

Skiers Remain Marooned; Howitzers Aimed at Towering Drifts

Rescuers Batle Avalanche Country To Reach Stranded

By UNITED PRESS
The fading winter kept 200 skiers marooned in snowbound Utah Mountains today and sent death-dealing weather into the East.

The skiers, trapped high in the Wasatch Range by the Far West's worst blizzard of the year, faced no immediate danger. Forest Rangers fired howitzers at towering drifts in an attempt to rescue them.

In the California High Sierra, however, a rescue team fought through "avalanche country" trying to reach a young man and woman who were spotted chest deep in snow.

Snow Lashes Idaho
A new threat was posed in the West as a fresh storm rolled out of the North Pacific towards Central California. Wind-whipped snow lashed Idaho and there was up to 10 inches of new snow today in the Colorado Mountains.

Utah's 200 marooned skiers found comfortable refuge in four lodges in the Alta area, but the road to the lodge was blocked and rotary plows could chew their way through only four of five miles of drifts Monday.

One of the snowbound 200, publisher Robert S. Howard of the Pocatello (Idaho) State Journal, said "Most guests are delighted with the enormous snowfall and ideal skiing conditions—they're enjoying it to the hilt."

Young Skiers Snowbound
Elsewhere in the Wasatch range, rotary snow plows broke through to free 75 skiers marooned in the Brighton area.

But in California, officials were fearful for the two skiers lost 60 miles northwest of Bishop in the High Sierra.

The skiers were identified as Frank Dunn, 21, of Sunland, Calif., and Janice Off, 24, Los Angeles, Calif.

The new western storm, meanwhile, threatened to bring rain as far south as San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif. Flood waters had already forced evacuation of 10 families from a labor camp near Fresno, Calif.

Far worse floods plagued West Virginia, where rains which began Saturday night, sent the Guyon, Tug and other streams

Man Leaves Homes To 'Education of People'

Boston—(U.P.)—Author Charles Hammond Gibson, who died last Nov. 17, directed in his will that his Beacon Street home and the estate, "Forty Steps," at Nahant and their contents be left intact as "complete examples of the period from 1859 to 1900."

The 79-year-old writer said he wanted his homes to become museums "for the education of the people."

Medford Squadron Of CAP Wins 2nd Membership Prize

The Medford squadron of the Civil Air patrol has won second prize in the 1952 Oregon wing membership contest, it was announced today.

The squadron received a check for \$15 from Col. Kenneth S. Jordan, Oregon wing commander, who commended the unit highly on the building as well as the increase in membership through the efforts of the senior members in the organization.

Based On Numbers

The contest was based on the number of new senior members joining CAP as well as the number of old members renewing from Texas to Korea. Members of CAP may continue their membership even though they are in the military service.

Senior member Robert E. Wright, who renewed his 1952 membership from Korea, is now home on leave, and senior member Albert Eaton is now in military service in Texas.

Competition between the 24 CAP units in Oregon was stiff, with the only other winners in the contest being in the Portland area. First prize was won by Portland Squadron 3, third prize was won by Portland Squadron 2, and fourth prize was won by the Vancouver squadron.

over their banks.
National Guard troops evacuated 100 families from low-lying areas around Logan, Williamson was all but isolated by flood waters. The waters blocked traffic between Bluefield and Princeton and several schools were closed in Mercer and Wyoming counties.

Oxnam's Part in Matusow Case Sought by Solon

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. James O. Eastland said today he wants to check into Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's connection with the case of turn-about witness Harvey Matusow. Eastland (D-Miss.) summoned Matusow for another day of questioning by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee about his claim that he lied under oath in accusing persons as Communists.

Complete Picture
Eastland promised newsmen that when his group gets through with Matusow, "You'll have a complete picture of his motives, reasons, who's using him and why."

Eastland said he wants to explore any link between Oxnam and the publishers of Matusow's forthcoming book.

The publishers, Angus Cameron and Albert E. Kahn, are scheduled to testify in public later. They have already appeared in closed-door hearings. Eastland said both invoked the Fifth Amendment on questions of Communism.

Want Facts
Eastland said the subcommittee had no plans to call Oxnam, the battling bishop who tangled last year with members of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

But he told newsmen: "We want the facts on who contacted Cameron and Kahn. That's a matter the record should show." Matusow testified last week that he told Oxnam—and the bishop told the press—that he gave false testimony and was looking for a publisher for a book about it. Matusow said it was sometime after this he got an offer from Cameron and Kahn.

'Liar' Charge Shouted
Eastland said the subcommittee set no date for hearing Elizabeth Bentley, ex-Communist who Matusow charged in a stormy session was a "liar" and "unstable."

Matusow also shouted the charge of "liar" at ex-Communists Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson. But he admitted under questioning that he could name no specific case in which any of the trio gave false testimony.

Mother Killed; Homes Damaged By Tornado in Youngstown, O.

Youngstown, O.—(U.P.)—A baby twister cut a 100-foot wide path through three city blocks in an East Side residential district this morning, killing a 34-year-old mother, hospitalizing nine others, and causing damage estimated at more than \$125,000. The body of Betty Fallat, mother of a three-year-old boy, was found next to her demolished home. Four others were leveled and 12 others were ripped from their foundations.

Homes Part of Project
All the homes were part of a four-year-old housing project and were valued at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The twister came at the height of a violent electrical storm that ripped through Ohio. The Ohio Highway Patrol reported that a lake near Olive Branch, O., in southwestern Clermont county, which touches Kentucky, was threatening to break through a dam.

The patrol said the dam was moved from its original base downstream some 65 to 70 feet by the force of the lake waters, fortified by recent heavy rainstorms.

Some 10 families in the area were ordered to evacuate their homes until the flood danger passes.

North of this area, vast damage was caused by Monday night violent storms although no injuries were reported. Damage to trees, power lines and buildings was estimated at \$100,000.



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Army Exercise To Begin Sunday

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Major amphibious exercises by Army and Navy task forces will be conducted on the West Coast beginning next Sunday, the joint services announced today.

Dubbed "Operation Surfboard" the exercises will include heavy pre-assault ship and air bombardments and defenses against electronic and nuclear weapons.

The operation will start Sunday with combat loading of the 6000-man Regimental Combat team at Point Solo, Fort Lewis, Wash., which is to be considered advance base at sea for purposes of the exercise.

Units will move south to Coronado, Calif., with aircraft carriers and submarines guarding the fleet. After a rehearsal at Coronado March 18, the fleet will sail to San Clemente island for practice bombardment of an "enemy beach" set for March 19.

An assault landing is planned on the beach at San Simeon bay March 21.

State Police Officer Promoted to Sergeant

Russell H. Brendle, 3595 Table Rock rd., a member of the Medford detachment of the Oregon State Police, has been promoted to sergeant effective today, according to Capt. Paul Parson, commanding officer of the district.

Sergeant Brendle has been with the office here for about 12 years. He was promoted to take over the duties of Sgt. Bruce G. Lattin, who has been assigned to the Klamath Falls office as an assistant to Sgt. E. W. Tichenor, in charge there.



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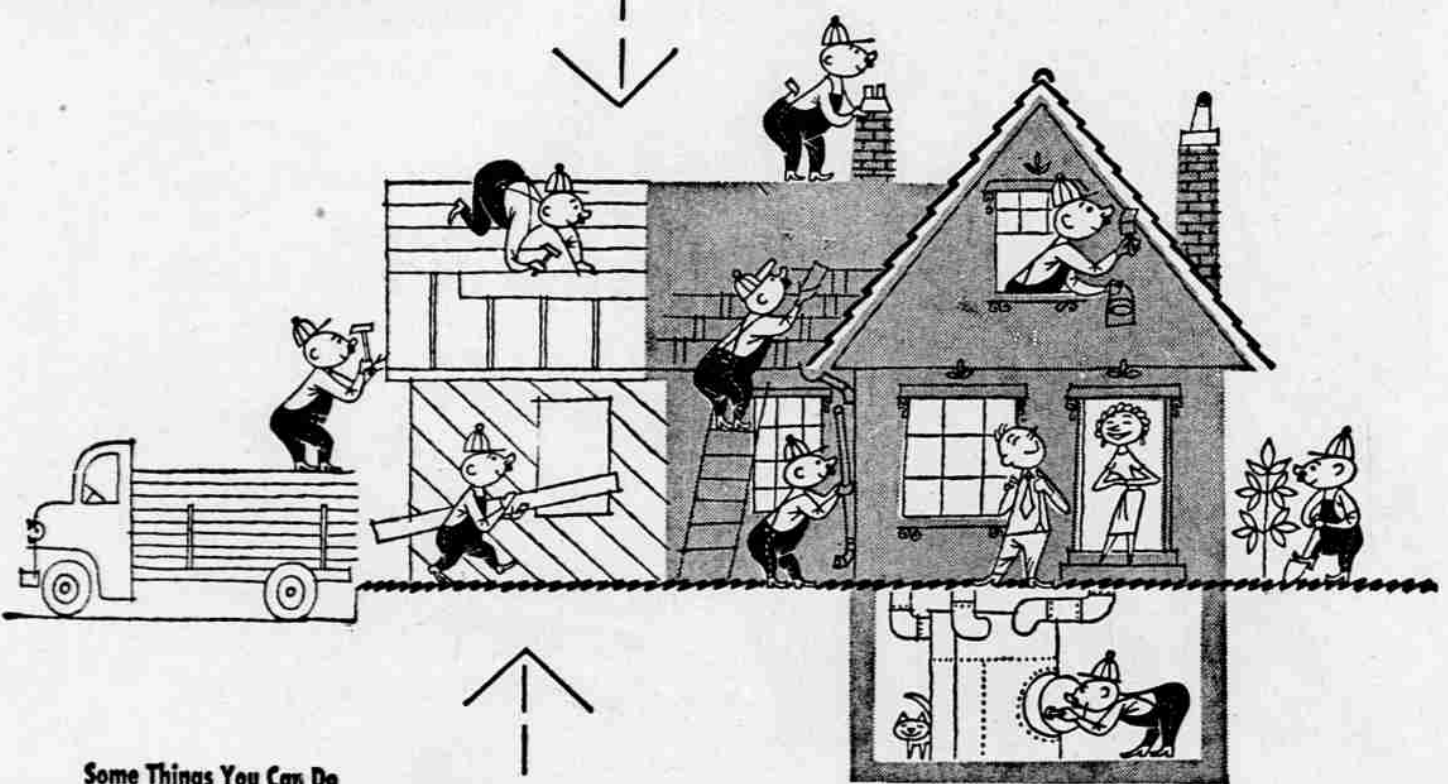
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