

Tornado, Dust Storms, Snow Greet Benson on Tour of Troubled States

Huge Hailstones Bring Damage in Oklahoma, Texas

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A strange combination of dust storms, 90-degree temperatures and almost a half foot of snow belted the nation's West today.

High winds over Oklahoma and Texas spawned at least one tornado and then swept northward through the Great Plains. Strong gusty winds and thick dust were predicted for Western Kansas, Western Nebraska and Northern New Mexico.

Temperatures meant a wild soared into the 90s in New Mexico and the Oklahoma panhandle. But cool Pacific air was spilling over the continental divide, dumping temperatures 30 degrees into the 20s in Nevada and piling up five inches of snow at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The winds, heat, and dust were a sequel to a night of wild weather in Oklahoma and Texas. Buildings Smashed

A tornado raced through a farm community near Shawnee, Okla., blowing over several frame buildings, and at least three other twister funnels were sighted in the state.

At the same time strong winds tore up trees at Anadarko, Okla., and swirling dust blotted out the stars at Enid, Okla.

Tornado warnings were lifted for parts of Texas and Oklahoma early today, but not until violent hail storms had battered some areas. Hailstones the size of chicken eggs damaged cars at Cordell, Okla., and the hailstones which pounded Wichita Falls, Tex., were the size of lemons.

The crop-ripping winds provided a graphic demonstration of the Southwest's troubles for Agriculture Secretary Ezra Ben-

Sheppard Affidavits Accepted; Judge Plans Decision

Cleveland — (U.P.) — Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin today accepted seven affidavits on which convicted wife-killer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard has placed his hopes for a new trial.

The hearing, granted on defense claims of "newly discovered evidence," consumed only 20 minutes. Judge Blythin said he would make his decision "either on notice or tomorrow."

The affidavits were submitted by William J. Corrigan, head of the young osteopath brain surgeon's legal counsel.

There was no testimony at the brief hearing.

Dr. Sam, attired in his familiar charcoal flannel suit, white shirt and blue knitted tie, smiled warmly at his two brothers and their wives as he entered the courtroom handcuffed to a deputy sheriff. His smile was returned, although none of his family rose in greeting.

The principal affidavit was a

33-page document signed by Dr. Paul Kirk, University of California criminologist hired by the Sheppard family to investigate the Independence Day bludgeoning slaying of Dr. Sam's wife, Marilyn. Corrigan outlined contents of the document to Judge Blythin, but did not ask Dr. Kirk to testify.

The other half dozen documents "added to it," Corrigan

said. Four pertained to condition of the murder home, and were signed, individually, by Dr. Sam, his brothers, Drs. Stephen A. and Richard N. Sheppard, and defense attorney Arthur Petersilge.

Corrigan said they showed the home was undisturbed between the time it was returned to its owners by the state last Dec. 23 and until Kirk arrived in February to conduct his investigation.

The fifth and sixth affidavits were signed by Dr. Virgil Hawes, an osteopath at Bay View Hospital, and the Rev. Robert G. Scully. Corrigan explained Hawes had "removed a blood spot from a wardrobe in the murder bedroom," the Rev. Dr. Scully had mailed the spot to Kirk on the West Coast for his examination.

Corrigan told the court he could find no precedent in court history that would allow him to present witnesses, so he called none. The state was prepared to answer any testimony, however, and had arranged for legal and medical experts to attend the hearing.

The early adjournment came as a surprise. Judge Blythin was expected to make his decision sometime tomorrow.



KEEP THOSE EYES DOWN! — Former U. S. Open champ Julius Boros proves he has nerves of steel by keeping his eyes on the putter he is discussing with Joane Swain at Las Vegas, Nev. Boros is practicing for the \$37,500 Tournament of Champions, scheduled to get under way at Wibur Clark's Desert Inn golf course April 28.

San Francisco Men Plan Visit in Valley

Ten members of the domestic trade department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce will visit southern Oregon tomorrow.

They will arrive by air at 9:45 a.m., being greeted by members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce greeters' committee, who will hold their weekly coffee klatsch at the airport. They will lunch with the chamber's board of directors at noon, then tour Bear Creek orchards, the Camp White industrial area and Elk lumber company.

The rest of the two-day visit will be spent in visits and tours in the Grants Pass and Ashland areas. The group will return Friday afternoon.

Scientists Fly Into Atomic Clouds To Test Radiation

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The Air Force disclosed today that daring scientists have been flying into the boiling atomic clouds shortly after nuclear explosions to measure the dangers of radiation to airplanes, their pilots and passengers.

These men not only wear sensitive film badges on their clothing, but swallow a capsule containing film to measure radiation inside the human body. The capsule is retrieved by a string held in the scientist's mouth.

The history-making, data-collecting flights are made by an 11-man group from the research directorate of the Air Force special weapons center at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Other recording devices in the group's T-33 jet planes measure radiation in the cockpit and on outside metal surfaces of the plane. A spokesman said that if ground crewmen could be shown that aircraft were not made dangerously radioactive by flights through atomic clouds, "much time-consuming and expensive decontamination... might be abandoned."

Capt. Charles S. Oldfield of San Francisco and Col. Ernest A. Pinson of the Air Force's research center biophysics division from Kirtland who lead the group, said the inside of the atomic cloud is dark and brick red in color and has an unusual odor similar to that created by a bolt of lightning.

Hawaiian Volcanic Explosion Fizzles

Paho, T. H. — (U.P.) — Hawaii's active Puna Coast was rocked by a new volcanic blast yesterday, but the eruption fizzled out a short time later.

Volcanologist Dr. Gordon MacDonald said the new disturbance began at 2:10 p.m. (PST) with a violent blast that sent a fountain of lava 70 feet in the air.

However, a few hours later the volcano quieted down and cinders replaced the molten lava that had been pouring from a six-foot wide fissure. Two tiny flows of lava crept harmlessly into a hollow 75 feet away before the activity died.

The latest eruption was preceded by extra heavy sulphur fumes over the past few days and two or three recorded earthquakes.

TO STUDY PROBLEMS

Salem — (U.P.) — A resolution to create an interim committee to study state welfare problems was before the Senate today. The measure was approved by the House yesterday.

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