

## Park fees up, then down

WANTAGH (UPI) — Fee hikes of 100 per cent went into effect at three Long Island state parks at 12:01 yesterday. Less than 12 hours later they were canceled.



**AUTO BOOM.** General Motors Chairman Thomas A. Murphy says 1976 will be a boom year for the auto industry, even if gasoline and car prices rise. Murphy said higher gas prices might even stimulate sales of new domestic cars which offer high mileage. He estimates 1976 sales at 10 million vehicles. Depressed 1975 sales, he said, should hit 8.5 million. AP Laserphoto.

A Long Island State Park Commission spokesman said that starting at one minute past midnight, visitors to Jones Beach, Robert Moses and Captree state parks had to pay \$2 despite two court injunctions barring the new fees.

At 11:30 a.m., the spokesman said, visitors were getting into the parks for the old \$1 rate.

The rate cutback came after yet another court order — this one a show-cause order — was issued barring the fee hikes, which are being contested by the residents of both Oyster Bay and the town of Babylon.

The show-cause order, obtained by Oyster Bay Town Attorney Joseph Colby in the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court in Sayville, restrains the park commission from boosting the entrance fees to \$2 pending a court hearing Wednesday in the Appellate Division in Brooklyn.

Residents of both Oyster Bay and the town of Babylon are upset over the raise because they must pay it in order to get into town beaches adjacent to the three state parks.

## Cigarette blamed in skyscraper fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A carelessly discarded cigarette, not the electrical overload that was originally suspected, "most likely" caused the smoky fire in a Manhattan skyscraper Friday morning, fire department officials said yesterday.

A department spokesman said the fire, which forced the evacuation of about 2,600 per-

sons from the 33-story glass and steel Squibb Building, started in a freight elevator.

"The fire did not start in the electrical system," he said. "It was a carelessly discarded cigarette most likely, or something of that nature."

He added that the fire was ruled "not suspicious."

At least 45 persons required treatment, mostly for smoke inhalation.

Originally, fire marshals thought the fire had started in the 18th floor offices of International Creative Management, a theatrical agency where 40 employees were trapped by dense smoke for 90 minutes until the blaze was brought under control.

Ironically, ICM represents several of the stars of "The Towering Inferno," a movie depicting a fire in the world's tallest building.

## Many arrested at rockfest

BUFFALO (AP) — The Erie County Sheriff's Department has arrested scores of young people on various narcotics charges at the Summerfest rock concert at Rich Stadium in suburban Orchard Park.

"The number right now is 60 arrests and we're still counting," a deputy said yesterday.

The first of about 35,000 rockmusic fans began arriving at the open-air stadium yesterday morning. The music, provided by rock groups Yes, the J. Geils Band, Ace and the Johnny Winter Group, began about 5 p.m. and was scheduled to continue uninterrupted until midnight.

Sheriff Michael A. Amico canceled all holidays for members of his Narcotics Squad and Tactical Patrol units to patrol the stadium and surrounding areas.

## Mrs. Hearst weighs offer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Scott has offered to make a personal appeal asking Patricia Hearst to surrender if the fugitive heiress' mother resigns from the University of California's board of regents, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

The Times said that Catherine Hearst, Miss Hearst's mother, confirmed that she and her husband talked to Scott, a radical sports figure (and former Syracusean), about the appeal. But Mrs. Hearst had not decided if she would resign.

## Exxon aided Italian parties

NEW YORK (AP) — The Exxon Corp. made political contributions totaling \$46 million to \$49 million in Italy between 1963 and 1971, including \$86,000 to the Communist party, a company spokesman said yesterday.

## Protestants on parade

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — More than 100,000 Protestants marched in parades throughout Northern Ireland yesterday celebrating the Battle of the Boyne victory over a Roman Catholic army 285 years ago.

## Refuse patrol

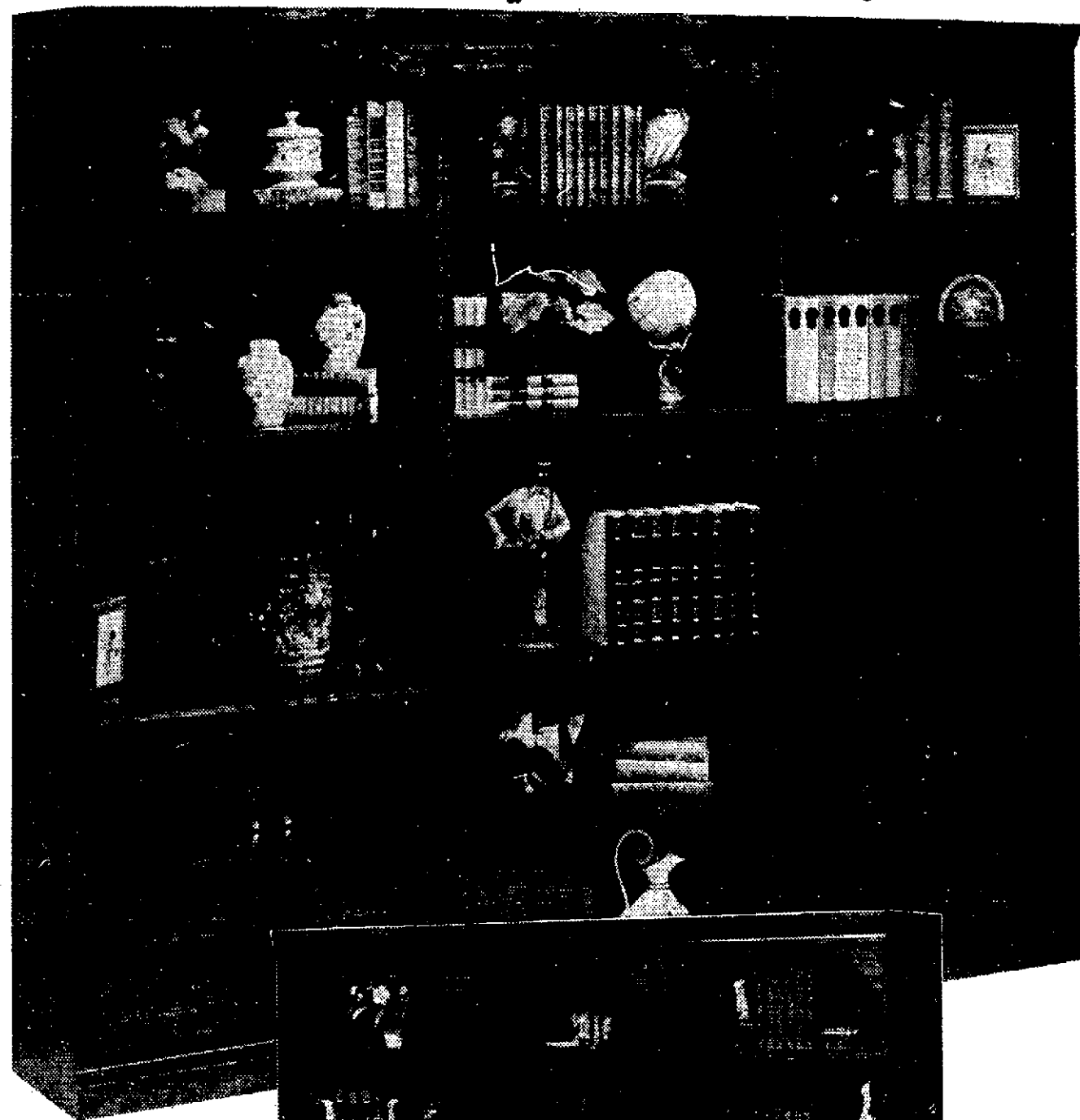
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Police officials said yesterday that 35 city policemen — about half of one shift — were relieved of their pistols and badges yesterday after they refused to go on patrol in a labor contract dispute.

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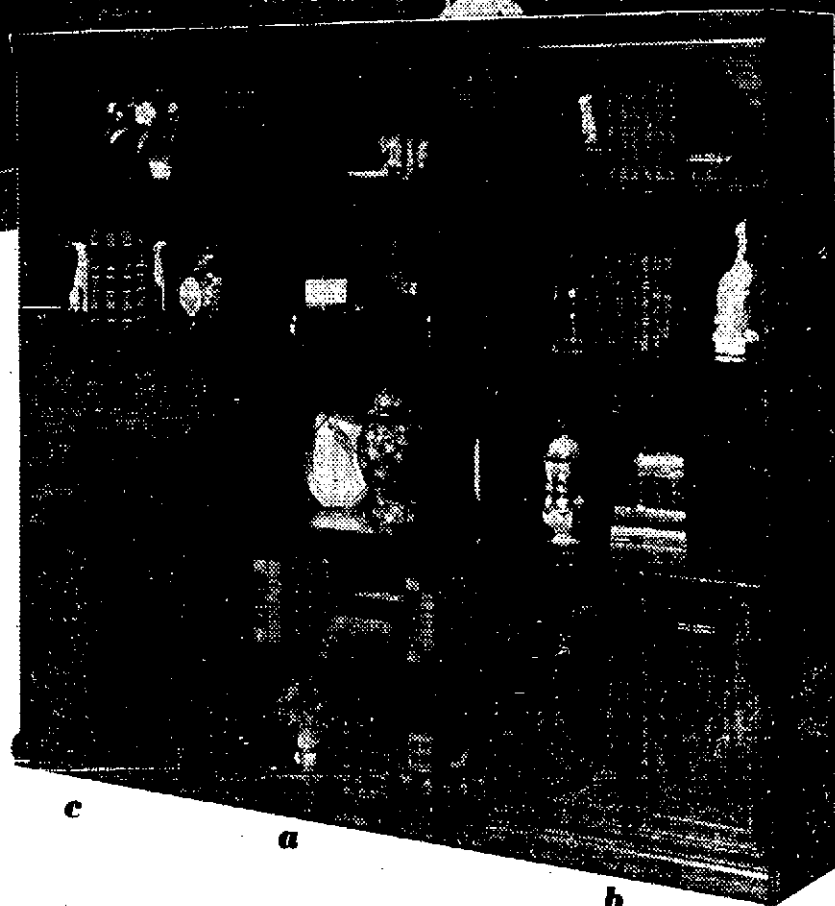
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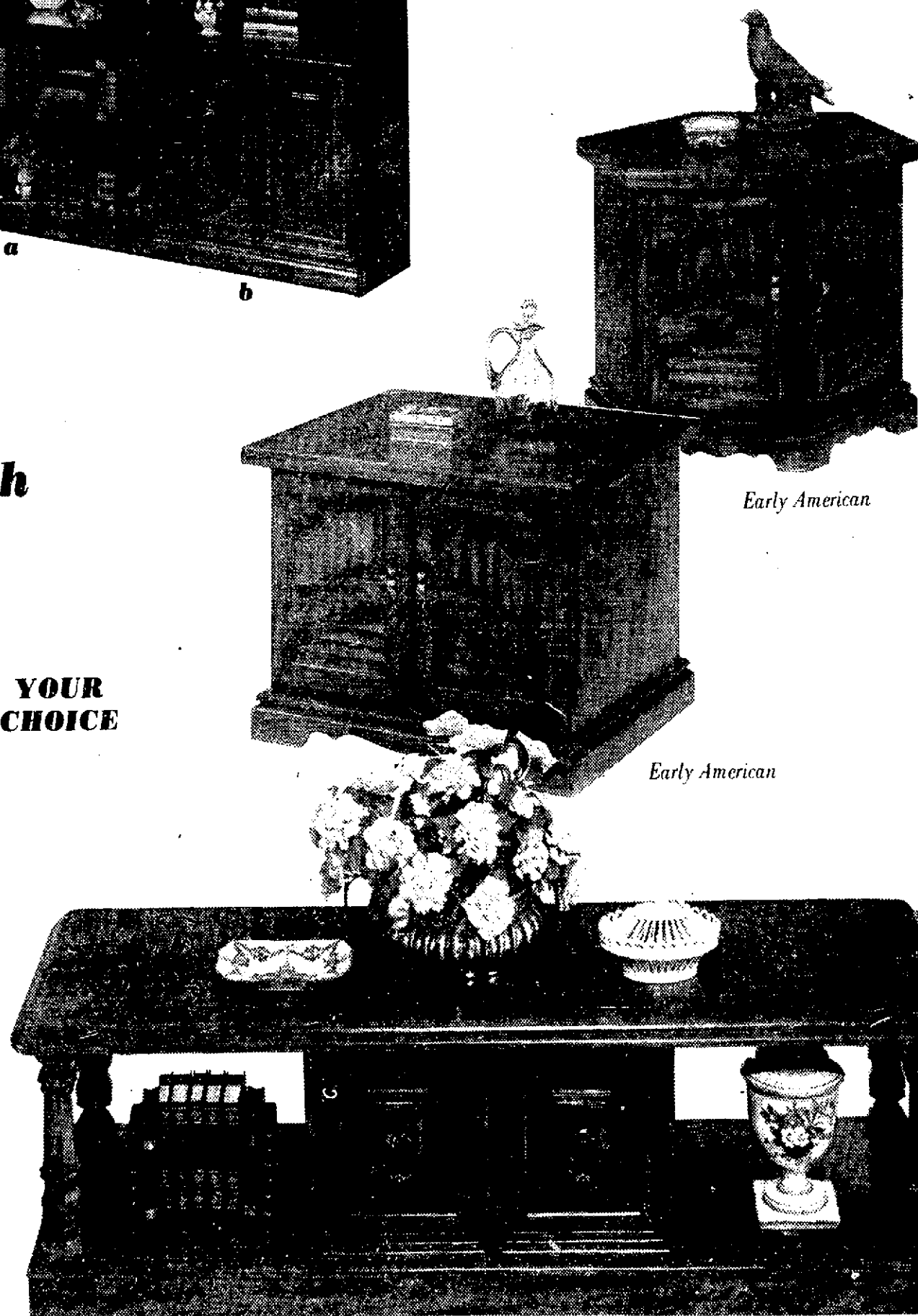
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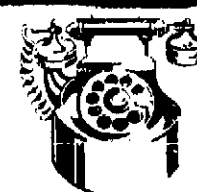


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