

50 Found Dead in Storm-Battered Mexican Town

Mexico City — (U.P.)—Rescue teams which reached Mexico's storm-battered Pacific Coast reported today a death toll of 50 in one town which was "literally buried" by mud and debris.

Many other sections of the three-state West Coast area flooded by a violent storm which blew in off the Pacific three days ago remained inaccessible today.

Red Cross teams were flown to the town of Atenuique in Jalisco State and reported the "whole place" was covered by mud with "only the church steeple showing." The teams said 50 bodies had been recovered in Atenuique.

No Communications
At Mexico City, officials said they had had no communications with the little coastal state of Colima for more than two days. It was reported "virtually all under water."

Rescue workers said Tuesday night they were unable to get within more than 75 miles of Colima City because of washed-out bridges and inundated roads. Authorities in Michoacan State also said no word had been received from a number of towns and villages caught in the sudden floods.

TOO MUCH FAT
Portland — (U.P.)—A nutritionist here says she has found that Oregon fatties are carrying around 8,849,250 pounds excess weight. Mrs. Tillie Lewis estimated that 465,750 of Oregon's 1,725,000 residents are overweight.

Lieutenant's Romance With Wife of Major Ends With Gunfire

Miami — (U.P.)—A soldier's suicide note today told the story of his love for a major's wife that began with their headlined flight across Germany and ended in blazing gunfire, suicide and murder at a busy Miami intersection.

"This ends what was once a beautiful romance," the note said.
George D. Bryson Jr., 32-year-old combat veteran of two wars, wrote the note Tuesday a few hours before he pumped two bullets into his mistress, Mrs. Sylvia Dahl Hess, 22, then shot himself in the temple and fell dead across her body.

Witnesses said Bryson met Mrs. Hess at an intersection near where she worked as a waitress. They quarreled violently and she slapped at each other. Then Bryson took a gun from his pocket and fired the three fatal shots.

End Much Like Start
Bryson, a veteran of World War II and the Korean war had risen from buck private to first lieutenant and was stationed in Germany when he met Sylvia two years ago. She was the wife of a major.

The two fell in love and ran away together in a stolen jeep on a wild ride across the Black Forest of Germany. Bryson was captured, court martialed, and dishonorably discharged from the Army.

The incident had no effect on his romance. He took the woman he loved to Miami, and there they lived as common law husband and wife.

Authorities said the beginning of the end occurred two months ago. The couple quarreled violently and separated.

Tuesday Bryson bought a .32 caliber automatic and some ammunition and wrote his suicide note. Then he waited near the place where Sylvia had recently obtained a job as a waitress.

Police said Sylvia's attention to a Marine sergeant apparently touched off the shooting.

Authorities said Bryson was believed to have a wife and children living at Bethlehem, Pa. Sylvia's parents are residents of Ogden, Utah.

Helix Steer Wins PI Championship

Portland — (U.P.)—Fritz Hill of Helix won the grand championship at the Pacific International Livestock exposition yesterday with his prize Hereford steer.

The open class champion shown by Kenneth Naugle of Nampa, Ida., took second place. Some 550 head of prize-winning livestock, including the championship steer, was to be auctioned off today.

Annabelle Edwards, Albany, Ore., won the 4-H sheep showmanship contest for the second straight year.

Umatilla county 4-H clubbers won the best county steer herd and Umatilla county also won the plaque given by the Oregon Hereford association for the best five 4-H Hereford steers.

Military Directed To Concentrate on Opening War Stages

Washington — (U.P.)—The administration has directed the military services to concentrate on the weapons and forces needed in the opening stages of a war and cut down on building long-term war reserves.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson brought the new move to light Tuesday in outlining a plan which he hopes will bring annual savings of about 500-million dollars in defense spending.

Wilson said that the savings sought would be "just one little piece" of the effort to balance the federal budget and would help to offset increasing military spending in the field of weapons, radar and other new developments.

The emphasis on forces ready to strike devastating blows at the opening stages of a conflict fits the theory, mainly, advanced by the Air Force, that another global war would be decided quickly because of the power of nuclear weapons.

Wilson told a news conference late Tuesday that the Pentagon had turned away from the idea of preparing to "refight" a five-year war on the World War II pattern and "storing all the brooms and adding machines" in advance.

In Line With New Look
The new orders to concentrate on modern weapons, reduce inventories and make manpower savings were in line with the administration new look for defense adopted in 1953. But Wilson said there now is need "for further review" to assure that defense programs are aimed as closely as possible to "current administration policy and world conditions."

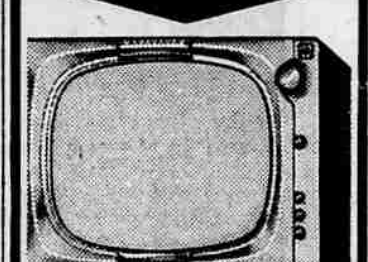
He directed the services to eliminate about 68,000 civilian jobs by next June 30. That will make a civilian cutback of more than 250,000 since Wilson took office. Most of the cuts are achieved through attrition rather than firings.

JUST LIKE THAT!
Wichita, Kan. — (U.P.) — T. L. Beham is a man to act on a decision. After two years' service with the Wichita fire department, the 25-year-old fireman decided to quit. On a practice drill, when the fire truck halted for a traffic light, Beham stepped off and walked away.

QUAKE ROCKS JAPAN
Tokyo — (U.P.)—An earthquake rocked the Pacific coast of Japan along a 200-mile front today. The tremor set tall office buildings in downtown Tokyo waving gently for several seconds. Seismologists said the quake was a weak one.

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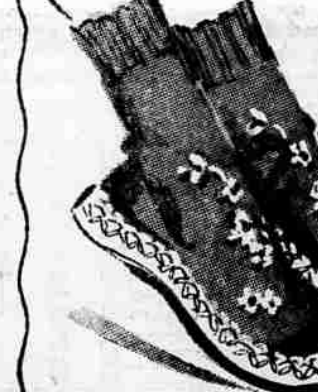
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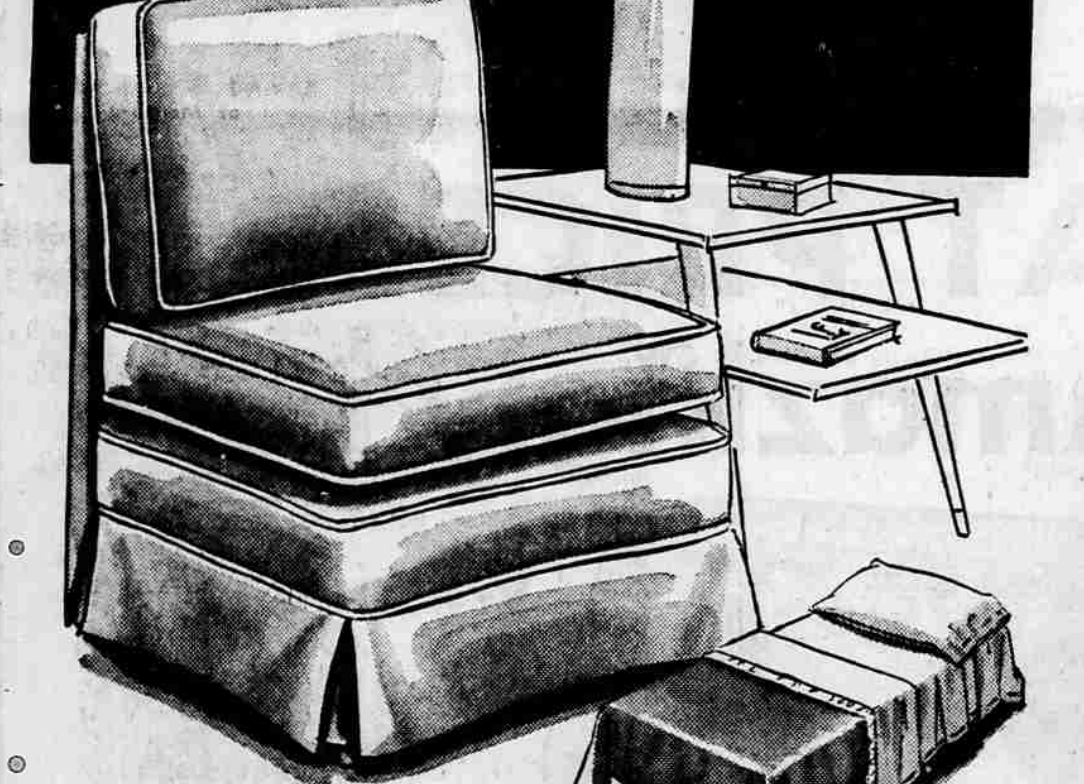


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