the method of the proposed cut.

The plan is to add the income tax cut to an administration bill to continue present corporation and excise tax rates, now due to drop April 1.

Its final passage in that form would give President Eisenhower the choice of approving an estimated loss of \$1,400,000,000 in income tax revenues or of losing three billions by vetoing the corporation and excise rate extensions at a time when he has said taxes must be kept at their present levels.

The tax cut plan, sponsored by Rep. Mills (D-Ark) would give each taxpayer a \$20 cut for himself and each of his dependents including his spouse, on income earned after next Jan. 1.

It finally adopted the cuts would be reflected first in withholding tax deductions on the individual's first 1956 pay check. Those not subject to withholding taxes could make the deductions when they pay their taxes.

Solicitor To Testify Whitener Backs Psychopath Bill

By JULIAN SCHEER
 Charlotte News Staff Writer

The controversial sexual psychopath bill will get support from Solicitor Basil Whitener in Raleigh tomorrow.

Mr. Whitener said today he will go to Raleigh to testify before a House Judiciary Committee in support of the bill drawn by the Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly.

The bill, now divided into two measures which would (1) call for from one to ten years imprisonment and (2) ask for commitment to mental hospitals of persons determined by psychiatric examination to be sexual psychopaths, has had two interesting hearings previously.

Mr. Whitener said he is in favor of the bills and had drawn the same type of bills in 1951 and 1952 and the woman he was dating, however.

MILLER ACT
 He said the District of Columbia's Miller Act was the basis for his measures and the local bill, spearheaded by Rep. Arthur Goodman, was the same thing.

"I am in favor of the bills and I will tell the committee something of the Miller Act which is the same type of legislation. This subject has been of interest in this area for a good while," he pointed out that the Grand Jury here was interested in information about sex deviates back in May and has been disturbed by the growing problem here.

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New Sales Tax Proposal Due In Assembly

Alternative Sought To Tobacco Tax

RALEIGH — Another sales tax proposal, designed as an alternative to taxes on tobacco and soft drinks, was scheduled to be introduced tonight as the Legislature began its eighth week of deliberations.

Sen. C. Settle Bunn of Nash announced last week he would offer a measure to bring sales of foods and building materials under the 3 per cent sales tax.

Bunn said he was offering his proposal as an alternative to taxes on tobacco and soft drinks proposed by Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission. He said the sales tax on food and building materials plus the tax recommendations of the governor, leaving out tobacco and soft drink levies would raise about 24 million dollars a year. The governor has asked \$20 million a year in new revenues.

Other tax proposals already introduced come up before the Joint Finance Committee hearing this week. These include a bill to shift automobile license revenue, about \$10 million a year, to the highway fund to the general fund.

A measure which would reduce state revenue by allowing taxpayers to deduct federal income tax payments in figuring their state income tax also will be heard.

Another proposal to be considered would provide for payroll deduction of state income taxes.

The Joint Appropriations Committee, which completed its public hearings last week, will take rest until Thursday. Then it must begin deciding whether to trim requests for funds, expand them to meet demands of state agencies, or hold to the original division of funds.

Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission.

City Choice Runs Until May Aitken Joins School Board

G. Douglas Aitken, president of the Bank of Commerce and former member of the City Council, was appointed today as a member of the City School Board succeeding the late Frank O. Roberts.

Mr. Aitken's appointment by the school board is for the unexpired term of Mr. Roberts which ends at the municipal election May 3.

But Mr. Aitken told The News today that he will be a candidate for re-election at the forthcoming election.

Three places on the school board are to be filled.

Two are for the six-year regular term. The other six-year term ending this spring is that of the Rev. Dr. Herbert Spang who is completing 18 years' service on the board.

The third vacancy is the remaining four years of the term of the late E. M. Mauldin.

Ben Horack, Charlotte attorney, is now serving under board appointment as successor to Mr. Mauldin.

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No Survivors Among 16 On Board Craft

Airliner Hit Peak In New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — New Mexico state police reported today five badly burned bodies have been recovered at the wreckage-strewn spot on a mountainside where a Trans World Airliner crashed Saturday with 16 aboard.

The search team said there was no sign of life "and no possibility of survivors."

The reports, trickling down by walkie-talkie from the huge rock pinnacle in the Sandia Mountains east of here, said identification was impossible at this time and indicated recovering other bodies would be slow going.

The airliner rammed the pillar in the rugged snow-covered mountains just minutes after it took off.

Two search teams, weary and stiff after a night in subzero cold on the mountainside, started at dawn probing the crannies around the needle-sharp rock where the plane hit.

Pack animals were started up from the base camp at the foot of the 10,000-foot mountain to bring out the bodies and an air drop was scheduled to deliver equipment for removal of the bodies.

The plane took off from Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, about 15 miles southeast Saturday morning. Three minutes later veteran pilot I. R. Spone, Prairie Village, Mo., radioed all was well. That was the last heard from the twin-engine Martin 40, bound for Santa Fe. 70 miles away, on the first leg of a flight terminating at Baltimore.

The wreckage, on the cliff-topped peak of the Sandia Mountains, was spotted by James Bixler, chief pilot for Carco Air Service.

St. William Gibson of the Air Rescue Service, Denver, hovered in a helicopter within 50 feet of the wreckage hanging atop the 10-foot rock tower. He said it "definitely was the missing aircraft and there was no possibility any survived."

Two big searchlights played on the precipitous pinnacle last night to provide light for eight searchers stranded atop the rock by fading daylight.

Just before dusk, bedrolls, blankets and food were parachuted to searchers.

Earthquake Jolts California Area

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A fairly sharp jolt, apparently a single earthquake shock, awakened thousands of sleepers in the west and southwest section of Los Angeles at 2:09 a.m. (PST) today, no damage was reported.

Police departments and newspapers received many calls from households.

A woman in Long Beach said she was awakened by her bed shaking. An Inglewood man said "shook the whole house."

SILVER MINING
 OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP) — Since last blocks of the boardwalk were torn up to make way for a concrete walk, people working with their shovels and sledge hammers have turned up gold dust valued at \$300,000 during the last 65 years. Some have mined as much as \$12 a day.

Jealous Suitor Kills Woman, 2 Men And Self

ATLANTA (AP) — A jealous lover shot and killed a former Georgia legislator, a Tennessee state salesman and the woman he was dating, and then committed suicide last night.

Another woman was injured so severely she died in a hospital when she broke up a gay party in a northeast Atlanta home.

One of the victims was identified as John Verlyn Booth, 40, member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1934 to 1938 and onetime Fulton County (Atlanta) campaign manager for Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) when Russell ran for governor. Booth was divorced.

Police Capt. E. O. Mullins said Homicide Detective L. T. Butland identified the jealous man as Alton Nix Treadway, 45, an Atlanta electric engineer.

They said he smashed his way into the house with a .22-caliber target pistol in hand and fired with deadly accuracy at all four people, totaling about two billion dollars annually.

Various cuts in excise taxes, worth about one billion dollars a year, on automobiles, gasoline, cigarettes, liquor, beer and wine.

IMPATIENT BUS RIDER TAKES OVER AS DRIVER

CHICAGO (AP) — Weary of waiting in the rain for a bus, James E. Burns took direct action. He walked to the nearest Chicago Transit Authority depot, climbed into a parked bus and set out for home.

Police, notified by a CTA dispatcher, curved the bus with a warning shot after Burns, a 19-year-old colored student, had driven only six blocks.

"I just got tired of waiting," he explained.

Legislation To Even Up Cities Seek More Teachers

By DICK YOUNG
 Charlotte News Staff Writer

Legislative attempts to equalize the allotment of teachers between city school districts and rural school districts developed today.

Announcement of the plan was made at a meeting of the City School Board today.

A meeting of school superintendents and school board chairmen of the state's larger cities will be held shortly at High Point.

The amendment providing for more equal distribution of teachers as well as other school problems of the larger cities will be discussed at the High Point conference.

The Charlotte School Board initiated the effort to obtain more equal teacher allotments by the board when the unequal division was brought to light several weeks ago by Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent.

Dr. Garinger disclosed that this year the Mecklenburg County schools showed an increase of 2,000 students and got five new teachers.

At the same time the Charlotte city schools showed an increase of 2,000 students and got five new teachers.

Allies Charge Red Air Buildup In North Korea

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — The United Nations Command today accused the Communists of violating the Korean armistice by building up Red MIG strength in North Korea.

It demanded that those responsible be punished.

Maj. Gen. Leslie D. Carter, senior Allied member of the Korean Military Armistice Commission, made the charge. He declared the MIGs which attacked an American B-24 reconnaissance bomber over the Yellow Sea district and its teacher allotment Feb. 5 were evidence of Red air activities in North Korea since the armistice which "have mounted from zero to increasing magnitude of a high tempo."

REDS DENY CHARGE
 At a news conference after the commission meeting, Carter quoted the chief Communist delegate, North Korean Lt. Gen. Lee Sang Cho, as saying the U. N. charges were "allegations hastily concocted by the Communists."

Carter quoted Lee: "The history of the Korea War proves the fact that we had combat aircraft in North Korea. . . . How we maintain the planes and how many we have is our own business and no concern of others."

Lee further told him, Carter said, that a Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission team which visited North Korea in October 1953, a few months after the armistice, "witnessed a large number of military aircraft, including between Camp Greene Ave. and Royston Rd.

Whammy Will Be Used In Arrests Inside City

Instructions for the use of the latest electronic device called a "whammy" in the arrest of speeders in Charlotte were issued today by the City Police Dept.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey said that he had told police officials that they can use the "whammy" under existing authority. The "whammy" has been used inside the city heretofore only as a means of checking the speed of cars on certain thoroughfares.

The so-called "whammy" is just another police weapon and it can be used as any other is now used," said the city manager.

Mr. Yancey said that he had hoped that this device would have to be used.

But since Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn and Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel have said this equipment is necessary to slow down speeding on Charlotte's streets, Mr. Yancey gave it O. K. today.

Both Chief Littlejohn and Capt. Henkel were highly in favor of the use of whammies which have been attacked on the legislative front in Raleigh.

Ed Scheidt, State Motor Vehicles Commissioner, has defended the use of the whammy during the last 65 years. Some have mined as much as \$12 a day.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today. Cloudy and cooler with rain tonight. Tomorrow, considerable cloudiness and cooler with a chance of light showers.

Low this morning, 44.
 Low tonight, 44.
 High yesterday, 68.
 High today, 58.
 High tomorrow, 58.
 Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.; sunset, 6:11 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

SAFENESS IS MIRROR ON THE FACE OF FIVE-YEAR-OLD JOHANN

SAFENESS is mirrored on the face of five-year-old Johann MacFarlane of Burlington, Ont., after losing in a straw vote that broke up his family. He and his three sisters drew straws to see which one would remain home after Johnny's father was crippled in an auto accident. There was not enough money for all the children to stay, so friends took in the extra three. (AP Wirephoto)



WHAT'S INSIDE

HOW DOES IT FEEL to be dipped in the deep fat of Southern anger and fried to a sizzling turn? Actor Paul Douglas knows and columnist R. C. Ruark tells about it on today's editorial page. Turn to 8A.

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