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# U. S. Attorney General Promises Anti-Trust Campaign THE GETS HIGHWAY BILL

## 30 Killed, More Than 100 Hurt In Los Angeles Blast

### Clark Comes To City For Brotherhood Meet Tonight

#### Dr. Graham Will Be Given Award

By TOM FESPERSMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Attorney General Tom C. Clark, who came here to address the annual Brotherhood Week meeting tonight at 8:15 o'clock at Hotel Charlotte, said this afternoon that the Justice Department will pursue a "positive" anti-trust program and break open the tight holds which some corporations have on certain industries.

Speaking to some 70 members of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association at a luncheon at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Mr. Clark said, "We are not on a witch-hunt," but declared that a Supreme Court decision on the lower courts' injunction and fine is expected next month. He said that his Department is not "attempting to assist the rights labor has won."

Mr. Clark spoke briefly to the local attorney on the Lewis coal strike case, and said that a Supreme Court decision on the lower courts' injunction and fine is expected next month. He said that his Department is not "attempting to assist the rights labor has won."



ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CITY—U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark (center) is shown talking with Dr. Frank Graham (right) and Assistant Attorney General Lamar Caudle this morning on a private railway car at the Southern Station. Mr. Clark will make the principal address at a Brotherhood Week meeting tonight. Dr. Graham will be given the annual Brotherhood medal. (News Photo by Tom Franklin Studio.)

### Action In House

## Republicans Win First Budget Test

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Republicans won the first test today in their drive to cut \$6,000,000,000 off President Truman's budget, putting over a rule forbidding amendments to their economy

### Wildlife Bill Passes

RALEIGH—The House passed by an overwhelming majority today a bill to separate the Division of Game and Fish from the Dept. of Conservation & Development.

The measure would create a Wildlife Resources Commission with a commissioner, or director, and members, each representing a district.

As the name of the new agency implies, it would be responsible for a program designed to conserve the wildlife of the state.

### Chill Rain Due Tonight

By EMERY WISTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Freezing rain, which made Charlotte streets rivers of ice and slush, is forecast again tonight by the Weather Bureau.

But sometime in the night, the Bureau predicts, the rain will cease, and the skies will begin to clear tomorrow. Low temperatures are forecast again tomorrow but a slight rise in the mercury is expected during the day. A low of about 27 is forecast in the morning.

### Bulletin

RALEIGH—(AP)—The House Committee on Manufacturing & Labor has today passed a bill to outlaw the closed shop, which would have strengthened the check-off by which union dues are deducted from the pay envelope.

A substitute measure by Rep. Hayes of Forsyth which would have permitted the check-off was defeated.

### Truman Snags Stroll In Snow

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Swirling snowflakes outside the window blanketed the White House gardens from view, but President Truman got in his morning walk today as usual.

He told his news conference he set forth at 6:40 A. M. on a two-mile stroll through downtown Washington, virtually deserted at that early hour, and got back at 7:15.

### English Mayor Fined For Giving 5-Course Banquet

CHELMSFORD, Eng. — (AP)—Mayor Arthur Walter Andrews was fined \$100 today for giving a five-course banquet in celebration of his inauguration last November.

Regulations limit British meals to three courses.

### Wide Area Wrecked By Explosion

#### Scores Of Autos Destroyed

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — At least 30 persons were killed and more than 100 injured, police estimated, in a violent explosion which destroyed a two-story brick building and several nearby structures here today.

The explosion wrecked an area four blocks square.

Buildings were damaged for an area of a mile and a score of automobiles parked nearby were demolished.

Hospitals were filled with injured taken there by all available ambulances and in private motor cars.

### STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Police Department declared a state of emergency and summoned all officers to duty. A curfew was in effect for all persons over 18 years of age.

Thousands of curious thronged the area, hampering rescue work.

The critically injured include Mrs. Vera Atterline, who was thrown from her seat in a nearby street car, and a young girl, 12, who was rushed to the scene and a general fire alarm was sounded.

### 'Trigger Man' Sought

#### Eleven Men Admit Participation In Pickens Lynching

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (AP) — Sheriff R. H. Bearden announced today that eleven signed statements admitting taking part in the lynching near here Monday of Willie Earle, 24-year-old Negro.

Another man, he said, was being questioned in an effort to determine if he was the "trigger man" suspected of firing the shot which charged into the Negro's head.

Earle, arrested as a suspect in the fatal stabbing of a Greenville taxi driver, was taken from the nearby Pickens County Jail by a mob estimated at 25 men. A short time later, he was found with a knife and gun slung about his neck, and a suspect in the Greenville County road.

### Long Rule To End Britain Moves To Free India

LONDON — (AP) — Prime Minister Attlee announced to Parliament today that Britain intended by June, 1948, to turn over to a responsible Indian Government the rich, self-sufficient India where she has ruled for 200 years.

The Prime Minister's statement was denounced by the opposition in the House of Lords, where Viscount Halifax, leader of the Conservative Party, said that the British Empire, under various names, has been a blessing to the world.

### Doughton Will Vote For Sharp Budget Cut

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina today would vote for a \$400,000,000 budget cut "as the best thing that could be done in the limited time" for budget consideration.

The former chairman of the Ways and Means Committee added, "I expect to be among the few in the minority party voting for it in the House."

### Portal-to-Portal Is Approved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee today approved legislation outlawing portal-to-portal back pay claims.

The bill, which provides for agreement between employers and employees, was passed by a vote of 10-0.

The bill was sent to the full Judiciary Committee whose chairman, Senator McClellan, predicted it would be approved next Monday.

### Flynn Back In Hollywood For Birth Of Child

HOLLYWOOD — (AP)—His broken jet foot in a cast, Errol Flynn left town last night from Kingston, Jamaica, to be with his young wife, Patricia, who is expecting the birth of their second child "any minute."

### Hoover In London After Food Survey Of Europe

LONDON — (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover arrived today from his food survey of Europe and told reporters that he had seen "the worst" in Europe in 25 years—and that applies to the British too.

### New Facilities Obtained Camp Butner Will Let State House Arrests Mentally

By BURKE DAVIS  
Charlotte News Special Writer

The State Hospital system faced with the opportunity of giving proper care to all of North Carolina's mentally ill with the acquisition of the Camp Butner hospital, expects to move into its new quarters in late spring.

The great windowed building, a part of approximately 4,500 beds, has been approved by the State Board of Health and the State Board of Mental Health.

### Talk Of Coal Strike Arises

WASHINGTON—(AP)—There was no comment from President Truman at his news conference today concerning a suggestion that he call a meeting of coal mine operators and union leaders to avert a possible strike of miners April 1.

A reporter told Mr. Truman that the State, Republican, Indiana, has announced that it will call a meeting of the State's first coal operators and union leaders to avert a possible strike of miners April 1.

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**WEATHER**  
Freezing rain this afternoon, ending tonight; continued rather cold tonight. Lowest temperature, 22. Friday, clear and slightly warmer. Temperature at 2:30 today, 31. High and low last 24 hours, 31-28. Sunset today, 6:10. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:02.

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