

Battered Levees Are Kept Under Surveillance While Light Rains Hit California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Battered levees were kept under around-the-clock surveillance Saturday as light rain and snow fell over most of storm and flood-battered Northern California. There appeared to be no imminent danger, however.

As floodwaters continued to recede, California counted a death toll of 32, with the possibility that more bodies may yet be found.

Ellsworth Bunker, president of the American Red Cross, was to fly to Humboldt County on the Oregon border Saturday to inspect flood ravaged communities in the area.

Bunker said the Red Cross now has 232 trained staff members in the flood areas, in addition to local chapter volunteers.

He said the Red Cross still is sheltering 4,563 and feeding 19,228. He estimated that in the California-Oregon flood area 1,038 homes were destroyed, 18,823 damaged, 694 other buildings destroyed and 3,148 damaged.

"In view of what I saw on my trip (over Yuba City and other flooded areas)," Bunker said, "I estimate that the flood relief demand on the Red Cross will be between five and seven million dollars."

The Red Cross will meet the needs, I assured the governor of that today," he talked with Gov. Goodwin J. Knight in Sacramento.

The bodies of three more flood victims were found Friday near Yuba City: Earl Blackburn, 55, undersheriff of Sutter County; his son, Robert, 24, and Lloyd Ethington, 28. The Blackburns were trapped by a bursting levee and drowned early last Friday after they had driven into the area to warn residents of the danger.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta remained a danger spot as gusty winds and high tides combined with runoffs of swollen streams to pressure the levees.

Sixteen feet of water still covered Empire Island. Damage to the asparagus center nine miles northwest of Stockton was estimated at \$1,300,000.

Elsewhere the tremendous job of rebuilding after the million-acre flood goes forward. The flood, which did an estimated \$150,000,000 damage in 43 Northern California counties, forced 50,000 persons from their homes.

The biggest road repair job in California history is under way on U. S. Highway 101 south of Eureka. Repairing 16 blockades over a 100-mile stretch between Laytonville and Scotia, said George T. McCoy, state highway engineer, is the "greatest concentration of men and equipment... in our history."

Eisenhower Closes Out Eventful Year; Seeks Better Health

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—President Eisenhower closes out an eventful 1955 today, hopeful the new year will bring restoration of his health.

No special plans for his observance of New Year's Eve have been announced. It is likely he will have a quiet dinner with staff members. He probably will be in bed tonight well before 1956 arrives.

Ahead of him is a new year which will bring his decision on whether to seek a second term.

His Sept. 24 heart attack was the big news of this year. For Eisenhower personally it was a tremendous shock in a lifetime spent with many crises.

Another thing which made the year eventful was the Big Four conference in which he took part in Geneva last July. That conference raised the hopes of the world that Russia finally had decided to pursue a more friendly attitude toward the West.

But Eisenhower saw these hopes diminish in the latter months of 1955 and then perhaps explode in Thursday's blast at the President by Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Union's Communist party boss.

Khrushchev accused Eisenhower of having violated the spirit of Geneva and of "crude interference" in the affairs of Eastern Europe through a Christmas message broadcast to the people of that Red-dominated area.

Friday the President served notice on Russia that peaceful collaboration of the people of such satellite nations "will continue to be a major goal of United States foreign policy."

In a statement approved by Eisenhower, the White House said it will be the goal "until success is achieved."

The President approved the statement at the end of a 3½-hour work session on the State of the Union message he will send to Congress Thursday. It charts the administration's legislative program for the new year. The message now is nearly completed. Eisenhower will go over a polished version Monday.

FALL PROVES FATAL

PORTLAND (AP)—James Jones, 63, a Portland landscape gardener, was injured fatally Friday in a fall from a tree which he was trimming.

BOYS ANOTHER BUILDING

PORTLAND (AP)—Mt. Hood Radio and Television Broadcasting Corp., which operates Portland television station KOIN-TV, Friday announced purchase of another building for development of complete color television studios.

Roseburg Business Firms Up 31 Per Cent In Seven Years

"There are 31 per cent more business concerns in Roseburg today than there were seven years ago," says J. Harry White, district manager of the Portland office of Dun & Bradstreet.

Basing his facts upon the figures in the current January 1956 reference book, White points out that in 1948, 371 businesses were listed by Dun & Bradstreet; today there are 488 enterprises.

Each January, business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statements. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will approximate three million, with over 1,000 going to Douglas County businesses.

The reference book, incidentally, lists only manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and some service companies, such as laundries and gasoline service stations. Thus the total number of businesses in Roseburg and Douglas County is actually higher than the figures quoted.

White stated that during the past year 324 changes were made in the Reference Book listings of Roseburg businesses. These changes resulted from adding the names of new businesses, and deleting the names of those who discontinued, as well as accounting for changes in ownership, trade names and credit ratings.

A review of what has happened in six principal Douglas County communities during the past seven years shows the following number of listings for November 1953 compared to November 1948 and the percentage increases:

Roseburg: 488-371 or 31 per cent increase; Myrtle Creek: 96-83 or 15 per cent; Reedsport: 93-87 or 7 per cent; Glide: 13-7 or 85 per cent; Riddle: 36-30 or 20 per cent; Canyonville: 44-37 or 19 per cent.

Former Resident, E. L. Watson, Dies

Word has been received from Orange, Calif., of the death of a former Douglas County resident, E. L. Watson.

A former resident of the county, he had made his home in Roseburg at 1715 E. Douglas St. He leaves two sons, Floyd, Oregon, Calif., and Harley, Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Ethel, Minn.; and two granddaughters, Edna, Alaska, and one brother, Edson Watson, and one sister, Ethel Mitchell, address of both unknown; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Long-Time County Resident Succumbs

Jacob Dallen (Tad) Jones, 84, long-time resident of Douglas County, died Saturday morning in a Roseburg hospital.

He was well known to many people in northern Douglas County, especially in the Oakland area where he had a farm for several years.

Survivors include his son, Dr. Dallen H. Jones of Roseburg. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Stearns & Little Mortuary, Oakland.

Portland Woman Admits Killing Her Two Sons

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Naidell Filsinger, 22, who Friday admitted strangling one of her sons and suffocating the other, was booked in jail here on a murder charge.

Police quoted her as saying she "just got the urge" to kill her 16-month-old son, Donald Steven, and that she strangled him with her husband's pajamas.

She also told of smothering a 15-day-old baby, Michael Lawrence, at St. John's, Newfoundland, last Nov. 17, officer Larry Press reported. She said "I really believed me when I told them," of the Newfoundland slaying, Press said.

The women's husband, Richard Filsinger, 25, father of the two children, said the 15-day-old baby had been ill and that it had been assumed its death was from natural causes.

Filsinger, who is in the Air Force, had stopped off here with his family to visit friends. The family was on the way to McChord Field, Wash., where Filsinger had been transferred.

Officers said that Mrs. Filsinger told them she had planned the slaying for several hours and that she strangled the child when she was alone in the friend's house.

BOY CHARGED

A 10-year-old Roseburg boy has been released to his parents pending action by juvenile department authorities following his arrest by Roseburg police for shoplifting. Officers said the child admitted minor thefts from Pay Less Drug Store, Western Auto Supply Co. and Newberry's.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Two residents of Pine Street, Charley Johnson of 1415 SE Pine and John Richards of 1405 SE Pine, told Roseburg police that someone broke windows in their houses Friday night. They could give no reason for the vandalism, police said.

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Kutcher Believes He'll Win Case To Keep Pension

WASHINGTON (AP)—James Kutcher said today "I think I will win" in his fight to keep his \$329-a-month government compensation for loss of his legs in World War II.

Kutcher spoke to a newsmen following a Veterans Administration hearing Friday to determine his veterans benefits because of allegedly disloyal activities.

Payton H. Moss, chairman of the VA's Committee on Waivers and Forfeitures, said it would be next week or later before that group can reach a decision.

A committee verdict in Kutcher's favor presumably would end the matter. Otherwise, VA officials said, he could appeal to a VA appeals board. Kutcher's attorneys said they would take the case to court if necessary.

Kutcher, a balding, stocky man who lost his legs under German mortar fire, spoke in quiet tones at the two-hour hearing. But he made no secret of his present and past devoted membership in the Socialist Workers Party, an organization on the attorney general's subversive list.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities had described the party as a "disident Communist group," which follows the teachings of Leon Trotsky, rather than of Russian Communists.

Kutcher said he will not give up his party membership even if the VA does end his benefits. He said neither he nor the party advocated violent overthrow of the government.

He said he and his party want a "socialist society with planned production for use instead of profit," and that "we believe in the use of constitutional measures" to bring this about. He said the Soviet Communists "are very bitter opponents of ours."

He denied under oath that he had made during the Korean war a number of statements which, it was alleged, "rendered assistance" to Communist China and North Korea.

Monday Rites Set For James Russell

James Bennett Russell, 80, who lived three and one-half miles east of Tillam, died at his home Friday evening.

He was born Nov. 16, 1875, in Berkeley, Calif. He came to Oregon at the age of two and had lived in the state all of his life.

He was a graduate of Albany College. He was married to Isabel Bird Ashby in Marion Sept. 17, 1903.

Russell was a cement contractor and he lived in Portland until 1950. His wife preceded him in death Nov. 14, 1938.

He was a member of the Friends Church of Marion.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Byrd, Tillam; three grandchildren, Mary Michael, John Sidney and Patricia Lynn, all of Tillam; three brothers: Elmer, Hal and Hugh, both of Marion; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, starting at 2 p.m. The Rev. J. E. Nash of the Tri-City Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be held Tuesday at the Rose City Cemetery in Portland.

Segregation Issues Batted Back And Forth

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annual race relations report. White and Negro citizens will get along better together said the head of the famed Negro school, "if leaders at all levels take increased initiative in promoting democratic discussions and responsible action on community problems and on opportunities for healthy community development."

The attack on the Federation for Constitutional Government was set off by the NAACP in a telegram to Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell.

The federation's avowed aim, the NAACP telegram stated, "is the flagrant violation of the U. S. Supreme Court decisions banning segregation in the public schools and interstate commerce."

The federation met in Memphis Wednesday and formed a coordinating group to spearhead the activities of groups opposed to racial mixing.

Contempt Action Against Linda Christian Dropped

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—A contempt citation against actress Linda Christian has been dismissed during a fresh courtroom skirmish in the Edmund Pardons' divorce contest.

But Mrs. Tita Pardons' attorney said he would make a new effort to take Miss Christian's deposition concerning a 1954 visit to Mexico while the British actor was there.

Miss Christian, whose name has been linked romantically with Pardons', was served with a subpoena as she left the courtroom. The document requires her to appear as a witness in the Pardons divorce hearing next July 11.

Four Men Have Job Of Guiding Congress Through Year 1956

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four men who provide a combination of youth and age along with experience and reputations for hard work will guide Congress in 1956.

The "big four" on Capitol Hill during the new session opening Tuesday will be:

Sam Rayburn, 73, who has been Speaker of the House for more than 11 years in all—longer than any other man.

Lyndon B. Johnson, like Rayburn a Texas Democrat, whose selection as Senate Democratic leader three years ago at 44 made him the youngest ever to hold that post.

Joseph W. Martin Jr., 71, a Massachusetts Republican who has led his party colleagues in the House for 17 years and served four years as Speaker.

William F. Knowland, 47-year-old Californian whose rise to the Senate GOP leadership in 1953 made him one of the youngest majority leaders in history.

They face a major task in a presidential election year.

The Democrats control both House and Senate by thin majorities. The Republicans hold the presidency and its empire of executive agencies. Not only the White House, but all House seats and one third of the Senate seats will be at stake in November.

Rayburn and Johnson, who have hands full in closing party ranks behind party programs while still encouraging the moderation and compromise that are necessary to legislative accomplishments.

Mrs. Anna H. Hess Rites Set Monday

Mrs. Anna H. Hess, 74, died Friday afternoon at her home at 187 SE Main St. She was born July 21, 1881, in Wabasha, Minn., and came to Roseburg 41 years ago to make her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Hess, on Feb. 12, 1938.

She was a member of the Eastern Star of Roseburg, the Royal Neighbors of Cottage Grove, the Rebekah Lodge of Ashland, the Train Ladies of Roseburg and the Neighbors of Woodcraft of Roseburg.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Lee, St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Louise Bieber, Glendale, Calif.; a niece, Mrs. J. A. Kessler, Glendale, Calif.; her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. T. Miller, Roseburg, and a brother-in-law, Clarence W. Hess, Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of the Roses Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Newell Morgan of the First Christian Church officiating. Vault interment will follow at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Eisenhower Allocates Million For Disaster

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday allocated an initial one million dollars for flood damage relief in California.

The President approved the allocation at his vacation headquarters here after Val Peterson, federal civil defense administrator, had advised him of the need for the money.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, called the million-dollar grant an initial allowance, indicating more may be made available later.

In declaring the California floods a "major disaster" on Dec. 23, Eisenhower said whatever federal funds were necessary would be supplied. Hagerty said that time interpreted the offer as a "blank check" authorization.

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—Bagging the Burlington Liars' Club top award was a breeder for a Westerner and his story of a Big Montana blow and a sack of flour.

Judges of the world-famed phony tale club, long accustomed to big winds, gave the nod, and temporary possession of a "diamond-studded, gold-plated medal" to Claude T. Yerkes, of Box 122, Kallispell, Mont.

O. C. Hulet, the organization's founder and president, says Yerkes told about a sheep herder who lived in a small trailer house, and had his provisions brought out by the owner of the sheep.

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"OPERATION CHRISTMAS BASKET" was a huge success for the Moose Lodge this year. The full cooperation of the Sheriff's Office in assisting in this program made it possible for the baskets to help needy families over a large area. Besides the Moose Lodge Committee in the above photo, there is Sheriff Ira Byrd and Undersheriff Paris Williams.

Elsie E. Forrest Dies Early Today

Mrs. Elsie E. Forrest, 71, died early today at a local hospital.

She was born Nov. 24, 1885, in North Bend, Ore., and was a former resident of Coquille. She had been making her home in Roseburg with her son for the last few months.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward R., in 1936. She was a member of the Coquille Lutheran Church.

Surviving are five sons, William, George and Joe of Roseburg; Thomas of Broadhead and Edward of Reedsport; three daughters, Mrs. David Biegler of Coquille, Mrs. E. H. Sommers of Coquille and Mrs. J. L. Perkins of Redding, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Cronkite of Charleston, Ore.; Mrs. Bert Bentley of North Bend and Mrs. Carrie Forrest of Dillard; 29 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Schroeder chapel in Coquille Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in the Norway Cemetery. The Roseburg Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Jurist Asks Rita To Patch Up Rift With Her Studio

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal judge wants Rita Hayworth and Columbia Pictures to kiss and make-up.

Four days of bitter testimony in a breach of contract court battle between the two parties wound up Friday with final arguments to come via briefs.

But U. S. Judge Ben Harrison confessed from the bench that the case turned him into a fan of Miss Hayworth's.

"Now that we are turning into a new year, I hope that both parties will settle this matter themselves. After listening to all this testimony, I'm rather anxious to see this picture (Joseph and His Brothers) and with Miss Hayworth in it."

"My curiosity has been aroused," the jurist said in his opinion.

Recently divorced fourth husband, was the troublemaker in the fight between the studio and its top box-office star.

Although Miss Hayworth denied that Haymes made her decisions, witnesses told how Haymes tried to choose her leading man even after the studio had signed another actor, and how he blocked the Hollywood comeback of Orson Welles, Miss Hayworth's second husband.

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By BOB O'MEARA

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2 Quints Return To Montreal; Rift Said Patched Up

NORTH BAY, Ont. (AP)—Two of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets went back to Montreal Saturday after a brief visit to smoke the peace pipe with their parents.

A third sister will stay on a few days.

Cecile and Yvonne left by train after spending less than a day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne at nearby Callander. A family announcement said they left because Cecile has to go on duty at the hospital where she is a student nurse. Yvonne is also in training at the hospital. Annette will remain a few more days.

The family said earlier that a misunderstanding between the quintuplets and their parents had been "ironed out." A spokesman said everyone was in a happy mood during the girls' visit.

Three of the four surviving quintuplets drove to their home Friday to see their parents after Olivia Dionne, their father, said they had been "drifting away" from the family. He blamed so-called outsiders for the trouble.

A statement issued a few hours after they reached the family home in nearby Callander said: "This afternoon we all discussed this trouble we have been having, and we now feel it was all due to a misunderstanding. There was a misunderstanding somewhere, and it has been ironed out."

Dionne telephoned the statement to the North Bay Nugget and each of the girls approved it.

"We all seem to understand each other better now," said Papa Dionne. "Everybody feels happy about the reconciliation. We are also sure there will be no further misunderstanding such as has taken place recently."

Said Yvonne: "I do approve. I hope things will work out well and I think they will."

Cecile: "We all agree with the statement."

Annette: "We are sincere about it."

Marie, the fourth surviving quint was unable to make the 250-mile auto trip from Montreal because she is convalescing from a recent illness. The other three said they were certain Marie would be home by the time they returned.

Gregory Peck May Wed Paris Writer Tonight

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Gossips expect Gregory Peck and Parisienne journalist Veronique Passani to slip away to Nevada for a New Year's Eve wedding now that the actor has received his final divorce decree.

Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle signed the final decree Friday after Peck's attorney presented an affidavit stating that Peck and Passani had been married for 10 years.

Peck, 38, is due back on his movie lot Jan. 3. He met the pretty, 22-year-old magazine writer last year, in Europe.

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