

THE CAROLINAS — Rain today, clearing in the afternoon and colder Tuesday.

CHARLOTTE AREA — Rain: expected high today 65, low tonight 42.

Temperatures High 65; Low 58 Year ago High 62; Low 28

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About 60 Persons Escaped, Most Of Them Down Ladders, In Hospital Fire

YULE TREE FLARES 7 Patients Killed In Hospital Blaze

Faulty Wiring Blamed

Minneapolis Fire Also Injures Many

From Observer Wire Reports

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Fire spawned in a gaily-decorated Christmas tree spread smoke and flames through Doctors' Memorial Hospital here early Sunday, killing seven patients and injuring more than a score.

Authorities said defective wiring apparently caused the Christmas tree in the lobby of the five-floor hospital to catch fire.

At least six persons remained in critical condition at Minneapolis General Hospital late Sunday, one a nurse and the others patients.

The fire broke out at 3 a.m. while a freezing drizzle and light snow were falling outside. Firemen and hospital attendants were able to move most of the 79 patients out of the building without injury.

The baby died after being removed to another hospital. Authorities said that pending a post mortem study, the cause of the baby's death would be listed as inhalation of smoke.

Fire Chief Reynold Malmquist said most of the victims were in third floor rooms of the hospital. He said damage was confined largely to the first three floors.

Malmquist estimated damage at \$50,000 to \$100,000. The fire chief said the blaze apparently started in a Christmas tree in the lobby and quickly spread smoke and flames through the lower three floors.

The tree stood in a bucket of sand near the front entrance of the building. Flames spread through nearby open fire doors down one wing of the building.

His greater speed and range will enable it to knock down supersonic bombers and intercontinental guided missiles, such as are being developed by the U. S. and presumably by Russia.

The department added that the Hercules is now in "an advanced state of testing" and that "decisions have been made to put the missile into operational use."

One rival strongman has been a possible threat to the Hercules. This is the Navy's Talos missile which is also under study by the Defense Department.

The Hercules was developed by the Army, which also developed the earlier Nike missile.

One of the Hercules' prime advantages is that it could be installed in the present Nike sites guarding 19 principal American cities.

The Talos missile would require new sites or complete reworking of the present ones.



TWISTER WRECKS HOME — A small tornado wrecked Christmas plans for Mrs. James Donald Bishop (center) and her family when it smashed their rural home near Montgomery, Ala., early Sunday. Mrs. Bishop, assisted by neighbors, is shown collecting some of the family possessions from the wreckage.

St. Nick Gets Help Of Nixon

PRESTWICK, Scotland — (UP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon played Santa Claus for 80 American youngsters here Sunday.

The Vice President, en route home from his five-day tour of Hungarian refugee centers in Austria and West Germany, stopped over at the U. S. Air Force base here just as children of airman were holding a Christmas party at Sunday School.

"Smiling, Nixon agreed to hand out the presents. An hour later, the vice president took off again aboard an Air Force plane for Washington via strategically-important Iceland.

He is expected to land in Washington at 9 a.m. (EST) today. Nixon had to play Santa in plainclothes because no costume was available for him. The children did not seem to mind.

Nixon entered the base service club while the children were presenting a Nativity play. He applauded loudly when the play ended, then went forward to hand out the gifts.

Pointing to a group of "angels" in the background, the vice president said, "There's bound to be one from Texas there—There always is."

Billy Morris, 9, son of Maj. Charles Morris of Victoria, Tex., piped up, "I'm from Texas, sir." Nixon waved to him.

In a brief speech after playing Santa, Nixon said "this trip of mine has helped remind me that people are much the same everywhere. All over the world they are telling the same stories from the Bible."

A few hundred yards away, Air Force officers and volunteers were processing Hungarian refugees for a flight to the United States.

King Visits

JERUSALEM, Jordan Sector — (U) — King Hussein of Jordan visited Jerusalem Sunday with Maj. Gen. Ali Abu Nawwar, army chief of staff, and other senior officers.

Charlotte-Built Missile To Pack Atomic Punch

By DON OBERDORFER

Observer Staff Writer

A guided missile with an atomic warhead so powerful it can knock a whole fleet of enemy bombers from the sky is going to be made in Charlotte, the Defense Department revealed Sunday.

A Defense Department spokesman announced the nuclear nature of the Army's Nike B or Hercules missile in a Washington announcement.

The Charlotte division of Douglas Aircraft Co. had disclosed December 13 that the Hercules is slated for production here.

A major expansion of the missile plant has begun to handle the new weapon.

Until now, the potent atomic nature of the Hercules warhead was a closely guarded military secret.

Sheldon P. Smith, manager of the sprawling Missile Plant here, said the atomic warhead for the Hercules would not be made or stockpiled here.

The Hercules, like the Ajax missile which is produced at the plant now, will be assembled complete except for the warhead and shipped out.

The Hercules will be capable of carrying either atomic warheads or normal high explosive warheads.

It is the first atomic anti-aircraft missile announced for production.

The Defense Department announcement said the Hercules would be in use to protect the U. S. in "about two years, more or less."

The target date for production of the Hercules here is a military secret but Douglas said additional production workers to man Hercules assembly lines will not be needed until late next year.

The plant is already interviewing engineers and technicians for the Hercules job, however.

The Defense Department said the Hercules' atomic warhead would have "sufficient power to sweep entire close formations of airplanes from the sky."

The Hercules (Nike B) has a range of about 25 miles—about three times the range of the Ajax missile (Nike I). It is also faster than the 1,600-mile-per-hour Ajax.

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ITALIAN AIRLINER

21 Are Feared Dead In Crash

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Four Killed In Air Mishap

DEL NORTE, Colo. — (UP) — Four men were killed instantly Sunday night when a twin-engine civilian airplane crashed near the Del Norte Airport in an apparent attempt to land.

Victims of the crash were identified by Chief of Police Barney Black, one of the first on the scene, as Charles R. Fouquet, a state liquor inspector; his son, Richard Fouquet, both of Del Norte, and George Gray and Gus Hoot, both of Alamosa, Colo.

Black said either Gray or Hoot was at the controls and was apparently attempting to land and overshoot the small airfield northeast of Del Norte. The field has no landing lights, but there is some daylight at the time of the crash.

BOY BURNED

Toy Tank Is Deadly

PASSAU, Germany.—Roland Froehlinger, a paralyzed boy, received a fire-spitting toy tank for Christmas.

His parents went to church Sunday and left him in an upholstered chair to play with the toy.

Later a neighbor smelled smoke. Firemen broke in, found the chair in flames and Roland dead. The tank was still clasped in his hands.

Today's Chuckle

If the boss practiced what he preaches, he'd work his fool self to death.

Premier Asks Irish Be United

DUBLIN — (UP) — Irish Premier John A. Costello told British Premier Sir Anthony Eden Sunday night that the only way to stop underground attacks by the Irish Republican Army is for Britain to unite Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

The statement came as a new nationalist attack was reported on a police station in northern Ireland. There were no casualties.

Costello said responsibility for partition of Ireland into Independent South and British-held North "rests on the British Parliament and government."

The IRA, outlawed throughout the island, is sworn to reject the British from the six counties of North Ireland and unite the country.

Costello's statement was issued by the government information bureau in reply to Eden's Dec. 19 remarks in the House of Commons on the recent outbreak of IRA terrorism.

Eden said the British ambassador in Dublin had been told to tell the Irish government "the serious view which her majesty's government would be bound to take of the events."

The IRA launched a series of bombings and armed attacks on police and military installations north of the border Dec. 12.

The Belfast headquarters of the Royal Ulster Constabulary announced that an attack had been made Sunday with submachine guns on a police station at Dun-given in County Londonderry.

PEOPLE CELEBRATE

Port Said Left To Egyptians

PORT SAID—(UP)—Jubilant Egyptians surged through the streets of Port Said Sunday, cheering and shooting bullets into the air in wild demonstrations celebrating the evacuation of the last Anglo-French troops.

(A Cairo Radio broadcast said Sunday Egyptian army troops entered Port Said only 24 hours after the last British and French occupation troops withdrew.)

Rifle shots and machine-gun fire from the celebrants sounded above the tolling of church bells. Troops of Egyptian youths roared through the city shouting, "Nasser, Nasser, long live Nasser."

The United Nations police forces, in conjunction with the International Red Cross, hastily set up refugees in three local churches as members of the European community fearing reprisals.

At the same time the U. N. forces began planning their withdrawal from the city in order to fan out into the Sinai desert to supervise the Israeli withdrawal.

At the same time U. S. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, head of the U. N. salvage project, announced Sunday that the United Nations would begin work to clear the canal today, providing the Egyptians gave final permission.

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Baby's Birth Saves Extra Hospital Trip

PITTSBURGH — (UP) — Mrs. Rosalie Glickman, 27, gave birth Sunday to a six-pound, five-ounce girl just 17 hours and 35 minutes after she was operated on for appendicitis.

The baby, Audrey Netta, was "doing fine," and Mrs. Glickman reported, "I feel pretty good—considering."

"Three years ago, they froze my appendix and said it wouldn't bother me again," she said. "Well, it didn't except at the most inopportune time."

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WANTS CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Jailed Man Seeks Freedom

VERSAILLES, Mo.—(UP)—High school teacher William Cheney's hopes heightened Sunday that he will be released from jail in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Cheney, 35, started a 10-day jail sentence Saturday rather than send his seven-year-old daughter to a rural school.

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Sen. James A. Reed, hired her lawyer nephew to "get Cheney out of jail."

John R. Batsy, the lawyer, tried unsuccessfully to talk Circuit Judge Claude E. Curtis into freeing Cheney.

Curtis refused, but promised to "search for some law" to permit "bail for a man who voluntarily goes to jail."

His wife, Irene, 33, is under similar sentence when Cheney completes his jail term.

But legal wheels were turning in an effort to free Cheney. A wealthy Kansas City woman, Mrs. James A. Reed, widow of

GOT A 'BUSHEL OF FLOUR'?

'Pye-Making' Made Easy

BALTIMORE — (U) — Are you housewives lamenting the time you'll be slaving over a hot stove preparing the Christmas dinner?

Why not try a "Christmas Pye," from the cookbook, "The Art of Cookery Made Plain and Easy?"

Here's the way the recipe goes:

"First make a good standing crust, let the wall and bottom be very thick. Bake a turkey, a goose, a fowl, a partridge, and a pigeon, season them all very well . . .

"Open the fowls all down the back, and bone them; first the pigeon, then the partridge, cov-

er them; then the fowl, then the goose, and then the turkey, which must be large; season them all well first, and lay them in the crust, so it will look only like a whole turkey.

"Then have a hare ready

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cased, and wiped with a clean cloth. Cut it to pieces, that is jointed, season it, and lay it as close as you can on one side, on the other side woodcock, more game, and what sort of wild fowl you can get.

"Season them well and lay them close; put at least four pounds of butter into the pye, then lay on your lid . . . it must have a very hot oven and will take at least four hours.

"This pye will take a bushel of flour."

It's from the first edition of the cookbook, printed in 1747. Walters Art Gallery here has a copy.

Fed better now, girls?