



## Plane Down

MIAMI, Fla. (P)—The Air Force said a four-engine KC97 tanker plane "is down" in the Everglades today about 15 miles west of Miami. A spokesman at Homestead Air Force Base said he did not know whether there were casualties.

## Red 'Angle' Seen

WASHINGTON (P)—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said today Russia obviously is angling for free world "legalization" of the Iron Curtain by her non-aggression pact proposals and announced cuts in her armed forces.

## 10 More Days

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (P)—A press report from Scott Base said today Dr. Vivian Fuchs, British scientist leading an overland expedition to the South Pole, doesn't believe he will get there before Jan. 17.

## 3 Get Life Terms

TEL AVIV, Israel (P)—Three Israelis were sentenced today to life imprisonment for the assassination of Dr. Israel Rudolf Kastner, who was found guilty of preparing the way for mass murder of Hungarian Jews by Nazi police during World War II.

## Red Leader Dies

LONDON (P)—Moscow Radio reported the death today of President Petru Grozav of Communist Romania. He was 72.

## Sights Seen

HONG KONG (P)—Three American motorists spent today in Canton shopping and sightseeing while waiting for plane passage to visit their sons in Chinese Communist prisons.

## LEO PROBABLY BELIEVES CITY REALLY 'UGH'

LOS ANGELES (P)—Leo E. Everybody-Talks-About, a Blackfoot from Browning, Mont., came last May and started hiking out the Hollywood Freeway, a perilous trail of limits to pedestrians and braves. A policeman cut Leo off before the Chahuenga Pass and gave him a ticket. Leo, 21, was back in town again the other day, and police said he hit the freeway traffic and turned into a light-headed Blackfoot. He was taken to jail. While he was there, somebody found the old ticket, which hadn't been paid. Leo was hustled into traffic court yesterday and told to pay \$29 (fine or spend a weekend in jail four days) in jail. He didn't have the wampum. When he gets out, he's heading back to Browning. He doesn't like the reservations here.

## ABC Head Fired In Scanda's Wake

RALEIGH (P)—Gov. Hodges today announced the resignation of Thomas W. Allen of Creedmoor as chairman of the State ABC Board and the appointment of a veteran State Highway Patrol officer to succeed him. The Governor named Lt. William S. Hunt Jr. of Fayetteville to succeed Allen and he expected Hunt to "handle the affairs of the ABC board without fear or favor." The Governor told newsmen the change resulted only partly from recent widely-publicized fire liquor scandals. He pointed out that with the replacement of Allen he had completed a "clean sweep" in the membership of the three-member board. The ABC board members have been furnished state officials and for Democratic Party functions.

## Only One Seated

## Jury's Selection In Wetzel Trial Is Going Slowly

By BILL HUGHES  
News Roving Reporter  
ROCKINGHAM—Only one juror had been chosen by mid-morning as attorneys began selecting a jury here to try Frank E. Wetzel on a first degree murder charge in Richmond County Superior Court.

## Ike Promises Budget To Be Balanced

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower told Republican legislative leaders today he will send Congress a balanced budget calling for spending about 74 billion dollars to help meet the threat of Communist imperialism. Senate GOP leader Knowland of California reported after a conference with the President that he got the impression Eisenhower is convinced the current year will be better from the standpoint of business generally than last year. In reply to questions, Knowland told a news conference at the White House he and the President were thinking of both the 1958 calendar year and the fiscal year commencing July 1, as compared with the current fiscal year and the 1957 calendar year.

## SEES UPSWING

The Senator told no doubt that the President looks for a business upswing in the months ahead. Knowland made his report on the President's thinking at the close of a White House briefing for GOP leaders from the Capital on the state of the union message Eisenhower will deliver to Congress personally Thursday. The conference came just in advance of the nation's opening of the second session of the 85th Congress in which the nation's defenses are marked for top priority. Many Democrats and Republicans in Congress feel the United States is lagging in the military race and that something drastic must be done about it. Congress seems likely to get its first crack at this problem when Secretary of Defense McElroy asks for immediate appropriation of more than a billion dollars in new money to finance a speedup in the missile program and other defense measures.

## BUDGET, TOO

Sen. Knowland of California, Senate Republican leader, said he has no doubt defense matters will get top priority, but he added: "We will have to see the budget figures showing where the deficit stands." The court already has selected the jury may last through tomorrow. Almost certainly it will occupy the court today, and conceivably could go on through Thursday. There is some speculation that attorneys will find 12 acceptable jurors in the panel of 150. The selection process today slowed a pace that yesterday approached frenzy at times, in a summary of the day's events. 10:30 a.m.—Court convenes. Eighteen grand jurors selected. 11:45 a.m.—Grand jury adjourns into session. It immediately considers the Wetzel case. Three witnesses are called. They are Robert Terry, Negro lay preacher who witnessed Reese shooting, Sgt. E. C. Guy of the highway patrol, and Dr. C. I. Ingalls, the physician who examined Reese's body after the shooting. 12:40 p.m.—Grand jury adjourns. The court already has selected the jury may last through tomorrow. Almost certainly it will occupy the court today, and conceivably could go on through Thursday. There is some speculation that attorneys will find 12 acceptable jurors in the panel of 150.

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The juror is Calvin Dawkins of East Rockingham, a textile worker. When court recessed shortly before noon, the regular panel of 60 names for a jury had not been exhausted. Attorneys were expected to begin questioning persons from a special 150-member panel later this afternoon. Majority of those questioned this morning were excused because they objected to the death penalty on religious grounds. Wetzel is being tried for the Nov. 5 slaying of Highway Patrolman Wister L. Reese near Ellerbe. Mr. Page challenged two persons passed by Solicitor M. G. Boyette.

Mr. Boyette challenged most prospective jurors because of their views on capital punishment. He used one challenge when Neil Goodman, Rockingham cab driver, said he had formed an opinion of Wetzel's guilt.

The courtroom was filled to capacity when the session opened. The crowd began thinning as questioning continued. Wetzel, hunched in his lap, listened intently to the examination of two prospective jurors. Mrs. Reese, widow of the slain patrolman, and other members of the Reese family were spectators. Yesterday the jurors were only names on the county jury lists. Between 6:30 p.m. and this morning they were called in on one of the most sensational murder cases in the state's history. Sheriff's deputies routed many from sound sleep last night to order them to jury duty.

The slow process of selecting 12 suitable jurors began when court convened at 9:30 a.m. today with Judge J. A. Rousseau on the bench. The long questioning today contrasted sharply with a hectic day of pre-trial preparations yesterday.

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An Excited Larry Hunter Makes Footprints In Snow



Just This Once Mrs. John Vogler Will Let Exuberant Tommy Snowball

## —MAGIC SPELL CAST OVER CITY— Comes The Excited Cry: 'It's Snowing'

By JULIAN SCHEER  
News Staff Writer

At 9:41 a.m., a woman yelled, "It's snowing." At 9:46 she followed with "It's sticking." Seconds later, "...on cars." That did it. The windows of downtown offices suddenly became thick with people—secretaries, office boys, bosses, janitors, clerks. Two sweethearts, carefree women ran out of American Commercial Bank and gawked, their heads lifted upward.

## TIME FOR BREAK

Suddenly hundreds decided it was time for a coffee break. Scar's, the Piedmont, New York, Liberty Life and Addison Bldg. soda shops and others filled with laughing, snow-gay people. Instead of vacant streets, they were quickly filled with the curious and the excited. There was excitement everywhere. At Ivey's, bookstore workers found a moving task delightful, for now they were near a snow-touched window... at Baker's a clerk hastily taped galoshes on the window... a sign-painter

at the Darling Shop hesitated... textile weavers in Eild's windows looked over their shoulders... airlines operators at the Selwyn were swamped with calls... and the well captain at the hotel told all out-of-towners. "This is our first snow."

## FIRST IN 35 YEARS

One man announced to all, "This is the first snow I've seen in 35 years." A desk-docked office worker said, "Everyone who's rung the phone has told me about the snow." A toy shop clerk said, "Someone is going to call for a sleigh in a minute, I know it." The rain-washed, drab downtown exterior suddenly brightened. First Presbyterian Church and its grounds looked like a Christmas card fairland. Parking lot cars were white-topped.

Telephone and light poles were north-side white. Sidewalk corners were fringed with gray. Then by 11:10, the magic had changed to light snow today and ending early tonight, followed by clearing and cold. Wednesday fair and cold.

News reporter Ann Sawyer has surveyed the field and pinpoints the educational opportunities YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN may receive in the series which will appear exclusively in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County \$20,000 is spent annually to help students. Watch for it beginning tomorrow in The News.

## Slick Roads Cause Rash Of Accidents

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What Did The Kids Think Of It? Page 1B

By EMERY WISTER  
News Staff Writer

A snow and ice storm, growing out of the collision of rain and cold air, stung the Carolinas with the fury of a Yankee winter today.

Most of the snow melted as it fell but some formed on streets and highways to cause a number of traffic accidents.

Snow that melted gave the streets a wet coating which may freeze tonight. Dropping temperatures could give the Carolinas a coating of white by tomorrow.

A new cold front, pushing down from the northwest, has reached Western North Carolina and should knock the mercury down to a cold 20 here tonight.

Snow started falling about 9:30 a.m. today but by noon less than a half inch had fallen.

The snow followed rain which froze on windshields and caused many vehicles to stall. Service stations and repair services spent a busy morning.

The freezing rain and snow slowed highway travel and hampered transportation. Airlines reported flights were still operating in and out of the city but said some were behind schedule.

## TO STAY OPEN

Charlotte airport manager Al Quinn said the airport will remain open to traffic unless the runways ice up making landings and take-offs hazardous.

At noon that did not seem likely. The temperature, which rose from 30-degree below, was near its predicted high of 33 degrees for the day. The Weather Bureau said skies should be cleared partially by the crushing cold air.

Two deaths. The cold weather took its toll of lives yesterday. Two persons dying from exposure. Jesse Lee Freeman, 32, a Cumberland Negro, was found dead in a creek bank about 12 miles north of Fayetteville. He is believed to have fallen in the creek and apparently froze to death when he crawled out.

The body of Julia Meares, Negro, was found in some weeds near Whiteville. She apparently died of exposure.

Police had their hands full with

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## Singer Not To Receive Second Date

ROME (P)—The Rome Opera Co. told soprano Maria Meneghini Callas today she cannot sing here again this season because police fear her disappearance would disturb public order. Carlo Latini, superintendent of the theater, issued a statement announcing cancellation of the American-born star's scheduled appearances the opera "Norma" tomorrow and Saturday nights.

The famed soprano quit last Thursday night in the midst of an opening night performance of "Norma" attended by President Giovanni Gronchi and members of Roman society.

She said she lost her voice because of a 100-degree fever. But most of the Rome public appeared to believe her ailment was a fit of temper caused by boos and whistling from the upper galleries during the first act.

Miss Callas asked the opera company to give her another chance to sing before the Rome public to make up for the Thursday night performance. An informant said she was so anxious that she offered to sing for free. Her usual fee is \$2,000 dollars or more.

In his statement Latini said the opera company was willing to let Miss Callas sing again but that because of the threat to public order it sought the approval of Rome's prefecture (provincial government). He said the prefecture decided she could not sing.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father, we pray not ask to escape our responsibilities, even if at times they are grievous to us. Rather we would turn to Thee for help. Thus would we express our faith in Thee and experience the truth that Thou dost sustain us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

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