

East of Cascades Shackled by Snow

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (Story also on page one). A decisive, temporary rush of air, warm and moisture-laden, flowed over Western Washington and Oregon Thursday, but east of the mountains snow and cold shackled the area.

Northwestern and Eastern Washington, British Columbia and parts of Eastern Oregon lay under a soggy layer of snow which ranged to a foot and more in depth after an all-night fall Wednesday and early Thursday.

By noon, however, warmer air from the south and southwest crept farther north, bringing heavy rain and rising temperatures which the Weather Bureau said wouldn't last. Behind the warm air and pushing in from the west a cold air front posed the threat of freezing rain, snow and icy streets, the meteorologists said after consulting their weather maps.

The aberrant weather brought its toll of trouble, death and good news for the school kids. Two more deaths were laid to the weather, one in Oregon and another in British Columbia.

Portland Death
J. L. Joe, 45, Portland, was found dead in the garage where he had been putting chains on his car while the engine was running. It was not known whether a heart attack or carbon monoxide killed him. George Coghill, 72, of Burnaby, a suburb of Vancouver, died while shoveling away some of the eight inches of snow which hit that British Columbia city during the night.

Still missing near Bellingham is the tiny tugboat, Mite, and its two crewmen who disappeared during a storm Wednesday night. A search of the area failed to disclose a clue as to the whereabouts of the 30-foot craft which had been picking up logs.

Snow in Seattle
Streets of Seattle, where some six inches or more of snow fell Wednesday night before the rain moved in, were small rivulets as water funneled between piles of snow left by graders and the flow of traffic.

Schools were ordered closed in British Columbia, Seattle and Spokane as the snow and slush made operation of buses impractical if not impossible. The closure was ordered Thursday and will continue until next week.

Areas accustomed to sub-freezing chill of the past week had temperatures Thursday as high as 45 degrees (at Portland); 40 at Seattle and 41 at Whidbey Island. Bellingham warmed up some, but the mercury got no higher there than 30 by late Thursday with freezing rain falling on already slicked streets.

Pass Closed
Stevens Pass, buffeted by heavy snows, was closed to all traffic. A few miles farther south, Snoqualmie Pass was experiencing similar weather but on a lesser scale. Motorists were being discouraged from trying to make the crossing, however, except in emergency situations.

The cold air mass pushing eastward will bring Friday temperatures of 25-35 degrees in Western Washington, the Weather Bureau said, and possibly freezing rain in the Columbia River Gorge.

Eases Harsh Cold
Rising temperatures turned sleet into rain in the Portland area and northern Willamette Valley Thursday night, easing the harsh cold spell.

But strong southerly winds raging in from the coast battered the area, toppling trees and closing the Salmon River cutoff between Grande Ronde and Otis Junction. The State Highway Department was forced to halt operation of its

ferry across the Columbia River entrance because of the winds. Astoria recorded a sustained 50-mile-an-hour wind, with gusts to 60. Trees and utility poles were toppled.

Earlier, Newport on the coast got gusts to 60 miles an hour and Cape Blanco farther south had winds up to 80.

Little Snow
The Willamette Valley had little snow Thursday, but icy rain and sleet made driving treacherous. Motor traffic moved slowly and trains were late in and out of Portland. The Portland Airport was closed to planes because of ice conditions.

Some six inches of snow fell in the Columbia Gorge east of the airport. Portland recorded a low temperature of 18.

Central Oregon recorded an abrupt change in temperature. At Redmond the mercury climbed from a low of 4 Wednesday night to 38 Thursday noon. Between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. it rose from 15 to 31 degrees. However, blizzards were continuing in many mountain areas.

A heavy snowfall at The Dalles, followed by sleet, caused school officials to send students home at noon. Officials said bus travel was so hazardous that schools would not open again until Monday.

A big freight truck and trailer skidded off the highway two miles west of The Dalles and rolled over a bank, but the driver escaped without serious injury.

News Barrier In Russia Said Easing Slightly

NEW YORK (AP)—The Associated Press produced more news out of Russia last year than in any other since the end of World War II, AP President Robert McLean said Thursday.

McLean said this was coincident with the death of Stalin but that "it also reflected staff enterprise, some unusual cooperation by AP members and some easing of restrictions by the Soviet government."

He issued his statement at the close of the mid-winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Press, world-wide news-gathering co-operative.

"Censorship and other barriers to a free exchange of information continue to darken a large part of the world," McLean said. "Despite these handicaps, the year just closed was a notable one for news."

He said that in the United States there are restraints at many levels "restricting access to information to which the public is entitled." But he declared that "national and state committees of newspaper editors and radio and television news directors are vigorously opposing this. Their work brought results in overcoming attempted news suppression in 1953."

AP member newspapers in the United States totaled 1,733 at the close of 1953, eight more than in the previous year. There were 1,264 radio members, an increase of 79. Outside the United States, the number of users of some form of AP service increased from 3,138 to 3,708.

Vienna Paper Claims Czech President Shot

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—A Vienna Czech language newspaper said Thursday Czech President Antonin Zapotocky had been fired on and wounded last Nov. 7, but the Czechoslovak Interior Ministry termed the report "absolutely unfounded and untrue."

The newspaper, Videnske Svoobodne Listy, said Zapotocky was traveling from Plzen (Pilsen), where he had unveiled a Stalin monument, to Prague when the alleged incident occurred.

It said a group armed with tommy guns opened up on the official cars. Four policemen were killed and the President was injured, the newspaper added.

A statement denying the story was issued by the Interior Ministry's information department in Prague when reached by telephone from Vienna.

Eugene Marine Among Drowned

INCHON, Korea (AP)—Navy crews groped Friday through icy, swirling tideswaters for missing bodies among the 28 U. S. Marines who drowned Thursday after a collision of landing craft.

Quick rescue work saved 22 other men from the treacherous currents of Inchon Harbor.

The dead included Pfc. Gilbert L. Hauzer, son of Mrs. Inez D. Hauzer, Rt. 3, Eugene, Ore., and Cpl. Leonard W. Roberts, son of Mrs. Vera Giese, Anchorage, Alaska.

Hospital at Stayton Elects New Directors

STAYTON—Election of four new directors for Santiam Memorial Hospital's governing board was announced Thursday night. Three other directors were re-elected.

New directors are Al Hassler, Sublimity; Erill Wilson, representing Lyons-Mehama; D. B. Hill, Mill City-Gates; and J. W. Etzel, Stayton.

Re-elected were J. C. Kimmell, Mill City; R. L. Stewart, Stayton; and A. J. Frank, Lyons-Mehama. The directors were elected by stockholders. J. C. Kimmell was re-elected president of the board of directors; L. H. Wright re-elected vice president; and G. W. Schachtsick re-elected secretary-treasurer.

During the first nine months of operation ending Dec. 31, hospital expenses totaled \$105,703 and income was \$101,672 for a net loss of \$4,031, the board revealed.

Group Aims to Halt Pendleton Fluoridation

PENDLETON (AP)—A group known as the Pure Water Committee has announced it will try to stop fluoridation of this city's water supply, started about a year ago.

The committee served notice on the City Council it would send representatives to a meeting Wednesday night to outline its stand. Dr. David Winter of the Oregon State Board of Health's dental health section was on hand to state the case for fluoridation. But no committee spokesmen showed up.

The committee is headed by Bill Meyers, owner of a health food store, and Dr. Frank Spaulding, a naturopath and chiropractor. They have said they will circulate petitions to force an election on the fluoride question.

Fireplace Fumes Fatal to Woman

PORTLAND (AP)—Fumes from a fireplace, in which a damper had been closed too soon, killed Mrs. Goldie E. Wagner, 55, and overcame her invalid husband, Elmer, 59, at their home here Thursday.

The husband recovered consciousness later, and telephoned for help. He was hospitalized for treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Air Force Academy Approved by House

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Thursday voted overwhelming approval for establishment of an Air Force academy along the lines of Army's West Point and the Navy's Annapolis.

The roll call vote was 328-36. The measure, authorizing an appropriation of 25 million dollars, now goes to the Senate.

Wreck Toll In Hundreds

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—The Pakistan Mail express train—roaring a mile a minute across the Sind Desert—ripped into a slow freight Thursday and survivors estimated from 100 to 300 persons were killed or injured.

Foreign Minister Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan was among the passengers who escaped injury.

The express, drawn by an American-built diesel engine, was en route from Lahore to Karachi when it hit the train of oil tank cars 75 miles north of this city.

Arctic Cold Spreads Over Eastern U. S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Winter's lustiest blast of Arctic cold spread across most of the eastern two-thirds of the nation Thursday.

The polar air drove the mercury to a stinging -41 degrees at International Falls, Minn., matching the all-time record low mark for the city established Jan. 29, 1951. It was even colder in Bemidji, Minn., which recorded a minimum of -48.

The cold air extended from the Rockies eastward to the Central Atlantic states and New England, southward along the western slopes of the Alleghenies into Southern Louisiana and all of Texas.

Temperatures still were zero or below at noon Thursday in six states. Readings at that hour included Bemidji—23; Minot, N. D., -20; Havre, Mont., -17; Huron, S. D., -11; La Crosse, Wis., -6; Omaha, Neb., -1 and Des Moines, Iowa, 0.

There was no relief in sight in Western Canada, the source of the icy blasts. The mercury sank to -58 overnight at Keg River, far northern Alberta. Except for the Vancouver area on the West Coast, few centers in Western Canada were warmer than -30 overnight.

The surge of cold air dropped the mercury as much as 40 to 50 degrees below the previous day's levels in parts of Oklahoma and Texas.

Mild weather prevailed in the Southeastern states with afternoon readings mostly in the 60s and 70s. Temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s in the Southwest.

Opposition to Bricker Plan Said Growing

WASHINGTON (AP)—A core of opposition to a proposal by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to amend the Constitution and limit the President's treaty-making powers appeared to be forming in the Senate Thursday.

Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont) announced he would not support the change, and Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) said 15 or 20 Democrats would line up with President Eisenhower against the amendment. The names of 61 senators are on the measure as co-authors but Bricker has conceded in an interview that some of his backers are becoming "shaky."

Eisenhower opposes the Bricker amendment on the ground that it would hamper seriously his conduct of foreign affairs. Bricker contends steps should be taken to safeguard the rights of the states and individuals under modern day treaties. Constitutional lawyers disagree on the issue.

Grange Asks Farm Plan Assurances

WASHINGTON (AP)—A National Grange delegation told President Eisenhower Thursday they liked the "fundamentals" of his new farm program, but were afraid the proposed flexible price supports would be applied too soon and too fast on some export crops.

Herschel D. Newsom, master of the Grange, said the organization might have to ask Congress for more assurances that this would not happen in the case of such products as wheat and cotton.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The first shipment of supplies under the military aid agreement with Spain will leave New Orleans Jan. 25, the Defense Department announced Thursday.

It will include artillery, tanks, tools, vehicles and training equipment and is expected to reach Spain during the second week in February.

Former Priest Hurls Charges At Church

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man who broke with the Roman Catholic Church after serving 15 years as a priest accused the church Thursday night of "lack of charity," and "greed for money."

These were some of the things, said Emmett McLoughlin, superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz., which disillusioned him and caused him to leave the Catholic priesthood.

His remarks were made in an address at the sixth annual meeting of Poau — Protestants and Other Americans United for separation of church and state.

His speaking appearance here prompted the District of Columbia Knights of Columbus, a Catholic lay organization, to issue a statement saying:

"This unfortunate man certainly is not representative of the more than 45,000 American Catholic priests, including his own brother, who are honorably living up to the obligations of their divine calling." McLoughlin criticized Roman Catholicism for what he said was "(1) the lack of charity within the church and its institutions, especially in the sisters' hospitals; (2) the lack of consistency between the church's teachings and practice, especially on inter-racialism; (3) the unnaturalness and harmfulness of the Catholic teachings on the celibacy of the clergy and birth control among the laity and (4) the church's greed for money."

Claims Fears
He claimed that "30 per cent of all Roman priests leave Rome" and that 75 per cent probably would quit the priesthood if it were not for various fears.

These fears, he said, include "fear of hell, fear of family, fear of the public, and fear of destitution, deprivation and insecurity."

Jury Convicts Labor Leader

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—A Federal Court jury took just 28 minutes late Thursday to convict labor leader Clinton E. Jencks on two counts of falsifying a non-Communist affidavit in 1950.

U. S. Dist. Judge R. E. Thomson sentenced the 35-year-old former international representative of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers to five years on each count. The terms will be served concurrently.

Judge Thomson also authorized release of Jencks on a \$10,000 appeal bond.

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Russian PWs Still in Italy

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This news came to light when the three asked plaintively if they're still considered prisoners, or what.

They've been prisoners since 1915, they said. They tried for years to get back home, but the Russian Embassy in Rome didn't answer their letters. They said they didn't really want to complain, but...

The three were identified as Nicolai Effimor, 75, Daniel Jagulato, 63, and Njcomar Kamlev, 63. They told reporters they were captured by Austrian troops in 1915.

Three years later they were freed by Italian troops, fighting on the side of the Allies. But they weren't sent back to Russia, which in the meantime had had a revolution. They were set to work in a horse and mule military center. They're still working there.

Jagulato and Kamlev were married in Italy and each now has children living here. Effimor left a wife and children in Russia.

The Italian Army pays them each 1,000 lire (about \$1.60) a day for their work.

They happen to be living in one of Italy's most concentrated Communist areas.

"But the only red thing we like is wine," said Nicolai, with Italian relish.

The Italian government which from time to time has asked Soviet Russia questions about what happened to an estimated 63,000 missing Italian prisoners in Russia, had no statement to make immediately.

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