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## \$150,000 Damage

CHICAGO (U) — A roaring fire which called out one-fifth of the city's fire-fighting apparatus today destroyed the Meyers Furniture Co. with an estimated \$150,000 damage. The multiple alarm fire roared out of control more than seven hours last night and early today.

## Desire Reaffirmed

TUNIS (U) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba today reaffirmed his desire to keep his North African republic on the side of the West and promised that French troops would be pulled out of his country with the help of the U.S.-British good offices mission.

## 4-Cent Favored

WASHINGTON (U) — Chances for a final victory for the 4-cent letter stamp over a 5-cent rate appeared improved today by the choice of Senate conferees on postal rate-py legislation.

## Japanese Clash

TOKYO (U) — Police and postal workers tangled in minor clashes today as Japanese labor stepped up its annual spring drive for more pay.

## Long-Range Plan

NEW YORK (U) — The New York Times said today the scientific heads of the U.S. satellite program have recommended to the administration a long-range program of space research.

## New High Coming

NEW YORK (U) — The New York Herald Tribune said today that top government economists have come to the firm conclusion that unemployment is climbing to a new postwar high this month.

## Rate Reduced

LONDON (U) — The bank of England today reduced its interest rate from 7 to 6 per cent, allowing money to be borrowed at a lower rate. The result will be cheaper money throughout the sterling bloc.

## Visitors Arrive

BERLIN (U) — Hungarian Premier Ferenc Munnich and a delegation from his Communist government arrived in East Berlin today for a five-day state visit to Communist East Germany.

## DEATH IN FLIGHT

OROFINO, Idaho (U) — Ralph Whipple, 44, suffered a heart attack and died at the controls while test-flying a light plane. His passenger, Charles Lashley, also pilot, landed the plane safely.

## Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that our lives can be a partnership with Thee. Guide our thinking to see that when we put our faith in Christ and follow His teachings, Thou wilt direct our paths in Jesus' name we pray. — Amen.

# Jury Receives Bomb Case Against Kluxers



Ku Klux Klansmen sit behind attorney A. A. Bailey (back to camera) during today's trial in Criminal Superior Court. Left to right are Jack Ayscue, Lester

Francis Caldwell, David Quick and William Oliver Spencer. Not shown is Arthur Monroe Brown Jr., another defendant.

## All-White Panel Hears Long Trial

By JERRY REECE  
News Staff Writer

An all-white jury of 11 men and one woman left the Criminal Superior Court room at 10:50 a.m. today to decide the guilt or innocence of five members of the Ku Klux Klan. The jury went out after hearing testimony since Monday afternoon, closing arguments for the state and the defense yesterday afternoon and receiving its final charge from presiding Judge Zeb V. Nettles.

Judge Nettles told the 12 jurors that they had two indictments to consider: one against Lester Francis Caldwell and Jack Ayscue, who are charged with attempting to bomb the Woodland Elementary School; the other against Arthur Monroe Brown Jr., William Oliver Spencer, David Dennis Quick and Caldwell, who are charged with conspiring to dynamite the Negro school located in the Paw Creek section.

The judge in his charge also told them that in the first two indictments they could find either one or both of the defendants innocent or guilty of the charge. In the second indictment, the judge said, the jury can find any two of the defendants or all four of them guilty of the charges or all of them innocent of the charges.

Explaining the conspiracy charge further, the judge said that no one of the defendants could be found guilty alone. "For a man cannot conspire with himself."

The judge also told the jury that it could decide that the defendants in both indictments were acquitted before they were apprehended by Robert Lee Kinley, prime witness for the state, and prosecuting police officers.

In closing arguments yesterday afternoon the four defense attorneys attacked the testimony of Kinley, who was a police undercover agent planted in the Klan to gather evidence.

They pictured the 33-year-old construction worker and dynamite expert as a "Judas, leading five poor innocent men to slaughter."

They further argued that the Klansmen were entrapped after being led into the acts of violence by Kinley.

Kinley, they said, had been the man who suggested and planned the cross burning and bombing at See JURY on page 5-A.

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Officer C. Y. Ross (right) sits beside police undercover agent, Robert Lee Kinley, who joined Klan to "bust it up."

## Blast Causes Panic

# 24-Death Blaze Probe Is Opened

By RAY KOHN  
News Staff Writer

NEW YORK (U) — The city begins a probe today of the loft building fire on lower Broadway which took a toll of 24 lives — 18 women and six men. Two state agencies also will enter the investigation.

The flash blaze, touched off by an explosion in a third-floor textile plant yesterday, shot smoke and flame into a fourth-floor underwear factory, causing panic among 36 workers.

Many were burned beyond recognition, but a medical examination said most of the victims were asphyxiated before they were engulfed by flames.

Fifteen persons were injured. Three of them were treated and sent home last night. The remaining 12 — including a truck driver who aided the firefighters — were hospitalized and two of them were described as in critical condition.

HARRIMAN ACTS  
Although saying there was no evidence of fire law violations on the premises, Fire Commissioner Edward F. Cavanaugh Jr. ordered an investigation for today. In Albany last night, Gov. Averell Harriman ordered the state department of labor and division of safety to investigate the fire in cooperation with city officials.

At the scene of the blaze, where six women leaped from windows to the street, Savannah commented: "It would seem that panic played a most important role in this blaze. Some bodies were piled one on top of the other — evidence of mass hysteria. At least three jumped from windows where there was no evidence of smoke or flame."

Mrs. Edna Murray, 23, employed in the workrooms of the Monarch Underwear Corp., who was led to safety by firemen, See FATAL on page 5-A

Several area clergymen, among others, had protested plans for an auction of the Gein property on Palm Sunday. Authorities are investigating cause of the blaze.

The fire at the farm, seven miles from town, was spotted from town by Police Chief Bart Carlson at about 2:30. He notified the fire department whose chief is Frank Worden, son of Mrs. Bernice Worden, one of the murder victims.

The blaze was out of control by the time firemen arrived. Adjacent buildings were saved. Gein has been committed to Central State Hospital for the criminal insane at Waupun, Wis. Gein has admitted slaying Mrs. Worden in her main street hardware store last fall and also for a slaying of his first wife, a rural tavernkeeper in 1934. He also admitted several grave robberies in the area.

Seasonal influences lately began to expand activities in many lines of business at Charlotte. This is shown by "Business Index," Charlotte statistics compiled by The Charlotte News and published each Thursday. "Business Index" appears today on page 11A.

Latest statistics support the impression in business and finance that the passing of winter and the arrival of construction and crop planting time have combined to strengthen Charlotte's high-rate momentum for physical and economic growth. The data also shows impressive expansion in electrical, natural gas, telephone, water, airline, and financial services at Charlotte.

Others are fully aware they probably won't snag a millionaire. And they are preparing for the possible "worse" in the "for better or for worse" clause.

## Baltimore Gets 16 Inches

# Departing Winter Dumps Snow On Mid-Atlantic Area

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winter smacked the mid-Atlantic states with a parting blow that left wide areas wallowing in knee-deep snow today.

The storm-swept area extended from northern Virginia to southern New York and was

blasted for at least three traffic deaths. Snow piled up to a depth of 16 inches in the northern suburbs of Baltimore, killing 25-year-old Sally Ann Martin, a Wave stationed at the Baltimore, Md., Naval Station.

Robert H. Osborne, 23, of Falls Church, Va., and Suzanne Staley, about 23, of Alexandria, Va., were killed when their car skidded head-on into a truck in Fairfax County, Va.

All public schools in nearby Arlington, Va., were closed for the day. Washington police said schools in Alexandria and Fairfax Counties, Va., and in Maryland's Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties also were being closed.

Police said power failures darkened about 50 per cent of the homes and buildings in Washington, D. C.

Snow fell in the Great Smoky Mountains. By mid-morning the snow was

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## Affidavit On Fatal Shooting Sets Off Row

WASHINGTON (U) — An affidavit charging that four deputized Kohler Co. officials shot a man in a 1934 riot set off a heated row today in a Senate Rackets Committee hearing.

Lyman C. Conger, the company's counsel and one of those accused in the affidavit, angrily denounced the allegation as "a complete and utter fabrication."

"It's made under oath and submitted to this committee it is perjury," Conger said. He said that if anyone makes the statement without the immunity that surrounds Congressional hearings "I will sue him for libel."

The committee is investigating violence in the four-year-old strike against Kohler, Wisconsin bathroom fixtures company, by the United Auto Workers Union.

TWO PERSONS KILLED  
The 1934 strike, in which two persons were killed and several dozen injured, involved another union.

The affidavit was read to the committee as the work statement of an absentee witness, John Deis. It was read by Leo Breithart, an official of the UAW's Kohler local. He claimed no first hand knowledge about the 1934 incident, but said he believed the affidavit.

Deis' statement named Conger, Kohler plant manager Edmund Beaver, William Runge and John Ramel as the men he said shot and killed the two men.

Runge and Ramel also are Kohler officials, and Deis said they were serving as special police deputies on the night of the midsummer 1934 riot.

The affidavit said Deis that he is positive that he was shot by the four deputies. Beaver, Conger, Runge and Ramel and that he caught sight of them shooting.

Breithart had been called for questioning primarily about boycott activities which the UAW has been conducting against Kohler products. He is chief steward of IAW Local 633 at Kohler and has been in charge of the boycott.

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Today's Weather  
Partly cloudy this afternoon becoming fair tonight and tomorrow. Frost and freezing temperatures tonight.  
Low this morning ..... 32  
Low tomorrow morning ..... 32  
High today ..... 50  
High yesterday ..... 45  
High tomorrow ..... 55  
Sunrise today 6:28 a.m.;  
Sunset today 6:36 p.m.

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## —EQUIPMENT FOR SABOTEURS— Handy A-Bomb Kit Developed

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (U) — The Army apparently has small nuclear explosive kits for sabotaging an enemy's bridges, tunnels, factories and other installations or impeding his advance in a war zone.

They have to be small, perhaps almost small enough to be carried in a suitcase.

IT'S CONFIRMED  
Cryptic reference to the "atomic demolition material" is contained in an otherwise routine, nonsecret regulation issued recently.

Officials declined to discuss the matter, other than to confirm the

existence of the atomic demolition equipment, as mentioned in the regulation, and to say it was developed jointly by Army ordnance and the Atomic Energy Commission.

However, there were some obvious points. To be of any value, atomic demolition material would have to be highly transportable by a few men moving about under cover or under pressure from an advancing enemy.

For big demolition jobs, large bulky quantities of TNT and other standard explosives have been required.

With conventional explosives, a large bridge is toppled by blowing away piers and other supporting equipment. An enemy can rebuild such damage quickly.

SINGLE SHOT  
But an atomic explosion, even of the comparatively low-yield blasts presumably designed into the A-kits, would blow a bridge or tunnel to bits, destroying all its structure and its abutments. Similarly, a single atomic shot would collapse a long length of tunnel or blow apart even a large factory or railroad marshaling yard.

## 'COMBAT COURSE' IN HOMEMAKING Girls Eat Well—Well, Eat—On 50 Cents

By ROBERT F. ALKIRE

PROVO, Utah (U) — Coeds at Brigham Young University are constantly doing what housewife knows can't be done—eating on 50 cents a day when meat and potatoes come high.

The girls don't seem to low weight; they get nutritious but simple meals and they have a reasonably varied diet.

COMBAT COURSE  
They do it in a sort of combat course for senior students of homemaking. The homemaking instructors feel every girl should learn how to eat starvation in hard times.

For nine-day stretches, two of the girls move to a separate apartment set up by the university. Mrs. Stella Lewis, homemaking instructor, hands over "military" paychecks—a measly \$10 for the nine-day period.

One girl becomes "husband" and "wife" and the other becomes "cook" or "waiter." With these trappings of reality, the shoe-leather campaign begins.

Just to prove that life needn't be all steak, potatoes and dollars, seniors Pauline Barlow, 22, and Rachel Schmidt, 23, produced the following evening meal:  
Beef, stew, dumplings, tossed salad

Sumptuous dinners like that mean breakfast and lunch must be held to pennies per girl.

The meals wouldn't provide half as much of a girl's food, but they would hold him until he could find a restaurant.

Mrs. Lewis says the girls have no trouble living on 50 cents a

day—that all of them turn back a dollar or two from the \$10 paycheck.

They are required to prepare three meals daily. Skipping breakfast or lunch brings on a wave of icebox raiding that depletes the budget.

Some of the girls plan to become home economics instructors or kitchen equipment demonstrators.

Others are fully aware they probably won't snag a millionaire. And they are preparing for the possible "worse" in the "for better or for worse" clause.