

# Disastrous Eastern Floods May Prompt Some Form of Federal Insurance



Dear Cheryl,

What a thoughtful and sweet little girl you are! I can't tell you how touched the President was when I read him your letter and told him that you had sent your very own Bible to help him get better.

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*Mamie Eisenhower*

PRAYING FOR PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY, Cheryl Gardiner, 7, Albany, N. Y., sends him Bible which is returned with an appreciative letter from Mamie Eisenhower. (International)

## Truman's Memoirs Says Byrnes Assumed Too Much Initiative

Washington — (U.P.)—Former President Truman, in the third installment of his memoirs, said today that former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes took it upon himself to move the foreign policy of the United States in a direction with which the President could not agree.

Byrnes, Mr. Truman said, kept him "in the dark" about the 1945 Moscow conference and was, in effect, "assuming the responsibilities of the President."

Byrnes attempted to negotiate with the Russians on his own initiative and came to think "his judgment was better than the President's," Mr. Truman said.

The former secretary of state said in Columbia, S.C., that he would have no comment on the former President's criticism at this time. He said he may later comment on the critical days about which Mr. Truman had written and Byrnes' role as secretary.

### Freedom of Action

In the latest installment of his memoirs published in Life Magazine, Mr. Truman discussed details of the behind the scenes clashes which led to the resignation from his first cabinet of Byrnes, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes.

The memoirs are also being published in the New York Times and in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mr. Truman said his troubles with Byrnes stemmed from the fact that President Roosevelt had given the South Carolinian

such unprecedented freedom of action during the war years that Byrnes came to "believe that he could have a completely free hand within his own sphere of duty. In fact, he came to think that his judgment was better than the President's."

Wallace and Ickes "A secretary of state should never have the illusion that he is President of the United States," Mr. Truman added.

### Plane Break-Up Blamed for Crash

North Hollywood, Calif. — (U.P.)—Millionaire Joel Thorne's plane may have disintegrated in the air before it crashed into an apartment house in a tragedy that took his own and three other lives, Civil Aeronautics administration investigators said today.

Thorne's single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza smashed into the six-unit apartment building Monday night. The crash and explosion-fire which followed—killed Thorne, an 18-year-old bride of two months and an eight-week-old baby who had just been baptized. Seven persons attending a christening party for the baby were injured critically. One of the injured, seven-year-old John Marchica died last night at North Hollywood hospital.

The Minnesota Medical association says there are 800,000 deaf people in the United States and about one person in 10 gets hard of hearing during his lifetime.

Mr. Truman eventually replaced Byrnes with Gen. George C. Marshall.

The former President's statements in his memoirs about the departure of Wallace and Ickes from his cabinet contained little that was not publicized at the time.

Mr. Truman asked for Wallace's resignation on Sept. 20, 1946, after a series of differences arising from Wallace's highly publicized Sept. 16 speech in Madison Square Garden in which Wallace attacked the nation's foreign policy and urged a softer policy toward the Soviets which he said he was doing with President Truman's approval.

Mr. Truman accepted Ickes' resignation during the Senate furor over his naming of California oil man Ed Pauley as undersecretary of the Navy in January, 1946.

### Gold Hill Couple Involved in Mishap

Klamath Falls—Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Caldwell, Gold Hill, and their nephew, Earl Leroy White, 9, escaped serious injuries Sunday when their pickup truck and house trailer overturned in a ditch.

The accident happened on on Highway 97 about 45 miles north of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Caldwell, 62, was treated for minor injuries at Klamath Falls hospital and released, according to the Klamath Falls Herald and News.

## President Assures Governors That Bills Considered

Washington — (U.P.)—New England's second disastrous flood in three months is likely to spur Congress to its first serious consideration of some form of federal flood insurance.

President Eisenhower assured New England governors by letter from Denver Tuesday that the administration will make specific legislative suggestions next month.

The Senate Banking Committee, with Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) as acting chairman, will begin a series of hearings on the problem here next month, and later will move its hearings to flood and hurricane-stricken Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and perhaps North Carolina and Massachusetts.

It is to these hearings that Mr. Eisenhower said the administration, which has been studying the problem, will submit some program for insuring citizens against flood damage, a field seldom adequately covered by private insurance policies.

No legislation is now pending, but Lehman and several other senators have announced that they will sponsor some sort of insurance program. Generally, their bills are still in the drafting stage.

Lehman's proposal is expected to cover not only flood damage, but the risks of future wars, including atomic bombs, and similar disasters too big for private companies to handle. As now contemplated, it would involve some direct government insurance and some reinsurance in which the government would add its backing to that of private companies.

### Other Legislation Planned

Other members of Congress, particularly from flooded states, have announced they also will sponsor insurance legislation. Massachusetts' Sens. Leverett Saltonstall (R) and John F. Kennedy (D) jointly announced they would introduce a bill.

Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) also proposed legislation. So did various House members.

President Eisenhower did not disclose the nature of the administration proposal. But he gave a possible tipoff last year when he proposed a government reinsurance plan for health insurance, in which the Treasury would guarantee private companies against excessive loss.

The question of flood insurance has been before Congress in the past, but got short shift. Former President Truman asked for a federal flood insurance plan in 1952 in the wake of devastating Missouri Valley floods. But the 82nd Congress, then in its closing days, was plainly hostile. The House Banking Committee gave the idea a 90-minute hearing and dropped it. Minds May Be Changed

On that occasion, the northeastern states had no recent memory of floods in their own back yards. Now nature may have changed their lawmakers' minds.

### Margaret Truman Heads Daily Radio Program

New York — (U.P.)—Margaret Truman will become a full time radio performer Nov. 7, the National Broadcasting Company announced yesterday.

Miss Truman, who just returned from a tour of Europe, will be mistress of ceremonies on a new five day a week day-time program "Week-day." The show will follow the general lines of NBC radio's "Monitor," program, which features news, music and interviews.

### Adm. Pride Commander Of Pacific Air Force

Washington — (U.P.)—The Navy announced today that Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride, commander of the Seventh fleet in the Far East, will become commander of the Pacific Fleet Air Force.

Pride will succeed Vice Adm. Harold M. Martin, who retires next February.

Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll, deputy commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet, will relieve Pride as commander of the Seventh Fleet.

Holyoke, Mass. — (U.P.)—Former welterweight boxing champion Johnny Saxton lined up a training schedule today sure of a title fight at Boston Garden with the winner of the Nov. 30 bout between champ Carmen Basilio and Tony DeMarco.

## Wall Street

New York — (U.P.)—Oil shares featured another rise on the stock market today.

For industrials it was the fourth gain in six sessions, for rails and utilities it was the fifth in a half dozen.

Gains in the oils ranged to nearly three points in Standard Oil of New Jersey. Wide advances also were noted in Texas Co., Standard of California, Royal Dutch, Phillips Petroleum and Gulf Oil.

DePont generated strength late in the day and rose two points. Other chemicals were strong with it.

### Dow-Jones Averages

Dow-Jones final averages: 30 industrials 453.09 up 4.51, 20 rails 149.83 up 0.82, 15 utilities 61.75 off 0.11, 65 stocks 160.72 up 1.09.

Sales today were about 1,760,000 shares compared with 1,550,000 yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

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|--------------------|---------|
| American T & T     | 177 1/4 |
| Anaconda           | 64 3/4  |
| Chrysler           | 95 1/4  |
| Curtiss Wright     | 24 1/4  |
| General Electric   | 48 1/4  |
| General Motors     | 134 3/4 |
| Montgomery Ward    | 89 1/4  |
| Penn R R           | 25      |
| Penney J C         | 94 3/4  |
| Radio              | 44 1/4  |
| Southern Co        | 19 1/2  |
| Southern Pacific   | 55 3/4  |
| S Oil of Calif     | 85 1/2  |
| Texas Gulf Sulphur | 37 3/4  |
| Transamerica       | 40 1/4  |
| Tri-Continental    | 24 3/4  |
| United Aircraft    | 35 1/4  |
| U S Rubber         | 44 3/4  |
| U S Steel          | 54 1/4  |
| Youngstown         | 94 1/2  |

## Portland Livestock

Portland — (U.P.)—Cattle 400. Commercial heifers \$15.50-17; utility dairy type heifers around \$10-11.50; canner-cutter cows mostly \$7-8, few \$8.50; utility cows mostly \$10-11; around 750 lb. stock cows \$9.50; light cutter-utility bulls \$11-13; good stock steers \$16-17.

Calves 500. Good-choice \$17-19; individual high choice \$20; good-choice above 350 lb. calves \$16.50-18; cull calves and weaners down to \$7 and below.

Hogs 400. U.S. No. 1 and 2 butchers 180-235 lb. \$16.50-17; No. 3 lots \$16; 350-lbs; AA medium, 47-49c; A medium, 47-48c; small, 38-39c; carcases 1-3c additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA grade prints 66c lb.; cartons, 67c; A prints 66c; cartons, 67c; B prints, 64c. Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon singles, 40 1/2-41 1/2; 5-lb. loaves, 46 1/2-49 1/2c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 39 1/2-41c lb.

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

## Idaho Power Said Ready To Build Dams

Boise — (U.P.)—Idaho Power Company President T. E. Roach said today his company was ready and financially able to proceed with its plans to build three dams on the Snake river in Hells Canyon.

Roach made the remark in one of two statements released last night in which he defended his firm against remarks made in Washington, D. C., and Portland, Ore., both of which he felt were critical to his company.

In the second statement, Roach said references to power shortages in Idaho made during a House reclamation subcommittee hearing in Washington "obviously referred to power generated by the Bureau of Reclamation."

But it was a statement made Monday in Portland by Palmer Hoyt, editor and publisher of the Denver Post, that drew most of the power company president's ire.

Hoyt said he doubted if the dams would ever be built because he didn't think the "proper guarantees" were written into the Federal Power Commission permit authorizing the projects.

## Portland Produce

Farm Market Early Spitzenberg apple arrivals were being quoted around \$2.35-2.50 a loose-packed box today. Anjou pears from Hood River brought up to \$5.

First Klamath basin Russet spuds, U.S. No. 2, were 65 cents for 50 pounds.

### Poultry, Rabbits

Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality, f.o.b. Portland): Fryers, 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 22c; at farm, 21c; roasters 26c lb.; light hens, 17-18c; heavy hens, all wts., 19-20c; old roosters, 11-14c. Dressed Chickens—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, New York style, 38-37c lb.; whole drawn, 41-45c lb.; cut up, 47-50c lb.; hens, light type, New York style, 27-28c; cut-ups, 38-46c; hens, heavy type, N.Y. style, 28-31c; whole drawn, 40-44c.

Turkeys—To producers for a grade young hens, f.o.b. farm, N.Y. dressed, 37-38c lb.; A grade farn, 30-31c; live weight basis, 28c; A grade hens, 35c; A grade young hens ready to cook, 55c; N.Y. dressed, 48-49c lb.; fryer turkeys, 4-8 lbs., 56c; cut-up, 46-50c.

Rabbits—(average to growers f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3 1/2-4 1/2 lbs., 25-26c up; 5-6 lbs., 20-21c; colored pelt 4c under; old does, 10-14c lb., a few higher. Fresh killed frivers to retailers, 38-61c; cut up, 62-55c.

## Portland Hay, Grain

Portland—Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. trucks Portland and Seattle, \$35-38 ton. Prices as reported by the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$72 ton; No. 2 white oats, 38-lb. test, Coast delivery, \$49.50; No. 2 Western barley, \$47 f.o.b. Portland Coast delivery; soybean meal \$83 ton cars prompt delivery Portland; No. 2 milo, f.o.b. Portland, \$37.50 ton; standard millrun, \$44-45; cars; No. 2 yellow corn, Eastern shipments, f.o.b. Portland, \$58.50.

## Portlander Who Voted For General Grant Dies

Portland — (U.P.)—Charles Henry Hams, 104, who once voted for Gen. Ulysses Grant for president, died here yesterday. Hams, who came here in 1876, was born in Folkstone, England, in 1851. He first settled in Illinois and then came to Oregon. His wife died two years ago at the age of 97.

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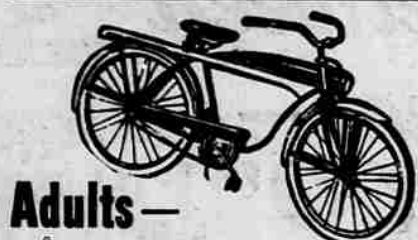
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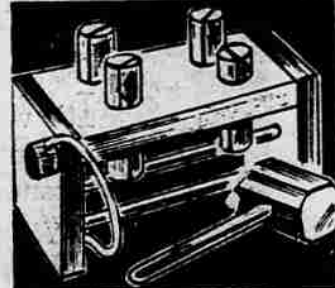
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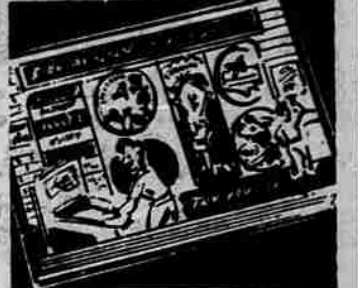
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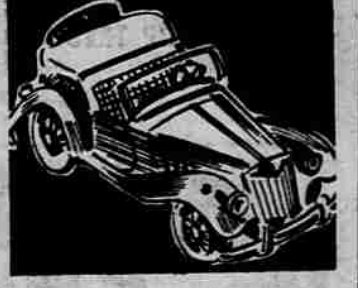
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