

Flood Blocks Main Highways In Northwest

(Story also on page 1.)
By the Associated Press

Travel was hampered on several main highways in Washington, Idaho and Oregon yesterday and on a score or more of secondary roads.

High tide caused new troubles on the Pacific highway between Seattle and Portland. The state patrol said the tide sent water over the road at the Longview "Y" south of Kelso.

The route was expected to be clear of water there again at low tide early this morning. In the meantime, the patrol said, through traffic between Seattle and Portland was required to cross the Columbia at the Longview bridge and travel the Oregon side on the southern leg of the trip.

One-way traffic continued in effect on the same highway at Kalama where four inches to a foot of water covers the road.

Travelers still had problems in using the Sunset highway running across Washington state from Seattle to Spokane. A detour via Roslyn is necessary because the Cle Elum river bridge is impassable.

Secondary and state highways most affected in Washington were in the vicinity of Wenatchee, Ellensburg, the Okanogan country, Yakima area and between Snohomish and Monroe.

Water was over the Columbia river highway of Oregon-U.S. 30 at three points Saturday night. They were east of the Dalles, where the road was under 16 or more inches of water, at Willow, near Arlington, and near Clatskanie, west of Portland. The detour at Clatskanie was very short.

In eastern Oregon, highway travel was normal again over highway 30 at Union. One way travel was in effect there Friday night.

The Oregon highway department also reported that the Marysville-The Dalles ferry had been halted late today.

Russian Scientists Cite Possibility Of Life on Mars

MOSCOW, May 29 (AP)—A Soviet astronomer claimed today that Russian scientists are "on the eve of important discoveries in regard to the planet Mars."

The Moscow Evening News quoted Prof. B. A. Vorontsov-Velaminov as saying that it had been discovered that the atmosphere on Mars contains approximately the same percentage of carbon dioxide as that on the earth.

This represents reasonable proof of the contention of Soviet scientist Tikhov, the News quoted the professor as saying, that there is plant life on Mars, since without plant life, the carbon dioxide content would be much higher.

Pedestrian Hit on 99E, Incurs Cuts

Raymond Stanerson, 28, Hubbard, escaped with minor cuts and bruises Saturday night when struck by an auto while walking with his family on highway 99E at Hubbard, state police reported.

Police said Stanerson was knocked a number of feet down the road by an auto driven by Anton Enrigo, Gervais. His wife and two children beside him were untouched. Stanerson was taken to the Woodburn hospital by a Salem ambulance, but was dismissed after treatment.

Arab King States Holy Places Safe

LAKE SUCCESS, May 29 (AP)—King Abdullah advised the United Nations today that holy places of Jerusalem are now safe.

A telegram from the Trans-Jordan king was read to the security council by Yassir el Khoury of Syria. A rustle of derisive laughter was heard. Council Chairman Alexandre Parodi warned the spectators against manifestations.

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Father John Walsh Memorial Service Speaker Monday

SILVERTON, May 29 — The Rev. John Walsh, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church, will be the Memorial day speaker at the Silverton armory Monday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are jointly sponsoring the program. Max Holland will be soloist.

Following the program, service units will form a parade and march to the cemetery, stopping at the Main street bridge to conduct services for the navy dead.

Silverton business houses and offices will be closed Monday.

Plan to Bare Dewey, Stassen Expenses Told

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29 (AP)—Oregon democrats said today they were planning action to force Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Harold E. Stassen to file campaign expense statements in Oregon.

Dewey, who won in the recent primary vote for Oregon's republican presidential preference, has been accused by Stassen of spending \$250,000 in the state campaign. Dewey retorted his expenses were "only a fraction" of that sum.

Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman-elect of the democratic party, said that if the two republicans do not file by the deadline of June 5, court action would be started in an attempt to force them to declare their expenses.

Wallace Raps Anti-Red Bill

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace denounced the Mundt-Nixon anti-communism bill today as "the most subversive legislation ever to be seriously sponsored in the United States congress."

"We can't have peace with Russia if we approach Russia with the atom bomb in one hand and the Mundt bill in the other," the third party presidential candidate declared.

Wallace and Norman Thomas, socialist candidate for president, were the day's star witnesses before the senate judiciary committee.

They joined in saying the bill, aimed at foreign-directed conspiracies to overthrow the U.S. government, is a dangerous one.

Shows How to Win Friends, but Not Influence People

Daniel P. Callern's sympathy for the underdog landed him in the city jail early Saturday morning, police reported.

Callern, who lives at 195 S. Cottage st., was arrested by Patrolman Don White and charged with interfering with the arrest of a motorist in downtown Salem.

White said Callern came to the aid of the motorist—a stranger to him—and argued so vehemently in his behalf that it hindered the arrest.

Friends who bailed Callern out of jail for \$50 told police "he likes to stick up for the underdog." The motorist was fined \$5 in municipal court later Saturday for excessive speed through an intersection. White said Callern was not present when the traffic violation occurred.



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Dikes Listed as 'Critical' in Portland Area

(Story also on page 1.)
PORTLAND, Ore., May 29 (AP)—District army engineers issued an emergency appeal tonight for river craft operating in the lower Columbia to operate at slow speeds along diked areas near three communities.

The army corps said the dikes protecting Sauvie island and low areas of Scappoose and Rainier, both on the Oregon side of the river, are listed as critical.

The request was directed to scores of tug and pleasure boats operating on the river tonight to speed the evacuation of island residents and livestock from threatened areas in the path of the flood crest moving down river from the upper valley.

Patrols Ordered
Patrols have been ordered on all dike areas along a 120 mile stretch of the Columbia river from the mouth of the Sautter, east of Portland, to where the Columbia discharges into the Pacific.

Several other dike areas are listed as critical. The army said all dikes are holding, but water is creeping up the outside walls. At the three areas named, the water is reported seeping through. Added water pressure thrown against the embankments will further weaken the dikes, the army said.

Crest Expected Wednesday
The flood crest expected to strike the metropolitan Portland, Ore.-Vancouver, Wash., area Tuesday or early Wednesday is the first test of some dikes along the area. Many were built during the 1930s. The engineers corps announced it was optimistic that the 30.5 foot crest will move through the area without creating a disaster in the lower Columbia.

The freeboard area between the top of the dikes and the river level is expected, however, to be a matter of less than a foot along some of the dikes and spill over at a few points. Sandbag crews have labored for two days to reinforce potentially weak sectors.

The Vancouver, Wash., health department ordered several hundred employees of seven industrial plants be vaccinated for typhoid fever after it was discovered the water supply to the firms had been contaminated. At the same city, aluminum plant workers were taken to work via tugboat Saturday. The road to the plant is underwater.

Dam Under Water
At Umatilla, Ore., army engineers reported that the coffer dam at the McNary dam, now under construction, has been under water since Thursday. It was expected to hold but engineers thought it would be damaged by the washing action of the flood waters.

Dynamite was placed in docks at the paper mill town of Camas on the lower Columbia. The state patrol said the docks were in poor condition and would be blasted out if they started to break loose. The action would be taken to prevent their jamming into the interstate bridge between Vancouver and Portland.

Radio station KPQQ left the air at Portland because water surrounded its transmitter located at Lowlands.

Drinking water became a problem over a wide three-state area. Hard-hit Bonners Ferry, at the extreme north end of Idaho, had two feet of water in its business district. The Kootenai river there was expected to knock out another dike, leaving only two intact. An estimated 30,000 acres are flooded there.

DAME MAY WHITTY DIES
HOLLYWOOD, May 29 (AP)—Dame May Whitty, 82, internationally known British character actress, died today at her home.

Stassen Backs River Project

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 29 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen tonight proposed the republican party pledge billions of government dollars to carry out the Pick-Sloan plan for developing the Missouri valley.

The former Minnesota governor made the proposal in a speech prepared for delivery before a mass meeting.

Stassen said the Pick-Sloan plan could create \$20,000,000 in new wealth for the area.

To this end, he said he would have the republican party pledge federal expenditures of approximately \$2,500,000,000 for the next six years, and a sufficient amount after 1954 to carry out the 10-state Pick-Sloan plan for development of the valley.

"I am opposed to the Missouri valley authority method," he continued. "I think it is very important that we should constantly guard against too great a centralized authority in this huge country of ours."

Dual Overtime Rule May Start Back Pay Suits

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—A wage - hour dispute involving "overtime on overtime" is due to be decided by the supreme court soon.

A set of lawsuits brought by stevedores already has been argued before the court. A ruling may come Tuesday or any following opinion day.

The issue is this: The stevedores, sometimes called longshoremen, get paid one rate for daytime hours. They get another pay rate — which is one and a half times the daytime rate — for hours worked at night, on holidays or week ends. The time and a half rate is called an overtime rate in their labor contracts.

Now the wage - hour law requires that workers be paid one and a half times their "regular rate of pay" for hours worked beyond 40 hours a week.

Employers involved in the suits have been paying one and a half times the daytime rate for hours beyond 40 a week. They contend this satisfies the wage - hour law overtime requirement. The unions workers say the overtime rate in their contract is a misnomer; that it is really a premium rate paid for inconvenient night and holiday work.

Some industrialists have claimed that a favorable ruling to the stevedores could lead to back-pay suits aggregating \$30,000,000,000. Labor organizations say the figure would be nearer \$20,000,000.

BOMBERS PUSHED
WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The air force plans to push construction of long-range strategic bombers with its new \$1,998,800,000 work fund, air force officials indicated today.

Should the Governor of Alaska Have His House Painted? 'No!'

By Arthur Edson
WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Congressmen have to worry over the strangest things. They have just finished, for example, answering this tough question:

Should the governor of Alaska have his house painted? The answer was no.

This came out in the published account of what went on during the hearings held by a house appropriations subcommittee.

The subcommittee was trying to find out how much money should be spent next year by the department of interior, which has the job of running the U.S. territories.

Well, it turns out that the governor, meaning the taxpayers, owns the governor's mansion up there. The place needs repairing, and the subcommittee was handed the tentative bill: A healthy \$4,500.

Stockman Gasps
Rep. Stockman (R-Ore) took one look and gasped: "That seems to me like a lot of money."

H. Rex Lee of the interior department said, yes, it was. But he said Gov. Ernest Gruening had asked painters to bid on the job.

"You have seen the governor's house," he said to Stockman, "and it is one of those old-fashioned, rambling houses which would be expensive to paint under normal conditions."

Only One Bid
"As I recall, the governor had only one bid on it, even at that price, and he had a difficult time getting that bid and practically had to scour the town to get one bidder at that price."

But the committee ruled, no paint. Anyway, the committee report said, a few years more, and then what? The place would need painting again.

Gov. Gruening is in town, so I gave him a ring. Yes, he said, the place needs painting. It's peeling off, and it's cracking," he said. "Maybe I can hang out a sign, explaining why it's in such run-down shape."

He didn't say where he'd get the money to pay for painting the sign.

Nation Minus Major Strikes

By The Associated Press
The nation had no major strikes as the Memorial day respite from work routine arrived.

Settlement of the Chrysler strike for a 13-cent wage increase Friday after 75,000 CIO-United Auto Workers had been out of the plants 17 days virtually cleared the books.

Only the tag ends of the meat strike remained, with CIO packinghouse workers still boycotting Wilson and Company's seven plants. The unionists accepted an agreement with the Rath Packing company at Waterloo, Ia., Friday.

fines, forfeited bail and a number of license fees.
The budget's first hearing will be before the budget committee Costa Rica spends nearly 15 per cent of its national income on education.

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