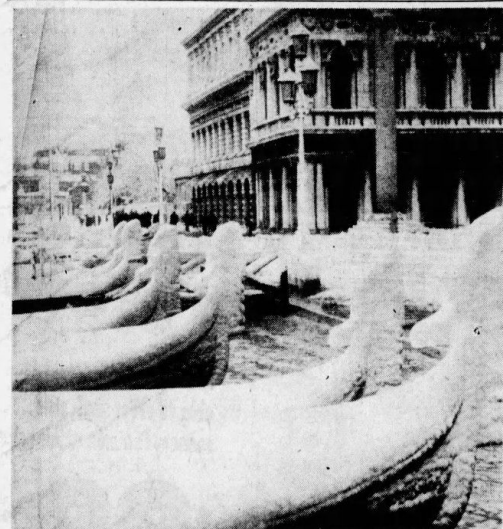


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ICE SHEATHES THE PROWS OF these gondolas along Venice's Grand Canal after heavy snowfall which covered this Adriatic show place in a white, frigid blanket. At right is part of the Piazza San Marco. (AP Wirephoto).

## Lead As Savage Winds Rip Through 3 States

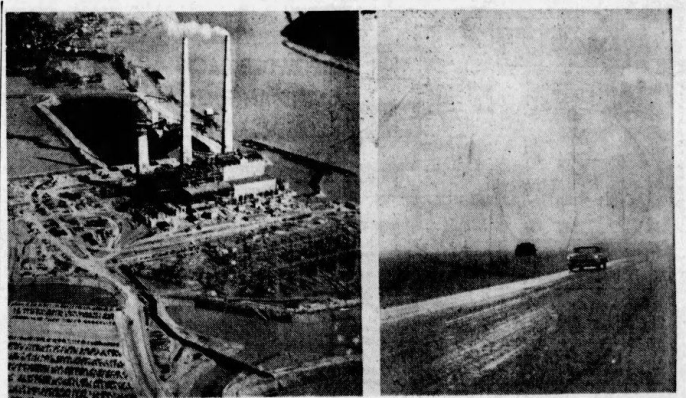
### Pennsylvania, Indiana And Ohio Hard Hit

Storm Cuts Swath Eastward Over U. S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Tornadoes, high winds and drenching thunderstorms hit savagely, apparently too late to avert a rolling weather front swept eastward from the dust-blinded Great Plains.

Smashing winds up to 92 m.p.h. were measured as tornado cones caused heavy damage in parts of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Heavy rains added a new burden to tributaries of the brimming Ohio River, apparently too late to aggravate the severity of its spring flood, the highest since 1948.

**DAMAGE HIGH**  
Damage estimates ran high as the Weather Bureau confirmed tornadoes in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including one at Newcomerstown, Ohio, where business buildings were wrecked.



At Madison, Ind., Ohio River Floods A Power Plant . . . At Strasburg, Colo., Dust Storm Dims Mid-afternoon Sun

### Coal Producers Want To Help

## Smoke Program Aid Offered

An offer to assist Charlotte in setting up a smoke abatement program was received today from the Coal Producers Committee for Smoke Abatement.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey received a letter from Jack Vogele, organization manager for the committee at Cincinnati.

In his letter Mr. Vogele said, "There will be no charge for the survey to be made by the committee. The only thing we ask is that a city evince a real desire to do something about its air pollution program."

#### NAMES OF PLANTS

He explained that a list of plants to be inspected is the only requirement for the survey.

He further explained that in addition to the individual plant inspection, engineers of the committee will provide an overall appraisal of the problem in Charlotte and present a plan for making permanent improvements.

Mr. Vogele also offered to complete the plans for the survey and to lay the ground work for the program.

Recently the City Council voted to revitalize the City Smoke Abatement Program and last week invited George A. O'Neal, man to head the Smoke Abatement Division.

Asheville, to come and outline there. Mr. O'Neal addressed the council on Wednesday of last week.

In the meantime Mr. Yancey is advertising and in other ways seeking to find a qualified man to head the Smoke Abatement Division.

## TWO CHILDREN PERISH IN ABANDONED ICEBOX

BOWDON, Ga.—(AP)—Two small children, playing "hide-and-seek," smothered to death near Thursday when they were trapped in a discarded icebox.

Donnie Ricky Balenger, 4, and his sister, Gwendia Faye, 6, were playing with their 2-year-old sister, Carolyn Lynne, when the tragedy occurred.

The youngsters were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Balenger, of Ranburne, Ala., a small community about four miles west of Bowdon.

Mr. Balenger said the two older children apparently crawled into the icebox which was located in a smokehouse in the back yard. She said she discovered the bodies when "something" told her to look in the abandoned icebox. Bowdon is 60 miles southwest of Atlanta.

## Congress Complimented On 'Solid' Legislation

By EMERY WISTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Congress is now "hammering out a very solid program" of legislation, Minnesota Congressman John A. Blatnik said here today.

Mr. Blatnik, a Democrat, represents Minnesota's 8th District. He flew here today to spend the night with Dr. Paul Sanger and Mark McKee, a member of the executive committee of Zan Mihailovich. The latter was the American Air Lines who is also visiting Dr. Sanger.

"Congress is quiet on the surface, but committees are hard at work," Mr. Blatnik said, adding that he did not think there would be any major flare-up between the President and the legislative bodies.

He said Congress has settled down after the first "flare-ups" on reciprocal trade agreements and the proposed tax cuts.

"We are quiet on the surface, but committees are busy hammering out a solid program of legislation," he said.

Mr. Blatnik, who was a member of the OSS in World War II, spent eight months behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia. During this time, he worked with Marshal Tito and the late Dragoljub Mihailovich. The latter was the leader of Yugoslavia's underground forces during much of the war.

## Chinese Reds Shell Quemoy

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Chinese Communists today fired 52 shells at the Nationalist Chinese island of Quemoy, the Defense Ministry announced.

The ministry did not say whether the shells returned the fire.

During the day Premier O. K. Yu declared the Nationalists are determined to fight for both Quemoy and the Matsu group, with or without American support.

The Communist barrage was poured onto Quemoy and one of the Tan islands 2 1/2 miles south from three nearby Red islands in Amoy Bay in a 25 minute period beginning at 2 p.m. The shells came from Tateng, Chingyu and Chiaoyu.

The communiqué said there were no casualties or damage. While minor, the action was the heaviest by the Reds in two weeks.

Nationalist determination to defend the island is absolute, the Premier told the Legislative Yuan (Parliament) in reply to questions.

Two newspapers reported without confirmation that units of the U.S. 7th Fleet and the Nationalist navy had conducted maneuvers March 4-10 off Formosa.

The report said the combined fleets equaled the great armada which evacuated Nationalist forces from the Tachen Islands last month.

As Yu spoke, fresh warnings were issued of danger of air attacks against Formosa.

### Both Sides Willing To Negotiate

## Phone Union Firm On Strike Threat

ATLANTA (AP)—A new and definite strike ultimatum was given Southern Bell Telephone Co. today as eight-month-old negotiations for a union contract were renewed.

Said W. A. Smallwood, District 3 director for the CIO Communications Workers of America:

"If the company will not agree to arbitration and if continued bargaining cannot hammer out a satisfactory agreement before midnight Sunday, there will be a strike."

### No Break Is Seen In Deadlocked Talks

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A strike of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co's 1,000 communications workers here will go on strike at the time fixed.

The company, it was explained here, expects to maintain telephone service, local and long distance, if the strike does become effective. This service will be provided through cooperation of supervisory employees and other non-striking workers, said the Charlotte office, of which A. Stokes King is district manager.

The two latest major developments in this tense and deadlocked situation were these: Southern Bell rejected CWA's proposal to refer to arbitration the unsettled issues in the deadlocked negotiation of a proposed new working agreement. It would follow the contract reported to be expiring this weekend.

The CWA rejected Southern Bell's offer to grant wage raises totaling about \$6 million per year to workers who are covered by the company's contract with CWA on the condition that CWA accept the company's insistent demand for inclusion of a no strike clause in the new contract.

**STATESMENTS MADE**  
Southern Bell has declared it is insisting on inclusion of a no strike clause in the new contract as a protection of the public interest.

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## Court Costs Go Up

Involved in the three bills passed by the House, and introduced earlier in the Senate by Sen. F. J. Blythe, are more than 30 fees increases in an effort to make the county courts somewhat self-sufficient.

"We are trying, as far as possible, to make the courts pay their own way," Sen. Blythe said today.

The increased fees for Record-keeping would add costs from \$8.50 to \$13.00.

## Assembly Okays Increased Fees

By JULIAN SCHERER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The General Assembly has voted into law three Mecklenburg County bills, which will increase fees for the clerk of court, register of deeds and sheriff's office.

Meanwhile another bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday which would increase fees for Charlotte's Recorder's Court.

Council endorsed the increase earlier.

"We are merely trying to get in line," Police Chief Frank Littlejohn says.

Typical of the county fee increases are these:

Clerk of court—appeal to Supreme Court from two to three dollars; hearing before clerk from one to three dollars per hour; and advance court cost from eight to ten dollars.

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## Income Tax Blamed For Farmer's Suicide

CHESTERFIELD, England (AP)—Witnesses testified at an inquest today that farmer Harold Wilkinson hanged himself because he was distressed by the size of his income tax bill.

Police Constable John Drabble said he arrived at the farm just as the body was being lowered. A letter notifying Wilkinson that he was entitled to a tax rebate.

## Committee Rejects Hike In Truck License Fees

RALEIGH (AP)—Increased license fees for private trucks were rejected by Senate Roads Committee today despite the fact a bill had the backing of Gov. Hodges and the State Highway Commission.

With Sen. Clarence Stone of Rockingham leading the opposition the committee voted 5-3 to kill the measure. House roads, meanwhile, was giving a "without prejudice" report to an identical measure. The House Committee had intended by its action to pass on to the Joint Finance Committee the task of deciding on the higher truck taxes.

The bills would have increased license registration fees paid by private haulers for more nearly the level of licenses for contract carriers. For trucks over 30,000 pounds licenses of contract and private haulers would be the same.

Senate panel institutions, meanwhile, gave its approval to a bill calling for a study of the feasibility of separating the prison system from the Highway Commission and one giving the prison director full administrative authority over the prison system.

Gov. LUTHER HODGES  
He suffers a defeat

### Heavy Selling Hits Market

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavy selling came into the stock market today, sending share prices down \$2 and \$3 and more.

The market showed lower tendencies at the start. In late morning, losses widened and the ticker tape fell behind in reporting transactions.

Boeing Aircraft was down more than \$2 and Bethlehem Steel more than \$3. Other losers included Youngstown Sheet & Tube, General Motors, Chrysler, Standard Oil (NJ), Baltimore & Ohio, Western Union and Zenith.

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## COLD REMEDY MADE FROM UNRIPE GRAPES

LONDON (AP)—The Air Ministry disclosed today a substance made from unripe grapes has been turned into a non-secret weapon for the Royal Air Force. The flying men use the stuff—glycolic acid—to repel the common cold.

The ministry said its doctors issued handkerchiefs treated with the acid to 256 men in one squadron at a training station. Untreated handkerchiefs were handed out to 256 men in another squadron.

During the four weeks of the experiment, only 14 men with the doctored handkerchiefs caught colds. In the second squadron, 34 developed the sniffles.

That's just one hitch. The glycolic acid (it also is found in the leaves of the Virginia creeper) causes the handkerchiefs to fall apart when laundered.

## Discoverer Of Penicillin Dies



SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING

LONDON (AP)—Sir Alexander Fleming, 73, the Scottish scientist who discovered penicillin, died unexpectedly of heart disease at his home today. He always ascribed the discovery which made him famous to "pure luck."

His finding of the drug which has played a vital part in man's battle against infectious disease brought him worldwide fame, including the 1945 Nobel prize for physiology and medicine. The prize was shared with two coworkers. He had been knighted in 1944 in recognition of his discoveries.

Sir Alexander first produced penicillin in 1928. He did not devote his entire attention to it until World War II heightened the demand for antibacterial remedies.

He was doing research at St. Mary's Hospital in London when he discovered penicillin.

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## Our Weather

Partly cloudy, warm and windy today with scattered thundershowers possible this afternoon. Partly cloudy and not quite so warm tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning, 33.  
Low tonight, 48.  
High today, 57.  
High tonight, 72.  
High tomorrow, 65.  
Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.; sunset, 6:27 p.m.

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## Evening Prayer

O Lord God, help us to accept the cross of Christ not only as the symbol of Christian faith, but also as the motive of all our endeavors. Help us to speak the truth and do everything in the spirit of Him who was willing to die on Calvary's Cross for our redemption. Amen.