



## BRITISH FIRE SECOND BOMB IN AIR DROP

### Vicious Burst Highlighted By Blinding Rainbow

By RONALD THOMSON

ABOARD H. M. S. ALERT  
—A vicious burst of sound and fury roared high over the central Pacific yesterday as Britain touched off the second and most powerful hydrogen bomb blast in its test series.

A four-engine jet Valiant bomber flying thousands of feet above sea level, dropped the four-ton missile—estimated to have a destructive force equal to five million tons of TNT near Malden, about 400 miles south of Christmas Island.

The blast was believed three times as powerful as the first explosion the British set off in mid-May.

Newsman and other observers aboard this naval yacht 35 miles from the blast scene were cautioned to keep their backs turned to avoid risking their sight.

After 10 seconds, the press corps clad in protective suits and goggles, was given the word to face the awesome spectacle.

A huge fireball, estimated at more than a mile wide, hovered in the sky, its center a writhing turmoil of bronze, scarlet and incandescent white.

Within seconds the fireball expanded into a blinding rainbow. Then it appeared to retract and to start sinking toward the earth, cloud of dazzling whiteness began forming.

Prior to the blast, Christmas Island had been a beehive of activity as more than 2,000 scientific and servicemen at the operational headquarters made final preparations for the test—operation of the series called "Operation Grapple."

The British task force scientific director, William Cook, predicted there would be "no significant fallout activity from the high air burst."

The fireball, he said, would not touch the water, and the rainout of the missile would condense into fine particles that would be swept up into the stratosphere in the overshroud cloud.

"These particles will take from months to many years to fall back to ground level," Cook continued. "This slow fallout will not be concentrated in any one area but will be worldwide."

"The addition this test series will make to the worldwide fallout of fission products which will come from the U. S. and Russian tests already made will be very small indeed."

Partly cloudy and warm today (tonight and Sunday). Scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers on Sunday.

Low this morning — 69  
Low tomorrow morning — 67  
High today — 86  
High yesterday — 84  
High tomorrow — 87  
Sunset today 5:10 a.m.,  
sunset today 7:32 p.m.

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## Evening Prayer

O Divine Father, who hath promised to go before us and make the crooked paths straight; direct our way that we may not be led into temptation nor become the temptors of others. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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# SBI Enters Raleigh Free Whisky Probe

## Strictly Political

By JULIAN SCHERR  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

If all goes well, this time next week the 1957 General Assembly will be carried into business.

With the "love feast" yesterday on tax bills — with relief coming in nice chunks to several sources — things will move swiftly next week.

Biggest disappointment for McLaughlin and other anti-Piedmont social reformers (the legislature's failure to reappointment).

The latest report on Gov. Hodges' choice for a chairman of the Highway Commission. He'll be a man presently high in state government.

Former Rep. E. M. O'Herron was getting some "urging" from friends this week. They were talking politics, urged Ed to start thinking about running for the House or Senate in 1958 — but he stoutly maintains he is through for a while — and maybe for good.

The best bet you can get these days is one that Paul Van Every's political career is also at an end. — Intimates say he will never seek public office again and talk of his running for Congress is just so much of the aforementioned talk.

CLEVELAND COUNTY'S B. T. (Buzz) Falls is getting back laps today for his good work for the House bill. — It looked as if he'd be through. — He the House and Senate and they get together on compromises. — Falls did a lot of talking to get things moving again.

ADVOCATES of a 19.1 per cent increase in teachers' pay will make a pitch for the big amount next week. Gov. Hodges will let it be known again that he favors a 15 per cent increase. The 19 per centers say they're gaining strength, but the 15 per centers figure the final figure this session.

Those waging war for the big figure will lose on this line next week. Even the possibility of a 15 per cent increase isn't holding teachers. They'll note a big increase in teacher resignations during the past two weeks and maintain they can only hope that the 19.1 per cent may hold some of them.

MECKLENBURG Sen. J. Spencer Bell today introduced a bill to define the definition of "obscene" in the obscene literature bill. The obscene literature bill passed through the Senate.

Actually, the bill is a Senate committee substitute which adds the definition of the word to a measure already passed by the House. The bill must be returned to the House for concurrence.

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FIREFIGHTER PAUL WAILAND watched over two-year-old Susan Kozek after she was carried down a ladder when flames swept her parents' second-floor apartment in Buffalo. The fire injured six in the Stephen Kozek family.

—"THAT'S GOOD," SHE CALLED—  
Rebel Wife's Remedy Fails

LOS ANGELES — A blonde housewife, who in a classic rebellion against housework and diaper washing set fire to her home, doesn't recommend the remedy to other women.

"It was a terrible thing," she said. "I was washing the diapers when I saw the flames. I was so scared I didn't know what to do. I called the fire department and they came and put out the fire. I was so lucky that I didn't get hurt."

Looking like a school girl in loose white sweater, blue skirt and flat shoes, 23-year-old Mrs. Nancy Joyce Stoner appeared in Superior Court yesterday on an arson charge.

She told the court she didn't have the money to hire a lawyer. A public defender was appointed to represent her. She'll return June 10 to enter a plea. In the meantime, she's free on \$500 bond.

After leaving the courtroom, Mrs. Stoner said, "I'm still doing diapers and housework but I don't feel as nervous as I did before the fire."

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## Graham Challenges 'Hearts Of Stone'

NEW YORK — "You laugh at the idea of being saved by Christ. You sit there rationalizing, cynically, sniffling 'You hearts are cold as ice. Your hearts are like stone.'"

Billy Graham flung the words out at 18,300 people last night, declaring that the smug modern generation denies God's plan of redemption through Christ — because they can't see how it works.

"You shake your fist in God's face, and say 'sure, I'm going to heaven, but I'm going my own way. I can't understand how Christ's death on the cross will help me, so I'll use my own system.'"

That, Graham said, is the road to damnation. God has set rules, and the only release He offers men from their inevitable sin is through accepting Christ, who died to reconcile the world to God.

"There's not a person in America in all the world, who understands all about the infinite God, who fills all space, who has no beginning and no end, who is from everlasting to everlasting."

At the end of Graham's sermon, 749 people came forward at his plea for them to "accept Christ." After 10 days of pastoring "Spooky" in a wash tub every time someone wanted to take a bath, Mrs. Stokes called The News for help.

THE APPEAL  
"Do you think you can help me find a nice alligator's home?" she asked.

## Grand Jury Action May Come Next

RALEIGH — The State Bureau of Investigation has been called into the probe of charges that liquor interests have made hotel room deliveries of free whisky to some state legislators.

Solicitor Lester V. Chalmers Jr. asked the SBI to enter the case yesterday after a conference with Atty. Gen. George Patton.

If criminal violations are shown, Chalmers said, the persons involved would be carried before the Wake County grand jury. He promised that "every angle" will be investigated.

His action followed a preliminary report by the state ABC Board to Gov. Hodges, who asked the board to step in after the charges were made last Monday by the Rev. Gerald C. Primm, a Raleigh Baptist minister.

NO SAMPLES  
The board ordered an end to the practice of allowing liquor salesmen to draw up to three cases of liquor a month for use as samples. It said it felt the practice is "bad, and would permit abuse should such permits fall in the hands of unscrupulous persons."

Board Chairman Tom Allen said the investigation is "by no means finished." He promised to let newsmen know when the board meets again to go into the situation.

The Rev. Primm has been invited to appear before the board, but has not yet said whether he will accept the invitation.

In a statement on the board's report, Hodges said he felt sure "the great majority" of legislators would agree with him that the alleged practice of giving liquor to legislators is to be condemned.

He said he hoped the board or local law enforcement officers "can determine who is guilty," although at present it says it has no legal proof.

The Rev. Primm told the story of his being delivered to lawmen rooming at the Hotel Sir Walter to reporters of the News and Observer. Raleigh newspaper photographers snapped pictures of nine whiskey cases being unloaded at the hotel.

They also followed a bellhop and got pictures of brown paper bag parcels being distributed to hotel rooms.

## Rains Flood Soggy Texas

DALLAS — Rains of up to 11 inches fell in northern Texas yesterday, two boys were killed by lightning, and farmers waited impatiently for thousands of acres of land to dry as violent weather continued in Texas.

The Midland, Tex., Weather Bureau said the storm dumped a few miles west of Big Spring in west Texas, but it caused no damage.

More than 11 inches of rain fell in three hours in south Texas between Uvalde and Lajporte, causing flash flooding. More than three inches fell at Kingsville, also in south Texas, and one inch fell in 20 minutes at Big Spring, flooding streets. Lubbock, Amarillo, Plains and Sherman were raked by storms.

CROPS HURT  
The rains have prevented harvesting and were believed to have placed good plains wheat, corn in jeopardy. Cotton crops in Hildesheim and Swisher counties, just south of the Panhandle, were far behind in planting.

A flash flood covered the heart of Brackettville, a ranch center of 1,500 about 125 miles west of San Antonio, under 18 inches of water. The town had about 5 inches of rain.

Two 12-year-old Arlington boys, Don Jacobs and Lawrence Thompson, were killed by lightning that struck their mobile scooter near their home between Fort Worth and Dallas.



ARTHUR MILLER and his wife, actress Marilyn Miller, leave their New York apartment after his conviction for contempt of Congress yesterday. Still free on bond, Miller said they were "going away for a little while." It will probably be three weeks or longer before sentence will be passed on the playwright.

## Highway Deaths Near 200 Mark

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Traffic deaths from the Memorial Day weekend neared the 200 mark at midnight today.

The highway toll reached 194. An additional 67 deaths from drowning and 49 from other causes boosted the over-all fatality mark to 270.

California and Pennsylvania were tied at 14 each in the greatest number of traffic deaths. Illinois, with 13, was next.

The last four-day Memorial Day weekend, in 1950, saw 347 traffic deaths.

This four-day holiday got off to a good start with fewer traffic deaths than predicted. The count for the period from 6 p.m. Wednesday until midnight Thursday was 94. That compared with 120 recorded by the National Safety Council in Chicago.

The council made no estimate for the four-day period. Following is a state-by-state compilation of accidental deaths since 6 p.m. Wednesday with the figures denoting respectively traffic, drowning and other miscellaneous causes.

Alabama 13-0; Arizona 5-2-0; Arkansas 3-0-1; California 14-4-0; Colorado 1-1-0; Connecticut 1-0-0; Florida 4-1; Georgia 6-1-1; Idaho 0-1-0; Illinois 13-2-1; Indiana 10-1-0; Iowa 4-2-2; Kansas 3-0-0; Kentucky 4-1-0; Louisiana 4-0-0; Maine 1-1-1;

Maryland 4-2-0; Massachusetts 1-4-0; Michigan 10-3-4; Minnesota 1-2-2; Mississippi 2-1-1; Missouri 6-4-1; Montana 0-1-0; Nebraska 2-1-1; Nevada 3-0-0; New Jersey 2-1-2; New Mexico 3-0-1; New York 6-3-1; North Carolina 3-0-1; Ohio 10-3-4; Oklahoma 1-1-1; Oregon 2-3-0;

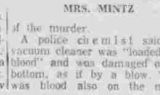
Pennsylvania 14-2-4; South Dakota 0-1-0; Tennessee 3-0-1; Texas 11-4-1; Utah 1-0-0; Virginia 3-0-1; Washington 4-0-0; West Virginia 4-2-2; Wisconsin 3-0-0; Wyoming 1-0-0.

West Point Begins Commencement Week  
WEST POINT, N. Y. — June week commencement activities get under way today at the U. S. military academy.

Festivities will include athletic contests, presentation of athletic awards, receptions, a review, and giving out of military and academic awards. Graduation exercises will be on Tuesday for the 845 members of the class of 1957.

Police Say Vacuum Cleaner Used As Death Weapon  
LOS ANGELES — A Polish-born woman—hooked on a notion of murder in the bludgeoning of her wealthy mistress—wring her work-hardened hands and sobbed.

"I wouldn't do it! I wouldn't!" But police said they have "a good circumstantial case" indicating that this, red-haired Mrs. Linda Mintz, 34, a wartime prisoner of the Nazis, was the woman who used a vacuum cleaner as a death weapon. Mrs. Mintz, 34, a 32-year-old woman, was arrested on Monday after police, alerted by a tip from a neighbor, searched the woman's home. Mrs. Mintz had been living with the Macomber's in a home last Monday a few minutes before Mrs. Macomber was fatally beaten in her bedroom.



MRS. MINTZ

Another bizarre aspect to the case was that Mintz, who voluntarily surrendered to police, admitted slapping at the Macomber's home May 22 to photograph a white ceramic cat door entrance. He denied being there on the day