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Records Broken

RALEIGH — (AP) — North Carolina's effort to attract industry broke all records in 1958. Gov. Hodges said today. He reported industrial expansion during the year totaled more than 253 million dollars in value.

Chores Lessened

RALEIGH — (AP) — Gov. Hodges said today that improved economic conditions have lessened the revenue-generating chores of the 1959 General Assembly.

More Probes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House investigators called today for a continuing and broadened probe of federal agencies by the new Congress. This was a major recommendation agreed on unanimously by the subcommittee whose investigation of Sherman Adams' inquiries on behalf of Bernard Goldfine led to Adams' resignation as aide to President Eisenhower.

Three-Day Truce

TAIPEI — (AP) — A three-day New Year truce initiated by the Chinese Nationalists went into effect today. The Quemoy islanders came out of their shelters on hearing that the Communist command in neighboring Fuxian Province had agreed to the Nationalist appeal for a 72-hour cease-fire.

Proposal Rejected

LONDON — (AP) — Britain today sharply rejected Russia's proposal for changing the occupation status of Berlin but offered to discuss within the framework of the German problem as a whole.

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SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Hawaiian Tectron Inc. announced today it was withdrawing the S. S. Lani from passenger service between Hawaii and the West Coast immediately. The firm said passengers holding reservations have been notified and refunds are being made.

Americans Freed

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Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness to day and tonight, with rain beginning tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy with rain. High yesterday — 67. High expected today — 55. High expected tomorrow — 49. Low this morning — 42. Low expected tomorrow — 39. Sunrise, 7:31 a.m.; sunset, 5:21 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 2-A.



Cuban rebel sympathizers in New York picketing the Dominican Republic consulate in New York. They claim the Dominicans are aiding the Cuban government with war equipment.

4-Power Talks

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Hoffa Vetoes Picketing Plan

NEW YORK — The New York Times said today that Teamsters President James R. Hoffa has killed plans for a move by the union to cut off deliveries of vital supplies to police installations in this city.

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No Fireworks, Plenty Noise

(From AP Reports) Spoilsport Rome police put a damper on this New Year's Eve celebration by arresting 7 vendors of fireworks and setting 300,000 noisemakers of various types. The Roman evening won't be entirely quiet, however, as residents traditionally create a clatter by firing old bottles and dishes out windows at midnight. No Help Here. Joe Ramo's car, parked in front of his house in Hiramsville, Kan., was damaged by a fire-and-run motorist. Joe called police.

Got Their Ride

Two boys ragged a 1948 car...

Insurgents Driven To East

HAVANA — (AP) — Army forces today smashed a rebel attempt to capture Santa Clara in central Cuba and are driving the insurgents eastward, the government said. Rebel broadcasts conceded that the savage fighting now had moved north and east of that city controlling highways from Havana to eastern Cuba.

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Air Strike Arbitration Suggested

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Old strikes continued to plague two of the nation's major airlines on the eve of the new year, and government officials showed signs of increasing annoyance with the prolonged disputes at Eastern Air Lines and American Airlines.

Dismissal Protest

The association is preparing a strike vote against National in protest of the dismissal of an agent in New York. The national board told Eastern and the engineers in a telegram that "your recent economic tug-of-war must come to an end if you must now yield to the right of the public to have adequate air transportation by agreeing on a peaceful method to settle this dispute."

Reporter Tries Trip In 'Space'

This work was concentrated in two areas, the Charlotte Community College system and city-county school consolidation. Mr. Rowe had long been an advocate of a strong community college system and worked long and hard for local and state support. He was one of those who pushed hard for the approval of a local bond issue which will give Charlotte and Carver Colleges support. He serves now on the Board of Trustees and as chairman of the vital finance committee.

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Oliver R. Rowe (seated right) receives his Man of the Year plaque from News publisher Thomas L. Robinson. Looking on are recipients of the award of former years. They are Henry C. Dockery, Col. J. Norman Pease, Carl G. McCraw, C. W. Gilchrist, John C. Erwin, Mecklenburg County.