

DISEASE THREATENS FLOOD AREA

Eight-State Death Toll Reaches 211; More Expected

Many Factories May Never Reopen

New York — (U.P.) — Disease threatened flood devastated northeastern towns today. Mud, debris and shattered transportation, communication and utility lines were immediate problems in hundreds of communities digging out under a bright August sun. Dead still lay beneath the receding waters, and it was feared the death toll may reach 300.

Sanitation Problem Faced

The toll stood at 211 in eight states at mid-morning, 110 in Pennsylvania's northeastern corner of industrial towns and vacation camps; 68 in the factory-strewn river valleys of Connecticut; 19 in Massachusetts; six in New Jersey; four in New York; two in Virginia, one each in Delaware and Rhode Island.

Health authorities faced with a massive sanitation problem sped disinfectants to towns where sewers had run with rivers through the streets. Water purification pills were dropped from helicopters to still-island towns. Typhoid inoculations were ordered for all survivors.

Factories Vanish

And as they counted their dead and spread mud-soaked bedding to dry, the homeless and bereaved "are wondering where their money is going to come from to eat," one Connecticut resident said.

Whole towns in Connecticut's heavily industrialized river valleys watched their means of livelihood swept to destruction with their homes. There were fears that some factories would never rebuild.

State and federal agencies moved, however, to alleviate the distress as quickly as possible. And the hardest hit were sparing of tears.

"I have 13 people living in my house," said a Torrington department store clerk. "I don't know most of them and they don't know me, or at least they didn't before this flood. We're having a fine time together, especially at our nightly cook-outs. That's the only time we can forget for a while."

Fantastic Scene

At Winsted, Conn., the town's biggest wedding of the summer came off almost as scheduled, in the midst of almost total destruction. But the reception's baked meats were given to an emergency feeding center.

"The scene here is so fantastic that most of us even now can't believe it's happened," Thomas A. Haggerty, 81, editor of the Winsted Citizen, said.

"Winsted's main street, Haggerty said, is a 10-foot deep gully for one-third of a mile. It looks as if someone fought a war here."

At Torrington, where 75 per cent of the town's industry was crippled, the American Brass Company asked its workers to come back as quickly as possible, and please bring shovels.

Federal funds for rebuilding will be available under the disaster decree of President Eisenhower.

Money for Jobs

Connecticut's Gov. Abraham Ribicoff moved to alleviate immediate distress. He ordered the Labor Department to cut red tape so the jobs may begin drawing unemployment insurance immediately. And he put a hold order on some \$34,176,000 of scheduled state construction so that it will not compete with flood reconstruction projects.

Massachusetts estimated damage to its roads and highways alone at nearly \$20,000,000.

Morse Asks New Video Regulations

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) called on the Federal Communications Commission today to speed new regulations that will give small communities the same television service that large cities already have.

Morse said new regulations are needed to allow small communities to receive TV signals by short range booster stations. "It is the responsibility of the commission to make television service available to everyone, and the citizens of small communities should not be penalized because of the slowness of the commission in formulating a set of regulations," Morse said in a statement.

Bulletin

Umatilla, Ore. — (U.P.) — Three men held up the Bank of Umatilla here at noon today, state police reported. The men escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Commander Killed In Algiers Crash

834 Estimated Dead In Morocco Uprising

Algiers — (U.P.) — The commander-in-chief of all French forces in rebellion wracked French Morocco, was killed today in an airplane crash in the midst of French military efforts to put down Nationalist uprisings throughout the French North African empire.

The French commander, General of the Army Raymond Duval, lost his life while directing French forces who today began a series of military campaigns in Morocco and Algeria to stamp out the massacres, riots and other disorders which gave all North Africa a bloodbath over the weekend.

French troops in Algeria destroyed nine Arab villages described as centers of the Nationalist uprising.

French authorities set the tentative death toll in the weekend massacres, riots and disorders at a minimum of 834. They said 584 were known dead in Algeria, 249 in Morocco and one in Tunisia.

The destroyed villages were evacuated of all women and children before the French blasted them to bits with shells and applied the torch.

Fears were expressed that the death toll would rise well above 1,000.

Some French newspapers placed the toll as high as 1,341 and officials admitted that severed telephone and other communications had obscured the fate of many communities.

Seek End To Fight

Urgent talks were begun at Aix-les-Bains, in France, between Premier Edgar Faure and native leaders in an effort to halt the carnage in North Africa.

A government communique issued in Algiers, capital of Algeria, said the nine native settlements destroyed today had furnished most of the men for Nationalist raids on 14 points near Constantine in the surprise rebel offensive of last Saturday.

\$1,500,000 Blaze Destroys Lumber Mill at Rainier

Rainier, Ore. — (U.P.) — Fire swept through the Van Vleet lumber company mill here yesterday reducing the town's only major industry to ashes and causing \$1,500,000 damage.

Four fire departments fought the blaze. It apparently started from a spark from a welder's torch and quickly spread to piles of lumber awaiting shipment by water.

Firemen from Rainier, Kelso Longview and Weyerhaeuser fire departments were able to save the mill's lumber planer, a cargo dock along the Columbia river and 2,500,000 board feet of lumber valued at \$200,000.

Some Stacked Lumber Saved

General manager H. W. Hermiston said the entire mill was aflame 15 minutes after the fire started at 8:15 a.m. He valued the whole Rainier operation at \$2,500,000.

Part of the stacked lumber was saved, Hermiston said, because there was no breeze and because mill hands and firemen pitched in to haul thousands of feet of lumber out of the path of the flames.

State police from Kelso, Wash., crossed the river to aid their Oregon neighbors. They said 10 firemen sustained minor burns before they had the flames under control at 10:40 a.m.

Dorris Drug Store Destroyed by Fire

Dorris, Calif. — (U.P.) — Fire Saturday completely destroyed the Draper Rexall drug store here despite the efforts of firemen who fought the blaze for two hours.

Dr. C. R. Drader, the store's proprietor and the town's only physician, said the loss was 100 per cent. Firemen said they thought defective wiring was the cause.

The only injury was fireman Alvin May who suffered minor cuts.

THORNTON CHARGES GOV. PATTERSON NOT TELLING WHOLE BRIBERY STORY

Salem, Ore. — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton yesterday charged that Gov. Paul Patterson had not told the whole story of a bribery investigation he ordered into the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

"The governor says there are no secret documents in the hands of himself or Attorney Robert Maguire, who conducted the probe," Thornton said. "I do not see how he can make that statement."

Thornton charged that no one had been permitted to see more than a couple of sworn depositions from the report and that he and Multnomah county district attorney William Langley had only received a "generalized" report of the investigation.

Saturday the Governor criticized Thornton for "usurping" authority in the case which he said properly belonged to Langley. Langley had announced he was ordering a grand jury investigation into charges against the OLCC.

"The grand jury investigation is certainly in order," Thornton said, "but that does not go far enough." He said the "whole affair" should be brought out in the open.

Lowry Requests Federal Action Against SP Line

State Sen. Philip Lowry of Medford today charged Southern Pacific railroad violated an 1866 Act of Congress by discontinuing its "Rogue River" passenger line, and asked Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. to initiate court action against the company.

The state senator said he had written the Attorney General making the request, charging that failure of the SP to continue its passenger service was "a deliberate open, flagrant and continuing violation of this Act of Congress."

Lowry also declared that alleged losses sustained by Southern Pacific on the line, given as the reason for the discontinuance, "would appear to be absolutely immaterial."

Passenger service on the line was discontinued Aug. 7, after a storm of protest from residents of the areas served by the train, dubbed the "night crawler" by its critics. Southern Oregon residents also staged a horse race with the train between Eugene and Roseburg, to point up the line's inefficiency, but lost the contest.

In his letter to Brownell, Lowry pointed out that he and State Senator Paul Geddes of Roseburg and Gene Brown of Grants Pass had protested the SP action to the State Public Utilities commissioner.

"As of this date," he added, "the Southern Pacific has successfully challenged the right of the state of Oregon to regulate the railroad's operations with respect to ordering resumption of intra-state service until a full hearing was conducted."

The challenge was upheld by a Marion County Circuit court decision, which PUC Commissioner Charles Heltzel has said he will appeal to the State Supreme court.

Lowry also cited a federal district court case of a decade ago in which the government sought to compel through service along the Siskiyou line of the railroad south of Ashland. The action was dismissed without prejudice by Presiding Judge James Alger Fee, but Lowry pointed out that

Airport Paving Work Under Way

Repaving of taxiways at Medford Municipal airport started today.

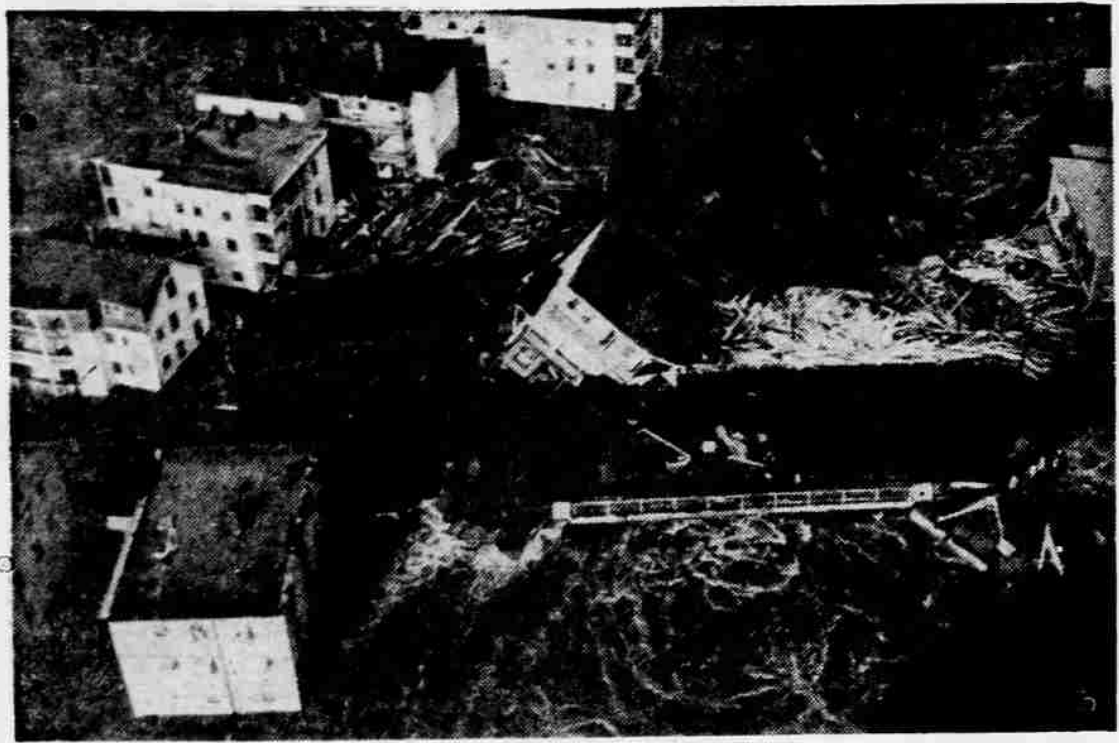
City Manager Robert Duff said flights between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday have been cancelled by three airlines serving Medford so paving of the intersection may be done. He said that was the most convenient arrangement which could be made between parties concerned for paving the intersection.

Paving of the main north-south runway will start when taxiways and the intersection is complete, but flights are not expected to be interrupted. United Airlines, Southwest and West Coast Airlines planes will use the east-west runway during paving.

J. C. Compton company of Medford is paving taxiways and the runway with two inches of asphalt concrete. The taxiway is 1,764 feet long and the runway is 3,580 feet. Medford's share of repaving will be \$35,271, and the federal government will contribute \$45,000 to the project.

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RAMPAGING RIVER eats away foundation of Southbridge, Mass., home toppling it into stream. Death toll is 97, damage estimated in billions of dollars. (International Soundphoto)



FIREMAN IN breaches buoy rescues baby from third floor of Hartford, Conn., home when raging torrent traps occupants. Thousands are homeless in 7-state area. (International)

Two People Hurt In Jackson County Auto Accidents

Two persons were injured yesterday in a flurry of minor motor vehicle accidents in Jackson county.

Walter Lee Clary, 48, of Jacksonville, was reported "resting comfortably" this morning after receiving minor injuries in a one car accident on Little Applegate rd. State police were called to the scene at about 5:30 p.m. They said Lee's vehicle had skidded into the bank on a curve when the steering gear locked.

Medford Ambulance service took the injured man to Community hospital.

Woman Injured

Nora K. Casey, 62, of Prineville, was hurt when the car she was riding in collided with another vehicle on Highway 62 six miles above Trail yesterday.

State police said her husband, Jack Casey, was operating the car when it was involved in a sideswipe collision with a vehicle operated by Donald Walter Harmer, 24, of Roseburg, about 3 p.m. yesterday.

The extent of Mrs. Casey's injuries was unknown. She was taken away by private car. Harmer was charged with failure to operate on the right side of the highway.

Four Cars Damaged

A two-car collision on Highway 99 yesterday resulted in damage to four vehicles and a nearby gas pump. State police said a car driven by Raymond Harold McCoy, 23, of Los Angeles, was attempting to make a left turn heading south when it was involved in a collision with a vehicle operated by Celso Valentine Harkey, 53, of Ashland, traveling north.

The Harkey auto continued out of control after the impact, knocking over a gasoline pump at Graber's Union station and ramming two parked cars. There were no injuries.

At 4:17 a.m. Sunday, Richard Wayne Imhausen, 22, of route 3, box 180, Medford, was driving his car north on Highway 99 when he fell asleep at the wheel and ran into a concrete curb at Kim's restaurant, police said.

Johnny Kezer, 18, of 1103 West 10th st., was a passenger in the vehicle. No one was injured.

UMC 'Kick-Off' Dinner Slated; Goal \$109,000

An official dinner at the YMCA Sept. 19, will open the 1956 United Medford Crusade campaign. M. M. Huggins, UMC chairman, announced the "kick-off" dinner today and declared the crusade goal has been set at \$109,000.

Huggins will be assisted in the '56 drive by Ken McDonald and Boyd Budge, associate chairmen.

Division Heads

Division heads appointed by Huggins include: Frank Benesh, William Prentice, Ray Johnson, Tom Shepard, Dick House, Elliot Becken, Robert Duncan, Richard Henselman, Foster Hibbard and Lloyd Evans.

The \$109,000 goal, \$8,000 over the 1955 quota, was determined by the Admittance, Budget and Quota committee, taking into consideration population trends, business conditions, and the needs of the agencies served.

The aim of the United Medford Crusade, Huggins stated, is to "give the best possible assistance to its agencies. This it must do through an informed public which assumes its responsibility with gratitude for the services and facilities extended by its community."

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — The 20th annual Rotary club sponsored Klamath Junior Fall fair opened yesterday at Klamath county fairgrounds and will continue through Tuesday.

Eisenhower To Fly Over Flooded States On Inspection Trip

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will fly East tonight for a firsthand look at flood damage in six Eastern states and meet with governors of the affected areas at Hartford, Conn., tomorrow morning.

The President will leave by air about 8 p.m. (PST) tonight for an overnight flight East, swooping over the six affected states before landing at Hartford about 4:30 a.m. (PST) tomorrow.

He invited governors of all flood-stricken states to meet him there or send representatives.

Appeals for Money Mr. Eisenhower will fly to Washington from Hartford, arriving tomorrow afternoon.

The President coupled his dramatic announcement with a nationally televised plea for the American people to contribute to the Red Cross special flood disaster fund.

"The heart of America is not going to stand still while other Americans are in distress and in need of help," the chief executive said.

Mr. Eisenhower made the announcement at his summer White House headquarters at Lowry Air Force base.

He previously had planned to take off tomorrow morning for Washington for a scheduled speech Wednesday before the American Bar association convention at Philadelphia.

The President will fly over the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Park Pool To Close For Season Sept. 5

Hawthorne park swimming pool will be closed for the year on Labor day, Sept. 5, according to Park Director Darell Huson.

The pool has been open from 1 to 9 p.m. seven days a week since it was opened on June 10. The second largest attendance on record was noted July 13, when 901 people, including 78 adults, used the pool. The all-time high of 915 was set on July 8, 1952.

A total of 365 persons were taught to swim this year during the summer swimming instruction program at the Hawthorne park pool.

The President's plans for the Philadelphia speech and his return to Denver Wednesday night were not changed.

Federal Help Ready In his television talk, Mr. Eisenhower said he hoped that public response to the Red Cross appeal would be sufficient to meet the goal by tomorrow night.

He made the plea in response to a request from E. Roland Harman, president of the American Red Cross, who said that the \$2,000,000 already earmarked by the organization is not nearly enough.

At the same time, the President gave Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson a virtual blank check in determining how much federal money should be dumped into states designated as major disaster areas by the White House.

The White House also announced that the Small Business administration is setting up emergency branch offices in the six flood-stricken states to speed the work of disaster loans.

OSC Coeds' River Trip Seen at End

Salem — (U.P.) — The father of a water-logged Oregon State college coed said today he doubted that his daughter and her four companions would complete their proposed trip from Corvallis to Portland down the Willamette river in innertubes.

The five started their journey early Saturday at Corvallis. Louise Hartman and Jerri Keene got as far as Independence before their innertubes sprang leaks. Dorothy Gathercoal, Lynn Hemingway, and Kathryn McFadden were fished out of the chilly waters at 11 p.m. by a government tug.

Dorothy's father, James Gathercoal, said he believed the girls had discovered their stunt was not worth the discomfort and would abandon their plan to float to the mouth of the Willamette.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Tuesday. Low tonight 47. High Tuesday 82.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 93. Lowest this Morning 49.

North Korea Reds Will Return Flier; Body of Captain

Panmunjon, Korea — (U.P.) — Communist North Korea Tuesday will return to the United Nations an injured American airman and the body of an Army captain whose plane was shot down by Red anti-aircraft fire.

The Reds agreed at a meeting of the military armistice commission Sunday to return Air Force 2nd Lt. Guy H. Bumpass of Jackson, Miss., and the body of Capt. Charles W. Brown of West Louisville, Ky., at the village of Korisal in the Neutral Zone.

Will Risk Artillery Fire At the same time, U. S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Harlan C. Parks, senior U.N. officer, warned the Communists that they will be risking Allied artillery fire if their planes cross the border over South Korea.

The Communists told the United Nations command that Bumpass "appeared to have a cracked skull" but was "in a good mood, conscious and has a normal appetite."

The plane carrying Bumpass and Brown, a T6 trainer, was riddled by Communist anti-aircraft fire as it flew over the neutral zone between North and South Korea last Wednesday.

The U.N. said the unarmed plane was on a routine training mission and flew over the neutral zone by mistake.

The Communists claimed that Bumpass has denied this but Parks replied that "I don't believe he made such a statement."

The Red claim could mean that Bumpass will be questioned under President Eisenhower's new "Code of Conduct" for prisoners of war, which forbids giving military information to the enemy.

Pear Harvesting Near Full Swing

Picking of Jackson county's pear crop will go into full swing this week, and major packing houses are expected to be operating tomorrow.

Don Berry, county horticultural agent, said most orchardists will be picking their crops this week. First pickings in some Bartlett pear orchards started last week, and second pickings are planned for later.

Berry said fruit size is a little smaller than anticipated, but there still is a large crop to be harvested within a short time of about three weeks.

Some orchardists, Berry said, have reported fruit dropping. He said dropping was because fruit matured quicker than expected and orchardists delayed using hormone sprays which hold fruit on trees.

Ike, Dulles May Tackle American Prisoner Problem

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles are expected to tackle the problem of American prisoners in Red China when they meet here Tuesday to review the world situation.

Mr. Eisenhower is interrupting his Colorado vacation to make a speech in Philadelphia Wednesday. He will confer with Dulles during a brief stopover here.

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HEADS MOD—Jerry Lausmann, above, of Medford, has been named by the Medford Lions club as chairman of the March of Dimes in Jackson county. The fund raising effort of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will take place in January. The Medford Lions club replaces the Active club as the sponsoring organization in the county. The Active club withdrew from the project, which it has undertaken for several years, because of a dwindling membership. —(Brainard Photo)

Eugene Notes Coldest August on Record

The 38 degrees recorded this morning at Eugene was the coldest August morning in the records of the weather bureau there. Meteorologists attributed the unseasonal cold to extremely dry air and rapid loss of heat after sunset. Portland had a low of 47 degrees this morning and a Sunday high of 82.

Forecasters predicted generally cooler temperatures around the state by tomorrow with some partial cloudiness.

Boston — (U.P.) — Sixty-eight new cases of polio were reported in Massachusetts today.

Russia To Release Three

The State department announced Saturday that Russia has agreed to release three Americans long held behind the Iron Curtain. They are Army Pvt. Wilfred C. Kumis, Amesbury, Mass.; Murray Fields, New York; and Frederick Charles Hopkins, a man nobody has been able to identify.

The Russians said the men would be released shortly but did not specify when. They presumably will be set free in Berlin.