

Planes 'Bomb' Snowy Ranges

Sunday Blizzard Hampers Haylift

ELKO, Nev. —(P)—Big Air Force planes from four states were to "bomb" the snowy ranges of Nevada Monday with hay for starving cattle. A new storm temporarily grounded the operation Sunday.

C-54s at Great Falls, Mont., C-124s at McChord Field, Wash., and a C-82 at Denver were alerted to augment haylift cargo planes from Hamilton Field, north of San Francisco.

IN CONTRAST to Saturday's success in air-dropping 18 tons of baled hay to cattle isolated in remote areas, only one crew got through Sunday's new blizzard. It dumped hay in the Ruby Valley east of Elko.

Eight ranchers in Elko County have called for air-drops to some 7,000 cattle. Some 82 other cattle owners were relying on 25 Army bulldozers from Ogden, Utah, to clear lanes through the snow to 190,000 menaced stock.

SATURDAY, and Sunday, these bulldozers and a rotary plow cleared approximately 100 miles of roads in the critical Northeastern Nevada area. Another 600 miles remain to be cleared. The ground work was expected to continue all week.

It was hoped the aerial operation could be concluded Tuesday. The costly rescue work is being financed by a \$100,000 allotment of President Truman. He declared the sector a disaster area.

The aerial phase was hazardous at times. Cargo planes were forced to worm their way between canyon walls to drop the bales near the starving herds.

Rainmaking Bill Readied

ARLINGTON, Ore. —(P)—A legislative interim committee studying rainmaking will meet in Portland April 28 with representatives from power companies, State and National Forest Services, lumber firms and U.S. Weather Bureau officials.

Testimony taken at this meeting, and at previous meetings held here and at Medford, will be used to draft a bill which will require licensing and regulation of weather control activities, committee members reported Saturday.

They said after the meeting here that Attorney General George Neuner will be asked to prepare the bill.

Tri-County Weather Research Association spokesmen told the committee that the proposed bill should not discourage continuation of experimental weather control work now under way in the Gifford, Morrow and Cherman County wheat belt. For the past two years the association has financed rainmaking in that area.

Orchardists from The Dalles, however, urged strict regulation. They said that rain, at certain times, could ruin their crops.

Ex-RFC Boss Eyes Senate

ST. LOUIS, Mo. —(U.P.)—W. Stuart Symington, President Truman's former trouble-shooter, Saturday night announced he will seek the democratic nomination for U. S. senator from Missouri.

Symington, appointed the first secretary of the Air Force in 1947 and who later served as administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., announced his candidacy at a press conference here.

He said the only thing he would be critical of in his campaign would be "waste in government." He will campaign on the problems of "high taxes, efficient rearmament, and clean government."

Symington will seek the seat now held by Republican James P. Kem. The other announced candidates for the democratic nomination are Attorney General J. E. Taylor of Missouri and Roger Slaughter, former congressman from Kansas City.

Food Prices Drop In Portland Stores

PORTLAND —(P)—Food prices in Portland, according to U. S. Department of Labor statistics, dropped 3.1 per cent during February, compared with the previous month.

Biggest drop was in fresh fruit and vegetables—down 15.3 per cent from January.

Prices, although down .2 per cent from February, 1951, still were 12.7 per cent above pre-Korea levels and nearly 250 per cent above 1939 levels.



4 Jet Clashes Highlight War

14 Enemy Planes Hit Over Korea

SEOUL, Korea —(P)—U.S. jet pilots Monday destroyed or damaged 14 Russian-made Communist MIG-15s in four clashes over Northwest Korea.

Comparatively slow F-84 Thunderjets damaged two of eight swept-wing MIGs that attacked them while they were cutting railroad tracks in the Sonchon area Monday afternoon.

THE U. S. FIFTH Air Force said the Thunderjets escaped damage.

In three morning fights, the Fifth Air Force said, U. S. F-84 Sabre jets shot down three Red jets, probably destroyed two and damaged seven. Allied losses if any are reported weekly.

Only small patrol actions were reported across the 155-mile ground front.

The U. S. Eighth Army said three Communist platoons fired on U. N. positions northwest of the Punch Bowl on the eastern front Sunday, but the Reds withdrew, under heavy Allied artillery fire.

U. S. B-29 Superfortresses dropped 30 tons of air-bursting bombs on Communist front line positions Sunday night. Night-flying B-29 light bombers and shore-based Marine planes attacked Communist trucks moving troops and supplies to the front. Pilots said they destroyed 45 trucks.

The Navy said the Carrier U.S.S. Bairoko returned to action off North Korea's West Coast Sunday. Its planes destroyed or damaged 26 buildings, three bridges, one gun position, six small craft and five boxcars.

ALLIED WARSHIPS continued their patrol and blockade activities on the East Coast.

The Navy reported a sharp increase in Communist shore battery fire along the East Coast.

The Reds opened fire on the minesweeper U.S.S. Osprey Friday and shelled Allied warships intermittently for the next 24 hours. Counter-fire silenced the Communist guns.

The Navy said there were no casualties and no damage to any Allied ships.

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MILWAUKEE —(U.P.)—The address of the Knights of Columbus clubhouse in Milwaukee is 1492 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Truce News Ban Nears Agreement

PANMUNJOM —(U.P.)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators "almost" reached agreement Monday on clamping a news ban on deadlocked prisoner of war discussions.

Both sides met for more than three hours discussing the scope and form of future talks on exchanging prisoners. A U.N. spokesman said the talks were "quasi-confidential."

"WE ALMOST came to an agreement, but not quite," said Allied Staff Officer Col. George W. Hickman after the session. "We will discuss the matter of secrecy for 20 minutes Tuesday."

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, the official U.N. spokesman, refused to give details of Monday's conversations. However, he said the negotiators discussed whether they should meet in executive sessions "in which both sides would be free to express points of view and to develop these points of view over a period of perhaps days in complete privacy."

They also discussed what they would talk about, once they reach agreement on secrecy, Nuckols said.

The meeting began three hours late at the request of the U.N.

Students to Discuss Four-Year College

PORTLAND —(P)—Vanport College students will meet Wednesday to organize a program for making their school a four-year college.

Vanport, now a two year institution, soon will be moved from its present site outside the city limits to the present Lincoln High School building in Portland. It will be called Portland State College.

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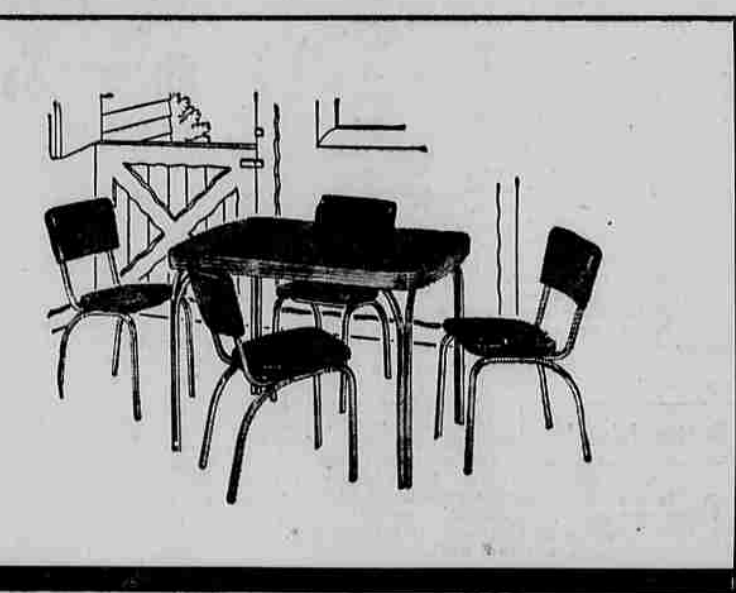
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