

Bitter Winter Weather Shoves Eastern States Farther Into Deep Freeze

Oregon Education Meeting Delegates Report on Sessions

Portland — (U.P.) — Three Oregonians who attended the recent White House conference on education told the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday that federal aid to education was the big issue and that it still was unresolved.

Eugene Marsh of McMinnville, chairman of the Oregon delegation, said the conference approved the principle of federal aid for school construction without federal control to states which don't have enough financial resources for their own schools. He said delegates were about evenly divided on whether federal aid should be given for school operation.

Federal Aid Unresolved
Marsh said that still unresolved was the question of whether federal aid should be given to all states on the basis of so much money per school child or whether aid should be only to those who cannot maintain proper standards otherwise. Another delegate, Hubert Leonard of Portland, said "No state has demonstrated its financial inability to provide good

education but some states have shown they lack the political determination." Leonard is chairman of the Portland chamber's education committee.

Children, Teachers Rescued From Island

London — (U.P.) — Rescuers pulled 120 school children and their teachers off a rocky island in the North Sea today after their ship ran aground in a thick fog off Germany.

The rescue was the most dramatic incident thus far in the first icy grip of winter. Scandinavia was swept by blizzards. Many small villages were isolated by snow, and at least 10 persons were reported dead in Norway and Sweden.

The rescued youngsters and their teachers had completed a four-week vacation on the North Sea's Langeoog Island. They were en route to Benseniel, a small Frisian port about 30 miles east of the Dutch border, when their ship grounded.

Miss Martha Shull, the other delegate, said the conference did not spend its time voting on resolutions but tapped grass roots opinion on education and tried to reawaken interest in education matters.

Neuberger Lauds 'Christmas Spirit'

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told the Portland Americanization Council yesterday that the "deed of Harry Holt of Creswell, Ore., more truly and nobly symbolizes the Christmas spirit than a million bargain sales and commercial offerings."

The Oregon Democrat was referring to the adoption by the Holt family of eight Korean war orphans. He sponsored a bill in Congress to permit immigration of the children.

Almost 80 per cent of the population of Mindanao, next in size to Luzon among the Philippine island chain, are of the Moslem faith.

Rash of Fires From Overheated Stoves Reported

By UNITED PRESS
A bone-chilling cold wave shoved the East farther into a deep freeze today, but ranted a little in the Midwest.

Temperatures were still well below zero in the North Central states, although Bemidji, Minn., "warmed up" from 45 below to 11 below. In other midlands areas, forecasters predicted the mercury would struggle into the 10s and 20s.

In the east, however, cold wave warnings were posted for New York and Pennsylvania. And the Pacific Northwest weathered another kind of wintry blast—hurricane rains and blizzards which left flood dangers in their wake.

With winter officially two days away, the temperature was below freezing early today from northern North Carolina to southern Arkansas, northern Texas, and across the Western plains.

Low temperatures included 13 below at both International Falls and Redwood Falls in Minnesota and a frosty 11 above at Dalhart, Tex.

Rash of Fires
A rash of disastrous fires, many of them caused by overheated stoves, accompanied the bitter cold.

At Springfield, O., an exploding oil stove touched off a blaze which killed five children and the mother of two of the victims. Another fire burned down four buildings on the main street of Appleton, Wis., early today and the five-below cold was so intense that water changed to ice almost as soon as it left the firemen's hoses.

The cold was also blamed for a mounting list of deaths by exposure and exhaustion. One of the latest victims was a Belmont, Wis., truck driver whose body was discovered frozen in a foot and a half of creek water.

Elsewhere, Americans showed widely-varying reactions to the weather.

At Toledo, O., a judge loaned a freed prisoner his spare overcoat when he discovered that the man had entered prison with only a summer-weight suit on his back and the temperature was currently 15 above.

Nudists Ignore Weather
A Kansas Nudist club applied for a state charter while the mercury read three above at Topeka and a railroad conductor refused to pass up his daily swim in Lake Michigan at Chicago, even though the temperature was nine above.

To the west, forecasters promised that a double blast of torrential rains and gale-force winds would abate. But the San Francisco area was still pounded by a terrific downpour, accompanied by rattling gusts of wind.

Flood threats mounted rapidly as the rain kept coming down. The Russian river in Northern California was expected to crest today and minor flooding was already reported.

Great Britain Orders Home Guard Retired

London — (U.P.) — Britain ordered its Home Guard retired today after four years of cold war alert and announced a sharp reorganization of the Army reserve for "global war."

War Secretary Antony Head told the House of Commons on his return from the North Atlantic Council meeting in Paris that the Home Guard was formed of volunteers between the ages of 18 and 65 would be placed on "reserve" status.

The Territorial Army, equivalent to the U. S. National Guard, will be trimmed to two full strength divisions.

The two divisions of the territorials are the minimum required to meet Britain's NATO contribution. The remainder of the territorials will be assigned to new jobs.

Mailers Join Detroit Newspaper Strike

Detroit — (U.P.) — Hope dimmed today for settlement of Detroit's 20-day-old newspaper strike when the mailer's union joined striking stereotypers on picket lines.

The 550 mailers are members of the Detroit Mailers Union No. 40, a branch of the International Typographical Union. They became the second of eight unions whose contracts have expired with the city's three major dailies, The Detroit News, Times and Free Press, to go on strike.

Elmer Brown, a representative of the ITU office at Indianapolis, said the mailers voted 354 to 11 last night to officially join the strike. He accused the publishers of forcing the union to strike by "stalling" on negotiations on new contracts.



SIDEWALK TRAGEDY—Dr. and Mrs. Frank Greider of Decatur, Ill., are given first aid by police after being struck down on a sidewalk in Los Angeles when an auto jumped the curb. The 65-year-old physician, who later died in the hospital, and his wife were en route to Japan to spend Christmas with their serviceman son. Mrs. Greider's condition is critical.

Powers Men Give Up In Tax Evasion Case

Portland — (U.P.) — Three partners in the Standley Brothers Logging Company, Powers, Ore., voluntarily surrendered to the U.S. marshal here yesterday on an indictment charging federal income tax evasion.

All three men — Noble C. Standley, Robert Wilbur Merchen, and James A. Adamek — posted \$2500 bail and were released by U. S. Commissioner Robert Leedy pending arraignment.

The indictment states that Standley should have paid \$112,959 instead of \$27,062 from 1949 to 1951; Merchen should have paid \$45,807 instead of \$12,299, and Adamek should have paid \$34,832 instead of \$4,019.

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