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## Swirling Sleet Storm Wraps City In Blanket Of Ice

### WINDS TO SEVERE

### Traditional Hindu Rites

## Gandhi's Son Puts Torch To Father's Funeral Pyre

NEW DELHI (AP)—The frail body of Mohandas Gandhi was consigned to the ages today on a blazing pyre. Gandhi's son Devadas set afire the funeral pyre which reduced the body to ashes. Flames reflected on the sorrowing faces of the fraction of India's millions who could crowd around the ritual scene, crushing against police lines.

The flames shot up from a three-foot brick base built during the night. Many among the tens of thousands of mourners rushed forward and picked up hot ashes and bits of charred wood. The ceremony, carried out under dictates of the Hindu religion, came at the end of a five-hour procession from Birla House to the burning ground on the banks of the Jumna River. Thousands upon thousands of Indians trudged the five miles aloft, slowing the procession to a mile-an-hour progress.

### Airplane Co-Inventor

## Orville Wright Dies In Dayton At 76

DAYTON, OHIO (AP)—Death came to Orville Wright last night 44 years after he put wings on the world with the first flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

The 72-year-old co-inventor of the airplane died in his sleep under the roof of a hotel at 10:40 P. M.

Dr. A. B. Brown, his physician, said Wright succumbed to a lung congestion and coronary arteriosclerosis, heart disease.

The world's pioneer aviator suffered the heart attack Tuesday after suffering his second heart attack of recent months. He recovered from the first attack Oct. 18, 1947.

The aged scientist took a turn for the worse Wednesday night when a long congested, held stomach for a few hours early yesterday and then came down with a cold which preceded death.

Mr. Wright was born in Dayton, Ohio, and was a member of the National Aeronautics Association and the National Civil Engineer Society. He was a member of the National Civil Engineer Society and the National Aeronautics Association.

General McNamara sounded the note which most clearly showed the international character of the slight little man whose dreams turned into reality within his lifetime.

"Our great hope," said McNamara, "is that through the gift he gave to the world, the world will be able to live in peace."

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## More Of The Same Likely Tonight And Tomorrow

### All Sections Of State Cold

By EMERY WISSE

Charlotte News Staff Writer

A driving sleet storm, whipped by a twelve-mile per hour wind, brought a freezing finish today to the city's coldest January since 1940.

The storm began at 10 A. M. today after freezing rain last night had put a thin coating of ice on trees and highways.

The Weather Bureau offered no relief for today or tonight and predicted that freezing rain and sleet would continue for the rest of the day and tomorrow morning.

Partly cloudy weather is forecast for tomorrow afternoon, and a slight rise in temperature is predicted.

A low reading of about 10 degrees was forecast for tomorrow morning. The low reading for this morning was 15 degrees, recorded at both the airport and City Weather Bureau.

The temperature dropped to 11 degrees by 10 A. M., and at 11 A. M. it was 10 degrees.

The temperature was 10 degrees at 12 noon, 9 degrees at 1 P. M., 8 degrees at 2 P. M., 7 degrees at 3 P. M., 6 degrees at 4 P. M., 5 degrees at 5 P. M., 4 degrees at 6 P. M., 3 degrees at 7 P. M., 2 degrees at 8 P. M., 1 degree at 9 P. M., and 0 degrees at 10 P. M.

The temperature was 0 degrees at 11 P. M., and 1 degree at 12 midnight.

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### Sinister Campaign

## Martin Says Drive Waged To Discredit Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said today that saboteurs could "execute a sudden coup and take over the Government" if what he described as a powerful campaign being waged to destroy confidence in Congress is successful.

"And for this," he continued, "there has been a very powerful, highly-organized, well-financed 'sinister' campaign of sabotage in the name of the press, radio, microphones, and on some public returns, to destroy the confidence of the people in the Congress as an institution."

"If this confidence can be destroyed so that people put their faith in 'powers of control, regulation and restriction concentrated in the executive department," Martin said, "then the people will have been defeated and free government shattered."

"When that has been accomplished, it would be simple for the saboteurs to carry out a campaign of destruction against the executive department, execute a sudden coup and take over the Government," he continued.

Martin urged the women broadcasters to combat the "sinister forces which seek to take over the Government by the use of the very specific purpose of discrediting the Congress in the opinion of the people."

"The very essence of Americanism," he said, "is a 'propositional' disagreement, discussion and compromise. Whenever any one, or any two, branches of the Government can put a stop to that kind of system, free government is gone, and individual liberty will be dead."

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