



STAY WAY FROM OUR DOOR—Ferry that formerly ran between Buffalo, N. Y., and Fort Erie is slammed against this house on Grand Island after one of the worst ice jams in history swept down Lake Erie and the Niagara River. The river at the time was six feet above normal.

Mississippi's Worst Flood in 50 Years Chases 1,200 Persons

By UNITED PRESS
New wintry blasts whipped into the snowy Midwest today and Mississippi's worst flood crest in 50 years forced 1,200 persons to flee their homes.

The savage series of storms which ushered in spring four days ago had claimed at least 47 lives—22 on snow-swept highways, nine in flood waters, six in tornadoes and windstorms, four in fires, and two each from exhaustion, exposure, and electrocution.

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prepared to return to their homes as flood waters on the Buffalo, Cumberland, Elk, Duck and Harpeth rivers fell.

But new floods threatened western Alabama and National Guardsmen evacuated families in amphibious ducks and helicopters in Mississippi's floodlands.

The flood on the Tombigbee river in Mississippi was the highest in half a century. It crested at Aberdeen at six feet above flood level, isolating the city, and rolled down on Columbus today.

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Eugene Man Admits Robberies Here, Eugene, Corvallis

Robert Edward Ross, 22, Eugene, has been jailed by city police on burglary charges involving \$120 taken late Tuesday or early Wednesday from the Greyhound Post House, 20 North Bartlett st., and a break and entry at the First Baptist church.

Ross was arrested in Roseburg yesterday morning on a tip from Medford city police. He was returned here yesterday, and under questioning, admitted the two local crimes.

Ross also admitted to Medford officers that he took part in 17 burglaries in Eugene and Corvallis, and that he was implicated in a strong arm robbery at Eugene.

Another Burglary Charge
In another case, Robert Greene, 35, Sacramento, Calif., was returned here yesterday by city police from Portales, N.M., to face charges of burglary. The charge involves articles taken Feb. 12 from the home of Ira D. Zimmerman, 346 South Holly st.

Greene is scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court here today or Friday.

Fred Powers Jr., Applegate, was arraigned in district court yesterday on a charge of concealing stolen property. He pleaded guilty and imposition of the sentence was continued by Judge Rawles Moore until Sept. 23.

Chinese Pirates Fail To Seize US Vessel
Hong Kong (U.P.)—Chinese pirates tried to seize a U.S. Navy ship Saturday night but were scared off, naval sources said today.

The sources said two armed junks closed in on the LST League Island as it sailed toward Hong Kong, but fled when another Navy ship arrived in answer to the transport's radioed call for help.

No shots were fired, the sources said.

The junks were described as "obviously pirates and not Communist Chinese naval vessels."

It was the first time since the U. S. Navy began using Hong Kong as a recreation port that pirates have attempted to stop an American naval vessel.

Austrian Chancellor Invited to Moscow
Moscow (U.P.)—The Soviet government today invited Chancellor Julius Raab to come to Moscow to negotiate an Austrian treaty.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov issued the invitation in an oral statement to Austrian Ambassador Norbert Bischoff after handing Bischoff the Soviet Union's written reply to an Austrian note of March 14.

Contents of both the note and Molotov's statement later were given to Western newsmen at a Foreign Ministry press conference.

Riddle Ore.—(U.P.)—Voters in this southern Douglas county community have approved, 256 to 146, a \$275,000 bond issue for local school improvements.

Washington (U.P.)—A Senate Interior Subcommittee has approved legislation for the \$1,600,000,000 Upper Colorado River Basin development.

Weather
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with a few light showers through Friday. Low tonight 35-38. High Friday 55.

Highest Yesterday 56
Lowest this Morning 44
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today03

West Gettin' Of Chances

Session Could Pave Way for Ike To Meet Bulganin

Allies Said Certain To Exchange Views

Washington (U.P.)—The West is getting ready for a fresh appraisal of the chances of holding a fruitful Big Four meeting with Russia later this year, diplomats indicated today.

The meeting, if it develops, would be a foreign ministers' session on the world's war and peace issues.

Could Be Icebreaker
If successful it could be the icebreaker for President Eisenhower to sit down face to face with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the chiefs of state of Britain and France. But first the Russians would have to give some evidence of good faith.

Diplomats said the Allies are certain to exchange views informally on Big Four talk possibilities as a result of comments on the subject by Mr. Eisenhower and high-ranking congressional leaders of both parties.

Exploratory Talks Mentioned
The possibilities also will be discussed further in official circles in this country. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles scheduled a meeting today with Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who made the first recent suggestion for a Big Four conference last Sunday.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference Wednesday he believed new exploratory talks with the Russians should be held below the chiefs-of-state level. These talks, presumably on the with the Russians should be held only after the Paris agreements on West German rearmament are ratified, the President said.

Not Sounding Board
Mr. Eisenhower made it clear a formal conference must be more than a propaganda sounding board for the Russians. But he indicated that almost any sign of Russian willingness to agree with the West on an important issue would be taken as evidence of good faith and a sign a conference might ease East-West tensions.

George reiterated today that he "wouldn't attach any rigid preconditions; otherwise you would never have a conference."

He also said he would like to see a heads-of-state meeting "this year, if possible."

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) cautioned "there are a lot of very real hurdles to be crossed" before such a meeting could be held.

Red China Must Go To Romania for Fuel
Helsinki, England (U.P.)—Owners of the Finnish tanker Aruba washed their hands today of a deal to ship jet fuel to Red China and left it up to the Communists to come and get it at the Romanian port of Constantza.

Gunnar Damstroem, president of the Re-Be Shipping Company, said the Aruba's crew whose rebellion forced cancellation of a trip to Red China, will unload the 13,000 tons of fuel at Constantza when the vessel returns there in about 14 days.

Then, he said, it becomes "an affair between the ship brokers and the Peiping authorities."

County Budget Group Holds First Meeting
The first meeting of the Jackson county budget committee was held yesterday in the county courthouse.

Members of the budget committee are Tom Wray, Medford, chairman; Roger Rath, Ashland, and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point. They met with members of the county court including Judge Rodney Keating and Commissioners Chester Wendt and L. G. Morthland.

Next county budget committee meeting has been set tentatively for April 5.

Fixtures, Inventory Of Timberline Seized
Portland (U.P.)—Federal agents yesterday seized the fixtures and inventory of Timberline Lodge to help satisfy a \$19,625 tax lien for non-payment of federal withholding taxes.

R. C. Granquist of the Bureau of Internal Revenue said the former operators of the Mt. Hood resort lodge had failed to pay the government money which was withheld from employee salaries for the last three quarters of 1954.

Responsibility for Peress Discharge Placed on Adams

Senator McClellan Calls Decision Bad

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) told Army Counselor John G. Adams today he made a "bad decision" and must take full responsibility for letting Maj. Irving Peress out of the Army without a court martial.

Adams denied that he had made a mistake, although he agreed with the chairman of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee he had "the last clear chance to shut the door" on Peress.

"You must take the full responsibility . . . You made a bad decision," McClellan told Adams for allowing the New York dentist to be discharged Feb. 2, 1954 in the face of a demand by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) that he be court-martialed.

Peress did not sign a loyalty oath when commissioned and later refused to answer questions put to him by McCarthy on alleged Communist connections.

"The man was put out of the Army," said Adams. "He belongs out of the Army. He was a subversive."

He said if Peress had broken any laws, he could still be prosecuted by the Justice Department. He added that a year later, the Justice Department still has not decided to try him.

Adams also denied that high administration figures hatched a "conspiracy" to attack McCarthy or block his investigation of Peress and of Fort Monmouth, N.J.

The "conspiracy" charge has been made repeatedly by McCarthy.

Adams denied it in detail. McCarthy has said Adams, Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., and high White House aides joined in a "successful conspiracy" cooked up at a secret meeting Jan. 21, 1954, to block McCarthy's investigations of Peress.

Adams said Peress was not mentioned at the meeting, held at the Justice Department. He said he never heard the name of Peress until Jan. 26 or 27, five or six days after the Justice Department meeting.

The subcommittee is investigating to find out why Peress, a New York dentist, was "readjusted in rank" from captain to major and honorably discharged although he had not signed a loyalty oath.

Scelba Leaves for North America Visit
Rome (U.P.)—Italy's anti-Communist Premier Mario Scelba left today by plane for a good-will visit to the United States and Canada that had urgent economic overtones.

The premier, accompanied by Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino and their aides, left Rome's international airport aboard a special Italian Airlines plane.

Scelba was seen off by virtually the entire cabinet.

"I am happy to visit two great nations allied and united with us in the defense of liberty and social progress," Scelba told newsmen before boarding the plane.

The announced purpose of their North American visit was to strengthen the links in international policy which has found the United States and Canada linked to Europe through NATO.

Family Eating Survey Due in Klamath Falls
Klamath Falls (U.P.)—The U. S. Department of Agriculture has selected Klamath Falls as the only Oregon City for inclusion in its new survey to determine what families are eating in 1955.

Lincoln and Benton counties will also be surveyed.

A private firm will collect the data for what will be the first nationwide food survey in both urban and rural areas since 1942.

Portland (U.P.)—W. C. Cole, Portland traffic consultant, has been nominated for president of the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board.

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PAUL V. MCNUTT
Once Near Presidency

Paul V. McNutt Philippines High Commissioner, Dies

New York (U.P.)—Paul V. McNutt, 63, former governor of Indiana and high commissioner to the Philippines, died here today.

McNutt was hospitalized with a throat ailment here last year and was brought to New York last month from the Philippines where he suddenly became ill while on a round the world tour.

McNutt died at his Fifth ave. apartment where he had been since his hurried return from Manila. The silver-haired politician and diplomat, who had been engaged in law practice here since shortly after World War II, appeared haggard with illness on his arrival. Associates said later, however, that he was improving and able to work daily from his apartment. He is survived by his wife, the former Kathleen Timolat, and a daughter, Louise.

Once Near Presidency
McNutt, born July 19, 1891, the son of a Franklin, Ind., judge, rose in politics to within what at one time appeared a hair's breadth of the presidency.

He was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1940, and was prominently mentioned for the nomination again in 1944, both times losing out to Franklin D. Roosevelt's decision to run again.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 414.49 up 3.62; 20 railroads 149.68 up 1.29; 15 utilities 64.27 up 0.39, and 65 stocks 154.23 up 1.27. Sales today were about 3,170,000 shares compared with 2,730,000 shares traded yesterday.

John W. Davis Dies Of Pneumonia Attack
Charleston, S. C. (U.P.)—Constitutional lawyer John W. Davis, 1924 Democratic presidential nominee, died today of pneumonia. He was 81.

Davis had argued more cases than had any other lawyer before the Supreme Court, his final great one being on behalf of the state of South Carolina that segregation in the public schools should not be outlawed.

Hospital Progress Reported
Progress toward a new, modern Memorial hospital in the Medford area, to replace the present inadequate Community hospital, was reported today.

Otto Frohnmayer, recently elected general finance campaign chairman for the project, said that the 20-acre site on Barnett rd., just south of the Rogue Valley Country club, has been acquired. Fifteen acres have been purchased by the board of directors of Community hospital, and five acres have been donated by Dr. Ira D. Phipps, Frohnmayer stated.

Building Committee Named
A building committee has been named, with Floyd Hart as chairman. The other members are George Flanagan and B. L. Nutting.

The architectural firm of Rogers and Butler, New York City, is working on plans for the new hospital, and is expected to have them well along by early July.

At that time, Frohnmayer reported, a community-wide campaign will begin to raise the necessary funds for construction. The total needed will be in the neighborhood of \$1,200,000 and of this amount substantial sums have already been given or

Sen. Knowland Takes Issue With President On Yalta Documents

Washington (U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland today took issue with President Eisenhower's statement that "there is nothing to be gained by going back 10 years and showing . . . that someone may have been wrong" at Yalta.

Mr. Eisenhower made the statement at his news conference yesterday in an apparent effort to halt partisan political squabbling over the long-secret Yalta papers which the State Department released last week.

Knowland told reporters that he agreed with Mr. Eisenhower that public discussion of the Yalta papers "not be on a partisan basis, as between Republicans and Democrats."

However, the California Senator said, "I'm confident that there will continue to be discussion of the various conferences that have been held."

"This operates in the constitutional field, of the legislative arm having adequate knowledge to perform its function as against the executive," he said.

"To understand the problems now confronting the country and those which may confront the country, if any conferences are held in the future, it is extremely important that Congress have full information and that there be discussion."

The State Department meanwhile refused to shed any light on who leaked the Yalta papers, despite heavy congressional pressure for an answer to the mystery.

Official spokesman Henry Strydom said he couldn't talk about the matter.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles took a tougher position. When asked yesterday who leaked the controversial papers, he didn't open his mouth.

Youth Is Arrested In Molesting Case
A 16-year-old Medford boy has been arrested by police after he admitted molesting three small girls, all under seven years of age, according to Police Chief Charles Champlin.

The youth was picked up at about 10 a.m. yesterday following a complaint received from the father of a four-year-old girl. The child and her older brother had identified the youth from a picture.

In a statement given to city police, the youth admitted two other molestation cases, involving a seven-year-old girl, and one about six. The latter case had not been reported to police.

Officers are investigating the possibility that the youth also may be implicated in two cases of indecent proposals made to two teenage Medford girls a few weeks ago.

Auto Chains Needed by Austin-Bound Motorists
Salem (U.P.)—Motorists traveling to Austin were advised by the State Highway department today that chains were a must. Four inches of new snow fell in the area overnight.

campaign advisory committee to formulate plans to ensure a successful campaign. The objective is to provide an institution so built and equipped that, together with Sacred Heart hospital, Medford will become a real medical center to serve the people of southern Oregon and northern California.

Campaign committee members pointed out that the recent survey conducted by the Stanford Research Institute, sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, indicates an urgent need for additional hospital accommodations. It pointed out that Medford is the center of widespread farming and lumbering operations—industries rated as having the highest and most serious accident incidence in the state.

Many Doctors
The survey also revealed that the area served by the Medford hospitals is exceptionally well served by physicians and surgeons, many of them specialists. It is felt that with correspondingly excellent hospital facilities, Medford will become a great medical center which will not only safeguard the lives and health of the people of Jackson county, but also provide specialized service for a wider area.