

California Battles Worst Storms In Fifty Years

Train Stalled, Avalanches Plug Canyons

Higher Floods Sweep Lowlands; Damage Mounts To Millions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rescue trains, bucking the worst snow banks the mountains have had in half a century, inches Tuesday toward a passenger train stranded in the Sierra with 226 persons aboard.

A new storm centered near the mouth of the Columbia River brought more rain to California's lowlands, and piled up more snow in the mountains.

It was the worst storm in 50 years, the Weather Bureau said. More than an inch of rain fell in Santa Barbara early Tuesday, and Oakland had 1.23 inches in the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The two rescue trains puffing through the drifts toward the stranded streamliner were equipped with powerful snowplows. Both carried doctors.

The swank westbound train was a victim of a mighty storm which lashed the West Coast from Canada to Mexico. The heavy snow piled deep snow drifts in the mountains, dumped flooding rains on already sodden lowlands and sent towering waves smashing against sea walls.

Hundreds of persons—travelers and residents—were marooned. Exactly how many was anybody's guess.

Communications were disrupted in many places. Some communities were cut off. Avalanches roared into canyons, killing at least three persons.

The storm's toll—in life and property damage—could not be reckoned because of poor communications. Damage was expected to run into the millions, but casualties appeared at a minimum.

The Red Cross reported about 120 motorists were stranded by a blizzard on Highway 395 northwest of Reno. They found shelter at Stead Air Force Base, now being reactivated. Only a few airmen were there and food was reported low. A Greyhound bus took 42 of the motorists to Reno.

Thirty passengers of a Greyhound bus, stranded since Friday at Lake Audrain near Echo Summit on U. S. Highway 50, were reported evacuating cabins in which they had taken shelter. Continuing drifts threatened to bury the cabins.

Only one eastbound Southern Pacific train was scheduled Tuesday. The City of San Francisco was to leave by a southern route and then proceed northeastward after crossing the mountains. The eastbound Overland and Gold Coast runs were cancelled.

The California Division of Highway Reports it temporarily had given up trying to clear transcontinental Highways U. S. 40 and 50 over the Sierra except for rescue operations. Strong winds piled deep drifts behind the snowplows.

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



ROY BELLOW'S stands in the back room of his clothing store on Jackson street as his picture is snapped, in the midst of many possessions which soon he can no longer claim; for he has sold the store and gives possession to its new owners today.

Roy first started working in a clothing store for W. H. Fisher and Alva Bellows, old Roseburg firm; from 1912 to 1924 he operated his own store on Jackson street where the J-C Sporting Goods establishment now is located; from 1924 to 1931 he was in business in Los Angeles. Returning to Roseburg in '31, he worked for Lon Wilder in Wilder's Clothing store until 1937, when he opened Roy's Men's store in its present location.

Widely known in Roseburg and Douglas county because of his business and family connections, Roy is equally well known throughout the United States in the entertainment field—notably, circus society. Interested in circuses from boyhood, he early made the acquaintance of Al G. Barnes, famous circus man, traveling with him over much of Barnes' Western itinerary; and through Barnes he met most of the noted circus people of his time.

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Door, Other Articles Stolen From Ford Car — Someone stole the left door off his 1934 Ford automobile. Don Lewis, Brockway, reported to State Police.

In addition, he said, the culprit took a pair of ladies' red jeans, some tools, a box of 22 cartridges, a couple of low chains and other miscellaneous items.

Police could offer no motive for the theft of a left door of a 1935 Ford, but are investigating.

In the Day's News — By FRANK JENKINS From Washington (mostly politics): "President Truman's assignment of Attorney General McGrath angry protest from senate and house Republicans today and silence from the Democrats."

Well, if you were an able, honest Democrat (as, for example, Fulbright of Arkansas, Kefauver of Tennessee, Douglas of Illinois or Byrd of Virginia) what would you do? You'd KEEP STILL. I expect.

On the Republican side, Senator Nixon of California sizes it up pretty well. He says mildly: "The public will have no confidence whatever in an investigation of the justice department BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT."

Let's put it this way: If I were under suspicion of wrongdoing and the district attorney put it up to me to decide whether I was innocent or guilty, I'm afraid I'd whitewash myself.

Last year, according to the report (Continued on Page 4)

The Weather — Cloudy with showers of rain and snow today and Wednesday. Occasional showers of mixed rain and snow.

Table with weather forecast: Highest temp. for any Jan. 77, Lowest temp. for any Jan. 4, Highest temp. last 24 hours 42, Lowest temp. last 24 hours 24, Precip. last 24 hours .46, Precip. from Jan. 1 3.27, Precip. from Sept. 1 22.38, Excess 7.45, Sunset today, 5:03 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow, 7:42 a.m.

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Convict Pair Kills Two Guards In San Quentin

Other Guards Act To Foil Escape Try

Blade Of Scissors, Axe Used In Attack; Three Injured In Struggle

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Two San Quentin inmates, using a 12-inch scissors blade and a double-edged ax, killed two guards in an attempted prison break Monday night. Two other guards and one of the convicts was injured.

Warden Harley O. Teets, who took over only three weeks ago, was visibly affected. He succeeded veteran Warden Clinton T. Duffy, who was appointed to the California Parole Authority.

Guard Charles D. Wiget, 31, was waylaid in the prison library and stabbed to death. Guard Vern A. Mackin, 38, was killed in a prison movie projection room.

Richard M. Sims Jr., Marin County District Attorney, named Eugene Burwell, Los Angeles robber, and James Alonzo Rogers, serving a term for attempted murder in San Francisco, as the killers.

Escape Plot Recounted — Sims said this was what happened: Burwell and Rogers were plotting to escape. They had the scissors blade, a double-edged ax and a six-inch knife. They bound librarian inmate Jose E. Wolfe, 22, Los Angeles burglar.

Rogers climbed on a library table and feigned illness. When Wiget came in Rogers grabbed him and Burwell stabbed him. Burwell was stabbed in the lung during the scuffle.

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Forest Service Policies Topic For Dated Talk



The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a general membership dinner meeting in the Hotel Umpqua Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Stone was recently appointed to his present position. This will be his first public appearance in Roseburg. He is coming upon invitation of the access roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce as a part of its program for the promotion of North Umpqua Highway construction and a continuing plan for the stabilization of our forest products industry in this county.

The meeting will be open to the public and the committee in charge hopes that all engaged in the production of forest products will take advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with Stone and the National Forest Service's program for industry stabilization.

Overseas Forces Trained To Meet A-Bomb Threat — HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army Command in Europe said Tuesday that Russia's atomic bomb could be used both against strategic targets on home fronts and in tactical operations on a battlefield.

It said American armed forces on this continent, as well as in the United States, are engaged in atomic warfare training.

The training includes "disaster plans and aid to the civil power," the command declared.

In its first statement on atomic warfare, the headquarters here of Gen. Thomas T. Handy, EUCOM Commander, replied tersely to a series of questions submitted by American correspondents.

Allies' Bombs Kill Own Men, Reds' Report

Victims Were In Red Prison, Claim; Allies Skeptical But Probe

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Communists reported Tuesday U.N. bombs killed ten Allied soldiers and wounded sixty in a Red prison camp.

A U.S. Fifth Air Force spokesman said it wasn't so. But the U.N. Command continued to investigate.

The Red report was made at Korean truce negotiations. One subcommittee argued over who was in what army. A second subcommittee got sidetracked from airfields to the North Korean birth rate.

Neither subcommittee reported any progress toward an armistice.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho said the Kangdong Prison Camp, holding 1,591 Republic of Korea soldiers and one American, was bombed Monday night.

He said names of casualties would be supplied later.

The U.N. Command in Tokyo ordered a full study of air operations "to determine whether there is any truth to the Communist allegations."

Commissioner Office Sought By Frank Ashley



Frank Ashley, Roseburg Lumbar Company fuel manager and a member of the City Council from Ward 1, Monday became the first person this year to file his candidacy for county commissioner.

He filed for the Democratic nomination in the May 16 primary elections.

As a campaign platform, Ashley listed, "Pledged to establish better conditions to insure the economy of Douglas County."

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Freedom's Price Topic Of Dr. Strand

Preservation Needs, Ours Self-Discipline, OSC President Says

Freedom is not a license, it is a discipline, Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, told Roseburg Chamber of Commerce members Monday.

Dr. Strand, who spoke at the Chamber's forum luncheon in the Hotel Umpqua Civic Room, was accompanied here by Bob Knoll, OSC Alumni director; Leonard Younce, football line coach, and Warren Reed, who heads the fund raising campaign for the proposed new football stadium at OSC.

They were guests at the Maurice Newland home at a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., and then each spoke briefly at the Alumni Association dinner meeting in the Hotel Umpqua in the evening.

"America is unique in one great respect — it was born with a purpose," Dr. Strand told the Chamber gathering. He pointed to the Revolutionary War as a fight to maintain freedom for the human being.

Education has as its purpose the disciplining of people so they will appreciate and enjoy the principles under which the country was born, he said.

But there are three other premises of almost equal importance if freedom is to survive, Dr. Strand emphasized.

Freedom is not exclusive. If it is good for one, it is good for all, he emphatically stated. It should not be restricted to any race or class, but should be a possession of all.

Route Selection Draws Protest Of Oakland Club

Insistence upon the so-called "Short Route" between Sutherland and the North Umpqua road, rather than the "River Route," recently approved by the county court is contained in a resolution recently adopted by the Oakland Development Club.

The resolution says: "Inasmuch as the Honorable Board of County Commissioners has seen fit to disregard the best financial interest of the taxpayers of Douglas County as a whole and are displaying absolute disregard of the expressed recommendations of the residents of Northern Douglas County, and thereby adversely affecting the welfare economy of the entire community, decision having been made to our 'Short Route' committee under date of Nov. 7 by County Engineer Wallace Hector that the 'Short Route' is the cheapest route to build and the shortest route between Lone Rock bridge and Sutherland as well as having no more adverse grade than the Wilbur route;

"Now therefore, be it resolved that this organization respectfully requests the Honorable Board of County Commissioners to reconsider the choice of route for this very important connecting link, giving more consideration to the economical spending of the taxpayers' monies, by choosing the shorter and cheaper route and also aiding in preserving the economic welfare of all of Northern Douglas County.

"Be it further resolved, that this organization opposes the action of the Board of County Commissioners in this matter and continue to actively oppose said action until we feel we have been granted the recognition which is due this community.

Also be it resolved, that this organization feels that the interests of several thousand property owners having hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in Northern Douglas County should be given more consideration."

Second Damage Suit Follows Child's Death

Damages of \$15,000 are asked in the accident in which 3-year-old Patricia Mathes was fatally burned Nov. 8, when her clothing caught fire from a kerosene flare pot.

Rose Mathes, mother of the child, filed suit Monday in Circuit Court against the Pre-Mix Concrete Company, charging five counts of negligence.

Mrs. Mathes, whose husband was killed in a logging accident about two weeks after the girl's death, was also appointed Monday as administratrix of Patricia's estate.

The girl died at Mercy Hospital several hours after suffering burns while playing with a group of children in the vicinity of the North Roseburg sewer installations.

Glenn Ryder, accountant, had previously filed suit against the concrete company asking some \$15,000 damages for alleged permanent injury to his hands when he attempted to beat out the flames in the girl's clothing.

Socialist Leader Gives Opinions Of Top Politicos

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Thomas applauded the refusal of U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Douglas to become a candidate. It would be bad for the country if justices "sat around waiting for political lightning to strike," he said.

Umpqua Forest Revenue Third In Northwest

Receipts from the Umpqua National Forest ranked third in the list of 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington.

The regional office of the U. S. Forest Service reports that the Willamette Forest led in revenues with collections amounting to \$3,340,015.57 during the period July 1 to December 31. The Olympic Forest was second with \$2,126,972.07, and the Umpqua third with \$1,485,982.85.

Receipts from all forests totaled \$19,594,938.15, 50 percent higher than for the same period in the previous fiscal year.

Presidency Unwanted By Ike, Dispatch Says

NEW YORK (AP) — The Wall Street Journal said Monday in a dispatch from Paris that Gen. Eisenhower doesn't want to be President of the United States.

The copyrighted dispatch, written by Edward Hughes, a staff correspondent, gives this account: Eisenhower "genuinely prefers to stay out of politics, finish his job of building Western Europe's defense and then move to a farm in America where he can live quietly and do a little golfing and hunting now and then."

Eisenhower intends to make no trips to the United States within the next few months, or make any statements or moves which would be political ammunition for either Republicans or Democrats.

Chains Required, Motorists Told

New snow falls continue to plague motorists traveling Highway 99 south.

Snow is reported falling in the Siskiyou Mountains, but the road has been re-opened. There is eight inches of new snow and 66 inches of roadside snow.

Plows are operating and chains are required. Packed snow covers Sexton Mountain, plows are operating and chains are required. Twenty inches of roadside snow is reported and 12 inches of new snow.

Camas Mountain is navigable, but chains are advised. Highway 101 in Douglas County is open. Highway 97 is open to traffic, but chains are required. Six inches of new snow has fallen and plows are operating.

SALEM — Oregon highway conditions were improved Tuesday with all routes open within the state, but chains are needed in mountainous areas, the State Highway Commission reported.

12 DIE IN PLANE CRASH — YOKOHAMA (AP) — The U.S. Navy said Tuesday 12 crewmen were killed in the crash of a four-engine Navy patrol bomber near Atsugi Air Base Monday night.

Levity Fact Rant — By L. F. Reizenstein

King Solomon's admonition to "spare the rod and spoil the child" warrants new application since the anti-FISH-ly fly ruling for future North Umpqua river anglers. Make the child acquainted with the rod—the kind for casting, not lambasting.