

FABULOUS SPECTACLE

Millions View Total Eclipse

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Millions of Americans got up early Wednesday morning to watch one of nature's greatest spectacles of the skies—a total eclipse of the sun.

Early risers in perfect weather turned out in everything from pajamas and dressing gowns to going-to-work clothes.

Roof tops and high spots throughout the eclipse areas were crowded with persons armed with a weird assortment of eye protectors.

Although the total eclipse covered only a 70-mile-wide strip through parts of five states as it headed for India, partial eclipses were seen in most sections of the nation except in the West.

Following advance warnings about watching the eclipse with the naked eye, one St. Paul family of four watched from a hilltop through a basement window that had been completely smoked.

Others used welders' helmets, strips of exposed and developed film and sun glasses. At totality, the spectacle could be viewed with the naked eye.

Crowds stood awed during the 76 seconds of totality and greeted the reappearance of the sun with an audible long, drawn out "Oh" like a crowd after a tense moment in an athletic contest.

Some of the most spectacular portions of the eclipse could be seen only by scientists and others using powerful telescopes.

FIERY SPECTRUM

One of the scientists who watched the big celestial show from a plane 20,000 feet over the twin cities area of Minneapolis and St. Paul reported the sun belched a fiery flash spectrum just before totality was reached.

Hotel lobbies in Minneapolis and St. Paul, in the total eclipse strip, were alive with activity long before the solar drama began at 4:27 a.m. (CST).

Chartered buses and streams of cars carried spectators to high vantage points. Some groups chartered planes.

Television audiences across the country watched the total eclipse on programs fed to networks by twin cities stations. Television films made from planes were seen later in the day.

Weather conditions were greatly varied around other sections of the country where the eclipse was partial. Skies were clear at Kansas City, cloudy at Detroit, clear at Chicago and overcast in Rhode Island. There was a drizzle at Pittsburgh at the time of partial eclipse and rain fell throughout Connecticut.

TWO DAWNS

At Cleveland, the eclipse amounted to two dawns because of rain and an overcast. There was a lightening, dusk as the eclipse advanced and then a clearing as it passed.

Scientists hope observations being made at various checkpoints along the path of the eclipse will give them more accurate measurements of distances along the earth's surface—the exact width of the Atlantic Ocean, for example.

These measurements, together with others to be made in the future, also may help determine whether—as some scientists believe—continents are moving, relative to each other.

Wounded Dien Bien

Phu Vets Arrive

CLARK AFB, Philippines (AP)—The second group of wounded Dien Bien Phu veterans being evacuated from Indochina arrived Wednesday for an overnight stop-over en route to France.

The base information officer said the 100 men were scheduled to resume their flight in the U.S. Air Force C124 Globemaster "sometime tomorrow."

The officer said this batch was made up of French Foreign Legionnaires.

He said most of the men were walking patients. The rest were stretcher cases.



SECOND SUICIDE TRY — Sailor Darryl J. Reed, 20, of Colorado Springs, Colo., assigned to the USS Oriskany, dives head first over the railing on an overpass in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday in a second attempt at suicide. Restraining him are Officers Robert Thrasher, left, and Earl Lowry. Reed had been rescued from a previous try shortly before by two staffers of the Oakland Tribune, reporter Paul McCormick and Roy Williams, photographer who made this picture. Reed was taken to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland for observation.

Power Resources Study Completed

PORTLAND (AP)—A Hoover Commission task force completed a nation-wide survey of water and power resources with a two-day session which ended here Tuesday.

The 47 speakers who appeared at the Portland session offered varied views on how the region's water resources could best be developed.

Among proposals advanced Tuesday was a public corporation, financing its operations through bond issues, to replace the Bonneville Power Administration. This was the suggestion of Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Assn., which represents 100 publicly owned electric systems.

He would have Congress authorize specific projects recommended by the corporation, then the corporation would undertake construction with financing bonds guaranteed by the federal government.

Most of Tuesday's witnesses were advocates of public power and were closely cross-examined by the 18-member task force which is headed by Ben Moreell, head of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. of Pittsburgh.

Thomas L. Scanlon, director of research and education for the Oregon AFL State Federation of Labor, said his union favored federal development of the region's rivers and opposed the partnership development program.

Moreell asked Scanlon if he

also favored government operation of such industries as building and of food production. When Scanlon said he did not, Moreell asked: "In other words, you are interested only in government intrusion in the power field?"

Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah, an ardent supporter of private enterprise, asked Scanlon if he favored removal of taxes from private utilities. Scanlon replied in the negative and Lee then asked: "In other words, to get the low power cost here, you are taking advantage of the people of the rest of the country?"

Other speakers presented these views: John T. Gharrett of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission urged that planning of northwest water resources should include consideration of the problems of fisheries.

W. R. Armstrong, president of the Idaho Rural Electric Cooperative, urged publicly owned power.

O. H. Johnson, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the partnership program in resources development while J. Kennard Cheadle, Spokane Chamber of Commerce, advocated "federal participation without federal domination."

E. R. Buehler, of the Idaho Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts, urged federal coordination of conservation practices with local directors of all agriculture affairs.

Haymes Deportation Decision Not Expected for a Month

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Crooner Dick Haymes' deportation hearing is ended, with contradictory testimony on the record and a decision not expected for another month.

The key point on which there were sharply differing statements by witnesses was whether there were specific instructions the singer was not to be warned a trip to Hawaii last year might make him liable for deportation.

At the conclusion of the five-day hearing Tuesday, Haymes left to join his wife, actress Rita Hayworth, vacationing at Lake Tahoe.

A native of Argentina, the crooner has been ordered deported after an earlier hearing, but the Immigration Board of Appeals set aside the ruling. The appeals board action came

after Richard Cody, a former Immigration Service official, swore in an affidavit he had been told not to advise Haymes that the trip to Hawaii would make him deportable because of a military draft exemption claimed during World War II. He waived his chances at U. S. citizenship when he claimed exemption as a citizen of a neutral country—Argentina.

Cody, who was Haymes' star witness in the hearing, testified the crooner had complied with the law and been told so before the Hawaii trip. Cody also testified that Herman R. Landon, director of immigration at Los Angeles instructed him not to warn Haymes that the Hawaiian trip would bar him from re-entry to the continental United States.

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Jury Convicts Tax Collector

NEW YORK (AP)—Joseph D. Numan Jr., once the nation's chief tax collector, was convicted Tuesday by a federal court jury of evading \$91,086 in his income taxes.

Numan heard the verdict delivered by the seven woman, five-man jury in a Brooklyn courtroom.

The jury found him guilty on a five-count indictment covering the years 1946-1950.

He faces a possible sentence of five years and a \$10,000 fine on each count.

An appointee of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Numan was commissioner of internal revenue from 1944 to 1947.

Still hanging over him is a perjury indictment stemming from statements he made to the grand jury in the same income tax evasion matter.

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