

Suffering Eases in Flood-Stricken Area Under Gigantic Rehabilitation Program

By UNITED PRESS

Suffering eased in the flood-stricken northeast today under one of the most effective rehabilitation programs ever undertaken in the United States.

The hungry were being fed. The homeless were given temporary family shelters, communications functioned almost normally, most roads were cleared and open to traffic. And industries began digging out debris and drying out equipment in preparation to resume operations.

Good Progress

The U. S. Army Engineers, charged with handling a \$100,000,000 government relief program, gave notice that rehabilitation was already well in progress.

Reports of partial recovery were made as a new storm, hurricane Edith, built up in the Atlantic Ocean about 750 miles east-northeast of San Juan, P.R. It was Edith's predecessor, hurricane Diane, that created weather conditions causing driving rains that brought on the disastrous floods.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker announced in Washington that "all relief requests to the Army have been or are being met."

Further plans were made to remove debris, health and safety hazards and restore public facilities in the six state flood area.

The Agriculture Department opened surplus food stores in the stricken states for use as needed by flood victims.

Trailer homes, prefabricated homes, factory space and other shelters were offered to the 100,000 homeless.

Funds Pour In

Millions of dollars, from the government, the Red Cross, unions, and thousands of individuals, poured into the flooded states.

Residents of the flood area themselves contributed the greatest effort to the rehabilitation.

They pitched in to clear debris from factories and businesses forced to close by high waters. Many of them left daytime cleanup jobs in industries to perform similar tasks in their own homes.

President Eisenhower's appeal yesterday for "spontaneous" contributions to flood relief



RIPPING THROUGH MAIN STREET like hurricane, flood makes shambles of Winsted, Conn. In foreground left are remains of new sedan. Note two manholes in center, indicating where street level formerly was. In background right is collapsed house. (International)

brought widespread and immediate results.

The New York Chapter of the Red Cross alone reported 5000 contributions totalling more than \$200,000.

CIO President Walter Reuther pledged \$100,000 from the United Auto Workers Union. The United Steel Workers (CIO) contributed \$25,000. The CIO Textile Workers Union prepared to send a "substantial sum" for relief and rehabilitation.

Union Donations

The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (CIO) appropriated \$100,000 for flood victims. AFL President George Meany contributed \$1000 and urged affiliated unions to add to this amount.

More than 65 entertainers and sports figures, including Eddie Fischer, Paul Witman, Lauritz Melchior, Sherry Britton, Archie Blyer and Rocky Marciano, rushed to West Hartford, Conn., last night for an all night TV appearance to appeal for aid for flood victims.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday. 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day



GAZING OUT WINDOW of private plane Columbine as aide Bernard Shanley marks location in Connecticut on map, President Eisenhower surveys flood area. (International)

Turf Experts Tell Correct Way Used For Growing Lawns

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — If your yard, like so many others, looks more like a hay field than a lawn, and you want to do something about it, turf experts will tell you that early fall is the time to swing into action.

Early fall being just around the corner, Stanley R. McLane, consultant for the Better Lawn and Turf Institute, says that lawn owners who follow "four simple steps" soon will be rejoicing in the new beauty that surrounds their home.

McLane is superintendent of landscape development in Kansas City. He has supervised the beautification of the Country club district, an area that a few decades ago was mostly shaggy pastureland. Today it embraces some 20,000 homes and is a scenic show spot of the Middle West.

Start Clean

McLane's four steps to lawn beauty include feeding, seeding, watering and mowing. Here's his advice:

Cut the grass and weeds as closely as possible and rake the yard clean. Then apply fertilizer at the rate of 25 to 30 pounds per thousand square feet. Spread the fertilizer evenly, raking it into the ground. Wet it down and in a few days, work it again to provide a good seedbed.

Use only the aristocrat of grasses — Kentucky bluegrass — not a mixture. If you want a blue grass lawn. Sow two pounds per thousand square feet. If you sow by hand, sow half lengthwise and half crosswise.

Cut High

Sprinkle the seed down, but don't flood it. Use a fine spray and keep the soil moist all through the 15-day germination period. Daytime watering will not prove injurious.

Do not cut the new grass until it has reached a height of three inches. Then trim only an inch off the top. Cut as often as necessary, but never trim lower than two inches.

Follow these steps and watch the crabgrass disappear.

Indian Battles Intrigue Tourists

La Grande — (U.P.) — The sight of war-painted Indian warriors engaged in pitched battle with U. S. Cavalrymen along Highway 30 near here is creating a traffic jam as scores of tourists bring their cars to a halt to investigate the strange spectacle.

The tourists also brought to a halt production of the million-dollar Universal - International "Pillars of the Sky" movie with Jeff Chandler and Dorothy Malone.

Director George Marshall didn't mind the tourists so much but the squeals of their children were getting onto the sound tracks. He solved the production hitch by hiring the idle wives of Indian warrior extras to serve as babysitters for the young tourist palefaces.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

SCIENCE AT WORK

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York — (U.P.) — By questioning 350 men and women who had been hurt in accidents and hospitalized, two scientists discovered that:

Thirty-eight per cent of them had been hospitalized before for accident injuries, "some several times;" 33 per cent said that now and then they couldn't co-ordinate their bodily movements effectively; 26 per cent tripped and fell more or less frequently; 45 per cent had visual defects, and 24 per cent, hearing defects.

These percentages indicated that many accidents have underlying physical causes within the individuals who are involved in the accidents, according to Dr. Peter Gleason, of the University of California (at Los Angeles) Medical School and Marion Gleason, research scientist at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine.

They were trying to interest physicians in a new fertile field of preventive medicine—the discovery of these causes and their medical treatment before they could involve the victims in new accidents that might well prove fatal.

Some Questions

But the average doctor doesn't have time to investigate the patient thoroughly while setting a broken leg; nor is the patient in any condition for thorough questioning. So the Gleasons devised a questionnaire which can be filled out quickly with "yes" or "no" answers. The questions are:

"Do you frequently forget what you are doing or saying for a few seconds? Do you sometimes fall asleep, or become very sleepy, even when you have had enough rest and should feel wide-awake? Can you see out of one eye better than the other? Do you find it hard to hear things that other people seem to hear easily? Does your knee or ankle 'give way'? Does the heat make you 'jittery' when you work in it for a long time? Do you have hay fever or any other allergy? Do you ever take any of the new anti-cold tablets? Are you often 'all thumbs' when you handle objects?"

To the trained mind, answers to such a combination of questions could point to underlying physical causes of accidents. The Gleasons' investigation demonstrated once again that which is well known—some people are "accident-prone," they're repeatedly involved in accidents. There must be reasons why these people are.

Anti-cold tablets contain antihistamine chemicals which can interfere with effective body functioning. The Gleasons also pointed out that nicotine intoxication, "usually associated with cigar smoking and tobacco-chewing," can reduce the keenness of vision.

Or a very slight "foot drop," can cause people to trip and fall regularly. And a very slight weakening of a certain group of muscles—due perhaps to an attack of polio so mild the accident-prone person didn't know he was ill—will cause a "foot drop." And episodes of a lack of co-ordination could point to "many hidden disorders," they said—for example, inhaling the

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Red Air Power Leads in Pacific

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, commander of the U. S. Far East Air Force, told a press conference that Communist air power still outnumbers the Allies in the Pacific today.

But Kuter said that despite the numerical odds the United States and its supporting forces continue to maintain the same air superiority over the Reds they demonstrated during the Korean war.

"We are substantially outmaneuvered and outnumbered," he said. "We are well below Communist strength. But I feel we have a marked qualitative superiority—a superiority which was convincingly demonstrated in the kill ratio of MIGs versus Sabre-jets" during the Korean war.

Kuter referred to Air Force statistics showing that 5th Air Force F86s destroyed 802 Russian-made MIG 15s during the Korean conflict against 58 American planes lost.

PLOWSHARES DEPARTMENT
Chamberlain, S. D. — (U.P.) — Art Priebe, retired farmer, has turned a 50-year-old threshing machine into a violin. Priebe bought the old thresher many years ago for its fine maple wood. He used some of the wood to make the fiddle.

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