



# Winds Bring Threat of Flood

## Clay Ousts Soviet In U.S. Zone

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FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 16—(AP)—The U. S. army tonight ordered a Soviet repatriation mission to get out of the American zone of Germany by March 1.

Discreditation of the mission was announced after the Soviet commander in Germany, Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky asserted it was indispensable and that a withdrawal would have to be worked out between Moscow and Washington.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the U. S. commander, cancelled the accreditation of the mission members, four officers and four soldiers.

The mission ostensibly has been handling the moving of Russian displaced persons wanting to go back to Russia.

Gen. Clay said: "Because the voluntary repatriation of displaced persons who are Soviet citizens has virtually ceased, the Russian repatriation mission in the U. S. zone will not operate after March 1."

### U. S. to Take Over

The army said it is felt the accredited Soviet military mission in the U. S. zone could take over the job.

The repatriation mission's task is to contact Soviet citizens who want to go home. The army said the number of volunteer repatriates had shrunk to "negligible" proportions.

Gen. Clay wrote Marshal Sokolovsky that enough time has elapsed to complete its job and "I must, therefore, advise you that, effective March 1, the repatriation mission will no longer be accredited, and request that you withdraw its personnel by that date."

Withdrawal of the Russian mission would leave only the Polish repatriation mission in the American zone. The Czechoslovak mission was recalled in July, 1947; the Swedish in September, 1947; Venezuelan in February, 1948, and Yugoslav last month.

The French also were reported planning to ask a Russian repatriation mission to leave their zone.

## Frosh Meet Tonight

John Chaney, newly elected president of the freshman class, will hold the first meeting of his frosh council tonight in room 3 Fenton at 7.

The council will formulate plans for a dance and other freshman committees, and various committees will be selected.

Houses which have not elected or appointed frosh representatives to the council are urged to send a representative.

## Union Postpones Railroad Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16—(AP)—A Southern Pacific spokesman announced today the brotherhood of locomotive engineers and firemen has agreed to postpone its threatened strike set for Friday.

The company source brought that word out of a mediation meeting at Southern Pacific headquarters. He said the union did not give any new strike date. Brotherhood officials were not available for comment.

The dispute is over grievance cases. The union has complained more than 300 such cases were pending. In addition, Southern Pacific is among 60 railroads which have declined to grant the demand for an extra engineer on diesel locomotives.

## Job Interviews With State Start

"State civil service officials who will be here for the conference this afternoon are looking not only for graduates, but for sophomores and juniors for summer positions leading to fulltime employment after graduation," Karl W. Onthank, director of the graduate placement service, revealed yesterday.

"Fed people are aware that probably 20 per cent of Oregon's current graduates go to work for the public in some branch of service," Onthank continued.

This afternoon's conference of students with officials of state agencies will begin with the 2 p. m. general meeting in 3 Fenton. Robert R. Johnson, director of the Oregon state civil service commission, will address the meeting, open to all students.

### Sectional meetings to begin at 3 p. m. include:

"Accounting, Auditing and Related Occupations"—206 Commerce.

General business and executive work"—8 Commerce.

"Social work"—206 Oregon.

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## Clay Orders Secret Spy Trial Probe

MUNICH, Germany, Feb. 16—(AP)—Secrecy imposed for reasons unknown even to Gen. Lucius D. Clay masked the opening of a spy trial before a U. S. military commission here today.

Gen. Clay, U. S. military governor in Germany, ordered an investigation from his headquarters in Frankfurt. He said he would order an open trial unless the court convinces him the secrecy is necessary.

He will have to be shown, he said, that an open trial would involve "real and actual" danger to the United States, or imperil the lives of innocent persons.

(In Washington Secretary of the Army Royall said he had called for a report on the trial. "Only the most important security consideration could justify such secrecy," he said. "I would not approve such a course without the strongest showing.")

A handcuffed man, dark-haired, pale and slender and about 30 years old, is believed to be the sole defendant in this first of a series of five related spy trials.

### Identity Kept Secret

His identity was kept a secret, and the commission has announced it never will disclose its verdict, which may be the death penalty. The man is believed to be a Czech, one of about 20 persons charged with spying for the Communist Czechoslovak government. Five trials, in all, are scheduled.

A second man, also handcuffed and clad in rough prison garb, was seen in an adjoining room. He was presumed to be a witness, possibly awaiting trial himself.

Clay, learning of the unusual secrecy, said he feared forces unfriendly to the United States would

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## Slides Force Trains To Re-route Traffic

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 16 (AP)—A record-breaking wind blew a new flood threat into the Pacific northwest today.

Except in Southern Idaho, no major rivers were likely to flood. But the warm blast of air blowing down from Canada was threatening to clog creeks in three states with runoff water from the region's vast snow pack.

In Oregon, Umpqua basin streams were rising and local floods were expected in 24 to 48 hours near Roseburg. The Santiam river was at flood stage at Jefferson, but no major damage was anticipated. While tributaries of the Willamette river were rising the main stream was not likely to reach flood stage unless heavy rains upset river forecasts. The town of Granite, west of Baker, was snowbound for the thirteenth day. Astoria, Ore., feared slides might move houses off their foundations as happened last week.

## Russ Withdraw From World Health Group

GENEVA, Feb. 16—(AP)—A surprise decision of the Russians to cut one of their ties to the United Nations was disclosed today. The Soviet Union, White Russia, and the Ukraine have walked out of the world health organization (WHO), a specialized UN agency.

The WHO director-general refused to accept their withdrawal.

He proposed instead that he visit Moscow to answer Russian arguments that the WHO is ineffective and too expensive.

The withdrawal would remove the Russians from the only specialized agency they have joined since the UN was formed. They have bitterly attacked most of the dozen such agencies sponsored by the UN.

Resignation of the Soviet Union, White Russia, and the Ukraine would reduce the membership to 55.

The Russians in resigning said "tasks connected with international measures for prevention and control of diseases and with the spread of medical science achievements are not being accomplished by the organization satisfactorily. At the same time, maintenance of the organization's swollen administrative machinery involves expenses which are too heavy for member states to bear."

## 'Vodvil' Comes Back -- to Oregon

Preparations for Oregon's all-campus vaudeville show April 15 are gathering momentum under the leadership of general chairman Art Johnson. Special committee chairman and criteria for judging acts were announced yesterday.

The show will replace the Frosh Glee, which was cancelled.

"Each campus living organization and church group will be eligible to enter an act in the big show," Johnson stated. "If it is a success we hope to make it an annual affair." Proceeds will be donated to the World Student Service fund drive.

A permanent trophy will be presented to the organization putting on the best six-minute program, for which judges will be named later. This trophy will be on display at the Co-op before the contest; a second and third prize will be awarded.

Semi-final competition will eliminate all but the most professional acts, which will be presented in the actual show.

Committee heads named yesterday were Helen Caldwell, tickets; Ed Peterson, campus sales; Willy Dodds, downtown sales; Barbara Ness canvassing; Marguerite Johns downtown publicity; Gretchen Grondahl, campus publicity; Suzie Michel and Ward Sybouts, promotion; Jeannine Macaulay, stage; Velma Snellstrom, program; and Billie Jean Reithmiller, judging and awards.

"The acts will be judged on five criteria," Miss Reithmiller announced yesterday. The judges will be selected from students, faculty members, and townspeople, and will base their decision on originality, audience response, appearance, perfection, and wholesomeness.

"Programs may consist of skits, magic acts, tricks, songs, slapstick routines, dances, etc.," Miss Snellstrom stated.

"We do want to emphasize keeping the acts clean," she continued. "The vaudeville is being presented with the sanction of the executive council and, in formally, of the university religious council. It's going to take place on Good Friday; so acts will verge too much on the study side will have to be disqualified by the judges."

"The show will be heavily advertised and solicited downtown," Johnson says. Tickets will be sold at fifty cents each through house-to-house canvassing.

"Since the program will serve the dual purpose of a service to the campus in presenting a bang-up talent show and a definite contribution to a worthy cause, we are hoping for a good response."

In mountain passes, the danger of big slides was as great as the threat of local floods in the lowlands. The Cascade passes of Washington were shut off by the worst slides of the winter. Residents of the Coeur D'Alene mining district in north Idaho anxiously watched the steep snow-covered hills towering over their homes.

Direct damage by the wind was especially severe around Spokane where wind velocity of 45 miles an hour broke all weather records for February and some of the bureau's equipment.

A big radio antenna blew down and smashed and weather workers struggled in the gale some time before they could get a weather balloon into the air to record how fast the wind was blowing.

### Windows Break in Wind

Gusts up to 71 miles an hour caved in two plate glass windows in downtown Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, knocked over many trees, and blew the roofs off several small buildings. Power and telephone lines went down.

In western Washington and Oregon the winds were less severe but rain brought slides and minor floods as damaging as those created by the inland chinook.

At Port Angeles on Washington's northern coast, floods and slides blocked every highway west of the city. Water was running two feet deep over one secondary highway. Steady rains sloshed into snowbanks and streams kept rising. A slide isolated the northwest tip of the Olympic peninsula.

Runoff water flooded basements at Lewiston, Idaho, but it came from minor creeks.

The Palouse country of eastern Washington and north central Idaho still was more concerned with snow clogged roads and a coal shortage than with floods. However, continued warm winds could clog the Palouse river quickly. Colfax and Pullman, Wash., suffered serious floods last February and the snow is deeper this year.

All schools in Moscow, Idaho, and Latah county remained closed, and

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