

# Cold Weather Eases Northwest Flood Situation

Tragedy on Clearwater Claims 3 Lives—Snow Melt Slowed

(By the Associated Press) A welcome temperature drop eased the Pacific northwest flood situation today (Monday), just after one of the snow-swollen rivers claimed three lives and a highway bridge.

Three members of a log-driven crew disappeared in the Clearwater river rapids at Leno, Idaho, yesterday when their 16-foot rowboat capsized.

The victims were Leonard Chase, 28, Orofino; Walter Anderson, 42, Pierce; and Ray Fitting, 32, Stites. Four others saved themselves by grabbing overhanging limbs.

**Peck Bridge Collapses** The Peck bridge, a 750-foot span across the same river at Peck, Idaho, collapsed yesterday morning into the swollen waters. The high water of a year ago, plus the pounding of this year, was blamed.

Cooler weather, that slowed the snow melt, slowed the rise of several rivers today. Some were even beginning to fall. Nearly all streams in the Yakima river watershed were dropping.

The Kootenai river started falling at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, at 9 a.m. today. It had reached a stage of 30.9 feet, a mark equaled only seven times in the last 57 years.

Army engineers and civilian crews were worried about three dikes sheltering 1000 acres of farm land along the Kootenai. They can't be reached for strengthening and might go out if the river stays high long enough to soften them.

**Kootenai Dikes Shaky** The Columbia river rose to more than six feet beyond flood stage at Vancouver, Wash., and several families along the half-inundated lower river road prepared to leave. Three, dwelling in the lowest part of the area, moved out yesterday.

The Aluminum Company of America plant, reached by the same road, was not in trouble. High dikes, built after last year's disaster, protect the plant.

The Willamette river, swollen by the Columbia's backwash, touched 2.9 feet above the flood mark at Portland this morning. Low docks were inundated, but their owners had already removed property safely.

The Portland weather bureau said the Columbia would rise a half a foot more at Vancouver by Thursday, and then fall slightly Friday.

The middle Columbia from Coulee to Pasco—aided by impounding of water in Grand Coulee reservoir—was forecast to fall slightly during the next two days. The lower Snake was expected to remain nearly stationary for 24 hours, and then fall slightly Tuesday.

# Red Commies at Shanghai Doors

Shanghai, May 16 (AP)—The communists were knocking at the gates of Shanghai today.

Most foreign airlines were suspending operations. The last evacuees were scurrying away. Communications with the outside world were sharply reduced. But Shanghai still waited for the Reds with no great outward show of concern.

The smashing efforts by the communists to take Woosung, the fortified section where the Yangtze and Whangpoo converge, have so far failed.

Red Gen. Chen Yi's warriors have been at the edge of Woosung several times. But they have not been able to stay there. Ships still come and go.

The nationalists' latest communique says the Reds lost 500 dead and 600 prisoners around Woosung. Thwarted at Woosung the Reds jabbed at defenses around Hung Jao airport. The nationalists said they were driving them back.

Hung Jao airfield is only a stone's throw from Shanghai's old French concession. The airfield has not been in operation for several weeks. The few planes leaving Shanghai now take off from Lungwah airfield.

# First Barge Arrives Since Blockade Started

Berlin, May 16 (AP)—The first barge since the Russian blockade was imposed 10 months ago arrived in Berlin today.

She was the "Emma," loaded at Hamburg with 100 tons of mixed cargo and food packages for western Berlin.

The arrival of the barge opened the last of traffic lanes which had been closed by the Russian blockade of the city. Train and highway traffic resumed at midnight, May 12.

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# British Consign Eisler to Jail Until Hearing

London, May 16 (AP)—A British court today consigned Gerhart Eisler, German communist agent wanted by the United States, to a jail cell for eight days while protests against his arrest echoed in the house of commons and the British foreign office.

Magistrate John Eastwood of London's Bow street court set May 24, next Tuesday, as the date for the hearing on American attempts to extradite Eisler to the United States.

**Bail Is Refused** Eastwood refused to allow bail for Eisler. The balding communist will spend the next eight days in Brixton prison, London.

While Eisler stood in the Bow street prisoner's dock, Polish Ambassador Jerzy Michalowski was at the foreign office delivering a stiff protest against Eisler's arrest aboard the Polish liner Batory in Southampton harbor last Saturday night.

The small, bespectacled communist, wanted in the United States for skipping bail pending appeals on conviction for passport fraud and contempt of congress, was dragged, kicking and screaming, from the liner by British police.

**Polish Protest Delivered** Michalowski delivered Poland's protest to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in person.

In the house of commons, Home Secretary James Chuter Ede rejected a communist attempt to force what would amount to a vote of censure for the government's action in arresting Eisler at the request of the United States government.

Eisler was brought to London after a Southampton's magistrate court this morning remanded him to Bow street, the only British court empowered to hear extradition cases.

The former No. 1 communist agent in the United States was seized at the request of the United States, which wants him for skipping bail of \$24,500 pending appeal of conviction for passport fraud and contempt of congress.

# U. S. Threatened To Seize Liner

Washington, May 16 (AP)—The state department said today the United States had threatened action to seize the Polish liner Batory unless the master of the ship surrendered the fugitive communist Gerhart Eisler to British authorities.

The department said formal notice was served on the ship's captain that unless he gave up Eisler when the Batory put into Southampton "the attorney general will proceed against the vessel and other applicable penalties under United States law."

Eisler, German-born communist leader who fled from the United States aboard the Polish ship, was removed forcibly from the Batory at Southampton Saturday.

The Polish embassy in London said in a statement yesterday that the U.S. had made the threat to seize the Batory the next time she returned to American waters.

# McKay Going to Capital

Governor Douglas McKay will fly to Washington tomorrow to testify at congressional hearings against the proposed Columbia Valley authority. Senate President William E. Walsh will be acting governor.

# James Lamb Appointed Boys Training School Head

James Lamb, 38, probation officer for the Multnomah county court of domestic relations for the past five years, was named by the state board of control today to be superintendent of the Boys Training school at Woodburn.

Lamb, the number 1 choice for the boys and girls schools, succeeds M. D. Woolley, who resigned April 1 to manage the Harney county chamber of commerce.

Lamb will take over the \$5,400-a-year job about July 1. Lamb received his training in physical education at Washington State college. Then he took social service work at the University of Chicago, as well as working in Chicago's tenement district.

He then went to work for the Washington state department of public welfare, and during the war he did recreation work for



**Hybridizer Sees His Product**—E. G. Lapham, noted hybridizer of Elkhart, Ind., Saturday saw in the Schreiner gardens near Quincy, an iris that he developed. Mr. Lapham, at right, is shown here with Robert Schreiner. The Indiana man has been hybridizing for 25 years, and was one of the American iris growers traveling through the valley in connection with the Portland convention. They also saw the Cooley and the Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge gardens at Silverton.

# Need \$1,570,000,000 For Columbia Program

Washington, May 16 (AP)—Major General Lewis A. Pick, chief of army engineers, recommended today a \$1,570,000,000 water program for the Columbia river basin.

Pick told a house public works subcommittee on flood control the Pacific northwest needs for water development are great.

He said the Columbia river basin "needs for development are among the greatest in the nation."

The engineers' plan, he said, includes projects for flood control, power, irrigation, recreation, conservation, and navigation.

Demands for flood control were again emphasized tragically by the floods of 1948, he said.

Pick said the engineers' program is expected to provide more than 6,000,000 kilowatts of power.

He said plans call for extension of navigation to Lewiston, Idaho, on the Snake river and to Harrisburg, Ore., on the Willamette.

The subcommittee of which Rep. Davis (D., Tenn.), is chairman, announced plans for a hearing Friday on the Columbia river basin program. At that time, Pick said, army engineers will present detailed recommendations.

Rep. Angell (R., Ore.) commented that damages from floods along the Columbia basin amounted to more than \$1,000,000 last year.

In answer to a question by Angell, Pick said the proposed Columbia valley administration would not interfere with the engineer's development for the basin.

# Four Alaskans Split Tanana Pot

Nenana, Alaska, May 16 (AP)—Four native Alaskans, who correctly guessed the day, hour and minutes of annual breakup on the Tanana river, split \$164,000 today.

The ice broke at 2:39 p. m. (PST) Saturday.

Correct guessers on the \$164,000 jackpot were Olaf Erikka and Ivo Nickelson of Anchorage and La Lay and Betty Dan of Fairbanks.

# Waiting Lines at Rent Control Office

Three days of waiting lines have been the experience of the Salem area rent control office as a result of publication of notice that Monday is the deadline for registration of housing units brought under control by the 1949 housing and rent act.

The notice was published on Thursday. The response was immediate. A line of registrants formed Friday. Ordinarily the rent control office is not open on Saturday. But one of the clerks happened to go to the office and ran into enough business to keep her busy for an hour and a half.

A line was waiting throughout the forenoon Monday, which dwindled at the noon hour, but grew again in the afternoon.

The situation is reminiscent of the clerks said, of the earlier days of rent control in 1946.

# Kodak Prices Slashed

Rochester, N.Y., May 16 (AP)—The Eastman Kodak Co. slashed prices today on popular still and movie cameras and projectors an average of 12 1/2 per cent. On some items the price cuts ranged to 17 1/2 per cent.

# Commies Win In 3 European Rigged Elections

(By the Associated Press) The communists shadow-boxed through three elections in Europe yesterday. They counted votes today and found, to nobody's surprise, they had won.

The elections were in Hungary, Bulgaria and the eastern zone of Germany. The German voting is continuing today. Following the pattern laid down by the Soviet Union, there was but a single slate of candidates in each place, carefully chosen in advance by communist-controlled organizations.

**Hungarian Election** The Budapest government said first official figures on Hungary's voting for a new parliament showed 97.3 per cent in favor of the hand-picked slate.

In Sofia the official tally made it appear that virtually every voter turned out to mark his ballot for the government.

In Germany, the voters had a choice of voting "ja" or "nein" on a hand-picked slate of people's congress members. This "congress" is expected speedily to set up a government to rival that of west Germany. Communist predictions for the election were for a virtually solid "ja" vote.

**Nearly Unanimous** A Hungarian interior ministry statement said only 1.9 per cent of the first 1,134,000 ballots counted were cast against the government slate. The official count this morning was: government, 1,123,000; against the government, 21,700; invalid ballots, 9,600. Absenteeism was about the only way a voter could safely register protest, but since no figures on those eligible to vote were issued, the absentees could not be checked accurately.

These elections, the first since 1947, are expected to pave the way for the final step in communist domination of Hungary. The communist controlled new outlets of eastern Germany reported a 60 per cent turnout of voters yesterday in the first day of the two-day balloting. By tonight the communists predicted a virtually solid "ja" for their list of people.

# Government In Ford Strike

Washington, May 16 (AP)—The federal government stepped into the Ford strike today in an effort to get a settlement.

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO Auto Workers, visited Federal Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching and talked with him about the strike.

Coming out of Ching's office, Reuther told a reporter, in reply to a question, that Ching's agency consultation service plans to "have a man there today" meaning at the strike negotiations in Detroit.

The union had asked the mediation service to intervene in the strike.

The Ford Motor company, with 100,000 men idle, had declared in Detroit earlier that it would give "all possible assistance" to any federal peace effort.

President Henry Ford II asked, however, that Ching "weigh carefully" certain factors other than the strike itself before stepping into the dispute. One of this is the company's contention that factionalism and politics in the union led to the strike.

Union officials deny that.

**Landers Given Fines** Independence—Donald L. Landers, Scotts Mills, was fined a total of \$125 by W. A. Wiest, justice of the peace. For theft of a flashlight from the parked automobile belonging to Robert Durfee near the Independence sawmill he was fined \$25 and for taking a jacket, two billfolds, flashlight, motor oil and an auto robe from the parked car of Lloyd Lane, also in the mill vicinity, he was fined \$100.

# THE WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 48 degrees; highest Tuesday, 74. Conditions will continue favorable for agriculture work except for fresh to occasional moderate northerly winds. Maximum yesterday 67. Minimum today 46. Mean temperature yesterday 58 which was 2 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 1.54 inches which is 37 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Monday morning, 5.8 feet.



(Above) Wallace S. Wharton (Below) Earl L. Fisher

# Non-Unionist Truman Painter

Independence, Mo., May 16 (AP)—The summer White House has less than half its spring coat of paint today and President Truman has a protest over the non-union painter.

The protest is a registered letter mailed to the president by painters district council No. 3, A. F. L.

John H. Moler, 67, who started a one-man job on the president's home May 3, says he's not a union man, never been and doesn't intend to be one, but doesn't have any grudge against the union.

Moler, who says he painted for the Trumans before, says he can't understand "why the union is so upset."

Jack Cooke, union representative who announced the mailing, said "after all, Truman has championed himself as the man of the hour in labor and you can't serve but one master—if you serve him right."

Cooke said the letter was "no-ification" to the president that Moler is doing the job.

There was no comment from the White House.

# Dallas May Go On Daylight Time

Dallas, May 16 (AP)—Decision on the daylight savings-standard time situation will be reached within a few hours.

The city council will take action Monday night while the Polk county court is to determine its action Tuesday. Both Mayor Hollis Smith and County Judge C. F. Hayes believe the change will be approved.

Operations at the Willamette Lumber company mill were on daylight savings time Monday, conforming to the change in Salem.

# Tornado Strikes Amarillo Killing 4, Injuring 65

Amarillo, Tex., May 16 (AP)—A kipping, whipsawing tornado chewed up a four-square mile area in southern Amarillo last night, killing four people. About 65 were injured.

It was the first destructive tornado in the 62-year-old history of this Panhandle capital of 102,000 people.

Dawn found Red Cross and volunteer workers still picking their way through acres of shambles. It looked as if a big kitchen mixer had dipped in, stirred everything up, and then spewed it around.

Although many sections of Amarillo were hit, the tornado's most destructive blow fell on the southern area dotted largely with new homes for veterans.

Ambulances and highway patrol units funneled into Amarillo from a 200-mile radius, bringing injured to the crowded hospitals. Red Cross people flew in from St. Louis.

To property damage here may be added heavy loss to crops in

# State Board of Control Ousts Fisher and Wharton from Tax Commission Over McKay's Protest

Ray Smith of Portland and Robert MacLean of Lincoln to Take Office June 4—Governor Alleges Political Deal by Newby and Pearson

In a stormy session of the state board of control Tax Commissioners Earl L. Fisher and Wallace S. Wharton were ousted and new men named to replace them as Governor Douglas McKay charged his fellow members with "entering into a deal."

The new commissioners are Ray Smith, secretary of the Portland Aerie of Eagles and prominent republican in Multnomah county to replace Fisher in the income tax division and Col. Robert MacLean, county commissioner of Lincoln county who will take over Wharton's post in the assessment division of the commission.

The new men will assume office on June 4, when the terms of the present incumbents expire.

Smith was nominated by Secretary of State Newby and supported by State Treasurer Walter Pearson and MacLean was named by Pearson and supported by Newby. In both cases Governor McKay refused to concur.

"When you have men who are doing an efficient job I don't like to see you fire them," declared McKay. "And another thing I don't like is for you two gentlemen to meet a half-hour before this meeting and enter into a deal and give me no chance to consider it."

**Newby Denies Deal** Both Pearson and Newby countered by declaring that the governor had refused to discuss the appointments with them.

"I talked to you governor three weeks ago," declared Pearson, "and other than to say that you were for Fisher and Wharton and no one else, you would not discuss it."

Newby then denied that he had entered into any "deal" with the state treasurer and that more than a month ago had refused to support the state treasurer's suggestion that Howard Morgan, Portland democratic representative be appointed to the job.

"You two men have the votes but I wish to say again that I don't like to see men who are performing an efficient job get kicked out in this way," the governor declared. "You have started to fix me up but the voters will have the final say."

McKay said that Commissioner Fisher would reach the age 65 next March and he was in favor of retaining him until that time. He also said that Commissioner Wharton had long experience in the tax commission and he could see no reason to displace him.

**Biographies of Appointees** Smith was born in Portland on March 10, 1908. He obtained a law degree from the Northwestern college of law in 1936 and for a number of years was an auditor in the division of audits of the secretary of state's office. Later he acted as fiscal agent for the state board of health and was also employed by the corporation department. He returned to the bureau of audits working there until 1946 when he became secretary of the Eagles lodge. He is married and lives in Portland.

MacLean was born on July 9, 1901, in Minneapolis, Minn., and came to Waldport in 1949 where he has operated a 190-acre ranch. He served 16 months in the first world war as a private and enlisted in the second war as a private in the air corps and went out of the service as a lieutenant colonel.

He is married and has three children. He was elected county commissioner of Lincoln county last November.

**Funeral Services Will Be Held** from the Newport Christian church at 10 o'clock Wednesday (standard time) with committal services at the City View cemetery in Salem at 3:30 o'clock (daylight savings time), under the direction of the Parker funeral home at Newport.

**Truman Gives Award To Mayor Dot Lee** Washington, May 16 (AP)—Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland, Ore., was one of six women to whom President Truman presented 1949 achievement awards of the Women's National Press club at an annual banquet Saturday night.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt received the club's top award as "Woman of the Year" for her work as chairman of the United Nations human rights committee.

Other winners included Mrs. Anna Mary Robertson of Eagle Bridge, N. Y., self-taught painter; Actress Madeleine Carroll; Author Mary Jane Ward of Evanston, Ill.; and Marjorie Child Husted, Minneapolis business executive.

**Power Plant Resumes** Idanha, May 16 (AP)—After being shut down since March 28 the power plant of the Idanha Lumber company is now back in operation. The Idanha Power company has been furnishing power for the mill which resumed cutting April 11. The power house was wrecked when a flywheel on the steam engine flew to pieces.

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