

Columbia Flood Not Menacing Say Engineers

Kootenai, Clearwater, Okanogan and Sillikameen Trouble Steams

(By the Associated Press) Floodwaters of the Kootenai river swirled over nearly 1000 acres of land in northern Idaho today and the snow-fed stream continued to rise slowly.

Other rivers in the Pacific northwest driven toward flood stage by melting snow gave cause for concern but the Columbia, the region's biggest, was ruled out as a major flood threat.

Of the 1000 acres covered by water in the Kootenai valley, only a small portion was cropland. Nearly 250 acres of wheat land was inundated there yesterday when a small dike crumpled. The balance was believed to be range and pasture land, much of it unprotected by dikes.

Kootenai on Rampage
The Kootenai neared the 30-foot mark at noon today (Saturday) just a foot below flood stage. Construction workers patrolled the banks and added to the height of dikes protecting the town of Bonners Ferry and farms in the valley.

A company of army engineers from Fort Lewis, Wash., stood by with heavy equipment ready to answer emergency calls.

Observers at Bonners Ferry on the banks of the Kootenai said the town was not in immediate danger. Dikes there are several feet above the water level.

Workers and farm residents were aware, however, that weak spots in the newly patched dikes could break without warning as the river rose.

Okanogan Floods Lowlands
The Clearwater pushed into the basements of several river edge homes at Orofino, Idaho. The Okanogan river grew too large for its normal course and poured out into lowlands and pastures. It was reported that six families had moved from their homes at Omak, Wash., as the Okanogan edged upward. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Grand Coulee Storing Flood

Portland, May 14 (AP)—Grand Coulee dam began building up greater storage today in a "very minor" effort to lessen the lower Columbia flood crest.

Col. Theron D. Weaver, north Pacific division engineer, said limited storage space—a maximum of 450,000 acre feet—made the operation "very minor for a river as big as the Columbia."

He said the maximum effect at Vancouver could not exceed a one-foot minimizing of the crest in eight days.

Weaver said the program was worked out in co-operation with the bureau of reclamation and Bonneville power administration. Only 12,000 cubic feet per second will be held back in the next 24 hours, he said. This will be increased to 30,000 tomorrow.

If the river still is moving toward a crest, additional raise of the gates may bring the maximum 24-hour hold-back to 45,000 second feet. In eight days, the reservoir's capacity would be reached.

Weaver pointed out that Grand Coulee was not built as a flood control dam. The long-range plan in the engineers' "308" report calls for modifications which would make it a valuable factor in flood control if additional down-river dams were built, he said.

Forest Fire Rages

Portland, Ore., May 14 (AP)—Some 50 firefighters today battled a major fire—believed started by lightning—near Roseburg in southern Oregon.

Forest service employees and loggers were rushed to the upper south Umpqua river region to check the blaze, which devoured a segment of the Beaver Creek burn.

Capital Journal On Daylight Time

The Capital Journal is forced against its wishes to go on Daylight Savings Time with the rest of the city, on Monday, to avoid still greater confusion and speed its delivery service.

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Group Named To Study Age Pension System

By JAMES D. OLSON
William E. Walsh, president of the senate and Frank J. Van Dyke, speaker of the house, Saturday announced the members of a legislative committee to study the old age pension system in Oregon.

Walsh appointed Sens. Austin F. Flegel, Portland, and Rex Ellis of Pendleton, and Van Dyke named Reps. Sweet of Tillamook county, Earl L. McNutt of Lane county and Dean B. Erwin of Walla Walla county.

The resolution authorizing the committee was a product of the ways and means committee. The members of the committee are authorized to study the entire public assistance program in Oregon, both from a state and county level.

Allege Waste of Funds
Rep. William B. Morse who proposed the resolution and who was chairman of a sub-committee that turned out the old age bill adopted by the legislature, contended that there is much waste of funds in the administration of public assistance funds. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

OK \$12,650 for Emergencies

The state emergency board, in its first meeting since the legislature adjourned, authorized emergency expenditures totaling \$12,650.

The largest called for \$8,000 for remodeling the basement of the capitol to provide a hallway connecting with the service tunnel from the new state office building. Another appropriation was for \$2,000 to enlarge the state telephone exchange in the old state office building to accommodate increased stations when the new office buildings is completed.

The state engineer was granted \$3,700 for a study of underground water supply and \$950 was given for purchase of books for the state law library.

The board deferred until its next meeting, set for June 17, a request from the secretary of state's office for authority to expend \$32,818 in enforcement of a new law requiring inspection of school buses. The board wanted fore information and William E. Walsh, president of the senate, who is chairman of the board and Harold Phillippe, secretary, were asked to make a study and report back to the committee.

McKay to Go to Washington, D. C.

Portland, May 14 (AP)—A number of Oregon notables will be in Washington, D. C., next week as a congressional hearing opens on the army engineers' long-range program for Columbia basin development.

Governor McKay intends to attend. Several high-ranking officers from the Portland office of the army engineers will be there.

In addition State Rep. W. B. Morse will fly to the capitol to urge construction of the proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river. The army engineers' report would prevent construction of the dam, for it reserves that area for fishing resources.

Uncle Sam to Go in Red For \$3 Billion Next Year

Washington, May 14 (AP)—Congressional tax experts estimated today the government will go into the red about \$3,000,000,000 in the fiscal year starting July 1. This estimate is sharply higher than President Truman's own budget estimates of a \$900,000,000 deficit. However, there had been earlier reports the congressional experts might estimate the deficit for the next fiscal year as high as \$5,000,000,000.

The staff of the joint senate-house tax committee said it based its three billion deficit estimate on a belief that tax revenues, due to reduce business activity, will be around \$2,100,000,000 less than President Truman has anticipated.

The staff report calculated in round figures government will take in \$38,900,000,000 and spend \$41,900,000,000, leaving a deficit of around \$3,000,000,000. The report said that for the same period under President Truman's budget estimates the treasury will take in \$41,000,000,000 and spend \$44,000,000,000, leaving a deficit of around \$3,000,000,000.

Scotland Yard Arrests Eisler On U. S. Request

London, May 14 (AP)—The U. S. embassy announced tonight Scotland Yard has arrested Gerhart Eisler, communist fugitive from New York aboard the Polish ship Batory at Southampton.

An embassy spokesman said Eisler "offered some personal resistance."

"He is en route by tender to the Southampton docks now," the spokesman said. That was shortly after 9 p. m.

U. S. Wants Eisler
The United States wants Eisler returned. The embassy earlier had announced that a Scotland Yard inspector was going to the Batory with a warrant for Eisler, after once returning empty handed.

"He will be held in Southampton tonight and brought to Bow street tomorrow," the spokesman said.

London's Bow street is both a jail and a magistrates' court.

"Extradition proceedings will be taken as soon as a magistrate is available to sit," he continued.

Forfeits \$23,500 Bail
Eisler, described by congress as America's No. 1 communist, was at liberty on \$23,500 bail when he stowed away aboard the Batory in New York. He faces two possible prison sentences in the United States—for contempt of congress and violation of U. S. immigration laws.

The embassy spokesman said he assumed the Batory's captain had turned down an offer to delay serving of the warrant on Eisler if the ship's sailing, now long overdue, would be delayed until Monday.

Ask Clark for Explanation

Washington, May 14 (AP)—Rep. Nixon (R., Calif.), said today Attorney General Clark owes congress an explanation of justice department "laxity" in the escape of communist leader Gerhart Eisler.

Nixon is a member of the house un-American activities committee, which once called Eisler the top communist in this country.

But since a senate judiciary subcommittee already is working on legislation to curb operations of reds and subversives, Nixon suggested that it call Clark for an explanation.

Senator McCarran (D., Nev.), head of the senate group, indicated meanwhile that he's having his own difficulties with the justice department.

Newsman told McCarran there have been reports that the department had refused to cooperate with the subcommittee staff in making available information about persons the group wants to question.

"It has not developed to a point where I can call it trouble," McCarran replied. "We have been trying to get cooperation and we shall continue to try."

When a newsman said McCarran's remarks seemed to indicate disension between the subcommittee and the justice department, the Nevada senator agreed that they did indicate that.

"I don't believe I ought to say anything more about it," he added.

Ex-Senator White III
Washington, May 14 (AP)—Former Senator Wallace H. White, Jr., 71, (R., Me.), was reported to be in a "critical condition" today after a heart attack at his home last night.



Texas Woman Visitor—Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, Texas, first vice president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, arrived by plane Friday afternoon to attend the 28th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs in session in Salem through Saturday and Sunday. Judge Hughes is the official national representative at the convocation. Greeting her here at the McNary field is Mrs. Winifred Herrick, a past president of the Oregon Federation of BPW clubs, and official hostess to Judge Hughes while in Salem. Judge Hughes is of a Texas district court, corresponding to a circuit court in Oregon.

Gatch Talks to Clubs On Present Day Trends

"Food" for thinking as well as for eating was handed out to the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs' convention luncheon Saturday noon when Vice Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, Portland, made brief but pointed comments on present day trends in this country and its government. Meat for his remarks mainly was based from selected statements from past historians, writers and statesmen.

Among other points he quoted from Benjamin Franklin to state if we would sacrifice our liberty for security we deserve neither. Referring to Thomas Jefferson, the admiral quoted regarding the choice between luxury and profusion on one hand and liberty and economy on the other. He reminded the group that Marx and Engels in their communist manifesto 101 years ago stated the best way to destroy a capitalistic nation is through unbearable income taxes. Quoting from Buckle, Admiral Gatch pointed out Buckle had said every country which has ever fallen has fallen for one reason—too much government. The visitor concluded his talk by mentioning the Monroe Doctrine then the Atlantic Pact and asking his listeners to draw their own conclusions.

The convention, 28th for the Oregon federation, opened its business sessions this morning in the First Methodist church. By this evening, more than 300 out-of-town delegates and visitors are expected to be registered.

Judge Sarah T. Hughes, Dallas, Texas, first vice president of the National Federation of BPW clubs, is here to represent the national group at the meeting and will be the speaker for the program at 8 p. m. Saturday in the armory. She will be honored at a formal dinner to be given at 6:15 o'clock in the Marion hotel, part of the group also to meet at the Legion club for the dinner, both groups adjourning to the armory later. More than 400 are to be cared for at the dinners.

Election of officers was under way Saturday afternoon, the polls opening at noon. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Cooler Weather for Oregon Forecast
(By the Associated Press)
Oregon's hot weather was tempered a bit today and lower temperatures were in prospect through Monday.

The weather bureau reported that morning cloudiness and some afternoon cloudiness would bring temperatures down in most of the state.

The cooling-off was apparent in some parts of the state yesterday with Klamath Falls and Roseburg reporting 73-degree maximums, Lakeview 73 and Eugene 77.

Several points had rain in varying amounts with Lakeview's 26 of an inch the greatest.

Ontario led yesterday's heat parade at 91. Pendleton reported 87, Baker 84, Portland and Burns 83, Salem and Medford 81 and Bend and La Grande 80.

THE WEATHER
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Sunday with scattered thunder showers in afternoon. Slightly cooler. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 49 degrees; highest Sunday, 72. Conditions will continue generally favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 81. Minimum today 52. Mean temperature yesterday 67 which was 11 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today, trace. Total precipitation for the month 1.58 inches which is 33 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning, 5.8 feet.

Flood Control Bill Agreed On

Washington, May 14 (AP)—Senate and house conferees were in agreement today on agreement today on provisions of the first deficiency appropriation bill. They are expected to report the measure Monday to both chambers for final passage.

The compromised figures reflected general increases for flood control and reclamation projects over provisions of the bill as it originally passed the house. Included was an increase of \$250,000 for the Columbia basin project.

On numerous other items in the measure, which appropriates funds for use through the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, the senate had voted for increases over house provisions. The conferees finally settled on "in between" figures for most of them.

A \$2,500,000 item in the house version for use by army engineers in emergency flood control work was boosted by the senate to \$20,000,000. The conferees agreed on \$10,000,000.

Reclamation projects where differences occurred, with the house figure first, the senate figure second and the conferees' agreement third, follow: Columbia basin, Wash.—\$4,500,000, \$5,000,000, \$4,750,000.

Grandstand Falls At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., May 14 (AP)—Twelve persons were reported ed injured today when a section of a grandstand collapsed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The stand, an old wooden structure on the southwest turn of the big two and a half mile track, was crowded with approximately 5000 fans watching the opening of qualification trials for the May 30 race.

Joe Quinn, safety director of the speedway, said the injured persons fell through the floor of two boxes directly at the center of the long southwest turn.

He said they apparently were not hurt seriously, but all were removed to an Indianapolis hospital. The other persons in the stands remained in their seats.

International Police Force For Atlantic Pact Proposed

Washington, May 14 (AP)—A group of senators gave serious thought today to an international police force for the North Atlantic alliance.

Senators Mundt (R., S.D.), and Hendrickson (R., N.J.), said they are among several lawmakers who look favorably on such a plan to enforce peace.

Mundt said he will back a move for an international police force, to include Spain, Turkey, China, Argentina, and "all other non-communist countries of the world."

Hendrickson said he is "sympathetic to the objectives," but has not yet become an active supporter of the plan. He added that he'd like to see it done under the United Nations.

The two senators gave their views to reporters in separate interviews.

Bridge expert Ely Culbertson has interested a group of senators in his idea for setting up a "contingent force" among the 12 pact nations.

This volunteer army would be made up of exiles and citizens of countries not large enough to have their own ar-

West Europe's Weak Defense Invites Attack

State Department Says U. S. Must Supply Arms

Washington, May 14 (AP)—The state department declared today that the present defenses of western Europe are so weak they "invite military aggression."

It said the United States "must assist" in rebuilding those defenses with a first year arms aid program of \$1,130,000,000 and more later.

In an official "peace paper," the department disclosed in comprehensive detail for the first time a six-point plan for helping free nations strengthen their defenses. This program will be presented to congress soon by President Truman.

To Prevent Invasion
At the same time, the department went as far as it could in committing the United States to the policy of preventing any invasion of western Europe. Only in this way, it said, can the United States "count on our friends in western Europe to resist" an attack.

The paper, latest in a series on "building the peace," brought out that officials expect American arms aid to these nations to continue for a number of years.

"In brief," the state department said, "these things" will be recommended in the military assistance program: "That all projects of United States military aid be brought together in one program. Single Appropriation

"That a single appropriation be made to cover the costs of the entire military aid program (for the fiscal year 1950, these amounts would be about \$1,130,000,000 for the North Atlantic pact countries and about \$320,000,000 for Greece and Turkey and certain other nations whose security is important to the United States, making a total of about \$1,450,000,000.

"That the chief executive be given the authority to make flexible use of these funds and to meet emergencies as they arise.

"That most of our aid at this time go to western Europe, an area whose importance to our security has been demonstrated in two world wars.

Shanghai Nearing By Chinese Reds

Shanghai, May 14 (AP)—Two communist wedges plunged closer to Shanghai's heart today. The thunder of artillery resounded through the tense city.

The roar of a battle less than 20 miles to the north rolled over Shanghai's lifeline to the sea all the way to Woosung. It is the fortress guarding the confluence of the Whangpoo and the Yangtze.

To the southwest of Shanghai, another communist thrust drove within 20 miles of the city's center. In the path, less than 13 miles away, was Lungwha airport. This is the last air link with the outskirts.

Britons in Shanghai were given a final evacuation warning. Deadline for passport clearance was fixed at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

There was no new warning to Americans. The U. S. consul general said all who intended to leave had gone.

Two American ships and a Norwegian vessel sailed down the narrow Whangpoo past Woosung to the open sea as the blasting of big guns to the north reverberated over the last sea escape channel.

Gen. Tang En-Po, Nationalist regional commander, cancelled a news conference scheduled for tomorrow. There was no explanation.

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United Nations Approves Press Freedom Treaty

First International Pact But U. S. Press Undecided on Joining

New York, May 14 (AP)—The United Nations assembly approved early today the world's first proposed treaty affecting press freedom, and thereby set a problem for the press of the United States.

The pact is entitled "Convention on the International Transmission of News and the Right of Correction."

U. S. Delegate Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, told reporters just before dawn the question now is whether the U. S. really wants to join it.

Canham said the U. S. press and news distributors would have to decide.

Opposed by Russia
Only the Russian-dominated Slav bloc opposed the pact in a final vote shortly before 2 a. m. (EST), ending a marathon debate which began yesterday morning.

The roll call showed 33 nations in favor, six against, 13 abstentions and seven countries absent.

Provisions in twenty-three articles of the proposed treaty would extend to news, radio and film correspondents in all countries adhering to the convention the rights and privileges they now enjoy in the U. S. and other democracies.

The terms also provide for an international right-of-correction for the first time in history.

Right of Correction
Under this, a member country could ask another member government to deliver to news agencies in its territory corrective replies to news the first country considers injurious to it. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

Agreement in 4 Power Talks

Berlin, May 14 (AP)—The first four-power talks in Berlin since last spring yielded today what American sources described as "a most complete agreement" with the Russians on the mechanics of a new East-West trade. The Russian blockade and the western counter blockade halted the trade for nearly a year.

At the same time, the United States, Britain and France approved self rule for western Berlin under limited allied supervision and the Russians declared their intention of resuming speedy deliveries of goods owed to 18 nations for past reparations to the Soviet Union.

The four economic advisers of the military governments wound up a series of conferences late in the day, after which the American representative, Lawrence F. Wilkinson, said:

"We are making very good progress. The position is that both sides give a little and take a little and we'll probably come out with a solution somewhere in the middle."

He referred to the western stand that the old trade agreements are outmoded, violate today's current supply and demand market and are based on a single Reichsmark currency for all Germany, whereas actually there are two.

Wilkinson said the meetings would be resumed next Wednesday.

Man's Body Recovered

Hood River, May 14 (AP)—A body was recovered from the Columbia river here yesterday. It was believed to be that of Jesse A. Elliott, 47, the Dallas tugboat hand who was drowned February 21. Fuel oil fittings and wiping rags were found in the man's pockets.