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The precedent-shattering action of the city council, called into special session by Mayor Baxter, was taken by the entire membership of the board as all seven councilmen answered the mayor's emergency call.

In allocating the funds, the Council took extra legal steps but all were convinced that the emergency was of such an extreme nature that the contemplated move in obtaining fuel for heating and cooking their homes and the general health and welfare of our city be in danger.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Charlotte in special meeting assembled:

"Section 1: That it is hereby found as a fact that an emergency exists in the City of Charlotte and within one mile beyond the city limits in that many of our people are without fuel with which to heat their homes and cook their food, and the general health and welfare of our city be in danger.

"Section 2: That the Mayor and City Manager be, and they are hereby, authorized in the name of the City of Charlotte:

"(A) To purchase fuel oil, including kerosene, during the existence of the present emergency;

"(B) To set up ways and means of distributing the same to the people of the city within one mile of our city limits or residing upon city property, in an equitable and fair manner to insure no discrimination among those of our citizens who are in need of the same.