



After Parking Headaches At A Couple Of Early Concerts, Officials Ironed Out Kinks, Parked Cars Without A Hitch At Ice Capades.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Walters)

Parking Problem? There Was None As Thousands Went To Coliseum

By HARRY SHUFORD
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Traffic problems at the new auditorium-coliseum seem to have ironed out last night.

And police give credit for solving the problem to the fellow who was the victim of the traffic jams in the first place—John Q. Public.

They say the reason traffic flowed so smoothly at the opening of the Ice Capades at the coliseum last night was that people didn't wait until the last minute to go. At earlier events at the new facilities on Independence Blvd., long lines of cars have jammed up.

At the Boston Symphony performance recently a double line of traffic extended nearly a mile up the boulevard 15 minutes before the concert was slated to start.

In contrast, last night the parking lots started filling with more than 2,000 cars well over an hour before starting time. The 18 traffic police directing cars said the heaviest flow of cars came about 45 minutes before the show was scheduled to start.

The remainder of the time, they said, there was a steady flow of cars coming in through the two entrances open last night, practically without any delay throughout.

At only one time, they said, did any traffic back up a little on the boulevard, and it was kept moving at a rapid clip then.

Police noted that the entrance drive on the coliseum side of the parking lot was much more heavily used than the one on the auditorium side. Cars using the drive on the auditorium, or west, side were whisked right in without delay all evening.

Officials expressed themselves very pleased with the way the kinks in the traffic situation appear to have been worked out. And they pointed to the proposed opening of two streets in the near future at the back of the parking lot as assuring clear sailing from now on.



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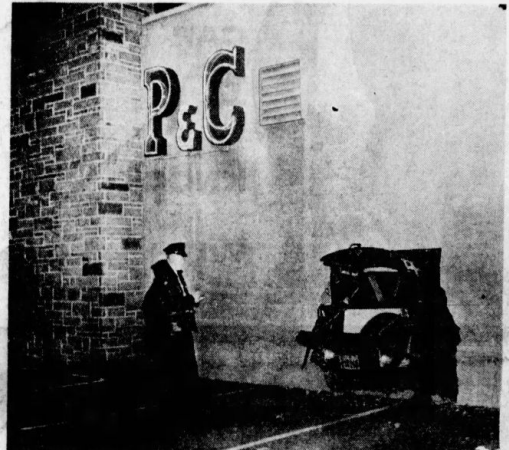
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Hiring Bias Responsibility Is Outlined

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Labor Mitchell said today "it is up . . . to the businessmen of the nation to solve" the problem of racial and religious discrimination in employment.



First Of Season Killing Frost Expected Tonight

There will be a frost, a killing frost, in the morning. It will be cold. The mercury is expected to drop to 30 degrees.

The frost warning was issued by the Weather Bureau today as a new cold front roared up from the Texas Panhandle. A cold front which passed through last night put the chill on the thermometer and dropped the temperature to 36 degrees here this morning.

Experts Try To End Oil Fire

HAWKINS, Tex. (AP)—Daring oil field firefighters swarmed to this little East Texas town today for desperate effort at snuffing out a runaway well throwing a plume of burning gas 200 feet into the air.

THIS GROCERY in Ithaca, N. Y., was no drive-in, but William Kahl drove in anyway. In top photo, only the rear end of his station wagon projects from the concrete block wall after the vehicle crashed through.

Seven Die In Freak Storms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Eastern Seaboard from Virginia to Massachusetts was hit yesterday by a string of quick, violent storms that brought gusts up to 110 miles an hour and caused seven deaths.

In some areas the storm carried rain, but weather bureau officials said there was no danger of floods, much to the relief of an area that has already experienced two disastrous floods this season.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudy today. Fair and colder today and tonight with freezing temperatures and frost tonight. Fair and warmer tomorrow.

Experts Try To End Oil Fire

Three frame houses and one brick home are in the immediate danger area. Their residents were evacuated hours ago. Now the firefighters may call in heavy equipment to tow the frame houses away.

The menacing torch threw a flickering glare over the entire community all night as the firefighters planned their campaign against the well.

Key Sections Told NATO Ministers Okay Geneva Aims

PARIS (AP)—Foreign ministers of the Atlantic Alliance today gave their general agreement to the Western Big Three's proposals for easing world tensions.

The ministers from other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization heard a lengthy statement from U. S. Secretary John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay explaining the joint memorandum which the West will present to the Soviet Union Thursday.

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Crackdown Covers Six States

By JULIAN SCHEER
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Two Charlotte men were arrested this morning as a part of a sweeping six-state federal crackdown on the illegal sale of stimulant drugs — known as "benzies," "goof balls" and "cokelets" — to truck drivers by cafes, truck stops, service stations and drug stores.

Jake C. Bagwell was arrested at 256 Victoria Ave. and confined to the County Jail. William Lee Francis, address not given, was released under a \$1,000 bond.

Both men reportedly sold the drugs here in Charlotte. Sales of drugs without prescription are punishable by one year imprisonment or \$1,000 fine or both for each count.

Francis faces four counts of selling drugs at Lee's Truck Stop, 1801 N. Tryon, where he was an employe.

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