

# Rescue All But One Marooned Storm Victim

Plows Cutting Through Huge Snow Drifts in Midwest

Kansas City, Nov. 20 (AP)—All but one of the hundreds of travelers marooned in a blizzard yesterday in the Dodge City, Kas., area were accounted for today.

Mrs. Hal Laughlin, 30, of Jetmore, Kas., still is missing. She was last seen Thursday when she left her stranded automobile to seek aid for her 75-year-old aunt, Mrs. Libby Sinclair, also of Jetmore. Huge snowdrifts are hampering workers seeking a trace of Mrs. Laughlin, an expectant mother.

### Belmont Isolated

Flows were cutting through South Dakota's drifts, but the town of Belmont, near Mitchell still was isolated. A northwestern train, stalled at Adrian, was expected to be freed today.

Meanwhile the storm apparently was venting its fury on the lakes region.

The 19,000 ton freighter Robert Hobson, carrying a crew of 33, was blown aground at the entry of the Duluth-Superior harbor on Lake Superior.

In the east another heavy windstorm damaged 19 planes at an airport in Corning, N.Y., with an estimated loss of \$75,000.

### Trains Hours Late

Communications still were slow in western Kansas and Nebraska which were hit hardest by the paralyzing storm yesterday.

Trains were moving, but many hours late. A derailment near Dodge City added to the Santa Fe's woes.

Winter's first swoop across eastern Colorado, southwestern Nebraska and western Kansas had ridged the land with drifts from three to 20 feet deep. Trains, buses and motor cars were stalled. Telephone and power lines were down, and many communities isolated.

One death was reported. A 15-year-old girl died at Hutchinson, Kas., of diabetes when drifts blocked efforts to get her to a hospital.

Lack of severe cold lessened the hardships.

### 20 Hours Delay

Trains on the Santa Fe, Union Pacific, and Rock Island lines were moving slowly today as snowplows rammed the tracks clear. Some trains were delayed as much as 20 hours Friday. (Concluded on Page 13, Column 7)

# Counties Spurn Liquor Proposal

County judges and commissioners of the state refused to have the buck passed to them by the state liquor commission and to accept full responsibility in the issuance of beer licenses, reports County Commissioner Roy Rice just back from the state convention of county officers held in Portland this week.

"At present," said the commissioner, "we observe the request of the commission by the sheriff making an investigation of the character of the applicant for such license. When he turns a favorable report to us we send the same on into the commission unless objections are made."

"We don't want any change in this procedure, nor did any of the counties. It is the liquor commission's job to issue the license and it gets the fees there and should take the responsibility as it does now. The courts refused to have it shunted over to the counties or to accept it."

Rice also said that the county officers strenuously object to a proposal in the interim committee on highways report which would fail to grant counties any share of an extra cent a gallon of gas on increased license fees if the committee's recommendations become law. He said if such increases are made the counties should get their 19 percent of the proceeds the same as they do now from present available funds.

The committee's report showed in charts of their own engineers that 50 percent of the urgent highway needs of the state is for county roads and such being the case they should receive their fair share of any increase.

### Jap Officer to Hang

Manila, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Philippines war crimes tribunal today sentenced Japanese Lt. Ichiro Yamanoue to hang for war crimes committed in 1944 on Negroes Island. It was the 25th hanging verdict handed out to Japanese soldiers in the Philippines.

# Sponsors Take Old Age Pension Bill Into Court

Portland, Nov. 20 (AP)—Sponsors of the old age pension bill, approved by the people and called inoperative by the attorney general, have retained an attorney to seek legal means of enforcement.

Joe Dunne, spokesman for the group, revealed today that counsel had been employed.

He said the intent of the pension group was to put a \$50 floor under pensions. There was no other intent, he said, and "if anyone had read the bill in advance they would have known it."

Attorney General George Neuner a week ago said the measure, in its legal standing, was merely an expression of policy.

### Action Unsettled

As soon as passage of the measure became apparent, a state veterans department bond offer had no takers and the state's financial position was questioned on the ground the pension measure was far-reaching in its application and would skyrocket state costs.

Dunne said today he would comment only through his attorney, Barnett Goldstein.

Goldstein, when asked what action would be taken, said until he had studied the attorney general's opinion he could not make a flat statement other than to say "the will of the majority will not be permitted to be thwarted or ignored by highly technical and strange interpretations of constitutional laws."

### Attorney's Statement

In more detail, he said: "The law's plain purport is to insure more adequate relief for the needy aged of Oregon under more just and humane regulation than are now available. To have this remedial legislation attacked by some as a monstrosity, is not only clearly unwarranted, but is likewise insulting to the 300,000 and more of our citizens who voted for its enactment. To attack it on the ground that the title of the bill was misleading and deceptive is not factually true. . . I can make the assurance that so far as I am able to assist, the will of the majority expressed at the recent election will not be permitted to be thwarted or ignored by highly technical and strange interpretations of constitutional laws. . . Of course I agree that any law whether directly proposed by the people or enacted by their representatives must square with constitutional requirements."

# Says Stalin Living In Fools Paradise

London, Nov. 20 (AP)—Philosopher Bertrand Russell declared today the west must either fight Russia before she has the atom bomb or "lie down and let them govern us."

"Like all dictators, Stalin and the other Soviet leaders are living in a fool's paradise," 78-year-old Lord Russell told a London conference of school children and teachers.

"They don't realize the strength of our resources and that the United States, Britain and the commonwealth and other western powers would win any war now. That is the main gravity of the situation."

Russell said if the west waited until Russia had the atom bomb, it would find the Kremlin "much more difficult to argue with."

The philosopher-mathematician said he did not believe Russia had atomic weapons now because experimental explosions would have been detected.

# Fighting Continues on All Flanks of Suchow Battle

Nanking, Nov. 20 (AP)—Although government dispatches claim that the battle of Suchow is considered closed and a "complete victory" for nationalist forces, it is evident that fighting is still in progress.

In fact the battle apparently is continuing on all flanks of the northern Kiangsu bastion and the decisive action may be yet to be fought.

Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, national defense minister, reporting to the executive yuan (legislature), said stiff fighting still is continuing in the vicinity of Nienchung, 33 miles east of Suchow, where a major Red force recently was set back. He said that government troops south of Suchow, on the line to Nanking, will be reinforced.

A report on the Kiangsu situation to the Nanking Evening Post said four communist columns under the direction of Gen.

# Truman Thinks Any Depression Can Be Averted

Key West, Fla., Nov. 20 (AP)—President Truman took a final swim in Gulf stream waters today before returning to Washington for a momentous conference with Secretary of State Marshall.

Mr. Truman will see the secretary at the White House at 12:30 p.m. (EST) Monday. They will cover the whole field of foreign relations.

He departs from the Boca Chica naval air station tomorrow at 11 a.m. aboard his air force plane, the Independence, for the four hour flight to the capital.

The president also will confer Monday with W. Averill Harriman, roving ECA ambassador, Charles G. Ross, presidential press secretary, said the time of the appointment with Harriman had not been fixed.

Mr. Truman let it be known through one of his closest associates that he believes his administration can avert another depression.

Representative Sam Rayburn, speaker-to-be of the house, laid the administration position on the line here before flying back to Texas and a speaking engagement at Dallas tonight.

"If a major recession or depression should come—which I do not expect—it will not be justified by our economic situation, but will be man-made," Rayburn told a news conference after emerging from talks with the president at the temporary "White House" here.

### Vacation at an End

This jibed with Mr. Truman's position in campaign talks in which he contended another depression could be avoided only by a democratic victory because of his party's position that the GOP would look after the rich and not all classes of the economy.

Mr. Truman's vacation drew to a close today. He set out for the beach again for a swim and a sunbath—his daily routine since his arrival two weeks ago.

# Barkley Talks To AFL Meet

Cincinnati, Nov. 20 (AP)—Vice President-Elect Alben W. Barkley warned the AFL convention today against hoping for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act in the opening weeks of the 81st congress.

Barkley said that organization and procedure in the house and senate made some delay inevitable. But he expressed the view that repeal of the labor law would be accomplished "as promptly as the rules of the house and senate permit."

The 71-year-old Kentucky senator in a speech to the convention reviewed the democratic party's campaign pledges to labor and said it would be wise "to remind ourselves of some of those on Jan. 3." Congress will convene on that date.

In addition to repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and substitution of a new law based on experience under the Wagner act, Barkley said his party advocated a 75-cent minimum hourly wage and revamping of social security benefits.

He said that old age pensions should be made uniform throughout the United States and commented that "I am not a prophet but the time may come when this obligation may have to be assumed by the federal government" in order to bring about at least a 50 percent increase in the benefits.



# Ellis Guilty of Manslaughter

Eugene, Nov. 20 (AP)—Clarence Ellis, 32-year-old Southern Pacific railroad section gang foreman, was found guilty of manslaughter in Lane county circuit court this morning by a jury of nine women and three men. The verdict was reached after 22 1/2 hours of deliberation. Ellis, a former resident of Tennessee, was accused of first-degree murder in connection with the death of Earl Bowers, 30-year-old Negro section hand, on a lonely mountain road near Cascade summit during the early hours of August 11.

The trial opened Monday morning and District Attorney Ed Luckey and the defense, represented by William Huey and William Bartle, paraded 25 witnesses to the stand before the jury retired at 11:37 a.m. Friday.

Key to the prosecution's case was a signed statement made by Ellis to State Police Sgt. Harry Nelson at Oakridge the morning following the fatal shooting—admitting shooting Bowers with a 12-gauge shotgun.

# Pitchfork Fight in Prison Escape Plot

A fight with pitchforks was the first clash Friday between Oregon State prison guards and seven convicts who set fire to a prison flax plant with intention of going over the wall behind a smoke screen.

That's the way the attempted crush-out was recalled in cooler moments today.

The short fight with the forks was bloodless, but Roland James, prison laundry superintendent, saved himself with scoop-shovel used as a shield.

Guards in this part of the melee were Eddie May, Pete Luthy and George Bixler, all on duty in the flax mill.

A matter of minutes later, with pitchforks discarded, the guards wielded their saps, several of the convicts were knocked out, and the fight was over.

The break was made soon after the noon lunch period. Moving without haste to the mill were the convicts employed there. Others, a large number of them, were trooping toward the island, a gathering place within the walls for inmates who are temporarily idle.

The break was made suddenly. The seven men broke from the lines and made a run toward the mill. They were John O. Pinson, Lawrence R. Ogilvie, and Allan Brumfield, all doing life raps for murder; Paul Leroy Gardner, doing a stretch for robbery; Doyle Clark McCann, doing 20 years for assault with intent to kill; John Edward Ralph, 12 years for robbery; and Reuben Partlow, grand larceny.

Between the men and the flax mill was an eight-foot wall. They scaled it, and made the shed, and started setting the flax afire. Floyd Fisher, a prison inmate, made an effort to stop them. He was stabbed by one of the desperadoes. He is in the prison hospital with a body wound, but his condition is good. (Conclude on Page 13, Column 4)

# Two 16-Year Girls Reported Missing

To 16-year-old girls, one from Monmouth, were reported missing Saturday by Salem police.

Eva Orsborn Finn, five feet, six inches tall and weight 120 was listed as missing by her parents of Rt. 1, Monmouth. She had told them she was going to Portland to receive instruction to become a magazine saleswoman.

The other girl, Vernice Bushle, five feet, one inch, weight 115, was reported missing by her uncle, B. K. Wodzowa, 740 S. Lancaster.

# Ship Strikers Cut Demands

(By the Associated Press) Striking east coast longshoremen were reported today to have cut their original wage demands in half, but there were scant indications the employers would accept the new figure.

A source close to the negotiations said the AFL International Longshoremen's association has offered to settle the wage issue for a 25-cent hourly increase in pay. The association originally demanded 50 cents. However, the New York Shipping association, representing the employers, fixed a 10-cent hourly increase as its utmost "concession."

Meanwhile, the strike went into its 11th day, with every major Atlantic port paralyzed and 218 foreign and American-flag vessels tied up. In Southampton, England, a fourth of the liner Queen Elizabeth's crew walked off their jobs in sympathy with the striking American longshoremen. The walk out came an hour and 10 minutes before sailing time, and officials said it would delay the vessel's departure for the United States at least 25 hours.

The union official said the seamen also claimed they would be breaking faith with American longshoremen if they took the liner to Halifax, where Cunard ships have been docked during the eastern seaboard tieup.

Cunard officials hurriedly conferred with strike leaders in an effort to end the walkout. Later they announced the ship could not sail before tomorrow at the earliest. About 1600 passengers, their luggage already stowed aboard, idled about the decks or lolled in their cabins. Another 800 passengers are waiting to board the ship at Cherbourg, France.

Hot Spell in New York New York, Nov. 20 (AP)—Men shed their topcoats and women their furs today as the temperature hit 71 degrees at noon. Skating was abandoned on the water-covered Rockefeller Center skating rink.

The state body also called for a comprehensive housing program along the lines of the Taft-Elliander-Wagner bill. A boost of minimum wages. Extension of social security. Civil rights legislation. A farm program including price supports, farm credits and soil conservation. Resumption of price controls and curbs on corporation profits.

Meantime Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers (UAW), fired an early cannon in what is expected to be a CIO campaign for a fourth round of post-war wage raises. Yesterday Reuther told a group of Portland businessmen, the City club, to get ready for a fourth round.

He said the UAW is "already talking about a fourth round."

# CIO to Discipline Leftists Refusing to Follow Policies

Portland, Nov. 20 (AP)—The state CIO squelched its left-wingers today and followed its national leaders on policy.

Resolutions called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and endorsed the Marshall plan.

Efforts of a minority to keep the Marshall plan off the floor were defeated.

By "next week" he meant the CIO convention which starts here Monday.

Earlier this week in an interview at Philadelphia Henry Ford II said a fourth round wage increase is "inevitable."

Reuther spoke with his right arm still useless and in a sling as a result of his mysterious shooting seven months ago in Detroit. But he seemed to have his old confidence and enthusiasm.

He said prices have risen so much that it would take a raise of 15 cents an hour to give workers the same purchasing power they had in June, 1948, and a raise of 43 cents an hour to put them where they were in 1944.

# U. S. and Britain Reject French Pleas for Ruhr

# Ignore Protest Against Rebuilding Germany's Industrial Power

Paris, Nov. 20 (AP)—The United States and Britain were reported today to have turned down French pleas against rebuilding Germany's industrial power.

Observers said the 10-week-old government of Premier Henri Queuille may not survive mounting parliamentary opposition to the British-American policy which conflicts with the French people's traditional desire to keep Germany weak.

After talks with French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall and British Minister of State Hector McNeill were reliably reported to have turned down a French plea to revise the German policies.

Strengthen Safeguards Responsible American and British officials said, however, they promised to strengthen every safeguard against possible renewed German aggression.

The French government is expected to submit a memorandum this week-end registering their objections to:

1. The projected return of property rights in the Ruhr steel and coal industries to the Germans.

2. The British-American refusal to extend the period of international control of the Ruhr beyond the period of occupation.

To Revise Program 3. The British-American decision to revise again the twice-reduced program for dismantling Germany's heavy industries. This decision would cut down German reparations deliveries to France and revive French fears of a reconstructed German war potential.

The government clearly considers communism a greater menace to French security than a revived Germany.

But that view is not shared by the French people at large. On the one hand the communists represent one-third of the population and make up the country's strongest single party. On the other hand there is Gen. Charles De Gaulle's intensely nationalist French people's party which also represents about a third of the population.

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Both sides in the dispute will meet again today for further discussions in New York.

# New Car Purchase Contracts Illegal

Seattle, Nov. 20 (AP)—A superior court ruling yesterday held new car repurchase contracts illegal.

In denying a suit brought by Seattle auto dealers against four new-car purchasers, Superior Judge James T. Lawler said such agreements are "one-sided," because they bind the buyer to re-sell to the dealer but do not bind the dealer to repurchase the car.

The dealers contended the buyers violated their contracts by selling their cars without giving first offers to the firms where they were purchased.

Joseph J. Latta, auto dealers' counsel here, said repurchase contracts will continue to be written pending a decision by the supreme court.

# Whistling Swans Killed at Baker

Baker, Nov. 20 (AP)—Baker county's whistling swans aren't whistling much any more. Illegal hunting has killed most of them.

State police reported the little flock, which grew from two birds three years ago to 17 this year, was almost annihilated during the geese season. The last state patrolman to go down to the Lower Powder district could see only one swan.

# U. S. Palestine Policy Favors Israel's Claims

Paris, Nov. 20 (AP)—The United States told the United Nations today the Negev desert area of southern Palestine should not be taken from Israel without full consent of the Jews.

The United States, in a long-awaited statement on Palestine, also told the 58-nation political committee to look forward to admission of Israel to the United Nations.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, the American deputy, said the government in Washington generally is in accord with the conclusions of the assassinated mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, with the exception of certain principles concerning boundaries.

Bernadotte proposed that the Negev be turned over to the Arabs and that the Jews take western Galilee in exchange. The Israelis, now in control of the Negev through a successful military offensive against the Egyptians, reject this. The Negev was allotted to them under the original U. S. partition plan.

The political committee scheduled this special session on the Bernadotte plan after having intended originally to adjourn for the week-end.

The British already have asked the United Nations to seek a solution in Palestine along the lines of Bernadotte's proposals. The Jews object because loss of the Negev would reduce Israeli territory by three-fifths. The Arabs reject it because it would imply recognition of Israel as a state.

Jessup Outlines Policy Jessup said:

"The distinguished representative of the United Kingdom has presented it (the British proposal) with an invitation to amend, and we might wish to avail ourselves of this invitation at a later date."

While Jessup said the United States supported Israel's claim to boundaries outlined in the original plan, he added:

"If Israel desires additions, it would be necessary for Israel to offer an appropriate exchange through negotiations."

This was taken by observers as an invitation to Israel to renounce western Galilee, which its forces now hold, or to offer some part of the Negev in exchange for it.

Preliminary Statement Jessup, whose speech still was described as a "preliminary" statement, said of final Holy Land boundaries:

"Our general view is that we must seek further agreement between the parties rather than attempt at this time to draw specific boundary lines."

The United States, Jessup said, is "inclined to the view that the conciliation commission which Count Bernadotte recommended should undertake further effort to bring about a settlement of boundary questions."

Speaking of some 500,000 Arab refugees in Palestine, Jessup said:

"We believe that they should be permitted to return to their homes and that adequate compensation should be arranged for the property of those who choose not to return."