

Flora heads for Bahamas after battering Cuba

MIAMI (UPI) — Hurricane Flora crossed Cuba today for the third time, heading for the Bahamas and leaving a trail of destruction across three Caribbean islands which counted more than 4,100 dead.

The Weather Bureau urged emergency hurricane precautions be taken in the southeastern Bahamas islands at once. It predicted the center of the deadliest storm in 63 years would cross Crooked Island a few hours later.

Flora went on the prowl today after spending an unprecedented four days pounding Cuba where the death toll mounted to more

than 100. It left the economy of Premier Fidel Castro's regime reeling and the government ordered tight new food rationing.

The hurricane crossed into the Atlantic at 11 a.m. EST near Cape Lucrecia, the Miami Weather Bureau said. Its center was located near latitude 21.1 north, longitude 75.7 west, or about 80 miles north-northwest of Guantanamo Bay. This was 440 miles southeast of Miami.

The Weather Bureau said Flora would move generally toward the northeast at about 10 miles per hour during the day.

A Cuban government broadcast

monitored here said the town of Santa Cruz del Sur, on the south-east coast of Camaguey Province was being flooded by ocean tidal waves. The broadcast said urgent help was needed.

A tidal wave that crushed Santa Cruz del Sur on Nov. 9, 1932 killed more than 3,000 persons.

Crop damage in Cuba was in the millions of dollars. Fidel Castro assumed personal command of relief operations.

The Miami Weather Bureau said the storm was centered midway between Santiago and Camaguey.

Havana Radio announced that

all coffee distribution had been suspended in Havana because of losses to the coffee crop in Oriente Province.

Meat rations were cut in half and vegetable rations were reduced 60 per cent, the broadcast said.

Haiti Devastated

Haiti was devastated by the storm with an estimated one-third of the Negro Republic's 3 million population affected. Entire villages were destroyed and crops were wiped out. An estimated 2,000 bodies had been recovered on Haiti and officials estimated 4,000 persons in all had

died on the island.

Casualty reports began trickling in from the remote areas of hard-hit eastern Cuba. Broadcasts said at least 15 died in the town of Manzanillo alone.

Roughly 400 miles southeast of Miami, Flora was moving northeastward at around 5 m.p.h. The hurricane advisory said no change in size or intensity was expected today but warned that "some slow intensification" may take place tonight.

Predicts Heavy Rains

"Heavier rains are expected to spread slowly over the south and

central Bahamas later today and tonight while increasing gales and hurricane force winds are likely in the southern Bahamas tonight," the advisory said.

The season's sixth hurricane became the deadliest in the Western Hemisphere in 63 years Monday with the report from paralyzed Haiti that 2,000 bodies had been recovered there and that probably 2,000 more Haitians were dead in isolated areas.

Only a hurricane that claimed 6,000 lives in Galveston, Tex. in 1900 killed more persons in this part of the world, according to

U.S. Weather Bureau records.

Since striking the eastern end of Cuba with 125 mile-an-hour winds last Friday, and then making three slashes across the island to its present location, Flora's torments and lethal winds also had taken a huge economic toll in devastated coffee, sugar and vegetable crops, livestock and buildings.

Arrived in Camaguey

Castro arrived Monday night in Camaguey, about 25 miles from the hurricane's center. He ordered helicopters put aboard Soviet army trucks trying to get

through on flooded roads to the hardest hit areas and begin removal of stranded residents threatened with famine and the spread of disease.

The helicopters were unable to fly into easternmost Oriente Province, where damage was reported worst, because of Flora's winds.

A radio broadcast from Bayamo, monitored in Miami, informed Castro that 15 people had drowned in the town of Manzanillo but that the heaviest casualties were believed in the western regions of Oriente.

Forecast Partly cloudy weather in Central Oregon, but with rain west of mountains. Highs, 65 to 70; lows, 35 to 40.

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High yesterday, 68 degrees.
Low last night, 35 degrees.
Sunset today, 6:24. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:11, PDT. **Hi and Lo**

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Some gunfire still heard in Tegucigalpa

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — Scattered gunfire was heard through the day Monday and armed troops were directing traffic, but the city appeared to be returning to normal under its new military regime.

Most shops and offices were open by noon and the streets were thronged with civilians carrying on business as usual.

The principal reminders of the coup d'etat that overthrew ex-President Ramon Villeda Morales last week were soldiers on traffic duty and the occasional sight of a jeep mounting a machine gun on street patrol.

Police were continuing a roundup of known Communists, and a number of Non-Communist supporters of Villeda also were reported in custody. There were persistent reports, however, that Col. Osvaldo Lopez Arellano's military regime soon would grant a blanket pardon to political prisoners.

The army flew Villeda into exile in Costa Rica last week, but his wife still is living in their mountain home. Troops are guarding the house, but she is allowed some visitors.

Mrs. Villeda told UPI correspondent Carl Warner in an interview Monday she is sure her husband eventually will return to Honduras.

In response to a question, she told Warner she does not believe the United States should use military force to prevent coups in Latin American or to restore deposed presidents to power.

"International pressure is enough to make these things change..." she said. "Military force would not be justified."

She said she believes her husband's supporters should use "passive resistance" to combat the military regime — "nothing that would encourage anyone to kill any more people."



TREE PLANTER VISITS—Charles C. Hoover, Medford, tells Diane Swansy, sixth grader at Allen School, how to plant young spruce tree. Hoover gave away 4,000 trees in Bend public schools yesterday and today. Diane, 11, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leagjeld, 1503 E. Fourth Street. Hoover is nearing the half-way mark in his goal to give away a million trees. In six years, he has given away over 300,000, in visits to schools.

Modern-day Johnny Appleseed

Medford man distributes trees to Bend youngsters

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A modern-day Johnny Appleseed who puts his conservation theories into practice distributed 4,000 young trees to Bend district grade school pupils yesterday and today. He is Charles Currin Hoover, 73, developer of the White City subdivision near Medford.

Trees and children are Hoover's favorite interests. On both, he says, rests the future of the nation's economy.

Hoover admits modestly that he was fortunate enough "to make a little money." He can think of no better way to spend it, he says, than to do his best to see that more trees are planted. He obviously believes in keeping the balance of nature, for sometimes, he also gives away packets of grain, so children will get interested in feeding wild birds.

"I'm a grassman, not a nurseryman," Hoover emphasizes.

He made his stake as a seed grower and cattleman, and is pretty serious about putting back into the earth that which has been taken from it.

The trees given away in Bend were flown from Michigan by one of Hoover's suppliers. The collection includes a number of white-barked blue spruce from Canada, an uncommon species that is particularly ornamental. There are also Colorado and Norway spruce, weeping white birch and some ornamental junipers and Russian olives.

"My program doesn't hurt the nurserymen," Hoover explains, "because it's just like giving away candy bars." The reporter interpreted the statement as meaning that he is creating an appetite for silviculture that he is satisfied through other channels as time goes on.

Hoover has given away trees in schools throughout Oregon and northern California. Last year he and his wife visited her home county in Kansas, and gave away 21,000 trees there. She is also 73, and works with her husband on the project.

The tree planter had praise for the Bend schools and the "courtroom children."

"Don't put your teachers on the defensive," he advised. "They're processing the most important crop we have."

Hoover advised that the weeping birch trees should be planted in the ground, where they are to remain, without delay. The spruce trees, he said, do well planted in cans, with a number of holes cut in the bottoms. They can be planted in permanent locations, can and all (after making more holes or removing the bottom) in a year or two.

"If you can't plant them in cans, go ahead and plant them where they are to remain," he said. "If half the trees I brought here grow, your city wouldn't sell them for a million dollars, in 25 years."

Fischer quints all doing fine

ABERDEEN, S.D. (UPI)—All five Fischer quintuplets continued doing fine today.

St. Luke's Hospital said all of them were tolerating their food well and all five were still on the bottle. Mary Ann, the first born and the smallest, became the fifth quint to go on the bottle Sunday.

The quints were born Sept. 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer, parents of five other children.

Group opposes tax proposal

PORTLAND (UPI)—A special committee of the Portland City Club voted 5-1 Monday to recommend rejection of the legislature's tax program at a special election next Tuesday.

The recommendation will be made to club members Friday.

The committee said the burden of the state income tax should be eased by adopting new forms of taxation.

It said it recognized that there would be a reduction in state services and education if the tax measure is rejected. But it said long-term benefits would outweigh disadvantages during the next two years.

Signing the report were Clifford N. Carlson Jr., Sidney M. Cooper, Roger S. Meier, Arden E. Shenger and Timothy F. Maginnis.

Opposed to the report was Kenneth Kraemer, who said the state "cannot risk the unknown dangers of not meeting its commitments."

Geologists give clearance on site for N-power plant

BODEGA HEAD, Calif. (UPI)—Pacific Gas & Electric Company's nuclear power plant site here received tentative clearance from earthquake danger from two PG&E geologists Monday.

The two men, Dr. Don Tocher, an associate research seismologist at the University of California, and Elmer C. Marliave, Sacramento, told newsmen a newly discovered fault in a pit being excavated for the power plant is probably inactive.

The company took newsmen to the excavation site after the Atomic Energy Commission last Friday announced discovery of the fault.

Further, a government geologist, Dr. J. P. Eaton, said that in his opinion the site "is not an adequately safe location for a nuclear power plant" because of the danger of earthquakes.

Tocher said Monday that available geological evidence indicated that the fault in the excavated pit was probably more than 40-

Solon thinks wheat deal close at hand

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey said today after a White House meeting that he expects the United States to sell the Soviet Union and three of her satellites up to five million tons of wheat.

"I think a decision is close at hand," the Minnesota Democrat told newsmen at the Capitol after the legislative conference with President Kennedy.

Humphrey's statement was made in the wake of a disclosure that the Soviets, for the first time, have indicated they were interested in buying between \$150 million and \$200 million worth of wheat from this country.

Estimate Made

The senator's estimate of the total amount of possible sales—to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria as well as to Russia—was somewhat higher—between \$375 and \$400 million worth of grain. Humphrey estimated that five million tons would be more than 275 million bushels.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., said today, however, "No firm offer has been made." He indicated after the weekly meeting of Democratic congressional leaders with President Kennedy that the President would take further soundings among congressmen directly concerned with a possible wheat sale before making a final decision.

High administration sources believe that a presidential decision on the sale may come within the next day or so, or, by the latest, at the end of this week.

Delaying Decision

The administration's failure thus far to obtain bipartisan congressional backing for the move, plus a reluctance to appear to be chasing after the possibility of a Russian sale, were believed to be delaying President Kennedy's decision.

If such is the case, the Russians have removed at least part of the roadblock by making the first official move toward a possible sale.

If such a sale is approved, it is believed it would be for dollars and gold. The Johnson Act of 1934 prevents any but short-term credit being extended to nations which previously have defaulted on their debts to the United States.

Congressional reaction to a possible sale has been cautious.

Trail group picks Yardley as president

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—Delegates to the 31st annual Okanogan-Cariboo Trail Association convention here today were making plans for a promotional trip to Mexico City over the Pan American highway.

Jesse Yardley, Bend, Ore., newly elected association president, said this morning the trip by chartered bus was tentatively set for February.

Yardley also announced that the membership had approved a proposal to divide the association's business between the present Bend headquarters and a second office at Kolona, B. C. He said the second office would be opened within a month under the direction of past association president H. Harrison Smith.

The group wound up its two-day meeting at a luncheon.

Valachi testifies on hierarchy of Cosa Nostra

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mobster-murderer Joseph Valachi, testifying against a backdrop of reported bomb threats, resumed his crime chronology for senators today with a detailed breakdown on the Cosa Nostra hierarchy in New York City.

Questioned by Senate investigations subcommittee chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., Valachi said there were five "families" or sub-organizations of the crime syndicate in New York. He then ticked off the names of the gangsters.

New York Police Inspector John F. Shanley told the Senate investigators that the ranking on gang members was an unprecedented intelligence gain that should aid the war against crime.

Valachi was given added police protection after the FBI said it received threats against his life.

Chief U.S. Marshal James McShane said telephone tips were received warning that a bomb would be placed in the hearing room and that several spectators would try to shoot Valachi.

In response to questioning, Shanley graded Valachi's information as highly accurate and valuable to law enforcement authorities.

His testimony contrasted with reported criticism of the crime hearings by some New York police officials who described Valachi's testimony as familiar and not very helpful.

"This is the first time a man has gone into the genesis of it (the crime syndicate)... the administration... the procedures," Shanley said. "He has ranked these people with an apparent authenticity that is hard to doubt."

Shanley said that 142 persons pictured on a chart showing the Vito Genovese organization, to which Valachi said he belonged for 30 years, had a total of 1,064 arrests.

U.S. suspends aid payments to Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI) — The United States has suspended nearly \$12 million commercial aid payments to South Viet Nam since the August crackdown on the Buddhists and is considering further cuts, informed sources said here Monday.

The plan to further reduce aid is aimed at forcing political reforms from the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem, the sources said. It is reported now under consideration in Washington.

The payments suspended since Aug. 21, when Buddhist leaders were arrested and pagodas closed, covered aid to imports. This program costs the United States \$65 million a year, out of the total \$293 million economic aid. It finances more than 60 per cent of South Viet Nam's imports.

The sources said further suspension of this commercial aid would amount to a reduction in the economic aid to this nation and could seriously affect its economy. This might have the effect of bringing policy or personnel changes on the part of Diem's government, they added.

Related Developments

(In related developments, the Soviet Union Monday tried to block U. N. approval of a fact-finding mission to South Viet Nam. Diem's government offered to accept a team of U. N. members to investigate the Buddhist dispute. But the Russians insisted that they and the British, as co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference on Indo-China, carry out the probe.)

(Diem's sister-in-law, Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, arrived in New York Monday night to begin a 20-day tour of the United States. She said she hoped to explain her government's viewpoint to Americans.)

The American-owned Times of Viet Nam, which is close to the Ngo family and often critical of

U. S. policies here, was the first to disclose the commercial aid cuts. Its article Monday said the United States was using the cuts to put pressure on Diem.

U. S. Embassy officials declined comment, but it was learned Diem's government has not been told of the reasons for the aid suspension.

Support Vietnamese Currency

The commercial aid program helps support the Vietnamese currency. If it is suspended for a long period, the government will be forced to print more currency without reserve backing or dip into its own considerable foreign exchange reserves.

Until the suspension, the United States was giving dollars to Viet Nam to pay for essential imports; importers were buying the dollars at the official rate of exchange; and the local currency was being used by the government to pay for the military budget.

In effect, this meant that more than 60 per cent of the nation's essential imports were being financed by the United States.

A continued suspension of this aid would lead to inflation — either through the printing of paper money or the reduction of foreign exchange reserves — and this in turn could turn Viet Nam's middle classes against the government, the sources said.

They said the alternative would be for the government to relax its policies against the Buddhist leaders and other opposition factions.

House okays 2nd biggest defense bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House today approved a "no let-down" defense spending bill—second largest in peacetime history. The measure would provide \$47.2 billion to keep America in fighting trim.

The roll call vote was 335 to 3.

The bill now goes back to the Senate for final concurrence which would send it along to the White House.

The only "no" votes in the House were by Reps. Bruce Alger, R-Tex., Alvin E. O'Konki, R-Wis., and Thomas B. Curtis, R-Mo.

The bill was a compromise worked out by House and Senate negotiators from separate versions passed earlier by the two chambers. It was \$1.7 billion less than President Kennedy requested. But it still supported intact the 2.7 million-man military force called for by the chief executive.

Rep. George H. Mahon, D-Tex., chairman of the House defense appropriations subcommittee, said the bill would show the world that the American people have "not let down our guard" because of the signing of the limited nuclear test ban treaty with Russia.

"We continue to be alert to the dangers of Communist aggression," he told the House.

Mahon said the appropriation represented a declaration of U.S. intent to maintain clear military superiority over the Russians.

Bend man among three to receive honors at U of O

EUGENE (UPI)—Three Oregon citizens judged outstanding by the University of Oregon will be honored at the University's 10th annual Charter Day observance Oct. 16.

Receiving distinguished service awards from the University will be Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., Dr. Kenneth C. Swan and Philip F. Brown.

Morse has been a member of the Senate since 1945 and was formerly dean of the University's Law School.

Dr. Swan is head of the department of ophthalmology at the University Medical school in Portland.

Brown, associate editor for The Bulletin, Bend, is being recognized for his research and scholarship on Oregon's historical and geological past. He is chairman of the Oregon Geographical Names Board and Pacific Northwest director of the American Meteor Society.

Board inspects new school here

The new Bear Creek School was accepted last night as "substantially complete" by the District No. 1 board, but directors withheld final approval until a number of minor deficiencies are corrected.

The action followed a room-by-room inspection of the new plant.

Jack Annand, district architect, accompanied the board members on the tour of the facilities and made a list of items which directors felt needed attention before final payment is made to contractors.

In other business last night, the board studied plans for a 1500-seat grandstand for Bruin Field and directed the architect to have a proposal ready for consideration by its next meeting, on October 28, if possible. Annand was to confer today with athletic officials to go over changes in an original proposal which it was felt could not be bid successfully for the \$52,000 figure which the district has for construction of the facility.

Chairman Richard Wayman presided at the meeting.

Municipal band makes plans for winter season

Plans for the winter season were made by members of the Bend Municipal Band at a meeting held here last night, with Roy Lively, head of the group, presiding.

Band members decided that their first rehearsal will be held on Monday, October 21, on the stage of the Bend Senior High auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m. All adults and local high school graduates interested in playing have been invited to attend the rehearsal.

The annual Christmas concert, one of several programs planned for the winter season, will be on December 9, at the high school auditorium.