

WINTER FINALLY ENDS

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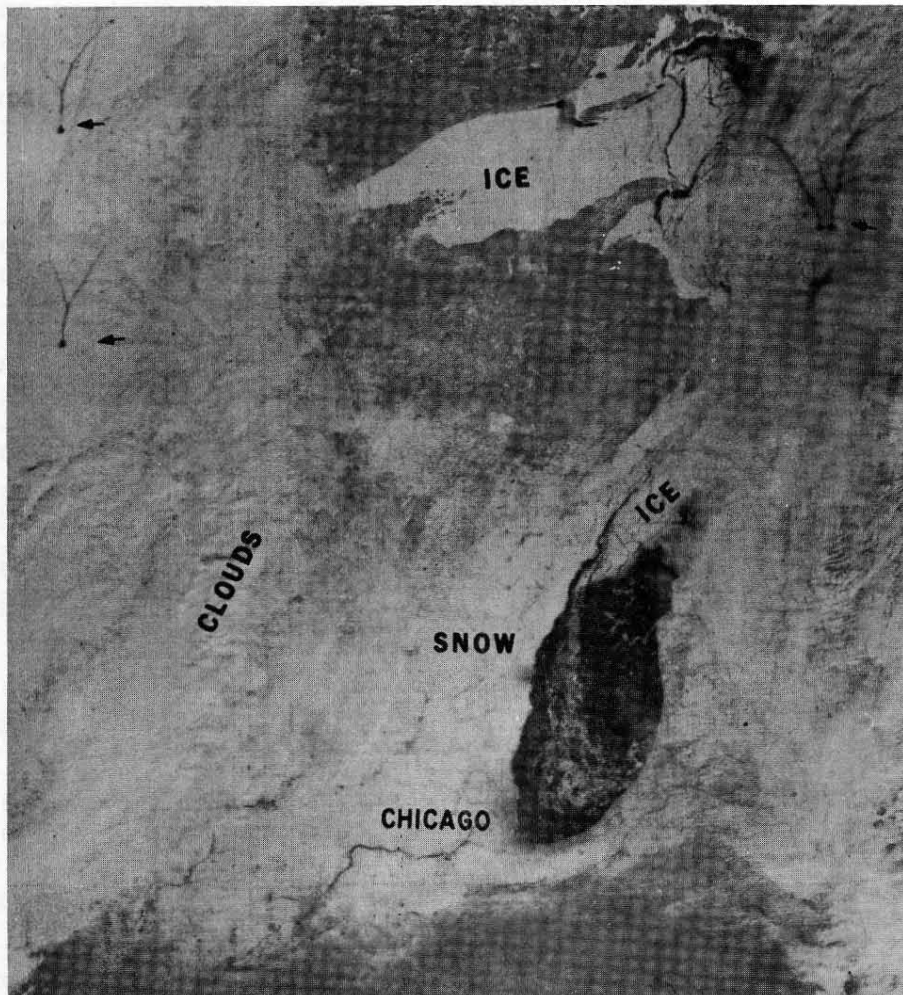
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After a record winter (1978-1979) in the Great Lakes region where Lake Superior completely froze over and the Chicago area received over 100 inches of snow, a break finally came.

On 6 March 1979, the DMSP daytime visual photo shows cracks in the ice as well as a receding snow line. Some ice is still seen in northwestern Lake Michigan, while much snow cover is captured under

cloud-free skies.

Also on this photo are three unusual phenomena indicated by the arrows. These streamer-like patterns or "crows' feet" were caused by static electricity on the DMSP equipment rollers that deliver the film. Corrective action was made after a week of consternation by forecasters at Cape Canaveral who imagined many causes for these strange patterns.



Daytime Visual DMSP on 6 March 1979 (1611Z)