

**Umpire Says:****'Called Game  
When We  
Couldn't See'**

Managers Sam Mele of the Twins and Al Lopez of the White Sox said they had never played a game under such foggy conditions as enveloped Metropolitan stadium Tuesday night.

But umpire-in-chief John Rice said, "I could follow Al Smith's home run all the way out of the park in the ninth inning. I could see the ball in the outfield, too. When it finally got so heavy you couldn't see into the outfield, we called time."

Rice delayed the game 30 minutes in the sixth inning and 37 minutes after nine innings before calling it off.

Lopez said, "Naturally, the Twins wanted the game called when they were hitting in the last of the ninth. Then the game would have reverted to the eighth inning, Smith's homer would have been nullified and they would have won the game 3-2.

"But why call it then? I could see the flag in center in the ninth until the stuff really got thick."

Mele said, "I didn't think about the score reverting. I thought conditions were too bad to continue in the ninth."

Smith's homer came off a Jack Kralick curve ball. "I saw the pitch all right, but in the ninth inning in the outfield I couldn't see home plate," Al added.