

Bombers to Leave; JFK Lifts Blockade

By WHITNEY SHOEMAKER

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy, saying there is reason for gratitude in this Thanksgiving week, has called off the U.S. blockade of Cuba in return for promised removal of Soviet bombers from the island.

to where we stood only four weeks ago—the unity of this hemisphere, the support of our allies and the calm determination of the American people. These qualities may be tested many more times in this decade, but we have increased reason to be confident that those qualities will continue to serve the cause of freedom with distinction in the years to come.

danger which faced this hemisphere four weeks ago," Kennedy said. "I have this afternoon instructed the secretary of defense to lift our naval quarantine."

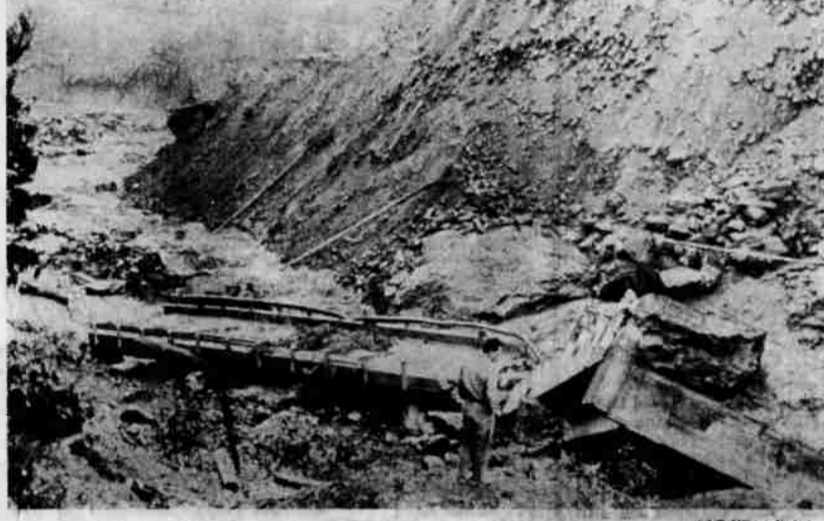
to be protected against offensive weapons, this government has no choice but to pursue its own means of checking on military activities in Cuba," Kennedy asserted.

Rains Ease, Rivers Falling

Many Forced To Evacuate

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rains eased Wednesday in Oregon and Southwest Washington where Tuesday they pushed rivers onto farmland and roads and put so much pressure on an old dam in Oregon that it burst.



(AP Wirephoto)

Bridge Falls

This fifty-foot concrete and steel bridge collapsed into northwestern Oregon's Nestucca River Tuesday after a dam burst. The dam, which formed the mile long and half-mile wide Meadow Lake, broke when heavy rains put added pressure on it.

The dam break sent a wall of water swirling down the Nestucca River, washing out at least seven small bridges in its path.

The biggest, a 50-foot concrete and steel structure just below the dam, was swept away in minutes.

Gilbert R. Dehut, Salem, was approaching the bridge in a pickup with two companions when the dam burst. "It took a terrific battering from trees and debris, and was gone," he said.

As the water flashed down the northwestern Oregon river to the Pacific Ocean 30 miles away it took out small public and private bridges, and forced the evacuation of some 30 families in the area.

No persons were reported injured.

The dam formed Meadow Lake, some 40 miles southwest of Portland. The lake is about a mile long and a half-mile wide. The dam, some 40 feet long and 16 feet high, was built around the turn of the century for logging purposes. It later was reconstructed and the lake has since been principally used for recreation.

At Pacific City, where the Nestucca enters into the ocean,

state police said debris was strewn around a bridge but the water was down to normal Wednesday and there appeared to be no danger to homes in that area.

In the Oregon's Willamette Valley, the Breitenbush River above Detroit rampaged through the Breitenbush Hot Springs resort. The power plant was washed away and three earthslides, caused by the heavy rain and winds, covered the road between the resort and Detroit.

the Coast Range mountains, a total of 6.24 inches of rain fell between 5:30 p.m. Monday and 4:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The Little North Fork River in North Santiam Canyon, 40 miles east of Salem, swelled over its banks, submerging some points on the road in 5 feet of water and ripping out a private bridge.

In Tillamook County schools were closed in Tillamook, Hebo, Pacific City, Beaver and in Nestucca. Highway 101 was closed at some points and traffic de-

tour around Sandlake. Portland suffered no major damage. Johnson Creek, as is normal in severe rain storms, flooded its banks but residents were reported staying in their homes.

The weather bureau reported 1.98 inches of rain at Newport. Astoria got 1.56, but resumed ferry service with Megler that was stopped Monday.

In southwestern Washington, rivers overflowed their banks and flooded highways and farmlands.

Cuban Batteries Fire on Plane

HAVANA (AP)—Cuban anti-aircraft batteries fired on a low flying plane over a Havana suburb Tuesday in apparent accord with Prime Minister Fidel Castro's warning against continued U.S. surveillance of Cuba.

The plane, presumed by eyewitnesses to be a U.S. Navy Neptune patrol plane, returned the fire briefly. There were no reports of anyone on the ground or aboard the plane being hit. The plane flew off without apparent damage.

The Defense Department in Washington said it had no information to substantiate the report.

Border Cease-Fire Remains in Doubt

NEW DELHI (AP)—Communist Chinese forces drove Indian defenders back to within a few miles of the Plains of Assam in the hours before a cease-fire the Reds had set for today.

But as the deadline passed, there was no word from the mountain front on whether the fighting had stopped.

The United States and Britain continued to bolster India's defenses with a flow of military supplies. Britain sent a political-military mission to India and began airlifting 150 tons of supplies Wednesday morning.

The State Department in Washington announced that the United States is sending 12 C-130 jet-prop transport planes with American crews to India. Earlier, President Kennedy disclosed he

was sending a special mission to New Delhi headed by W. Averell Harriman. Communist China claimed in a Peking Radio broadcast heard in London that it had cleared Indian forces out of all strong points they held "in Chinese territory" in western sectors near the sino-Indian border.

The Defense Ministry disclosed that the Chinese attackers had broken through Indian defense lines to within a few miles of the Assam Plains on the northeast frontier.

A defense spokesman said Indian troops had fallen back 80 miles along the Lohit River southwest from the town of Walong near the Burma border, a route that led to the Digboi oilfields in eastern Assam. This was a withdrawal of 64 miles since Tuesday.

The spokesman said that in the western sector of the North East Frontier Agency (NEFA), the Chinese Communists had made "some breakthrough toward the foothills," indicating the attackers were nearing the Assam Plains in this area, too. He reinforced this view by saying that "sporadic fighting is in progress in the mountains some miles south of Bomdila," the vital pass in the Himalayas that gives access to the main road to Tezpur, headquarters of Indian army forces in the northeast.

Waiting Proposal

Only a few hours before the deadline for the cease-fire which the Chinese Reds said they would put into effect, an official spokesman here refused to say whether the Indians would end hostilities.

He pointed out that no formal communication had been received in New Delhi from Peking up to that time about the cease-fire.

But he pointed out that P. M. Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament Tuesday that "he would consider the question of the cease-fire" as soon as he was handed the Chinese proposal. Nehru indicated he might reject Red China's cease-fire bid.

Nehru told an angry Parliament that India does "not propose to negotiate" with Communist China until its troops are pulled back to positions they held last Sept. 8. But he refused to reject the offer flatly until he saw an official text of the note from Peking.

In a surprise move, the Chinese Communists had announced that they would put the cease-fire into effect today, but they continued to roll forward as the deadline neared.

100 Mile Advance

Two announcements of a massive withdrawal in the eastern NEFA and the breakthrough in the western NEFA meant that the Communist Chinese had now driven more than 100 miles into Indian territory in two sectors. A week ago, the deepest penetration had been only 16 miles south of the McMahon Line, the disputed border between India and Red China.

Peking Radio said the Chinese troops in northern India would cease fire at midnight tonight and prepare for a limited withdrawal Dec. 1 as a prelude to negotiations.

The Chinese Reds said the withdrawal would take their troops 12.5 miles behind the positions they held Nov. 7, 1959. They termed "unreasonable" Nehru's demand that they withdraw to positions held prior to Sept. 8, 1962.

Rain-Free Thanksgiving Said Likely

Most Emerald Empire families will stuff the turkey, then stuff themselves Thursday, as regular activities give way to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving services are planned at many churches. Public schools and the University of Oregon will close down until next Monday.

The postoffice, other governmental offices, banks and most businesses will close for the day. All stock exchanges will be closed.

While the weatherman can promise only partly clear skies for the Eugene-Springfield area, he says there's a good chance that Thanksgiving will be free of rainfall here.

The western Oregon outlook through Sunday is less promising. "Moderate to heavy rain" is forecast.

For those who plan to travel by auto, highways were reported in good shape in the mountain passes Wednesday. Both the Willamette and McKenzie highways are bare, although light roadside snow was reported on the Willamette Pass.

Senior citizens, who are conducting a craftsman safes fair at the Eugene Hotel, plan to remain open on Thanksgiving Day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to services at individual churches, four union Thanksgiving services are planned Wednesday and Thursday in the Eugene-Springfield area.

These will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Mission, 2200 River Rd.; Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1850 N. 19th St., Springfield; Thursday, at 10 a.m. at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, 834 Monroe St.; and Thursday at 10 a.m., at the Allison Park Christian Church, 1520 Echo Hollow Rd.

Air Reservists To Be Released

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department Wednesday ordered release from active duty of the 14,000 Air Reservists called up in the Cuban crisis.

At the same time, it ended the freeze order which had held in service all Navy and Marine personnel whose service obligation would end by Feb. 28.

An announcement said that every effort would be made to expedite the release of the Air Force Reservists and "return them to their homes as soon as possible."

Quadruplets' Father Gets Prison Term

TACOMA (AP)—Warren Halverson, 36, Gig Harbor, whose wife gave birth to quadruplets in Tacoma General Hospital last September, was sentenced to not more than 20 years in prison Tuesday on his plea of guilty to first degree burglary charges.

Superior Court Judge John Cochran told Halverson, "I'm sorry for you. You could have been a hero, but it turned out the other way."

Mrs. Halverson sat in the courtroom with tears in her eyes as her husband was sentenced. She gave birth to quadruplets Sept. 6, but one of the infants died about a week later. The other three children are progressing satisfactorily.

Halverson also has a warrant against him for the armed robbery of a drive-in restaurant which occurred a few days after the births of the quadruplets.

Nyssa Football Player Loses Suit Against School District

SALEM (AP)—A Nyssa High School football player, who suffered a broken neck in a game, lost his \$25,000 damage suit Wednesday against the school district.

Louis Vendrell, then 15, was hurt Oct. 9, 1953, in a game with Vale, and is paralyzed from the neck down.

The Malheur Circuit Court allowed him \$25,000 damages, but the Supreme Court reversed this, holding that Malheur School Dist. No. 26C wasn't negligent.

In an earlier case, the high court had ruled 4-3 that school

districts could be held liable to the extent that they carry liability insurance. The district involved in this case had \$25,000 such insurance.

Vendrell claimed he was hurt because his equipment was faulty, because he was allowed to play against big rough and tough boys, and because the coaches didn't train him properly.

The high court, in its decision by Justice George Rossman, said there was no evidence to support these claims.

Company 'Not Negligent'

The decision reversed Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh Jr., holding that he should have directed the jury to rule in favor of the school district.

The court affirmed a Multnomah County judgment in which Mrs. Mina Neidert failed to collect in her \$50,000 damage suit against Portland Stages, Inc.

She claimed she alighted from a bus, and turned to re-enter to get a package she had forgotten. She said the bus then started up, causing her to fall.

In the decision, Justice William C. Perry said the bus company was not negligent, since it had deposited her in a safe place.

This decision affirmed Circuit Judge Paul R. Harris.

Another Decision Upheld

In another case, the Union Pacific Railroad won a \$42,584 tax reduction for 1958. The high court, in a decision by Justice Gordon Sloan, found that the State Tax Commission

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Nuclear Ship To Visit Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—The nuclear-powered merchant ship, Savannah, will visit Portland in January.

Mayor Terry Schunk said Wednesday the ship is scheduled to arrive in the Columbia River from Honolulu Jan. 3 and anchor overnight at Tongue Point.

The following day it is scheduled to move upriver to Portland.

Circuit Judge Studies Motion Made for Jeannace Freeman

MADRAS (AP)—A motion seeking to vacate a court order setting Dec. 6 as the date for execution of Jeannace Freeman was deferred Tuesday by Circuit Judge Robert H. Foley.

After hearing arguments for and against the motion, the judge said he would "study the authority of this court and announce a decision in the near future." It was speculated that could mean early next week.

Miss Freeman, 21, was convicted of the April 1961 slaying of a 6-year-old boy. Her execution is scheduled for the gas chamber in the state prison at Salem.

The bodies of the boy and his sister, 4, were found in the Crooked River Gorge of Central

Oregon. Miss Freeman was found guilty of the boy's death. Her partner in the killings, Mrs. Gertrude Nunez Jackson, the mother of the children, is serving a life sentence.

In seeking the execution delay, Miss Freeman's court-appointed attorneys, William M. Holmes and Cash R. Perrine, both of Bend, maintained that a 90-day period from Oct. 24 is allowed in which an appeal can be filed with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Oct. 24 was the date of a state Supreme Court mandate upholding her death sentence by the circuit court.

Dist. Atty. Warren Albright questioned the authority of Judge Foley's court to order the delay, but did not specifically object to the delay.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE For THANKSGIVING DAY

Deadline for placing Ads to start on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd will be 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 21st.

* Cancellations and Corrections will be made on Thursday, November 22nd from 8 A.M. to 5 A.M. for Thursday's paper.