

# NORTHWEST BATTERED BY STORM; 14 DEAD

## Washington State Suffers Heaviest Damage, With Towns Awash, Families Forced To Flee

The violent rain and wind storm which pounded the Northwest during the weekend veered northward into Canada today, its force was much diminished.

The wind hit 86 miles an hour on the coast and rose to gust peaks of 105 miles an hour at Cut Bank, Mont., and 96 miles an hour at Sheridan, Wyo., cost at least 14 lives and millions of dollars in property damage.

Whipping across the Rocky Mountains with hurricane force gusts, the region's first major storm of winter streaked across Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming. The weather bureau said it would reach the Central Plain states some time today. A heavy blow was predicted for the Great Lakes.

The storm whipped across north Idaho and Montana with gusts of hurricane force, and veered north during the night.

The storm struck on a 1,000 mile front Saturday—from British Columbia into Oregon.

Hardest hit was Washington state. Hundreds of families were evacuated as the roiled waters of the Skagit river in northwest Washington isolated five towns in the Skagit valley. Four other communities were threatened as five inches of rain fell during a 24-hour span in the upper valley.

The immediate threat appeared, however, to have passed. Early today the normally placid waterway hit its crest with about a foot to spare at Mount Vernon where rain-drenched sandbag crews of from 300-500 men worked frantically to keep the river within its dikes.

At 5 a. m., W. R. Whitnall of the Skagit county engineer's office reported the river had risen only half an inch in the last three hours but heavy rains were said to be falling upstream at Concrete. Whitnall said if the river continued at the 26-foot level it was feared the dikes might soften and burst.

### Bomber Crash Kills Former Football Great

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Two Air Force colonels—one a former star quarterback for the University of Southern California—died yesterday in the crash of a B-25 bomber.

A third flyer parachuted to safety after the plane's motors began coughing out about 20 miles northeast of Birmingham.

Maxwell Air Force base officials at Montgomery, Ala., identified the dead as Col. Orville E. Mohler of Glendale, Calif., pilot and Col. Robert B. Richards of Visalia, Calif., co-pilot.

Col. Mohler, 40, was a USC football great under the late Coach Howard Jones in 1930-31-32. He was named on the Grantland Rice all-America team of 1930. He was leading scorer of the Pacific Coast conference that year with 119 points.

The plane, based at Maxwell, was returning from South Bend, Ind. It crashed on a small hill surrounded by wooded areas.

Master Sgt. Robert B. McKay, Huntsville, Ala., flight engineer, said he was ordered to bail out at about 1,000 feet as the engines began to fail.

Witnesses said the co-pilot leaped from the plane at a height of about 100 feet. His chute opened at tree-top level, they added. His body was found enveloped in the churning flames.

Sgt. McKay told a reporter the plane began to run out of fuel and the pilot radioed Birmingham to ask for emergency landing permission here.

Water lay six to eight inches deep over eight square blocks of the city which lies about six feet

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### Northwest Storm Deaths At Glance

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON—

Roy Carr, Shelton, drowned when car swept off U. S. Highway 101 at entrance to Skokholm river valley.

Mr. L. C. Ramsome, 68, Ketchikan, Alaska, fatally injured when car driven by her husband struck rock washed down by storm five miles south of Kelo.

R. J. Tingley, 43, Deming, electrocuted near Emerson when he stepped on 13,000-volt power line blown down by wind.

OREGON—

Ray Anakin, Troutdale, Ore., drowned when he fell from tugboat into Columbia river during storm.

Edward Shawn and Kenneth Mears, Tongue Point Naval station, killed when car crashed into fallen tree near Gearhart, Ore.

MONTANA—

Eugene Jefferson, 64, killed when wind toppled wall of his barn at his farm 25 miles north of Missoula.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Gordon John Fullerton, 24 North Vancouver, B. C., drowned when swept into Capilano river while sandbagging its banks.

Six crew members of tugboat, all of Victoria, who drowned when craft capsized Saturday off Victoria.

### Man Plays Santa To Children Of Convicts

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Dan Vinton will be "dad" and Santa Claus both to about 300,000 kids this Christmas.

The 65-year-old Oklahoma city businessman has been in the Christmas cheer business since 1944. He plays Santa for youngsters whose fathers are in prison.

The kind hearted old gentleman started writing prison wardens yesterday in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Prisoners are to write Vinton what to send their kids for Christmas. All gifts will be marked, "from dad."

### Judge Asks Parole For Man He Sent To Prison

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Judge Linus Hoban sentenced a man to 30 to 60 years in prison 11 years ago but today he is asking the prisoner be paroled and given another chance.

During his confinement, 32-year-old George Hreben of Scranton has written the Judge regularly. He made the jurist a ship model and prayed for him when Hoban was reported missing in action during the war.

Hreben was convicted Feb. 21, 1939, of a series of burglaries. He was on parole at the time from a previous conviction.

### Locity Fact Row

Oregon hunters who failed to get shot for a deer during the regular season should restrain their disappointment. They'll have a fresh chance to patronize the undertaker during the four days of the special hunting season in December.



WALLACE GREEN, pictured above, has asked for a preliminary hearing in the alleged murder of his 77-year-old grandfather, Robe Thomas Green, whose battered body was found Thanksgiving day in the kitchen of his home in Dillard. Young Green is lodged in the county jail on a charge of murder. (Staff photo)

**The Weather**  
Foggy with showers today. Rain tonight and Tuesday, becoming showery Tuesday afternoon.  
Sunset today 4:40 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:23 a. m.

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# Kiel Placed On Trial For Murder

## Death Penalty Sought Says District Atty.

Intoxication, Insanity Will Be Claimed, Counsel For Defense Indicates

The state will ask the death penalty for Joseph Louis Kiel, who went on trial in circuit court this morning for the alleged strangulation murder of Stanley James Tucker, Springfield, whose body was found under the Pruner bridge near Riddle Oct. 30.

"If the evidence in the case develops as the state expects it to, the state is going to ask the death penalty," District Attorney Rober G. Davis told prospective jurors.

The questioning of those drawn for the jury panel was expected to continue through the day, with the actual trial starting tomorrow after attorneys present their opening statements.

Through his questions, Defense Attorney James M. McGinty, Myrtle Creek, indicated that evidence will be introduced to show that Kiel was intoxicated at the time of the alleged crime.

McGinty also asked the prospective jurors whether they had any prejudices against a plea of insanity.

The defense attorney cautioned



TRIAL STARTS TODAY for Joseph Louis Kiel, pictured above with Deputy Sheriff Dallas Bennett. Kiel is charged with the strangulation murder of Stanley James Tucker, Springfield, Kiel is to plead innocent because of insanity, said his attorney, James McGinty, Myrtle Creek. The above picture was taken by a News-Review staff member at the approximate spot of the alleged slaying.—(Staff photo).

## Chinese Warship Fires On Another American Vessel

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The American merchant ship Sir John Franklin reported today a Chinese national warship fired on it and hit 12 times off Shanghai.

The message from the vessel's skipper was relayed to the state department by the American consul general at Shanghai. It said all aboard the Sir John Franklin escaped injury.

The skipper said his ship was proceeding to Woosung, below Shanghai.

The Chinese warship presumably was enforcing the nationalistic blockade of Shanghai and other communist-held ports.

The United States and other maritime nations have refused to recognize the blockade as valid.

The circumstances of the incident were almost identical with the recent attack on another American ship, the Flying Cloud.

Reports from the American consulate on the shelling of the Flying Cloud said the ship had attempted to proceed in disregard of instructions, after being halted by a Chinese gunboat.

## Report Offers Hope Of Finding Missing Plane

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A "shiny object," which a logger reported seeing in the mountainous country of southwest Washington, was being checked today in the search for a missing military plane.

The four-engine C-54 vanished last Tuesday with six men aboard. A week of clouds, fog, and storms has made air search difficult.

One of the ground parties which have been running down all available clues was dispatched to investigate the logger's report.

Capt. W. R. Fritz said at search headquarters here that the report came from a slope about 10 miles south of Randle, Wash., slightly northeast of Spirit Lake.

## Housewife Overlooked In Pension Plan, Solon Says

RUMFORD, Me., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (R-Me) said today no one is considering a pension for the American housewife.

The homemaker, the senator said in an address prepared for the Rotary club, works "the longest hours under the greatest strain with the least remuneration."

No one seems to have discovered, he added, that 40,000,000 housewives "have not even been thought of in any of the existing plans."

## Larceny Charges Faced By Two Men Here

Deputy Sheriff Cecil Bever left for Portland today to return Tony Butner, alias Tommy Hawse, wanted by local authorities on a charge of larceny, reported Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

Lyle Raymond Parks, 34, Eureka, Calif., charged with larceny by bailie, has been returned from California by Deputy "Red" Eckhardt.

Sheriff Carter also announced the arrest of J. E. Wolsonberger, 31, Sutherland. Wolsonberger was arrested by local authorities on a felony warrant from Hugton, Kans.

## Witness To Sex Murder Receives Death Threat

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A witness in the brutal killing of a pretty dress shop salesgirl today received a threat against her own life.

The witness is Mrs. Ellen Flannagan, who Friday night looked out her window and saw a strange man leap from the shadows and attack Miss Jean Brusco.

The threat was phoned to a woman who lives on the first floor of the Flannagan home. A soft-voiced man told the woman: "You convey this message to Mrs. Flannagan. Tell her to keep her mouth shut or she'll get what the Brusco woman got."

A special police guard was immediately sent to the Flannagan home. Meanwhile, another 30 men are on the special detail assigned to hunt the sex fiend who raped and killed the dark-haired woman.

A milkman found her semi-nude body at dawn Saturday.

## Soldier Accused Of Assaulting Girl, Aged 7

FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Nov. 28.—(AP)—A 20-year-old Army private was held today in connection with an assault on a seven-year-old girl.

Lt. Col. D. P. Yeuell, chief information officer at the Ft. Leavenworth Army post, said Pvt. Clinton Samberson would be charged with criminal assault of a minor.

Samberson has a wife, a three-year-old daughter and a six-year-old stepdaughter. Their home was listed as Dubois, Pa.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP at Pasco, in the state of Washington, just over the fence from the super-secret, super-government Hanford atomic project, a significant blow FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS has just been struck.

A Pasco newspaper, the Tri-City Herald, has been publishing a series of articles criticizing the quality of construction in a Pasco housing project. After three of them had been printed, the construction company last week obtained a court order restraining the newspaper from publishing ANY MORE articles while a collection case instituted by the company against a buyer of one of the houses is pending.

After a hearing in which the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press had been argued out, the court dissolved the order, leaving the newspaper free to go

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## 15 Times Wedded Jap Robs In-Law No. 15

TOKYO, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Handsome H. Moriguchi, 31, has married 15 times in the last 14 months.

Everything went along smoothly until he disappeared with 20,000 yen belonging to his 15th bride. That made her father angry and he went to police.

Moriguchi readily admitted his 15 trips to the altar. But he asked police for time in which to list his brides names. He said there were so many he could not remember them all.

Police promised him lots of time.

## Contract Awarded For Umpqua River Jetty

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A \$1,141,667 contract has been awarded to Kern and Kibbe, the company of Portland and McKinstry Construction company of Sandy for building a training jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua river, the Army engineers reported.

## Three Weeks' Tour Of Seven Counties In Fourth District Scheduled By Rep. Ellsworth

Schools, logging camps, and foresters, granges, fraternities and chambers of commerce will entertain Congressman Harris Ellsworth during the next three weeks.

Announcing his itinerary, as he starts his final swing over the seven counties of Oregon's Fourth Congressional district prior to returning to Washington, Ellsworth lists a full speaking schedule through Dec. 14.

Starting this week in Jackson and Josephine counties, his program for today includes breakfast with the Young Republicans club at Medford, a talk at the Medford senior high school, noon luncheon with the Jackson county Republican Women's club, afternoon address at Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, and dinner with the Republican precinct committeemen and women at Ashland.

Other dates are announced as follows:

Nov. 29—Morning talk at Central Point high school, public luncheon sponsored by Central Point Lions club, talk at 2:30 p. m. at Eagle Point high school, inspection at Camp White, 3:30 p. m.; buffet supper at Rogue River lodge, sponsored by Shady Cove Rotary club, and an 8:15 p. m. meeting with Eagle Point Grange.

Nov. 30—Grants Pass Rotary club luncheon, afternoon visit to Illinois Valley high school.

Dec. 1—Luncheon at Grants Pass, evening meeting with V. F. W., 8 p. m. meeting with Gold Hill Grange.

Dec. 2—Afternoon tea at Medford honoring Mrs. Ellsworth.

Dec. 6—Meeting with Douglas county section of Western Forest Industries association in Douglas county courthouse at 8 p. m.

Dec. 7—Discussion of CVA at

## Steel Co. Signs Security Program With Independents

WEIRTON, W. Va., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Weirton Steel company and Weirton Independent union today announced agreement on a new joint-contributory insurance program.

The announcement said the 13,800 Weirton employes will get "greatly increased benefits at lower unit costs."

The company will pay 60 percent of the cost and the individual employes 40 percent for all types of coverage.

The cost to the employes was estimated at \$5.40 a month, compared to \$6.15 a month under the old plan.

A statement added: "The retirement annuity plan to which both employes and company contribute has been in operation since 1941. In connection with the retirement plan, there is a guarantee of minimum retirement benefits of \$100 per month, including social security."

Weirton steel for years has had an independent union. The company worked at top speed during the recent eight-week strike of the CIO United Steelworkers against most of the industry's top basic producers.

## United Jewish Appeal Sets \$272 Million Drive

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 28.—(AP)—A sum of \$272,455,800 more than any private organization ever has tried to raise in one year—is the goal of the United Jewish Appeal in 1950.

The U.J.A.'s highest actual collection was \$150,000,000 obtained in 1948, when a quota of \$250,000,000 was set. This year's quota also was \$250,000,000.

Delegates to the Appeal's national conference yesterday approved the fund raising campaign to meet what was termed the minimum requirements of world-wide Jewry.

Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U. J. A., told the conference that Jews in the United States had contributed almost \$110,000,000 so far in 1949.

Checks totalling \$5,900,000 were turned over to the U.J.A. during the three-day convence by Jewish leaders.

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