

Hundreds Flee From West Oregon Floods

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expected until tomorrow. After cresting at Eugene, the flood waters will move downriver to-

ward Albany, Corvallis and Salem.

Temperatures also are down slightly today, and that also may have a favorable, but not immediate, effect on the flooding rivers. Continued lower readings would reduce the melting of snow

in the Cascades and the amount of water running off into the rivers.

The army engineers emergency flood plan for the Willamette valley went into effect yesterday afternoon after it became obvious that waters would overflow their banks. And engineers' aides have established headquarters at Eugene, Salem, Albany and Corvallis to conduct rescue work.

The Rogue river in Southwest Oregon also is threatening to go over its banks.

Pacific Highway Blocked
Meanwhile the State Highway Commission expects road conditions to grow worse today as a result of the widespread flood.

The Pacific highway already has been blocked at several points and other highways in the Willamette valley. And the Oregon State Motor Association has advised southbound motorists to travel either the Coast highway

or The Dalles-California route east of the Cascades.

One of the many slides which occurred in the state blocked the main Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Highway 30 in the Columbia Gorge near Rooster Rock. But the rail service probably will be back to normal by noon.

Several score of bus passengers were stranded and traffic was halted between Grants Pass and Medford last night and along other major routes leading from Eugene to Cottage Grove.

Portland Area Bottling
At Portland, the city street department was confronted with flooded storm sewers, and debris littered roads and streets. The Canyon Drive route linking downtown Portland with the west hills was blocked at half a dozen points by earth and fallen trees. Water covered the streets in the Saint Johns woods and Al-

tamed housing projects. There was a slide on the road between Barton and Carver. And a foot of water covered part of the route between Bertha and Beaverton.

Plans for the Willamette valley flood control project have been revised. Army engineers at Portland have recommended expansion of the development into a 400-million dollar system of flood control, hydroelectric and recreation facilities. Under the new plan, there would be 16 Willamette valley multiple purpose dams and reservoirs.

Military Training Urge Renewed by Truman

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gram should enable the farmer to market his crops at fair price levels and to improve his standard of living.

Mr. Truman acknowledged that the average farmer is better off than ever before, but he asserted that farm families as a whole have only begun to catch up with the standards of living enjoyed by the cities.

The chief executive said that the government must continue its price supports for major crops. These supports, said Mr. Truman, must be continued on a basis which will afford reasonable protection against fluctuations in the levels of production and demand. Mr. Truman added that crop insurance should be strengthened, and he said: "We also need to improve the means of getting farm

products in the markets and into the hands of the consumers." The president said that cooperatives, which directly or indirectly serve this purpose, must be encouraged—not discouraged.

The president said there must be advances in the rural electrification program. He also said that the government can and must aid and encourage farmers to conserve their soil resources and restore the fertility of land that has suffered from neglect and misuse.

All these are practical measures, said the president, upon which Congress should act im-

mediately to enable agriculture to make its full contribution to the nation's prosperity.

Federal prisons in the United States are under control of the U. S. attorney general.

Alligator snapping turtles reach weights of more than 200 pounds.

Sponge fishing is frequently mentioned in ancient Greek literature.

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