

# Hurricane Connie at Standstill

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## Valley Irrigation Water Supply Falling to Near Critical Level

### Only One Third of Present Deliveries By End of August

#### District Managers Request Cooperation

The water supply situation in Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts is serious, it was reported this morning. Unless the valley gets an unexpected rainfall within the next week the water shortage will become critical.

Jack Hoffbuh, manager of the Medford district, and Harold Sexton, manager for the Rogue River Valley district, said this morning that pressure has been lost on the gauges at Fish Lake.

This means, they said, that from now on, instead of carrying full capacity, the two districts will be limited to what they can release from the lakes.

The situation parallels that of 1951, but the season is two weeks later this year, thus putting the two districts two weeks behind four years ago.

The two managers indicated that by the end of this month, the districts will be able to deliver only one third of the water they are delivering at the present time. They will be able to make some deliveries in September, but on a "very reduced scale."

Both managers asked all possible cooperation to hold down losses and gain maximum benefit from the available water. Waste will be caused by shutting off water, they said. Both noted that cooperation so far has been very good.

Orchards have had only one irrigation so far, and are now coming up for a second delivery of water. It was noted that any farmer whose property has received three irrigations since the middle of June probably will not be able to get additional water.

Regarding the possibility of a good rainfall for the valley in the near future, Medford weather bureau officials said this morning that the outlook is for only normal rainfall this month. The average August rainfall in this area is only .19 of an inch.

With the end of the "weather year" due Aug. 31, the Medford weather bureau has recorded only 8.89 inches of precipitation, or 9.12 below normal.

Robert Kent, manager of the Talent irrigation district, reported this morning that his district can be expected to run out of water around the end of the month. However, he noted the district's situation is no worse than in many other years, and on occasions Talent has run out of water earlier.

"I don't expect anyone to be hurt very badly in the Talent district," Kent declared.

New York — (U.P.)—The court martial of Sgt. James C. Gallagher, 23, accused of murdering fellow Americans in a Korean prisoner of war camp, was recessed abruptly today because of the arrival of "an important witness."

Trial counsel, Maj. J. J. Jenkins, identified him as Steven A. Rada, Branchville, Pa., and said he had been an eyewitness to the deaths of the two American war prisoners whom Gallagher is accused of killing.

Jenkins said Rada had been on his honeymoon and police and military officials have been attempting vainly to contact him for the past several weeks. Jenkins said Rada and his bride had been located in a New York hotel this morning.

Jenkins asked and was granted a recess until tomorrow.

## Coastal Residents Clogging Highways To Flee Storm Path

### Carolina Expected To Be Wind Target

Cape Hatteras, N.C. — (U.P.) — Hurricane Connie ground to a near halt 225 miles at sea today and spun around in a giant circle of 125 mile an hour winds. The slowdown gave coastal residents time to flee inland and the roads were jammed with vehicles.

It was still uncertain just where the mighty storm, somewhat diminished in power but still a killer, would smack against the U.S. mainland.

"Connie is just spinning around now but our present forecast is that she will head toward Carolina when she begins moving again," Miami Chief Forecaster Gordon Dunn said. "We are just waiting it out now."

Dunn said Connie's antics approximate almost exactly those of her 1954 sister, Carol. Carol came to rest in almost the same area for two or three days last August, then took off on a north-northeast course, brushed by Cape Hatteras and hit New England Aug. 31 with a punch that killed 66 and caused \$500,000,000 damage.

A huge area from South Carolina to New England was alerted for the oncoming storm. Evacuation was started on an orderly basis.

At Wilmington, N.C., the Weather Bureau reported offshore winds had reached steady 45-50 miles per hour velocity.

Police designated churches, the community center and the boys brigade club as emergency shelters in the city of Wilmington.

Since yesterday, the mighty storm has drifted about 120 miles toward the northwest and toward the U. S. mainland, but for the past several hours today it ground to a near halt out in the ocean.

Maximum winds were still at 125 miles an hour although central pressure in the hurricane had filled out somewhat, an indication that it might be weakening to a certain extent.

The hurricane alert was extended north to Cape Ann, Mass. The great expanse of territory that was put under emergency status apparently was the result of criticism of Weather Bureau policy in 1954 when New Englanders claimed they did not have sufficient warning.

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## Arrogant Convicts Tamed by Sheriff

Yakima, Wash. — (U.P.) — The 18 arrogant ringleaders of last month's riot at the state prison in Walla Walla got tough again last night in the county jail here but Sheriff Bert Guns and state patrolmen squelched them.

Guns learned that the convicts, who were transferred to the jail here after the Walla Walla riot, had a hacksaw blade. He ordered them to give it up and they defied him, flooding their fourth-floor cells by stopping up sinks and toilets.

They also ripped up mattresses and began pounding the cell walls with a metal bar from a bunk. Guns sounded a general alarm and state patrolmen and city police joined the sheriff and his deputies.

Guns then told the convicts they would not eat until the hacksaw blade was handed over. He also told them tear gas would be fired into the cells until the disturbance ended.

"Go ahead and use it," someone shouted. But in a few minutes one hacksaw blade was handed out to a guard, Guns said.

## Family Flees Home Destroyed by Fire

Sherwood, Ore. — (U.P.) — A couple and five children escaped when fire destroyed their home about 4½ miles south of Wilsonville last night. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Snively and the children were asleep when the fire started, apparently from an exploding refrigerator. They fled the flames in their nightclothes.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Thursday, Low tonight 56; high tomorrow 85. Temp. Highest Yesterday 96. Lowest this Morning 54.

## Military Police Ordered To Shoot If Koreans Attack

### Official Says Army 'Getting Fed Up'

Inchon, Korea — (U.P.) — Heavily armed U.S. military police were ordered today to "start shooting" if a threatening mob of South Koreans attack their compound on Wolmi-Do Island, well-informed sources said.

A high American official said the Army was "getting fed up" after six days of government-

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that the United States has told the Republic of Korea it will protect Communist members of the neutral nations inspection team in South Korea.

As for the troublesome problem of reunification of Korea and other divided nations, Dulles said that to do so by war could only lead to the horrors of atomic and hydrogen devastation.

inspired rioting in which 19 U.S. soldiers have been injured in Korean efforts to capture Communist members of the Korean truce supervision team.

Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U. S. Far East commander, flew to Korea from Tokyo today with Adm. Sohn Won Il, Republic of Korea defense minister, as tension mounted between the Korean mobs and American M.P.s armed with tear gas, rifles, bayonets and baseball bats.

The ROK government has given the Polish and Czech members of the neutral nations truce inspection teams until Saturday to leave South Korea. The ultimatum accused them of spying for the Communists.

At Panmunjon, the chief delegate of the four-nation Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission called a session today to discuss the ROK ultimatum. The Swedish and Swiss members were not affected.

President Syngman Rhee broke a six-day silence and called the riots a "normal expression of patriotism" but an aide said the 80-year-old Rhee made it clear he "strongly objected" to any violence.

Implied Support by Rhee But Rhee, who could halt the demonstrations with a single order, gave the stormy mobs his implied support with his reference to "patriotism."

Another 5,000 Koreans were surrounding the U.S. Army's Hialeah compound in Pusan, South Korea's other major port, but an Army spokesman said only about 200 or 300 were "actually demonstrating."

So far the South Koreans have attacked U.S. Army compounds in five Korean cities in an effort to capture the Communists and the situation was approaching the crisis point. The U.S. Army is bound by the truce agreement to protect the inspectors.

## Hong Kong Police Detain Americans

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Hong Kong police detained a United Press reporter and a Movietone News cameraman for an hour today and required them to give statements and the cameraman to expose and destroy his film before their release.

Newsman William Miao and cameraman Marvin Farkas were taken into custody by police while interviewing and making a film of American businessman Arnold Kiehn, who was being detained in a Hong Kong hospital pending his deportation from this British crown colony.

The two were taken to a police station where a police officer took their statements and Farkas was required to expose the film he had made of Kiehn. Miao and Farkas were told by police that they should not have taken a film of any person under police custody. The newsmen emphasized they were merely carrying out their duties as members of a free press.

## Raisin Grape Production Set at 1,720,000 Tons

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today estimated 1955 production of raisin variety of grapes in California at 1,720,000 tons.

On a dried basis, one ton of raisins is the equivalent of about four tons of fresh grapes.

The department made no estimate of the raisin crop. Raisin production in 1954 was 167,000 tons.

## Sen. Morse Urges Rejection of Fast Dam Tax Write-Off

### Solon Cites Cost To Federal Government

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) urged the Office of Defense Mobilization today to turn down an application of the Idaho Power Company for rapid tax write-offs on Hells Canyon dams.

He said the company's application, if granted, would cost the federal government \$31,357,000 during the first five years of operation of two of the three dams planned by the company. Licenses for them were approved last Thursday by the Federal Power Commission.

Morse made the request in a letter to ODM Director Arthur S. Flemming.

Seek Tax Relief "The Eisenhower administration," he said in the letter, "claims that taxpaying private utilities should be permitted to grab off the finest power dam sites in the country."

"These same private utilities seek millions of dollars in tax relief by accelerated amortization certificates which would shift the burden of construction costs to the taxpaying public without compensating revenue."

Morse said that if the company invested the proposed tax saving at six per cent interest it would realize the colossal sum of \$338,406,000 over the 50-year license period for the dams.

Earlier, Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.) announced he plans an investigation of the FPC action in granting licenses for the dams. He also charged that the action was delayed until after Congress adjourned to prevent "a full airing" in the Senate of the matter.

## Oregon Child Killed In Nevada Accident

Winnemucca, Nev. — (U.P.) — Colleen Moseley, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Moseley of Redmond, Ore., died early today at Humboldt general hospital of a fractured skull suffered in an automobile accident late Tuesday afternoon.

The child was injured when a car driven by her father hit a soft shoulder and overturned 20 miles north of McDermitt on highway 99 inside Oregon.

## Eight Attorneys Admitted To Practice in U.S. Court

Eight attorneys were admitted to practice in federal district court proceedings here yesterday.

Judge James Alger Fee of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals stepped down from the higher bench temporarily and opened the district court session in the post office building at 1 p.m. yesterday.

Attorneys admitted to the federal bar included Michael F. Hennessy, Yreka, Sam B. Davis and Sidney E. Ainsworth, Ashland, and George W. Rode, Ervin B. Hogan, Robert A. Boyer, Thomas J. Reeder, and J. V. McGoodwin, all of Medford.

A damage case, Paul Bonner vs. Lloyd S. Johnson, was dismissed by Judge Fee on motion by the attorney for the defendant, Philip Lowry.

A case of the United States vs. Frank J. Simpson was quashed because of reasons of inefficiency of the indictment. The case concerned theft of tim-

## Hoover in Newberg For Birthday Party; Raps Totalitarians

Newberg, Ore. — (U.P.) — Former President Herbert Hoover returned today to the scene of his boyhood to observe his 81st birthday and defended American ideals against "fuzzy-minded totalitarian liberals" who advocate "creeping collectivism."

In a speech scheduled for 2 p.m. (PST) at his boyhood home which was dedicated as a national shrine, Mr. Hoover declared that "freedom of mind, of spirit and of initiative still lives in America . . . our people are strong in religious faith."

He said it is time for America to tell the world that "our supposedly decadent people still rely upon the ballot and the legislative hall to settle their differences without a secret police with slave camps."

"During the last score of years," he said, "our American way of life has been deluged with criticism" from honest persons who want to improve the country. But much, he said, "comes from the fuzzy-minded totalitarian liberals who believe that . . . creeping collectivism can be adopted without destroying the safeguards of free men."

The only living Republican ex-president recalled how he arrived in Newberg just in time to help his uncle's family prepare its winter store of pear butter. His Quaker aunt, he said, informed him that "there can eat all the pears thee likes."

"I liked the idea, and I liked it too much," he said. "And then she tucked a sick, small boy into bed. I ceased to eat pears—for a while."

## County Funds Aid In Polio Fight

A check for \$13,610.93 has been sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis by the Jackson county chapter, it was announced today by Harry Chipman, chairman. The check represents 50 per cent of the chapter's surplus as of June 30, based on last year's expenditures.

Half of the surplus in county chapter treasuries throughout the nation was called in this week by Basil O'Conner, Foundation president, to be used to assist those chapters where funds have been depleted by heavy incidence of polio.

Since last year's March of Dimes campaign fell some \$12,000,000 short of estimated needs, the Foundation was forced to rebudget its needs, O'Conner said. This resulted in a pool of funds for epidemic aid to chapters being deleted and surplus funds in counties not hard hit by polio being used to meet this need, it was pointed out.

## Corn Crop Figured Largest in History

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today estimated the 1955 corn crop at 3,477,711,000 bushels, the second largest in history.

The crop reporting board said Aug. 1 conditions indicate a 910,938,000 bushel wheat crop is in prospect, compared with last month's forecast of 860,331,000 bushels.

The corn crop estimate for Aug. 1 compares with the July forecast of 3,449,667,000 bushels, productions last year of 2,964,639,000 bushels, a 10-year average of 3,080,115,000 bushels, and the record high in 1948 of 3,605,000,000 bushels.

This year's wheat crop forecast compares with 1954 production of 969,781,000 bushels and a 10-year average of 1,154,073,000 bushels.

## Hillcrest Escapees Seized Near Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) — Three girls who escaped from Hillcrest Home for Girls near Salem Monday night during a disturbance were taken into custody today by state police near here.



IN CONNIE'S EYE—Cmdr. E. L. Foster (left) of Chattanooga, Tenn., and his crew leave their plane at Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station after reconnaissance flight into hurricane "Connie." The 11-man crew flew a Navy P2V (Neptune) at low level into the eye of "Connie."

## Dulles Nudges China To Free US Civilians From Bamboo Curtain

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today diplomatically nudged Red China to free U.S. civilians still held behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Dulles also told a news conference it has not yet been decided what action to take on torture charges made against Red China by 11 recently freed U. S. airmen.

The secretary said it is unfortunate that Red China, during negotiations at Geneva, had not made it possible for the American civilians to come home quickly. He pointed out that Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai had said the number of Americans in Red China is quite small and their future should be settled quickly.

Statement Not Realized Unhappily, Dulles said, that statement has not been realized.

As for the torture charges made by the 11 Air Force men who are en route home after 2½ years in Red jails, Dulles recalled that the British, after the Korean war, had published a white paper dealing with prisoner treatment.

The secretary said that this was a very sober and disturbing document and the United States may do something comparable to that. But he said it would be better to decide what to do after the airmen return.

On the Geneva negotiations, Dulles indicated that Red China's main counter proposals for release of the American civilians dealt with Chinese students in this country. Dulles said the United States hopes to get some clarification at tomorrow's meeting on Red China's proposal to

## Britain Will Join Hydrogen Power Race

Geneva — (U.P.) — Britain announced formally today that she has entered the race to harness the power of the hydrogen bomb for peace.

Sir John Crockcroft, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, made the announcement at a press conference here. Thus the United States, Russia and Britain have declared their intentions to achieve a slow burning, controlled fusion reaction with hydrogen.

It is known that the United States is conducting experiments on slow fusion at Princeton, N. J., Los Alamos, N. Mex., and Livermore, Calif., but the Atomic Energy Commission has refused to discuss the projects or to answer questions.

## Rangeland Blaze Controlled Near Vale

Vale — (U.P.) — Four fires which spread over 2000 acres of rangeland northeast of here have been brought under control and mopped up. John C. Hunt, fire control officer for the Bureau of Land Management, reported today.

Hunt and Derrel Fulwider, district range manager, said the fires were caused by lightning.

## Baseball

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Gross, Freeman (6), and Batts, Burgess (7); Minner, Jeffcoat (4), Hillman (9) and Chiti.

# Medford Stores Will Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight