



IT WAS EASTER EGG PAINTING TIME at the Russell Bruce home in Memphis, Tenn., and 2-year-old daughter Pamela "helped" out for the first time. It turned out to be a colorful job. In fact, Pamela was as brightly colored as any egg. (AP)

Tobacco Tax, Liquor Levy Boost Favored

Committee Poll Shows Likely Trend

Advertising Levy Meets Disfavor

RALEIGH (AP)—A straw vote taken among 22 members of the Senate Finance Committee last night gave an indication of what may be in store for the General Assembly on the tax front.

They voted more than 2-1 in favor of a tobacco tax, recommended by Gov. Huges and the Advisory Budget Commission. The proposed tobacco levy, including two cents per pack of cigarettes, would yield nearly nine million dollars annually.

The straw vote also showed the members were in favor of a tax on cooperatives, an increased tax on liquor, a 1 per cent tax on new and used automobiles, and a 3 per cent gross receipts levy on hotels and motel rooms.

The proposed 1 per cent tax on automobiles would replace the present 3 per cent tax which carries a \$15 maximum limit.

The members were against a tax on soft drinks, food, seeds, fertilizers and insecticides, and changes in the sales tax. They also voted against a 3 per cent gross receipts tax on newspaper, radio and TV advertising, a realty transfer tax, a removal of the \$15 limitation on a single article under the sales tax, and an increase of 1 per cent in corporation income tax.

SEEK VENTURE
Senate Finance Chairman Nelson Woodson of Rowan pointed out that the straw vote was taken only to sound out sentiment.

The committee agreed that another sample ballot will be taken when the members meet next Tuesday. A three-man subcommittee was named by Woodson to meet with a similar House group Monday in the Revenue Commission Eugene Shaw's office. The group will go over the proposal to change administrative rulings relating to the sales tax.

If exemptions set up by the administrative rulings were abolished, the state would get an additional \$10 million annually, according to some estimates.

12 ATTEND
Twenty-two of the 25 members attended last night's session. On the tobacco tax, 13 voted in favor, 8 against, and 2 favored a modification. Other votes showed:

Feed, seeds, fertilizers and insecticides tax—16 against, 2 for.

Sales tax changes—10 against, 13 in favor.

Increasing the tax to 2 1/2 per cent vs. the first \$1,000; 152 against a similar 2 1/2 per cent levy; 151 against a 3 per cent sales tax on Va.



WIVES MADE NEWS today, but it had nothing to do with pink teas or weddings. At left two policemen catch Mrs. Mary Callahan, 30, in an Olathe, Kan., courtroom as she faints on receiving a life term in the slaying of her husband, Center. Mrs. Mary Clark, widow of a Fort Worth, Tex., oil man, covers her face on arrival at the police station yesterday for questioning in the death of her husband two years ago. At right, Mrs. Joan Heroux is shown arriving at a New York police station in 1952 for questioning. Currently she is charged with smuggling a pistol to her husband in the Gainesville, Fla., prison. George Heroux killed one, wounded two in an escape attempt. (AP)

In Face Of Greyhound Strike

Trailways Increase Service

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Trailways Carriers serving Charlotte and other principal Carolina centers reported today a substantial increase in their motor coach passenger traffic consequent to the general strike of Atlantic Greyhound Corp's drivers.

L. A. Love, general manager of Queen City Trailways and president of Charlotte Union Bus Terminal, reported extra buses were being operated to accommodate the Easter season passenger traffic. "We are taking care of the traffic very nicely," he commented.

N. O. Reeves, steward here for the Atlantic Greyhound drivers' union, reported the Charlotte situation related to the drivers' strike was "quiet." He said picketing of Greyhound's establishments had not been started and he said he did not foresee any necessity for picketing.

TO RESUME TALKS
D. L. Campbell of Charlotte, recording secretary of the Greyhound drivers operating over the Charlotte-Atlanta route, said he will return to Charleston, Va., Sunday afternoon. He explained that Greyhound officials had agreed to resume Monday at 2 p.m. their conferences with the representatives of the drivers' union.

Mr. Campbell returned yesterday to Charlotte from Charleston. He had joined three discussions between Greyhound officials and union representatives regarding a proposed working agreement. Mr. Campbell described the company's counter-proposals as "unacceptable because we don't intend to sign a contract which recognizes us as second rate drivers."

In this connection, Mr. Campbell

Slain Man Called Violent And Dangerous

Witnesses Offered by Defense

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—The defense attorney for Miss Jean Lea Chandler, rested her case at 11 p.m. today following a parade of witnesses to the stand who said Harvey L. Armstrong was a "violent man" when he was drinking.

Argument to the jury by Attorney Sallie Jackson began after a short recess, and ended two and one-half days of the murder trial so far.

During the testimony this morning, presented to corroborate statements made by the 26-year-old defendant yesterday, Detective T. W. Heath told of a conversation he had with the defendant immediately after the arrest.

BLOOD ON HANDS
There was blood on her hands, he said, and he asked of his wanted to wash them.

"No," she said. "That's Harvey's blood and I love him."

She is charged with killing Armstrong, a 41-year-old used car dealer, the night of Jan. 25 on the premises of the Old Dominion Box Co. following a night of drinking.

The witnesses offered by the defense were allowed to testify as to the character of Armstrong only insofar as their testimony corroborated statements from the defendant that he late paramour had assaulted her on various occasions.

Good Friday Services Being Observed Today

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christians around the world made pilgrimages to Good Friday services today, commemorating the death of Christ on the cross.

In village church and vast cathedral, the faithful gathered for centuries-old ceremonies.

Thousands from many lands assembled at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City to attend the solemn Mass of the Resurrection.

TO JERUSALEM
In the Holy Land, some 3,000 pilgrims, many of whom had to pass through the no-man's-land dividing warring Israel and Jordan, flocked into Arab Jerusalem.

Once again they followed the narrow, twisting cobblestoned Via Dolorosa—the Way of the Cross. Gathered according to nationality, each group bore at its head a massive cross as they halted briefly at each of the 14 stations of the cross.

The procession formed a few hundred yards inside Jerusalem's east wall, where Christ was tried before Pontius Pilate. His route followed the path which tradition says Christ's burdened steps took to Calvary, the site now of the sprawling Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

OPEN DOORS
In the United States, Catholic and Protestant churches from coast to coast threw open their doors for Good Friday services. Many scheduled three-hour services commemorating the hours on the cross.

A vast throng of Argentines turned out in Buenos Aires for Holy

Through Publication

Ike Believes Secrets Lost

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said today President Eisenhower believes "technical military secrets" have been made available to the enemy through publication of such information in this country.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, told newsmen that Eisenhower is disturbed about the situation.

Hagerty declined, however, to discuss the question of whether Eisenhower's views are related to new Defense Department information control directives put into effect last week by Secretary Wilson.

Hagerty said he was not going to discuss the situation in the Pentagon.

HE 'ANTED UP' WITH 12 TONS OF SHRIMP

HOUSTON (AP)—FBI agents sought today a truck driver they say lost 12 tons of frozen shrimp in a poker game.

Robert W. Brewer, Sixteen, Mo., was charged with unlawful converting merchandise in interstate commerce for his own use.

George Burton, FBI agent-in-charge, said Brewer, 29, left the Brownsville shrimp exchange April 1 with the shrimp aboard a truck and trailer owned by the Querner Truck Lines, San Antonio, Tex. Brewer's destination was Detroit, Mich.

Burton said Brewer got into a poker game in Houston with four men and apparent lost the entire shipment of shrimp.

Winners of the cargo, Burton said, attempted to market a portion of their winnings to cafes in Houston and Beaumont but the FBI recovered \$4,900 of the sales money.

Four men were charged with receiving the 24,235 pounds of shrimp, valued at \$12,573, and concealing stolen merchandise.

ASKED FOR COMMENT
Hagerty was asked at news conference for comment on a New York Herald-Tribune story saying the President "is deeply concerned over what he regards as an excess flow of military information from this country to the Soviet Union."

The dispatch by Walter Kerr of the newspaper's Washington bureau added:

"He thinks the United States is telling the Russians too much. He thinks the Russians are profiting from it."

"This is the explanation for strict directives issued at the Pentagon last week by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson."

Wilson in effect banned release of any information without prior clearance through his office where he directed that it was to be checked both for security and for whether it was in accordance with policy.

Archbishop Denies He Said Pair Not To Wed

LONDON (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury today denied he ever said that "there is no truth whatsoever in the rumor that Princess Margaret and Group Capt. Peter Townsend are to be wed."

The archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, was reached by radio telephone in Grahamston, South Africa. He said he replied simply, "No comment!" when a reporter asked him about the rumors on his arrival in Capetown yesterday.

Dr. Fisher said today he had not commented on the subject and would not comment on it now.

CAPTOWN PAPER
The statement he denied appeared first in a newspaper in Capetown, the archbishopship and his wife are starting a two-month visit in South, Central and East Africa.

Reporters persisted that Princess Margaret, who is 24, and Townsend, 40, and a divorced man, are in love and hope to overcome the obstacles standing in the way of their marriage.

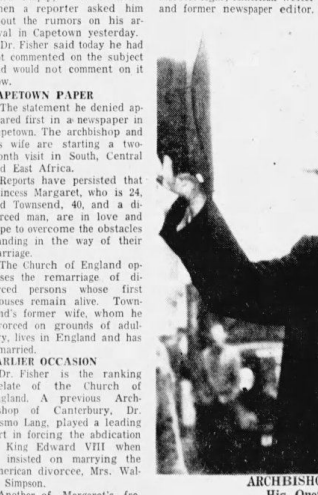
The Church of England opposes the remarriage of divorced persons whose first spouses remain alive. Townsend's former wife, whom he divorced on grounds of adultery, lives in England and has remarried.

EARLIER OCCASION
Dr. Fisher's ranking prelate of the Church of England, A previous Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Lang, played a leading part in forcing the abdication of King Edward VIII when he insisted on marrying the American divorcee, Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

Another of Margaret's relatives

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ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND WIFE
His Quotations Of All Mixed Up. (AP)

Our Weather

Sunny today and tomorrow. Fair tonight and slicker cooler. Chance of scattered light frost tonight.

Low this morning—39.
Law tonight—37.
High yesterday—67.
High tomorrow—72.
High today—65.
Sunrise 6:01 a.m.; sunset 6:50 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 12-A

Evening Prayer

Empower us, Father, to convert our sadness because of our Father, will Thy Son triumph now and evermore for His suffering for our sakes in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Government Calls For Phone Peace Efforts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government today called on the Southern Bell Telephone Co. and the striking CIO communications workers union to resume negotiations and "redouble efforts" to end a 26-day walkout.

Joseph F. Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, made the request in telegrams to company and union.

He asked for an immediate resumption of negotiations at Atlanta and called on the parties to "redouble their efforts to find a basis for settlement at the earliest possible date."

Finnegan said two federal mediators, Michigan regional director W. S. Pierce and E. Marvin Soucy, Michigan regional director assigned to the case, would be on hand in Atlanta today to assist settlement efforts.

The talks were expected to resume there this afternoon. They broke off two weeks ago.

The strike, which started March 14, has idled 50,000 Southern Bell workers. The main issues are wages and strike privileges.

The company has asked for an iron-clad no-strike pledge for the duration of the contract. The union

Alabama Sheriff Asks National Guard Units

ATLANTA (AP)—Sheriff Holy McDowell asked Gov. James E. Folsom for state troops to aid in maintaining order in the telephone strike in the Birmingham, Ala., area today.

This step followed recurring violence there in the 26-day-old walkout of Southern Bell Telephone Co. workers.

There was no immediate indication as to whether Folsom would assign National Guard units to duty.

A shot was fired into a Southern Bell building last night during a demonstration of strikers and sympathizers.

Birmingham Police Chief G. L. Paine requested a 22 caliber bullet.

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