

### Crews Seek Two Bodies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Searchers sifted through the ruptured interior of a meat packing plant today looking for two workers believed missing in a freak disaster which claimed five lives.

Five workers died Tuesday when an ice house atop the seven-story brick building collapsed. It ripped huge holes in each floor in its dive to the basement. Sixteen other workers were injured.

Tons of rubble and meat were piled at the base of the building. The stinging aroma of ammonia was prevalent as the searchers continued their task.

Company officials said they are fairly certain the missing men are buried in the debris and presumed dead. They were identified as Claud Wilkinson and James McIntosh.

Scores of lives were saved when rescuers elapsed before each floor section gave way. Workers said they heard muffled rumbles similar to an earthquake and scurried to safety.

A coffee break may have saved additional lives. Officials said there was no way to determine how many of the plant's 1,100 workers were in the building at the time.

### NYC Ponders Secession From State Of New York

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City is looking into the possibility of seceding from New York and seeking statehood.

The suggestion that the city might become a sovereign state caused the state Senate to rock with laughter. But the city fathers on a 100-0 vote they weren't just wistfully "Dixie."

Demands for separation of the city from the rest of the state go back almost 100 years. The first was made by Mayor Fernando Wood in 1861. Since then bills calling for secession have been introduced into the Legislature many times.

How to do it legally has always been a question.

A move calling for a committee to study the possibility was introduced in the City Council Tuesday, and referred to the Rules Committee for study.

The move came in the wake of a bitter fight between the city and the state over money. The city government, which is Democratic, said it must have new taxes this year to balance its budget. Permission was needed from the Legislature, which is Republican.

The city leaders claimed they had to go "hat in hand" to Albany. There, they said, they found New York City treated like an "unwanted stepchild." They didn't get all the taxing power they wanted.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner's immediate response was to let \$2 million dollars off the budget, announcing that the pinch would be felt by 80,000 city employees who would get smaller pay raises, at none at all.

The mayor's austerity program brought a wave of protest from city employees. Some 9,000 of the city's teachers threatened mass resignations. Other city employees scheduled a one-day protest stoppage — 30,000 strong — next Tuesday. Later they hinted they might stay out longer.

At Albany, the state Senate howled with laughter when a resolution was introduced to let New York City secede.

The move called for a state constitutional amendment to cre-

ate "South New York" (New York City) and "North New York" (the rest of the state).

The leading rebel was Joseph Zaretzki, leader of the minority Senate Democrats. He repeated a frequent city complaint, that the city is often short-changed in the matter of state aid.

In a voice vote, Republican senators whimsically added their voices to those of their Democratic colleagues in a thunderous "aye." One lone "no" voice was faintly heard.

There was a hush while the body waited for Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson, presiding officer and a Republican, to deal with the situation. He smiled and blandly ruled "The amendment is defeated."

But there was no whimsy in the secession resolution offered in the City Council. It came from Joseph T. Sharkey, Democratic majority leader, and 18 other Democratic councilmen.

The resolution calls for a committee to be set up to study "the possibility and legality of New York City seceding from the state of New York for the purpose of becoming a sovereign state."

The measure was introduced with much fist-shaking in the direction of Albany. Sharkey, who comes from Brooklyn, denounced what he called the "vicious attitude" of Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and the Legislature in imposing "economic slavery" on the city.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"SHE SAYS IT'S A PICK 'N' SNEEZE. WHATEVER THAT IS!"

### Maybe Life's Less Complex In Hula-Hoop Factory

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—George Baldwin had been working hard in the hula-hoop factory — some say too hard.

He felt it himself. He realized he had neglected his family as he spent long hours over the production line. Now, with the crazy tying and the plant retooling for whirly plates, he would make amends.

"I know!" he exclaimed as he drove his Whippet home on the freeway. "I'll take the whole family to a movie! What fun when the folks used to take us to the Gem as youngsters! Oh, that Anita Page!"

At home, George Baldwin greeted the heads of Maxine, 7; Patty, 9; and Laverne, 11, and kissed his wife, Nancy. That was surprise enough. Then he sprang the topper: "Let's all go to a movie tonight."

Mrs. Baldwin's face darkened and she ordered the daughters to go to their room. This puzzled her husband. "Don't you want to go to a movie?" he asked.

"I'd do anything to get out of this cotton-picking house," she retorted. "But we can't discuss movies in front of the children."

"Ridiculous! Why not?"

"You've been circulating with that hula-hoop crowd so much you don't know what's going on. I know! I've been reading the movie reviews. Now just what picture would you like to take the children to?"

"I thought we might see some of those that are up for Academy Awards. How about 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'?" I like animal movies.

"Are you daft? The cat is Maggie and she spends the picture trying to get her husband to act like a husband instead of pining for an old teammate."

"How about 'I Want to Live'?" That sounds inspirational.

"About a girl whose hobbies are crime and men?"

"Then how about 'Some Came Running'?" I hear Shirley MacLaine is wonderful . . ."

"As a floozy. Nothing but drinking and carousing."

"Surely 'Separate Tables' is okay. Such a nice cast. David Niven . . ."

"Plays an old fraud who molests ladies in theaters."

"Hummum. I don't suppose 'The Defiant Ones'—"

"No. Not the kind of language we would want the children to hear. And there's a bedroom scene."

"I've got it! 'Gigi! That should be a gay one.'"

"It's gay, all right. About a girl from a long line of unwed mothers who is trained to be a French mistress. How do we explain all that to our daughters?"

"I don't know. I just don't know," said George Baldwin, his visions of togetherness shattering before him. "I guess I'll just stay home and watch TV. I see they're showing 'The Cobens and the Kellys in the Argentine.'"

### Ruling Given On Gals' Attire

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Women can wear short shorts, tight-fitting dungarees or torso-draping pants on the Atlantic City boardwalk, says the City Commission.

The Women's Chamber of Commerce had complained that the dress required on the boardwalk wasn't conservative enough.

The commission ruled Tuesday that casual dress has been accepted throughout the country and the city will just have to go along.

### Jetline Trip Said Smooth

NEW YORK (UPI)—Balance a cigarette on its filter tip on a table in a new jet airliner right after takeoff in San Francisco and after three hours and 44 minutes later when you whoosh into Chicago it still will be standing on end.

Comparing the Boeing 707 jet to piston-driven airliners in service on most routes today is like matching a Mercedes Benz 300SL with a model T.

On American Airline's inaugural flight from San Francisco to New York with a stop at Chicago, the 707 with 106 passengers and a crew of nine aboard cruised serenely at speeds up to 615 miles an hour.

On takeoff, the four jet engines scream like a contralto with her too caught in a wringer, but once she hits 30,000 feet the 707 is incredibly quiet.

The new jets fly so fast that on American's inaugural there was an argument among some passengers whether the plane was flying over the Sierra or the Rockies. At 30,000 feet it is hard to tell whether you're over Reno, or Grand Junction, Colo.

### Films May Aid Student Drivers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Student drivers, says a safety engineer, should be trained like soldiers, being exposed to hazards repeatedly until they instinctively react correctly.

Dr. Earle Hannaford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. told a safety conference Tuesday that traffic hazards could be simulated in motion pictures showing traffic rushing toward a driving class.

Through repeated exposures under non-panic conditions, he said, student drivers can acquire built-in responses for use when the real thing comes along.

### Actress Seeking Tax Rebate

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Rosalind Russell is suing to recover \$13,476 which she says the government collected in overpaid taxes.

She contended in her suit, filed Tuesday, that maintaining residences in both California and New York was a legitimate business expense in 1952. She was appearing at the time in the Broadway stage production, "Wonderful Town."

Her taxable income that year was \$275,000, she said.

### Home's Roof In Wrong Spot

NEWPORT, Ky. (AP)—Ernest Johnson put a new roof on his house Tuesday, then fired up his stove and relaxed.

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