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2-Degree Cold To Follow City's Short-Lived Snow

Mercury Plummets After Rain

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Plummeting temperatures, which brought sleet and snow to Charlotte's rain-drenched streets today, ushered in a cold wave warning for a low of 12 degrees here tonight.

The heaviest snowfall recorded in the mountains was at Maple Springs Gap in Haywood County at Watters Dam where the snow was 8 inches.

Asheville recorded two inches, with the snowfall beginning about midnight. Flurries were reported in some outlying sections as late as 10 a.m.

Road conditions are hazardous in the mountains, the State Highway Patrol reported.

The forecast for plunging temperatures—with the mercury scheduled to drop like a Cape Canaveral condenser—was the concern of weather observers. Even without more snow, high temperatures could coat highways with ice and make driving very dangerous.

The cold wave warning included heavy rain and sleet, and a cloudy, much colder this afternoon, clearing and much colder tonight.

Tomorrow should be fair but very cold with an expected high of 33.

Today's early morning low for the state was at Mt. Mitchell where it was 10 above zero. It was moving lightly there with two or three inches on the ground.

All schools were closed in Henderson County but Henderson County kept city schools open and closed county schools. Schools remained open in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

There was a snow sleet in Greenville and Spartanburg, sleet turning to snow in Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

City police reported a rash of accidents—five within 20 minutes after 8 o'clock, as Charlotte office workers began heading for their jobs.

County police reported no accidents although a weather-related accident occurred at 8:30 a.m., but said driving was beginning to be more hazardous.

Air traffic had not been curtailed at the Municipal Airport by 8 a.m., and the field was still open. But what would happen as the weather grew worse, none could tell.

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Our Weather

Cold wave warning. Partly cloudy to clear and much colder this afternoon. Clearing and much colder tonight.

Saturday, fair and very cold. Low this morning 36

Low expected tomorrow 12

High expected today 64

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Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:23 p.m.

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Harmony Sought

Castro To Purge Enemies Despite Pressure Of U.S.

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro says Cuba's revolutionary regime wants good relations with the United States, but not at the price of halting executions because of American criticism.

The Lighter Side

SOMEbody Had To Put Out The Fire

(From AP Reports)
Oh, the irony of it all. The High Point, N. C., Fire Dept. had a fire yesterday in fire station No. 4. The crew was out — having the truck's motor tuned.

The man who put out the blaze was a member of the Gull-Rand Volunteer Fire Dept. He was driving by and saw the smoke caused by fire in the electrical wiring system.

Compass Off?

Cmdr. James F. Calvert had more trouble navigating in Providence, R. I., last night than he did under the North Pole last summer.

Calvert, who gained fame navigating the atomic submarine Skate under North Pole ice, got lost en route to the Providence Club of Printing House Craftsman.

Birds Of Feather

A motel owner in Culver City, Calif., didn't like what he found in one of his rooms and called police.

Officers saw three rabbits under a bed, a cat asleep in a chair, a large tank of goldfish, several parakeets, pigeons and lizards.

They arrested Milton Heron, 21, on a charge of burglarizing pet shops.

'Payroll' Loot Quite Tasty

NEW YORK (AP) — Two bandits got their just desert Thursday. They grabbed a cardboard box Thursday it was a \$3,000 payroll. Instead it contained a custard pie.

Mechanics Gaston Martens of Fort Lee, N.J., and James E. Rye of Manhattan were just driving up to the Fifth Avenue Coach Co. garage with the payroll. En route from the bank they had picked up the pie.

They were accused by two armed men. One thug slugged Rye with a rubber hose. The other grabbed the box.

Police cruising the Henry Hudson Parkway spotted a car side-swiping several cars. They gave chase and captured Francis Romano, 28, and his brother, John, 22, both of the Bronx.

In the car, which police said was stolen, were a revolver, a pistol, and the pie. The brothers were booked on charges of assault, robbery and violation of the Sullivan (anti-weapons) law.

Sen. Kennedy Outlines Reforms

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin) Officers Benfield (L), Jetton and Children On Shopping Expedition

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin) Swirling snow, swirling traffic make a rough morning for police officers.

Soviet View

Mikoyan's Tour Gets Success Tag

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The transcontinental tour of Anastas Mikoyan apparently has been a great success from the Soviet point of view.

Any assessment of the actual value of Mikoyan's visit in terms of easing tensions or solving cold war problems affecting the United States and the Soviet Union must await the outcome of talks he has arranged today with Secretary of State Dulles and Saturday with President Eisenhower.

There was a noticeable lack of optimism on those topics.

FAVORABLE IMPRESSION

But State Department officials credited Mikoyan with making a very favorable impression in many areas with his appeals for peace and trade and his show of frankness on occasion in admitting that the Soviet Union has made mistakes in its relations with the United States in the past.

There was only one point on which they thought Mikoyan occasionally showed sensitivity—the Soviet suppression of the anti-Communist revolt in Hungary in 1956. He sought to defend it by comparing it with U.S. intervention to protect the government of Lebanon last year. Hungarian pickets everywhere Mikoyan went focused fresh attention on the issue.

PRACTICAL DEVALS

He tried to convince those with whom he talked that it is possible for this country to make practical deals and engage in profitable trade with the Soviet Union.

But in his public and private meetings Mikoyan has provided no real evidence of Soviet willingness to make concessions in order to solve the long Soviet-Western deadlock over Germany. He has created in some quarters, however, the impression that Khrushchev does not wish to press the dispute over Berlin to a dangerous point.

The principal points which Mikoyan made were these:

1. The six months limitation which the Soviet Union imposed two months ago for withdrawal of Western troops from Berlin was not intended as an ultimatum and the time limit is flexible. If the United States does not like Khrushchev's proposal to make West Berlin into a "free city" it should offer counter proposals.

2. The Soviet government wants a high level East-West meeting on Germany and probably other issues, and the sooner the better.

3. The Soviet government will insist on having a veto voting system in any council which might be set up to operate an inspection system for a ban on nuclear weapons testing.

4. The Soviet Union wants to trade with the United States but is troubled as an equal by the United States. Some authorities consider this to be a kind of appeal for direct negotiations between Moscow and Washington on many issues now negotiated with several Western powers at once.

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Kidnaped Tot Returns Home

NEW YORK (AP) — Lisa Rose Chionchio, kidnaped from a Brooklyn hospital 3 1/2 hours after she was born on Jan. 2, is home with her happy parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chionchio called at St. Peter's Hospital yesterday and took Lisa Rose, now 14 days old, home for keeps.

Said Mrs. Chionchio: "The baby probably will keep me up all night, but if it cries it will be the sweetest music I ever heard."

Earlier in the day, the Chionchios were among 10 witnesses appearing before a grand jury hearing testimony in the case of Mrs. Jean Lavaronne, 48, charged with taking the baby from its hospital crib.

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