



FOURTH PLACE isn't too bad for a pup. Ciseo's Jet Comar compares his trophy with the huge champion's award at an all-boxer show held in Peoria, Ill. The puppy is owned by Ralph W. Mast of Quincy, Ill.

Ike Says Opinion Clash Over U. S. Budget 'Only Natural'

Eisenhower told his news conference that he accepted honest criticism and ignores personal criticism. He said criticism does not affect his health. The President was asked if he was aware that Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) had characterized Eisenhower's \$71,000,000 budget as a betrayal of Republican trust.

HAVE RIGHT

Eisenhower said members of Congress have a right to their opinions. He said historically there has always been a clash of ideas and of methods of promoting those ideas.

Without any direct reference to Goldwater's criticism of the "modern Republicanism" which Eisenhower has been advocating, the President said in this day and time the government cannot limit itself to the processes of 1860.

He said the government must adapt the principles of the Constitution to the inescapable industrial conditions today.

Eisenhower said he believes profoundly in the programs he has proposed to Congress.

A reporter noted that Eisenhower's budget represents only 15 per cent of the national income. The reporter said this is the lowest percentage since World War II.

Eisenhower replied that business friends have told him their own budgets are going up 8, 9 or 10 per cent a year. He said they are astonished that the federal government's budget has increased only 3 1/2 per cent.

Nevertheless, Eisenhower said, 72 billion dollars is a terrific amount of money to be put to purposes that will not provide new jobs. He said it is all right with him if some cuts can be made, but he added the outlay cannot be reduced to any great extent except by elimination of some of the programs.

Outwardly, at least, there was no indication in the news conference that Eisenhower was ready to come out fighting hard personally for his legislative program. Advice that he take that course was reported to have been given him by GOP congressional leaders.

Spies Attempt Plea For Jail

NEW YORK — A New York couple arrested on spy charges today pleaded guilty to a count carrying a maximum prison term of 10 years. They thus apparently sought to escape prosecution on a greater charge carrying a possible death penalty.

The couple, Jack Sobie and his wife Myra, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring with Russian nationals to obtain documents and other material relating to U. S. defense.

Under the law, conviction could bring a term of 10 years in prison.

They also had been indicted on a charge of conspiring to transmit to the Soviet Union secret information vital to U. S. defense. Conviction on this charge could bring a death sentence.

Sobie, 53, and his wife, 52, stood pale and motionless before Federal Judge Richard H. Levett as their plea was entered.

When the Sobies were informed the judge that they wished to make the plea, Sobie reached out one hand toward his wife. The judge asked them: "Do you understand the significance of such a plea and the possible sentence which may accrue?"

"Yes, we do," the Sobies answered in unison.

"Have you been promised by the U. S. attorney's office or anyone else anything in return for the giving of that plea?"

"No," the couple answered together in a loud voice.

Russian Youngsters Want To Stay Here

CHICAGO — A Family Court judge rules today on whether three young boys, wards of the court for four years, should be returned to the custody of their immigrant parents who want to return to Russia with them.

The boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kozmin, former Russian nationals who came to this country in 1950 as displaced persons after being freed from a Soviet slave labor camp, have been seeking to regain custody of their sons since last December.

The boys have been wards of the court since 1952 when their parents suffered mental breakdowns and were committed to Chicago State Hospital for treatment. Their mother, Nebejda, 35, was released in 1954 and her husband, 45, obtained a conditional release in 1955.

Two of their sons, Richard, 19, and George, 8, live in the Central Baptist Children's Home in suburban Lake Villa. The third, Paul, lives in a foster home. A fourth son, Peter, 8 months old, lives with his parents.

Richard also had said his plan to take him to Russia. "We don't want to go to Russia and leave the home," Richard told newsmen yesterday. "I don't feel Russian. Why would I have to go to Russia? I'll bet they don't even play baseball there. Besides, I want to be a cowboy when I grow up. Who ever heard of a Russian cowboy?"

Richard added he and his brothers "would like to live with our father and mother," but they would rather stay in the United States.

"We don't see them often anyway," Richard said. "It was last Christmas when I saw Mom."

The parents have been assisted in their court fight by the Russian Embassy in Washington. A representative has contended the family court has no jurisdiction over the Kozmins because the boys have they all are Russian citizens. He had demanded immediate release of the children.

However, Judge John J. Clavon, on last December rejected the plea to turn the boys over to their parents, ruling they were not competent to care for them.

Carolínians Begin Job Of Cleaning

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
LAURINBURG — The clean-up began today.

From Jefferson, S. C., to Rosehill, N. C., they are picking up the pieces after the tornado that killed six people, injured dozens of others and left houses looking like kindling wood along a 150-mile path.

TWO KILLED

For some, the clean-up means more than replacing a roof. John James Jr. of Sampson County lost his wife, his four-year-old son and his house in one fat instant. He stands as a symbol of all the death and destruction the twister cranked.

The Rev. D. M. Clemmons of Beave Dam is another. He lost his house and his church. The wind threw my wife through the doors to the far side of the house. The wind took her shoe off.

"I came back about an hour later—that what I thought was my home. It was nothing but a pile of boards."

A motorist had taken Mrs. Clemmons and four-year-old Louis to a Roseboro clinic.

"We'll just have to begin again," the preacher said.

A man in overalls asked him, "Preacher, how do you feel?"

BEGIN AGAIN

"I feel sort of bothered up, Ed," he said. "Well, just have to begin again."

These are what the storm that roared across the Carolinas like uncontrolled fire hose left behind it.

A baby with a fighting chance for life. The rods wrapped around trees. A baby's bottle lying on the warped floor. Ella James and her son died. A woman worried about a juke box.

Here in Laurinburg, a surgeon said his baby due to be born in two weeks to Mrs. Katie Mae Chavis "has a good chance" to live. She had suffered a fractured pelvis, severe knee injuries and internal injuries when her home was wrecked.

Near Rose Hill in Duplin County, a Negro woman, operator of a store, stood beside the flat concrete slab which was all that was left of it.

"I just finished paying for a juke box," she said. "I wonder where that juke box landed."

FINAL ACCOUNTING

Here is the final accounting in the three hardest hit North Carolina counties.

Robeson — 20 injured, 85 homes demolished or damaged, 39 injured, 40 homes demolished or damaged.

Duplin — 19 injured, 17 homes demolished or damaged.

But other counties were also caught in the path of the grim black funnel. Sheriff M. J. Weatherly of Marlboro County, S. C., estimated damage in his county at a million dollars.

In and around the community of Wallace in Marlboro County, 23 houses were destroyed. The Wallace School is believed to be beyond repair.

The wisteria, waked left strange signs that can be repeated as legends of the tornado of '57.

The Johnson Trucking Co. near Wallace, S. C., a huge trailer was blown to the sea.

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Frost Spares Carolínians' \$5 Million Peach Crop



H. W. Deaton Looks To Trees In The Cramer Orchard Near Cranemerton.

Teacher Leader Says Hodges Salary Hike Plan No Good

By CHARLES KURLALT
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The Charlotte Classroom Teachers' Association president today branded Gov. Hodges' 15 per cent teachers pay raise proposal a "song and dance."

Mrs. Willie S. Shore, Harding High School teacher, said the governor's revised plan to hike salaries in the state "won't satisfy the teachers and won't solve the problem."

She charged the Governor with "manipulating figures" and "tampering with the statistics of the State Board of Education" in his message to the General Assembly yesterday.

The result, she said, is a plan that would give principals and superintendents a raise at the expense of teachers.

GOV. INCREASE

Gov. Hodges hiked the state school board's recommended 10 per cent raise for school employees other than teachers to 11 per cent. He cut the requested 16.1 per cent increase for teachers (plus 3.2 per cent for a recommended extra week's work) to 15 per cent.

Any attempt to hike the percentages beyond his recommendations would be "risky," the Governor said.

"I don't see how the Governor thinks he can dictate to the legislature like he's doing," she said. "The Constitution of North Carolina doesn't give the Governor the right to tell the legislature what to do."

TAKE MONEY

Gov. Hodges said the state school board could take the money he recommends, raise teachers' pay beyond the 15 per cent average and still give supervisory employees the 10 per cent raise it requested.

But he advised against doing it that way.

The raises would not be "across the board" under the Governor's plan. The Board of Education would distribute raises ranging from 17 per cent to 8 per cent. The average would be 15 per cent.

Starting teachers would get the largest increases.

The average teacher salary would be raised to \$3,900 for a nine-month term in his plan, Gov. Hodges said.

The Board of Education's 19.3 per cent raise plan (with an extra week of work) is considered "an absolute minimum" by the state's teachers, Mrs. Shore said.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

PUBLIC TIRED

"We know the public is tired of hearing about this," she said. "We're tired of begging the legislature."

"The Governor has been ingenious in trying to find the money for raises. But he ought to go further in fairness to the teachers, and principally in fairness to the children."

"We're not going to stop this fight until the legislature goes home. Then we'll stop."

Our Weather

Generally fair today and tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and mild.

High yesterday 61
Low yesterday 48
High expected tomorrow .. 73
Low this morning 34
Low expected tonight 42
Sunrise, 5:58 a.m., sunset, 6:51 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Assist us, Our Father, to discover Thy Way amidst the varied ways of life. Lead us into true discernment that we may walk wisely and well in Thy light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—'QUADRANGLE' ALL SQUARE—

Love's Math Problem Solved

SAN FRANCISCO — Two couples at nearby Millbrae are exchange partners. The husbands involved said yesterday.

Martin Brooks, 35, operator of a garden and pet supply company, and Dr. Frank E. Schwartz, 38, said their wives went to Reno together last week to get divorces.

The men said the close friendship developed in two years. Brooks and Jean Schwartz, 33, are fond of sports while Schwartz and Betty Brooks, 35, like color photography, music and painting.

About two months ago, they said, they decided to work out an amicable swap involving property settlements without alimony or child support.

The women plan to remain in their present homes with their children, the men changing domiciles. The Brooks have four children under 11. The Schwartzes two and a half.

There is "a little sadness at parting," Schwartz said, but they will continue to visit in each other's homes and see the children who have had full explanations.

"There's a lot of mental strain involved, though, and you certainly find out who your friends are," Schwartz added.

Next Ten Days Key To Success

By EMERY WISTER
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Money grows on trees in the Carolinas.

And today the \$15 million question is:

Will frost or freeze nip the tender young peach crop in the bud or will growers reap a rich harvest in the summer?

Peach growers, expecting their best crop in 10 years, cleared the first hurdle this morning when a frost nipped only lightly at the trees.

"We had some frost, but it was very light," said F. M. Lemmon, general manager of the South Carolina Peach Growers Association. "We weren't hurt."

"No frost here," was the report from North Carolina's Sandhills country.

The growers, who heard the cheering word of "no more frost this week" from the Weather Bureau, say April is the critical period for the peach crop.

APRIL RAIN

"I've lost my peaches several times and every year except one it was an April frost or freeze that did it," said John C. Wyatt, who says April is the heart of the Sandhills near Candor. "The one exception was the 1955 March freeze that took everything."

Mr. Wyatt said "the next 10 days are the critical days for the peaches. If we can get by Easter I'd say we'd be all right," he said.

His opinion was confirmed by Mr. Lemmon.

"I figure if we get by April 22 without a freeze we'll be all right," he said.

To protect their trees from frost damage, Sandhills growers brought out snudge pots and burned old automobile and truck tires. The thick smoke, they say, helps keep frost from forming on the tender buds.

Some growers also plan to spray their trees with water when the temperature drops below freezing. This puts a coating of ice around the buds and the ice keeps the peach temperature from falling lower than 32 degrees.

But in rough, bumpy Spartanburg country, growers are simply crossing their fingers and hoping for the best.

Today prospects for a good crop were bright. Unless frost comes late in the crop, approximately 8,000 carloads of peaches should roll from the Carolina orchards.

Broken down into states, the crop looks like this:

SOUTH CAROLINA — Crop should bring in between 10 and 12 million dollars, at least \$2 million more than last year.

BEST SINCE 1948

Two and one-half million trees in Spartanburg, Greenville, Lexington, and Laurens Counties are loaded with blossoms promising the finest crop since 1948.

Growers expect no insect damage on an early morning call. South Carolina is now the peach

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Spring Sun Victor Over Puny Frost

Winter beat a hasty retreat from the Carolinas today after leaving a trail of white frosts and light drizzles.

The light, scattered frost covered the countryside but it did little to do damage to young plants and shrubs, said one nurseryman.

"I covered some azaleas last night but couldn't get that close to all of them. The uncovered ones are just as pretty today as the others."

Nurserymen and gardeners agreed the frost was too light and scattered to harm plants.

No more frost is due for several days anyway, says the Weather Bureau. A high of 70 today, a 74 tomorrow is forecast. Tomorrow's low is expected to be about 42, eight degrees over today's 34.

Clouds should thicken by tomorrow afternoon with scattered showers likely again by Friday.

Man Freed After Confession

BOSTON — Santos Rodriguez, was a free man today after the State of Massachusetts rectified the mistake under which he was sentenced to life in prison for a murder he did not commit.

He had served 2 1/2 years.

The Puerto Rican restaurant worker walked out of the prison colony at Norfolk last night wearing a new suit the state gave him and with \$52 in cash he had earned in prison.

THANKS GOD

With a wide grin, he said: "I give my thanks to God and the people who helped. All my prayers be answered one by one. I hope God bless all the people that help me in this case, this case that was my life."

He learned his English in prison.

Gov. Foster Furusio and his Executive Council skirted a state law to give Rodriguez quick freedom.

A pardon normally cannot be granted within a minimum of two weeks after a petition has been filed, but Rodriguez was freed within minutes. As a formality, the Executive Council again will act in two weeks.

The state's attorney, Lucien Peets, 34, of Springfield, confessed he and not Rodriguez killed Mrs. Mildred Hosmer, 43, in a Springfield rooming house more than three years ago.

GUILTY PLEA

Peets pleaded guilty to manslaughter last Friday and was sentenced to 18 to 20 years in prison.

A Superior Court jury in Springfield convicted Rodriguez, one-time husband, after a "confession" he signed was read into the court record.

On his release last night, Rodriguez said of the statement he signed: "I wrote down everything they tell me to write. The police pushed me around, pushed me against a steam pipe and hit me a few times."

He denied all of Rodriguez' assertions of brutality.

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