

Flood Waters Recede in Eastern States; Disastrous Storm Batters Mexico Coast

By UNITED PRESS
Eastern flood waters fell back and hurricane Katie whirled to her death in the Atlantic ocean today. But a new storm spread floods, death, and disaster, along Mexico's West coast.

At least 40 persons were reported killed and scattered reports from the battered Mexican coastline indicated dozens of towns and villages were swept away.

The Mexican storm roared out of the Pacific after 10 days of steady downpours. Rivers turned into torrents and it was reported that eight large towns, including Manzanillo and Colima were under water.

City Buried
Laconic messages from the town of Atenquique indicated 40 persons had drowned when the floods "buried the city."

The storm was a disastrous sequel to the series of hurricanes which battered Mexico's Eastern coast, causing hundreds of deaths.

In this country, seven north-eastern states counted 50 persons dead, an estimated \$500,000,000 damage, and more than 25,000 persons homeless in the wake of another flood attack.

Skies cleared or were clearing over the area today after five days of floods and rain. Meanwhile, Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson took personal charge of a rehabilitation program and

said the government would spend \$11,600,000 to clear debris, open roads, and provide relief.

Nearly all the streams were back in their banks and many evacuees were returning to their homes. In Connecticut, hardest hit of the states with 22 dead and 4500 persons homeless, Gov.

Huge Rehabilitation Job Gets Under Way In Flooded States

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — A multi-million dollar rehabilitation program moved into high gear today in the seven state area battered by flood waters which have claimed almost 50 lives.

Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson took personal charge of the rebuilding program and promised to "see that red tape is cut" to restore the devastated area.

He said \$11,600,000 in government funds would be used immediately to clear flood debris, open roads and give necessary relief.

The signal for the huge rehabilitation task came with the announcement by Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut that the "worst is over."

Streams Within Banks
Nearly all streams in the flooded states were back within their banks today but the flood toll stood at 48 dead, an estimated \$500,000,000 damage and more than 25,000 homeless.

The bulk of the damage was in Connecticut, which reported 22 dead, and 4,500 families driven from their homes.

New York and New Jersey also suffered extreme devastation and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York telegraphed President Eisenhower that stricken areas were more extensive than in the August floods which took

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Katie Loses Power

There was more good news in the Atlantic, where vicious hurricane Katie was losing her strength and was a threat only to shipping.

The hurricane, 11th of the year, had 110-mile-per-hour

winds when it hit the Dominican Republic yesterday. But it was battered half to death on the rocky island and forecasters said it would probably break up before hitting land again.

Elsewhere, it was cloudy in this country over most of the Great Lakes and the middle Mississippi and Ohio River valleys. Rain or drizzle spattered highlands in Ohio and Pennsylvania and the Memphis, Tenn., area.

Cool temperatures were the rule for most of the area east of the Continental Divide.

Big Bay Area Real Estate Deal

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The "second largest real estate deal" in California history was completed yesterday when a group of investors purchased 28 San Francisco Bay area buildings for an estimated \$11,000,000.

The group of New York, Oakland, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., investors was headed by Roger Lacey Stevens, who purchased New York's Empire State building for \$51,500,000 four years ago.

The Seattle group was headed by Floyd R. Clodfelter and John A. Metzger. Oakland dentist Charles L. Arolla represented East Bay investors. The sale was made by the Morgan and Peacock properties company, which announced the transaction.

The multi-million-dollar transaction included office buildings, hotels and apartments, all but one of which were located in the East Bay cities of Oakland and Berkeley.

Major Oakland buildings were the Latham Square building, the Financial building, Bellevue-Staten apartments and Hill Castle apartments. The Carlton hotel was among the buildings sold in Berkeley. The only San Francisco building involved was the Rialto building.

Civic Music Opens Membership Drive At Dinner Meeting

Jackson County Civic Music association's annual membership campaign opened last night with a dinner at the Medford hotel for association officers and workers.

The campaign will continue through this week, or until the membership quota is reached.

Seth Bullis, association chairman, reminded prospective members today that memberships cannot be secured after the campaign closes, and that tickets are never sold for single concerts.

Last night Bullis introduced Mrs. Helen Snyder, civic music representative here to assist with the campaign. She spoke of the association, its background and the future of music in Medford.

Mrs. Darrell Huson, campaign chairman, instructed workers and urged that everyone report daily to headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce in order that a close check could be kept on memberships as they are sold.

Larry Brunette sang an aria from "La Forza del Destino," "Tango des Roses" and "Sudden There is Valley." The dinner was attended by 130 workers.

Final selection of artists who will appear on the concert series for 1955-56 will be left to the discretion of association board members. The selection is made based on the ballot sheets of members who indicate their preferences.

It is also stressed that the board's decisions are controlled not only by popular demand but by an effort to provide variety and by the availability of the artists according to costs and territory. Sometimes an artist in demand is previously too heavily booked or limits his travel season to the east coast.



YOUNGEST GATE CONQUEROR — Dick Poe, San Carlos, Calif., splashes his way into swimming history as he swims the seven-tenth-mile expanse of the Golden Gate in thirty-eight minutes. Poe has the distinction of being the youngest conqueror of the dangerous channel. He is nine years old. — (NEA)

Counties Receive Racing Revenues

Salem — (U.P.) — Apportionment of \$228,399 out of racing revenues to the several counties for the benefit of county fairs has been completed with warrants for \$6344 sent to each county as a final payment for 1955, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said today.

Racing revenues in 1955 amounted to \$929,457 of which \$371,057 went into the state general fund. Of the total revenues, which were about \$80,202 more than in 1954, each county has received \$12,600.

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition and Oregon State fair each received \$35,000. Eastern Oregon Livestock Show and Pendleton Round-Up each got \$7500.

Others participating included: Mid-Columbia Livestock show and Klamath Basin Round-Up association, \$5000 each. Spring Lamb and Dairy Show, and State Corn Show, \$2500 each. Northwest Turkey Show and Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit, \$2400 each.

Carl Peterson, Oscar Bjorlie, Mrs. Glenn Mathews and Miss Victoria Taverner represent Ashland on the board.

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

The sailing ship Flying Cloud sailed from New York to San Francisco around South America, a distance of 15,091 nautical miles, in 89 days in 1854.

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Riddle Man Asks Forgiveness of Judge

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Vernon E. Sutton, a former Navy officer of Riddle, Ore., asked a San Francisco court to forgive him for sending 599 "foul smelling" pennies to pay a traffic fine. He said it was all a mistake.

Sutton said that while he was packing the pennies for the mail he accidentally knocked them into an open dish of cheese spread.

"I think it was roqueford—or possibly limburger," he said.

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