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TORTURE CHARGED—Mrs. Julia Ward, shown with her husband, the Rev. Tilford Ward, is charged with torturing children who attend a religious school they operate in Anaheim, Calif. Mrs. Ward and her secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Munger were arrested after another school employee told police they burned the children with matches and beat them with pieces of rope and paddles. Arresting officers said the school was "filthy with garbage, dirt and trash and covered with flies."

Newsman Hit Info Secrecy

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Several newspapermen criticized the government's new security information order on a television forum yesterday, but a government official urged "let's give it a try."

The plea came from J. Patrick Coyne, national security council representative on international security.

After a heated exchange with a number of newspapermen, Coyne said some newsmen were assailing the program before they see how it operates.

Russell Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post, was a leader in the discussion on the Columbia broadcasting system's "The Big Question" program.

Wiggins said he believed the new order—which goes into effect later this week—is merely "dispensing the power to initiate classification of material." Ostensibly, he declared, the order is designed to effect uniformity on classified information.

The U. S. press, Wiggins said, takes the position that only "national military security" should be the basis for classifying information.

Woman Injured As Cars Hit

A San Francisco woman, Patricia McAuliffe, was treated for minor head injuries resulting from a two-car collision at S. 6th and Washburn way over the weekend.

She was a passenger in a car driven on S. 6th by Patricia Murphy, 434 N. 10th.

The vehicle was hit by another driven by a 16-year-old boy.

The youth was cited to juvenile court and Miss Murphy was cited for not having an operator's license.

Several States' Taxes Skyrocket in 1951

By The Associated Press

State taxes skyrocketed in 1951. During the year lawmakers in 24 states put the bite on the public for more than \$350,000,000 (M) in new levies, and more are to come.

Taxpayers in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Massachusetts still are waiting to learn their fate. The three legislatures are bogged down in tax programs.

Pennsylvania's budget for the 1951-53 biennium is \$120,000,000 (M) in the red. Missouri has bills pending that would provide another \$16,000,000 (M) for highways.

To help meet rising costs, Florida da even put a tax on "courtin' candy" (the kind that comes in boxes and costs more than 50 cents). But most of the new revenues will be collected from the time-worn favorites — taxes on sales, gasoline, cigarettes, corporations and trucks.

Here are some of the facts on new state taxes as reported in an Associated Press national survey:

Georgia topped all the states in levying new taxes in 1951, passing a new three percent sales tax expected to yield \$100,000,000 (M) a year for a net annual revenue gain of \$70,000,000 (M). Emergency taxes passed in 1949 and yielding \$30,000,000 (M) were repealed.

Wisconsin cut its income taxes about \$10,000,000 (M) by eliminating a 25 percent surtax enacted in 1949, and stands to lose about \$500,000 a year by cutting out a three percent tax on Wisconsin corporation dividends paid to out-of-staters.

Connecticut's legislature voted to continue a two percent sales tax for two more years.

New Hampshire reversed the trend to abolish poll taxes and levied \$5 a head on all adults over 21. It is expected to yield \$1,750,000 (M) a year.

Vermont also increased its poll tax, from \$2.50 to \$3, figuring the new rate to produce an additional \$100,000 a year. A one percent

sales tax was defeated.

SALES TAX

But in some other states lawmakers accepted the sales tax as the best answer to their financial problems.

Maine's new two percent retail sales and use tax became effective July 1. It is expected to yield \$11,000,000 (M). Food and fuel are among the exempted items. Collection of the state property tax, yielding about \$5,500,000 (M), will be discontinued next year.

South Carolina inaugurated a three percent general sales and use tax on July 1, expecting it to return \$24,000,000 (M).

Alabama increased its sales tax from two to three percent, effective October 1. The revenue, estimated at \$20,000,000 (M) will go for schools.

The whopping \$49,000,000 (M) increase in Michigan revenues will come from a new gas tax yielding

about \$30,000,000 (M), a \$4,000,000 (M) increase in truck license fees, and a \$15,000,000 (M) price in the state corporation privilege tax, thus boosting the tax on major auto manufacturers as high as \$2,000,000 (M).

New York state's three major revenue producing bills of the year were aimed at big trucks.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's administration sponsored them as part of a plan to make the heavier trucks pay a higher proportionate share of the cost of construction and maintenance of highways on the theory such vehicles do the roads most damage.

The bills:

Impose a weight-distance tax on

loaded or unladen weight of trucks of more than 10,000 pounds, expected to yield \$20,000,000 (M) annually.

Boosted from four to six cents a gallon the state levy on diesel fuel for trucks and buses. (Expected yield, \$750,000.)

Fifty pit-type weighing stations will be built throughout the state to check truck weights.

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Among the states increasing cigarette taxes were West Virginia, up three cents to four cents; Arkansas, up two cents to six cents; Wyoming, up two cents; Tennessee, up two cents to five cents; North Dakota, up one cent; Oregon up two cents.

Collection of the higher tax was delayed in Oregon by a petition for referendum. Oregonians have voted four times in recent years against taxing cigarettes.

On October 1 South Dakota's taxes were lowered by termination of special levies adopted in 1949 to liquidate a \$20,000,000 (M) bonus payment for veterans and their dependents. The taxes had amounted to about \$10,000,000 (M) a year.

States in which no new important revenue raising measures were enacted or are pending this year include:

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