

BULLETINS

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A minister said he felt no need today "to apologize to God" or anyone else for the special early church services he held last Sunday so President Eisenhower could play golf here. The Rev. Massey M. Helzel said he held two identical services during the last day of Mr. Eisenhower's vacation visit and added, "I am proud to say the church was filled to overflowing at both services."

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia education officials denied today they ever had jurisdiction over an obscene film police seized from a former employe of the State School Film Library at Macon, Ga. The State Education Department decided nevertheless to review all "audio-visual education" films on hand to make sure there is nothing in stock similar to the seized one.

NEW YORK (AP) — Police said today a 66-year-old man whose dismembered body was found in paper bundles at the Fulton fish market may have been murdered by underworld racketeers. Fingerprints were used to identify the mutilated torso of Milton Hirsch, a once-convicted numbers racket operator.

LONDON (AP) — Radio Moscow today "advised" editors of newspapers throughout the Soviet Union how the death of Premier Josef Stalin is to be printed.

Material will be published on Page One. The page will be bordered in black, with a portrait of Stalin in military uniform taking up three columns on the right, the broadcast said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "President Eisenhower Rose" made its first public appearance on the arm of Mrs. Eisenhower. The President's wife received a huge bouquet of the deep red velvety flowers at a flower and garden show yesterday. The rose was developed and patented with the President's approval by the Conrad-Pyle nurseries at West Grove, Pa.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington sources say John E. Puerifoy will remain as ambassador to Greece in the Eisenhower administration. The Walterboro, S. C., diplomat is a Democrat appointed by former President Truman.

BERLIN (AP) — Communist East Germany today closed all schools, cancelled all sports events and banned dancing and other amusements in mourning for the death of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin.

BOSTON (AP) — The arrest of one of the FBI's "10 most wanted criminals" in Somersworth, N. H., was announced today by the FBI. Perle Miller, 29, who dyed his hair black to avoid detection after a daring North Carolina prison camp break in May, 1948, was arrested last night at the home of a "girl acquaintance," the announcement said.

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — South Carolina's 1953 traffic death toll today continued ahead of the record-breaking 1952 pace with announcement by the State Highway Department that 12 persons were killed last week. The report brought the number of persons killed on Palmetto State highways since Jan. 1, to 129.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court judge today held under advisement the petition of a Mexican actress for permission to work on a movie while awaiting a deportation hearing. Rosaura Revueltas, raven-haired Mexican movie star, is under detention at an El Paso, Tex., hotel.

UNITED NATIONS, U. Y. (AP) — The flag flew at half staff today at United Nations headquarters for Josef V. Stalin, "one of its founders." Within the marble and glass building, delegates went ahead with a desultory debate on the Korean war. It was destined to get no place because the master of the Kremlin was dead.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Voice of America warned Communist people behind the Iron Curtain today that the death of Josef Stalin promises no relief from the "extermination and suppression" he fostered in the Kremlin. "Soviet Communist imperialism and not any one man is the real enemy," the Voice said in broadcasts beamed throughout the world.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration's price decontrol program is going to cost the average American officials estimated today. In the next 12 months, they family about \$20 during the course of a year, government said, price increases on items already decontrolled should cost consumer almost \$1,000,000,000.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Blind Freddie Small, 55, received a 30-day suspended sentence for carrying a concealed weapon which an X-ray technician discovered after Small was struck by an auto. Small explained he had loaned a pistol and had just gotten it back when the car struck him. After the judge pronounced the suspended sentence Small was led away by his seeing-eye dog.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Josef Stalin's death was announced at a high school basketball tournament here last night the crowd of 2,000 persons broke into an ear-splitting cheer.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One Mexico City newspaper kept its readers informed on the illness and death of Josef Stalin with blunt, to-the-point headlines. For 24 hours preceding the Russian dictator's death the paper headlined news of his failing health with: "He's still alive" "Bulletin No. 2 — Not yet" "Bulletin No. 3 — Still not yet" When Stalin died last night, the newspaper banner-lined an extra in 12-inch type: "At long last."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced today German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French Prime Minister Rene Mayer will come here in March and April for defense talks. The visits were arranged by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles before Josef Stalin's death, but now have taken on added importance in the uncertainty over Russia's future global policies.

MIAMI (AP) — Joseph Albert, 36-year-old convicted murderer who made a daring escape from Dade County's lowering jail, was recaptured here today in a downtown hotel. Officers C. H. Sapp and C. E. Hall said Albert offered no resistance when they went to his room after Hall was "tipped" to Albert's whereabouts.

Thousands

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leader's death at 8:05 a. m. today (10:50 p. m. EST Thursday).

The announcement had come over the radio in the form of a statement by the Communist Party, the cabinet and the presidium of the supreme council of Parliament. A medical bulletin detailing the death followed.

ISSUE WARNING
The official statement contained a warning to any country that might attack Russia in the wake of Stalin's death.

"The party is in every way strengthening the Soviet army, navy and air force and intelligence organs with the view to constantly raising our preparedness for a decisive rebuff to any aggressor," it said.

But the statement said also that Russia wants peace and "international collaboration and the development of business-like relations with all countries."

Western diplomats expected no immediate change, at least, in Russian foreign policy.

Presumably Vyacheslav M. Molotov, senior vice premier, was acting as head of the government. At the head of the Communist party, through which Stalin had so long ruled, was Georgi M. Malenkov.

Foreign diplomats including U. S. Charge d'Affairs Jacob Beam started visiting the Foreign office to offer their condolences in behalf of their governments as the people of Moscow converged on the Trade Union Building.

Thousands of messages from heads of state, Communist party branches and individuals began flooding the Moscow communication centers.

Among first ones from notables were those of Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, President Boleslaw Bierut of Poland, President Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia, and French Communist leader Maurice Thorez.

All Moscow was in mourning for Stalin.

He never regained consciousness after being stricken Sunday night with a brain hemorrhage which left him paralyzed in the right arm and leg and without the power of speech. His condition deteriorated rapidly after heart attacks on Thursday.

Then came the official announcement from government and party leaders:

"The heart of Comrade . . . Stalin . . . has stopped beating."
His body will lie in state in the Column Hall of the House of Unions—the great trade union center in the heart of Moscow only a short distance from Red Square and the Kremlin.

SIX HOUR DELAY
News of Stalin's death was withheld for more than six hours. It was just about 4 a. m. (6 p. m. e.s.t. Thursday) that word spread to the Russian people and thousands poured into the dark, very cold streets to queue up at news stands.

At 6:05 a. m. over the Moscow radio home service, came the chiming of the Kremlin and the Soviet national anthem. Then the senior Moscow announcer began reading the full statement put out by the Central Committee, the Council of Ministers and the Supreme Soviet Presidium.

It announced "with profound sorrow" Stalin's death.

It said that "in these sorrowful days, all peoples of our country are rallying even closer in the great fraternal family under the tested leadership of the Communist party, created by Lenin and Stalin."

And it contained a warning to any would-be aggressors.

"The Soviet people know that the defense capacity and might of the Soviet state are growing and strengthening," it said. "What the party is in every way strengthening the Soviet army, navy and intelligence organs with the view to constantly raising our preparedness for a decisive rebuff to any aggressor."

CRISIS IMPENDS
The wording of the statement, while intended to soothe the Russian people, was a clear sign of impending international crisis. Communist leaders were being summoned to Moscow from around the world. Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky abandoned the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York to leave for home. Another summoned was acting French Communist leader Jacques Duclos.

Most speculation on a successor centered on Georgi Malenkov, a vice premier and secretary of the Communist party.

The official government and party statement said that "together with Lenin, Comrade Stalin was the inspirer and leader of the great October socialist revolution, founder of the world's first socialist state."

FOREIGN POLICY
And it said this about foreign policy:

"The foreign policy of the Communist party and the government of the Soviet Union has always been and always is the policy of maintaining peace, the struggle against aggression and unleashing of another war, the policy of international collaboration and the development of business-like relations with all countries."

The statement under the direction of Health Minister A. I. Tretyakov who has battled desperately to save Stalin's life, issued a fourth and final bulletin shortly after his death.

It was titled: "Medical diagnosis of illness and death of Comrade Stalin."

It was headed of two stanzas and stated that the Russian people would be told the cause of Stalin's illness had been withheld from them for 46 hours and when it finally broke

Vehicle Bill

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for annual check-ups at designated inspection stations.

Compulsory motor vehicles inspection in North Carolina was killed in 1946 after public protests that the law was "unworkable."

At a hearing Wednesday, a number of automobile groups and the State Grange supported the bill. The only opposition came from Robert Coleman of Raleigh, who said he had never seen or heard of an accident caused entirely by a mechanical defect.

Bailey predicted that his measure, if approved, would trim automobile accidents by three per cent in the state. The bill requires yearly inspection at designated garages of such points as brakes, steering assembly, horn, lights, mirror and licensing.

The House Health Committee scheduled a public hearing early today on a bill to define and regulate the practice of naturopathy in the state and set up a state board of naturopathic examiners.

An overwhelming flood of 52 new bills hit the House yesterday and 15 of them by Rep. A. C. Edwards of Greene and Joseph Branch of Halifax death with highway safety. Edwards said they were recommended by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Senate got a bill by Sen. Ralph H. Scott of Alamance County to set up a five-member state milk commission with wide powers to regulate prices and distribution of milk.

Its members would be appointed by the governor for staggered four-year terms. Scott, a dairyman, said the bill was a request of producers and distributors to protect the industry and keep "outsiders from coming in and selling cheap milk."

The Senate also put up a resolution to give assistant budget director David S. Coltrane his salary checks for the period from June 13, 1952 to last Jan. 9.

Former Gov. Kerr Scott had stripped Coltrane of his powers when the budget expert refused to resign. Coltrane then served without compensation.

He was reinstated by Gov. William B. Umstead and stands to collect something over \$5,000.

Three members of the Senate introduced a bill to create eight additional judicial districts in North Carolina.

Sens. Calvin Graves, Hamilton Hobgood and Edwin Pate introduced the measure which would establish 29 superior court districts instead of the present 21. Collectorial districts are the same as judicial districts.

The bill would also give an additional superior court judge to each of three of the new judicial districts.

The bill provides that the governor shall appoint resident judges for each of the eight new districts proposed in the bill. The makeup of the proposed new districts by counties is as follows:

Durham county; Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties; Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Martin counties; Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties; Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties; Scotland and Robeson counties; Gaston, Cleveland and Lincoln counties; Alexander, Davie, Davidson and Iredell counties.

The three districts to get additional superior court judges would be the 18th, 20th and 25th.

The 18th District is Guilford County. The 20th is Mecklenburg County and the 25th includes Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Appointments of the judges named by the governor would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1953, and successors would be elected in the 1954 general election.

early Tuesday many at first refused to believe.

To those who had grown up since the revolution of 1917 it was almost inconceivable that Stalin could be taken ill.

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Races

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all sections of the country.

The track is in top condition and today Fonty Flock, second top racer, and Herb Thomas were trying out the track in preparation for Sunday's event. Only 1952 and 1953 models will be driven.

TOP RACERS COMING
Among the other top racers who have entered Sunday afternoon's event are: Monty Flock, now in second position in NASCAR point standing, Bill Blair of High Point, winner of the recent Daytona Beach 160-mile Grand National, Buck Baker of Charlotte, now champion of the NASCAR speedway division, and Dick Rathman of Los Angeles, one of the country's five top drivers.

"There'll be the greatest array of racing talent ever assembled in North Carolina when these drivers get together Sunday afternoon," said Sorrell today. He said he was delighted with the great amount of interest being shown in Harnett's first big-time race.

Sports fans throughout this area are excited over Sunday's races, when they'll be able to see the best drivers in the whole country.

OTHER DRIVERS
Among other drivers entered Sunday are: Red Douglas of New Albany, Ohio; Donald Thomas of Olivia, brother of Herb Thomas; Wally Campbell of Trenton, N. J.; Johnny Roberts of Brooklyn, New York; Jimmie Lawellen of High Point; Mike Klapak of Warren, Ohio.

Also Cotton Pribby of Louisville, Ky.; Perk Brown of Leaksville, N. C.; Curtis Turner of Roanoke, Va.; Lee Petty of Randleman; Joe Guide, Jr. of Daytona Beach; Johnny Patterson of Huntington, V. Va.; Dub Livingston of Gadsden, Ala.; Keith Hammer of Elkins, W. Va.; Don Oldenburg of Highland, Indiana; Ted Lee of Encino, California; Elton Hildreth of Bridgeton, N. J.; Lucky Sawyer of Baltimore, Md.; Buck Kennedy, Herb Bush and E. H. Weddle.

Johnnie Brunner of Daytona Beach, Fla. will be the starter, and Bob Bass will be in charge of pits. Edwin Sigwart is assisting Sorrell with staging of the big race.

Time trials Sunday afternoon will begin at 1 o'clock, and the big race will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The Harnett Speedway is located 15 miles south of Lillington on Highway 15-A.

Iverson

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terian Church in Miami, with 1600 members. More than sixty young men and women have gone from that Church into full time Christian service as ministers, missionaries, Directors of Religious Education. One of these is the Rev. Glenn H. Fishback, pastor of Grove and Riverside Presbyterian Churches near Dunn.

PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT
In preparation for the "Week of Spiritual Enrichment" a prayer service will be held in the sanctuary of Presbyterian Church this evening at 8:00.

Each morning next week, Monday through Friday, at 7:00, Dr. Iverson will conduct a period of Bible study; the early hour is to enable those who work or attend school to participate. The evening services, which will be inspirational and evangelistic, will be at 7:30.

The officers, congregation and pastor of the Presbyterian Church extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

March Worst
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In cost up in the millions.

This year, the Red Cross is asking Americans to contribute to a budget which totals \$83,000,000.

"We had planned to cut this by \$7,000,000," the comptroller says, emergency gamma globulin program for the treatment of polio. Where does your Red Cross dollar go?

About \$19,000,000 is set aside to run the 3,727 chapters and another \$20,000,000 goes to run the national organization.

Some \$5,000,000 is put away for disasters, like the tornadoes, floods, mine explosions and so forth. There is a balance of uncommitted funds for national emergencies totaling \$10,000,000.

"That ten million," says Betts, "is regarded as a cushion. If we have uncommonly bad luck and have to spend more than the 10 plus the five, we have to appeal to the public for more money."

Other items in the budget include the blood program, health nursing and safety services, the Junior Red Cross, financial assistance to chapters, international relations, plus general management — planning and administration.

POULTRY
RALEIGH (AP) — Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate, demand generally good; heavy hens steady, supplies adequate to short, demand fair. Prices at farm up to 10 a. m. today: Fryers or broilers 2 1-2-3 lbs 27; heavy hens 23-26, mostly 26.

Eggs steady, supplies adequate, demand fair. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading stations: A large 45-48, A medium 42-45, B large 40-45.

COTTON
NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures prices at 11 a. m. EST today: New York March 33.44; May 33.62; New Orleans March 33.43; May 33.60.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

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GREENSBORO (AP) — A wind-whipped fire which swept through the Kenny shoe store here caused damages of \$120,000, the fire department estimated today.

All available firemen were called out and managed to bring the blaze under control after a two-hour fight. Four of the firemen were overcome by smoke.

HATTERAS (AP) — The General Assembly will be asked to fill in a "missing link" of the popular coastal highway at a meeting of coastal citizens in Ocracoke village Monday night.

GREENSBORO (AP) — George E. Blanton, 25, a reputed former associate of numbers racketeer F. D. George Smith, escaped from a prison camp near Stokesdale late yesterday.

Blanton, imprisoned for lottery operations, had recently been raised to honor grade status. His escape was discovered about 5 p. m.

Markets
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Washington, New Bern, Jacksonville, Kinston, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Florence, Clinton: 25 cents lower at 19.75.

Mount Olive, Dunn, Wilson, Goldsboro: 50 cents lower at 19.50.

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