

U. S. Rejects Soviet Protest on Italian Port Visits

State Dept. Replies To Complaint By Russia

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States rejected outright today Russia's protest against the visit of American warships to Italian ports.

State Department news said that the Italian Government granted advance permission for each ship to visit Italian ports.

It is customary for sovereign states to grant the privileges of visit to naval vessels and personnel of friendly foreign powers, the note added.

Such visits have been an indication of the sincere good will and friendship which exists between the peoples and Governments of the United States and Italy.

The warships visiting Italian ports are part of the U. S. Mediterranean fleet and consist of the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Midway.

It's Against The Law, But Look: Charlestonians Grope Way Through Smoke Blanket

By TOM FESMERAN Charlotte News Staff Writer A dense layer of smoke, one of the worst ever seen here, blackened Charlotte faces during the early hours today, made driving exceptionally dangerous in the downtown area.

A Weather Bureau official said, "I don't believe there was any for this morning. At the office this morning, our lights were left burning long after the sun showed, had shed some light, it was a relief."

The office buildings were almost lost in the sleet, snow paralyze Eastern NC Digs Out Of Ice Storm

Rising temperatures today began releasing Eastern North Carolina from the paralyzing effects of its fiercest snow and sleet storm in fifteen years.

SC Woman Axes Mate GREENVILLE, S. C.—The office of Sheriff H. B. Brooks said today that Mrs. Inez Hinson Moore, 36, had confessed that she had threatened to kill her husband, Frank Moore, 41, with an axe as he lay asleep at their home (12 Bishop St.) Saturday night.

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U. S., Italy Sign Pact WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Italy signed today a new commercial treaty, including a trade agreement to allow "freedom of information."

Passenger Train Plows Into Freight IOWA CITY, Ia.—A Rock Island "Rocky Mountain Rocket" passenger train today, Derwent, plowed into a freight train less than a block from the station here.

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Tells GOP Democrats Would Help Defeat Veto

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Weather

Weather Fair and slightly warmer this afternoon; increasing clouds tonight and Tuesday.