

### Smoke Control Checkup

NEW YORK (AP)—The Bureau of Smoke Control has taken to the water in an effort to clear up smog about the New York Harbor.

Weekly inspection trips are made to enforce air-pollution laws. Major offenders have been found to be pile drivers, dredges and some carelessly operated tugs.

Authorities said enforcement required professional discretion. Boat preparing to dock, it was said, emit smoke as they struggle to buck winds and tide, and are not penalized.

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## 82nd Congress Was Most Inquisitive In History

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—The 82nd Congress was the most inquisitive to date according to the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, which answered some 50,000 inquiries from "the boys on the Hill."

Known as the congressman's brain trust, the Service attempts to supply legislators with impartial, accurate and comprehensive information on almost every subject.

The number of these inquiries has increased in 20 years more than 5,000 per cent.

Burnis Walker, administrative officer, says every member of both Houses of this Congress has used the service. They asked every kind of question, from locating a citation of law or a quotation to major surveys of ground water resources in the U. S. and big studies of such subjects as strategic mineral resources. Some questions can be answered in seconds. Others take weeks to complete. A survey on American Indians filled some 1,500 pages.

Mr. Walker says congressmen get the answers to most of their questions. The Reference Service has some 10 million books and millions of documents within its reach. It has at its command the most exhaustive and detailed index of Federal law in existence. It clips and files some 600 newspapers and periodicals.

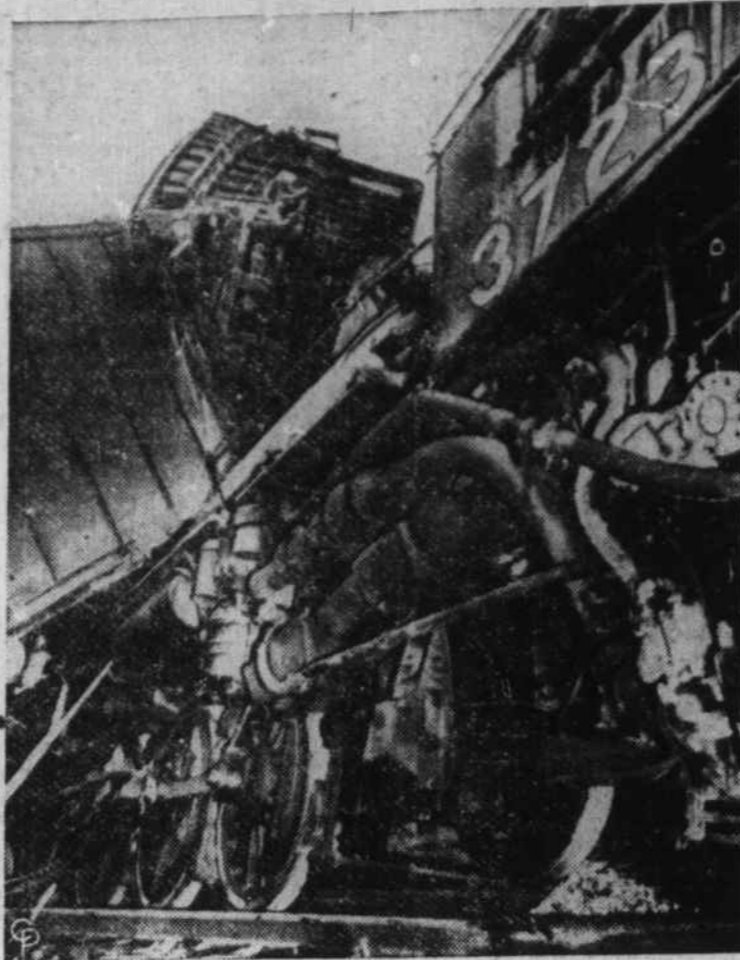
"And," says Mr. Walker, "if the experts don't know the answers, they can usually find them some way. We get some 'dillies' too. Someone wanted to know where there are markets in the government for human hair. We found hair is used in optical instruments. One member asked for a piece of poetry to commemorate the birth of triplets. That we couldn't find, but Kinton Kilmer, son of the poet Joyce Kilmer, wrote one for him."

The department's staff numbers up to 175 at times and ranges from messengers to experts in such fields as foreign trade, public administration, industrial organization, international relations and labor problems.

"It's our job to translate documents, seek correct quotations to fit a situation, find appropriate commemorative poems, compile voting records and refuse to answer questions for use in quiz programs," Mr. Walker says.

The fangs of many poisonous snakes are folded so that they lie parallel with the roof of the mouth when not in use.

## 18 CARS DERAILED IN COLLISION



HERE'S A CLOSEUP of the wreckage of a freight train collision on the Grand Trunk and Western Railroad at Fenton, Mich. in which six crewmen were injured. Eighteen cars were derailed and almost a half mile of rails torn up when the two trains met head-on. (International)

## Nation's Capital Rated Tourists' Mecca In '52

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The nation's Capital continues to draw the tourist trade despite competition from convention-starved Chicago and the facts that Congress is in recess and many top hostesses away.

The City Fathers argue that, after all, Washington offers a super-selection of vacation activities, many of them free, including a gander at the newly renovated

White House. "We expect it to be a good summer for visitors," Clarence Arata, manager of the Greater National Capital Committee, told me. "From March until the end of June we had more than a million and a half visitors. We expect them to keep coming."

Mr. Arata says it's easy to get a room, even an air-conditioned one, and people can take their sight-seeing leisurely now. In addition, the opening of such new roadways as the New Jersey turnpike, the new Delaware bridge and the new Chesapeake Bay bridge, as well as the new dual-lane route U. S. north from Baltimore opening July 30, ease the traffic into the city.

The chance to see the newly redone White House is a great drawing card. No pass is needed. It is open to everybody Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 12 noon. On July Fourth more than 7,000 were clocked through.

The committee maintains a tourist information service in the Evening Star Building and even offers to find rooms for visitors who come in without them.

On Sunday nights there are free open-air concerts. The Marine Band plays at the Jefferson Memorial, the Air Force Band on the Capitol steps, Pfc. Eddy Fisher, "lowest-paid high-priced entertainer in the

country," is soloist with the Army Band Friday nights on the Capitol steps. The Air Force Symphony Orchestra is a Friday night feature at the Water Gate.

There are the National Gallery, the Smithsonian Institution, the Zoo, outdoor square dancing, free archery instruction, fishing, canoeing and moonlight cruises on the Potomac. You can take a mule-powered barge up the historic Chesapeake and Ohio canal. And

### Ex-Actress 'Miscast' As Alcoholic

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Judge Wilbur F. Downs, who recently celebrated his 25th year as a Long Beach municipal court jurist, says a lot of strange cases have appeared before his bench.

For instance, says the judge, you can always climb the Washington Monument.

there was a former actress turned alcoholic appearing on drunk charges. Times she was treated in a sanitarium and released. Almost a year later, she appeared again and bleary-eyed. It had been screen-tested for drunk part in a movie. The doctor decided she was miscast.

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