

Flood Ravaged States Tackle Work of Reconstruction

Labor Council Requests Housing Shake-up Probe

Portland—(U.P.)—An investigation of recent Portland Housing Authority personnel changes has been called for by the AFL Portland Central Labor Council.

Delegates voted Monday night to appoint a committee to study a shake-up in which director Floyd Hatchford was dismissed and other officials resigned in protest.

The committee said it was not leveling charges at the PHA but merely wanted some questions answered.

Released Flier's Skull Fractured

Ascom City, Korea—(U.P.)—Lt. Guy H. Bumpas, pilot of the unarmored trainer plane shot down by Red gunners last week, suffered a "bad fracture" of the skull in the crash, an Air Force spokesman said today.

The 23-year-old Air Force officer from Jackson, Miss., was released by the Communists yesterday. At the same time, the Reds delivered a wooden casket holding the body of Army Capt. Charles W. Brown, West Louisville, Ky. Brown, a passenger in the propeller-driven T-6 trainer plane, was killed in the crash.

Bumpas was under treatment at the 121st Evacuation hospital here for the injuries he suffered when his plane was shot down by Communist anti-aircraft gunners when it strayed over the demilitarized zone.

"His condition is fair and he is resting well," the Air Force spokesman said.

Despite his injuries, Bumpas was able to walk across the line in the demilitarized zone to a small group of United Nations officers. He was brought to the exchange spot at Koriol in an ambulance, his head swathed in bandages. Two Communist Korean nurses rode with him.

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Reviewer Says Timon Good Entertainment Despite Difficulties

Many things can go wrong on the opening night of a play, and one of the worst calamities which can befall an actor happened last night when "The Life of Timon of Athens" opened on the stage of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland.

The actor playing the title role lost his voice. Richard T. Jones, beset by throat difficulties for the past two or three weeks and exhausted by day and night rehearsals and performances, spoke his lines in a hoarse, rough whisper which occasionally cleared to near normalcy and then again failed completely.

Audience Appreciates Work

Actually, the production suffered less from the mishap than might have been supposed. Jones' sound stage training stood him in good stead and his excellent method of projection carried his hoarse voice even to the back rows of the theater. His rough tones were sometimes a little nerve-racking but his efforts to "carry on" were so sincere and his audience so sympathetic that applause broke out from time to time after some particularly brilliant effort on the part of the actor.

Everyone else in the cast was also keyed up to the emergency and their anxiety to carry the play through the difficulty sometimes resulted in over-projection of voices and over-dramatic touches to speeches.

Since Jones has "looked good" in rehearsals and gave so creditable a performance last night under such unfavorable circumstances, those who attend the second production of this little-played Shakespearean work next week can look forward to an interesting evening. Of course, the character of Timon is not a sympathetic one with Shakespeare.

Marines Vent Wrath On Sergeant's Auto

Freehold, N.J.—(U.P.)—Two young Marines were charged Tuesday with venting their wrath against a sergeant by taking it out on his automobile.

Marines Wayne D. Young, 22, and Robert Barnes, 20, were charged with taking Sgt. William Meehana's car, puncturing the four tires, breaking a door handle and the windshield, cutting the distributor cap and dumping sugar into the battery cells and gasoline tank.

Portlander Re-elected At Friends Meeting

Greenleaf, Idaho—The Rev. Dean Gregory, Portland, was re-elected general superintendent of the Friends church of the Oregon conference during the 63rd session of the Oregon Yearly meeting of the Friends churches held this week at Greenleaf, Ida.

Other officers elected are the Rev. Dorwin E. Smith, Star, Ida., presiding clerk; the Rev. Lela Morrill, Kelso, Wash., president of the Christian education board; the Rev. Walter P. Lee, Boise, Ida., president of mission board; the Rev. Earl Geil, Camas, Wash., assistant clerk; Mary Sutton, Newberg, recording clerk; Mrs. Ruth Brown, Greenleaf, whose office was not announced.

She is excellent in every character.

A dozen or so other capable actors—Bill Oyer, Jack Colvin, Jack Swanson, John MacPhee, all deserve credit for helping to give this difficult play life and color. And director Robert Loper (who probably gnawed his fingernails down to the flesh last night) deserves praise for making "Timon" into something worth watching.—O. S.

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Areas Assured Nation Will Back Rebuilding Effort

By UNITED PRESS

Flood ravaged areas of the Northeast today sped the task of reconstruction with assurance that the nation would support the effort.

The six states hit by the most damaging flood in U.S. history rushed plans to restore their residents, their communities, their industries and their homes.

The federal government promised an \$80,000,000 assistance program.

Plans were completed to evacuate 10,000 boys and girls from summer camps in the flood-torn area of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The mass evacuation had been delayed by broken or over-burdened telephone lines to camps and faulty transportation brought on by the floods.

Rest Home Evacuated

Similar operations were in progress in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Twenty-five persons were evacuated from a rest home in South Natick, Mass., and taken to a hospital when cesspools over flowed due to high water.

Connecticut received 250,000 anti-typhoid shots from the National Drug Co., in Philadelphia. Drinking water, food and dry ice to prevent food spoilage were also rushed into the stricken area.

Clear skies over most of the flood area helped the relief and rehabilitation work. The rains which pelted much of the area yesterday and slowed reconstruction had mostly ended by midnight.

Many areas continued to depend on helicopters and boats for supplies and mail.

Rail transportation near Lowell, Mass., was disrupted last night when the Boston and Maine Railroad's crack train, the Red Wing, was derailed on a bridge over the swollen Concord river. Six persons suffered minor injuries when the passenger train, bound from Boston to Montreal, struck a parked freight car on the bridge.

Many Still Missing

With the dry weather and receding flood waters came hope for knowledge of the scores still reported missing. In Connecticut alone 71 persons were still unaccounted for.

The revised death toll showed 202 confirmed dead. Pennsylvania had 115 fatalities; Connecticut 49; Massachusetts 23; New Jersey 6; New York 4; Virginia 2; Rhode Island 2 and Delaware 1.

Damage was expected to reach \$3,000,000,000.

The National Can Corp., in Chicago offered to supply free cans to packers of food and water "in an effort to relieve the critical food supply situation in the flood stricken area."

The CIO United Automobile Workers Union made a \$100,000 contribution for flood victims and the CIO United Steelworkers union gave the Red Cross \$25,000.

CIO President Walter P. Reuther said more than 50,000 CIO members had lost their homes or jobs because of the flood.

City Manager's Work Given in Run-Down

Chicago—(U.P.)—What does a city manager do? Here is a rundown of one city manager's activities last year:

Number of phone calls received, 5,302; office callers, including individuals and delegations, 1,536; meetings attended, 218; inspections of work-in-progress or trips to various parts of city for planning, conferences or enforcement, 181; radio broadcasts, 27; days absent on official business, 8; days absent on personal business and vacation, 14.

The city manager in question was H. S. Thorgrimsen of Rapid City, S. D. The tabulation of his activities was compiled from a desk calendar and diary kept by his secretary.

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