

**Weather Forecast**  
 Fair and cool tonight; low 45. Scattered cloudiness, mild tomorrow; high 70. Chances of showers 1 out of 10 tonight, 3 out of 10 late tomorrow.  
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**ON CAMERA**—Lawrence Brooks, who started singing on WTIC radio, returns for WTIC-TV opening, rendering selection from his "Song of Norway" album. — [Times Photo

## Channel 3 Born Midst Fanfare

By TONY DAVENPORT

A tall, gray-haired gentleman sat in front of a microphone and said:

"The hope and constant aim of this station will be to earn the good will, friendship and confidence of those who hear us."

The gentleman: the late Walter G. Cowles, vicepresident of Travelers in charge of radio broadcasting.

The occasion: the opening of the new WTIC radio station. The time: Feb. 10, 1925.

"I have only two words to add to what Mr. Cowles said 32 years ago," said WTIC-TV President Paul W. Morency last night as Channel 3 went on the air. . . . of those who hear—and see—us."

And so saying, Mr. Morency bowed off camera, turned the show over to master of ceremonies Ed Begley, and WTIC-TV made its official debut in the field of entertainment.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and well-wishes came from all sides. For the State of Connecticut there was Governor Ribicoff; for the City of Hartford, Mayor Cronin. Religious leaders included the Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Connecticut, Msgr. William J. Collins, vicar-general of the archdiocese of Hartford, and Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Temple Beth Israel.

Dr. William J. Sanders, state commissioner of education, voiced the hope that WTIC-TV would further the cause of educational television. In line with this the station's general manager, Vicepresident Walter

Johnson, presented a scholarship fund check of \$1,000 to Dr. Alan S. Wilson for use at the new University of Hartford in the fields of radio, television and the allied arts.

**THE HOUR-LONG** opener was devoted to "The Past—The Present—and the Future."

From the past came a string of WTIC-radio alumni to share in the event. Besides Ed, there was his brother, Martin, singers Terri Stevens, Rita Morley and Lawrence Brooks, harpist Robert Maxwell, and actress Jan Miner. Lois Nye, detained on the West Coast with a motion picture arrangement, was unable to attend.

From the beginning of the show, Chief Engineer Herman Taylor and his staff were busily checking reception quality wherever possible. They reported "a fairly good" picture most everywhere, with only scattered reports of poor reception. This, the staff attributed to the overwhelming strength of the signal in this area.

**IN INTRODUCING** Ed Begley, Mr. Morency asked him what his future plans included. After Ed described in some detail his theater plans for the future (which included producers, directors, etc.) Mr. Morency quipped:

"That, Ed, is definitely the first commercial for WTIC-TV."

## GOP Caucus Again on 2 Drouth Bills

Leaders Keep Fingers Crossed in Hopes Colleagues Approve

By Robert MacGregor

The General Assembly went into its second week of special session today in an effort to reach agreement on a farm drouth relief program.

Immediately upon return to the Capitol, the balking GOP-controlled House gathered behind closed doors to discuss two bills approved by a narrow margin at a caucus last Thursday.

Now that the bills have been drafted in final form, GOP leaders were "keeping their fingers crossed" in hopes that their House members would go along with the measures.

Atty. Gen. John J. Bracken told the Republican leaders of both branches of the assembly at a conference Monday afternoon that the two latest proposals are constitutional.

**WHEN THE LEGISLATURE** convened a week ago, the leaders were in agreement on two bills: One that would have exempted farms from local taxes on equipment and livestock; the other that would have granted drouth-hit farmers a state subsidy for hay purchases.

A Senate Republican gave early approval to both the personal property exemption and the hay subsidy proposals.

But, GOP colleagues in the lower House rejected the two ideas and after four lengthy caucuses last week agreed in principle with bills that would:

- Allow farmers a one-year abatement of taxes, with the state reimbursing the municipalities for the loss of revenue, estimated at \$1 million.
- Authorize loans to farmers at an interest rate of one and one-half per cent from a state revolving fund.

Under the terms of each measure a farmer to qualify for maximum aid of \$1,000 would have to prove loss of 40 per cent of his crop.

**SENATE REPUBLICANS** have not acted on the two new measures but it is generally felt they would go along with the House, in order to end the week-long deadlock.

Even if the two latest bills win approval of the Senate, the legislature will face possible veto by Democratic Governor Ribicoff.

The Governor favored the original idea of exempting farmers from local taxes on livestock and equipment, but opposed the hay subsidy.

Governor Ribicoff hasn't taken a public stand on the latest propositions. However, many observers feel he would reject the tax abatement legislation because of his previously announced position against any outright "handouts" to farmers.

In addition to the farm program, the Legislature must settle the issues of legalizing larger milk bottles and repealing local tax exemptions granted bus companies by the regular session earlier this year.

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**TUG-OF-WAR**—Little Rock police struggle to hold back tattooed man and crowd in front of high school attempts to rush the building. — [U

## Bakers, Textile Unions Branded as Corrupt

New York — (INS) — AFL-CIO investigators charged today the 153,000-member Bakery Workers Union and the 40,000-member United Textile Workers

are corruption-ridden. The federation's Ethical Practices Committee made this finding in reports to the AFL-CIO Executive Council, which is holding a two-day meeting in New York to crack down on these unions and the big Teamsters Union.

AFL-CIO officials said the federation's findings under the bakery and textile union to a house or face expulsion from the federation.

**THE AFL-CIO** committee held that while the bakery workers had taken certain "corrective measures," these actions had not been sufficient, "to eliminate corrupt influences and loose and unethical practices and to prevent wrongdoing."

The committee strongly condemned what it described as "unethical practices" on the part of Union President James G. Cross, and said: "These practices require prompt and effective corrective action by the union."

The group pointed to evidence of loans to Cross by Martin Philipsborn. It said these loans were "plainly contrary to the basic ethical principles of the trade union movement."

## 'Slow Down and Live' Pays Off

State Traffic Death Toll Cut By 11% as Problem Months End

By JOHN K. BORLAND

## Basilio's Steady Drive Overcomes Sugar Ray

By A. B. M'GINLEY  
Times Sports Editor

New York City — Sugar Ray Robinson, who has among his many business interests a Harlem beauty parlor, tried hard to give Carmen Basilio a "perma-

nent" in the 12th, 13th and 14th rounds of their battle for the world's middleweight championship at Yankee Stadium last night, but Basilio survived the drumfire Robinson poured on him in those rounds and went to bed last night the new

king of the ring. Basilio, carrying the fight to Robinson with Sugar Ray counterpunching, Robinson made effective use of a left jab to fend off Basilio, but the challenger scored repeated-

## Drabowsky Enlists In National Guard

Mesa, Ariz. — (UP) — Moe Drabowsky, Wilson, Conn., and former Trinity pitcher, highly-regarded Chicago Cub pitcher, has enlisted in the Arizona National Guard's 480th Field Artillery Battalion.

Drabowsky, a right-hander who had an 11-15 record, will leave Oct. 12 for Fort Ord and six months' training there.

Drabowsky said under the six-months plan, "I'll be out in time to play next year and get all those benefits."

*Ken Smith*

Washington — state racketeers investigation called in a hearing James R. Hoffa. Union aides to money they gave sent in a report.

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money Chairman (C Ark.) accused Hoffa hearings of misu funds and powers ciating with racket Hoffa, now Mid the giant trucker campaigning to s Beck as Teamster at the union's com tion. The session Monday at Miami

**SENATOR MCL** it is now "a probe the 44-year-old H called here from I vention sessions fo although he is orders to appeal t chairman said the hearings will exte through Saturday, go over into next

Witnesses due t today, with the an has testified he bo each but never re William Bell, \$ Allen, \$2,000; Fran mons, \$2,000; Rola ter, \$1,000; James and Herman Kier All are from Detroit Union units don Hoffa.

Senator McClell the new hearings duce evidence of and alleged misuse to \$150,000 in uni