

Heavy Rain Adds To Southern Oregon Woes

Receding Waters Leave Mud Over Yuba City Homes

Yuba City, Calif. — (U.P.) — The receding waters of the Feather river left a slimy blanket of mud today over hundreds of stores and homes in this stricken and deserted city of 10,000.

Authorities begged Yuba City residents to stay away from their homes for several days longer. They wanted to repair the damaged sewer plant and to ensure a safe water supply before letting them return.

Guards Prevent Looting
Armed guards, deputized by police and the sheriff's office, patrolled the streets to prevent looting.

The northwestern part of the city was drying out, but those sections nearest the broken levee were under six to eight feet of water.

Six bodies were recovered in Yuba City. Civil defense authorities said the eventual toll might go as high as 30 persons.

Many residents began returning to Yuba City yesterday morning, but later in the day they were ordered to leave again. The order came from City Councilman Joe Sanderson, the civil defense coordinator of the flood stricken area.

Water Could Rise
Sanderson explained that a flood "backlash" could send water rising again, although not to the highs of Saturday. He said such a backlash would result from a leveling out of waters in the upper Sacramento Valley river system.

Across the river in Marysville, 80 per cent of the 10,000 residents of that town had returned to the homes they evacuated last Friday.

Many Marysville residents had to flee twice. The first time was Friday, when they fled to Yuba City. The second time was early Saturday, when they had to flee Yuba City after a levee broke.

Utilities Restored
The National Guard was still posted around Marysville for the protection of families who had not returned. All utilities were restored except long distance telephone service.

City officials hoped they could get heavy equipment immediately to rebuild a section of levee that broke. They said another heavy rain would result in flooding of the whole city.

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — Residents of Northwestern California, flooded by a week of rain and goods, stirred themselves today to restore their homes, farms and businesses.

At least six persons were dead and an undetermined number missing in Humboldt, Mendocino, Del Norte and Trinity counties.

The damage was incalculable. No one knew how many houses were washed into the sea. Many lumber firms reported their entire winter stock of logs was swept away. Farmers lost their homes, barns, livestock and crops.

Deputy Sheriff W. L. Linier reported U.S. Highway 101, the main artery through the coast counties, was cut at Garberville on the south and Klamath on the north, a distance of more than 100 miles.

Other roads into the area, including U.S. 299 from Redding, were cut by dozens of slides and washouts, Linier said.

Telephone and telegraph lines were still out. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company dropped men and equipment throughout Humboldt county from five helicopters to begin restoring the circuits.

Linier said there were no shortages of food, water or medical supplies in the area, though

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Christmas Traffic Fatalities Near All-Time Record

460 Reported Dead Since 6 p.m. Friday

By UNITED PRESS

The nation was in danger today of winding up the Christmas holiday with an all-time, all-holiday record for traffic fatalities.

Safety experts pleaded with homeward-bound motorists to put on the brakes and keep the death count below the previous record of 588, set during the Christmas holiday of 1952.

But a United Press count showed that 460 persons had died in traffic accidents across the nation since 6 p.m. Friday. Fires killed 51, a plane crash one, and miscellaneous accidents 73 for an overall holiday toll of 584.

Forecast May Be Passed

This year's three-day Christmas holiday ends at midnight tonight and it appeared certain that the National Safety Council's advance forecast of 560 holiday traffic deaths would be reached or surpassed.

Council President Ned H. Dearborn said early today that "the only way now to avert an all-time record for any holiday is for every driver to redouble his care on the way home."

By nearly midday Monday, Texas had the highest state traffic toll with 41. Illinois was next with 37. Michigan third with 36. Other states included California and Ohio, 30 each, and Missouri, 23.

At Gaylord, Mich., a fire at a farm home killed the wife of Warren Soper and all five of their children, ranging in ages from 13 to two years.

Eight Deaths an Hour
Reports of fatal highway smashups began rolling in almost as soon as the holiday started. At first, the death rate was about six an hour. Then it jumped to seven and even hit eight at times.

Safety experts had only faint hopes that the death rate would slacken today, when highways are crammed with motorists hurrying home after holiday visits.

Fair skies and clear roads across much of the nation were an encouraging factor, even though they robbed most Americans of a white Christmas yesterday. Denver posted an all-time Christmas heat record of 66 and snow stayed out of the Midwest, even though temperatures plunged back as low as 16 below zero in the North.

Navy Plane Crashes, Explodes on Azores

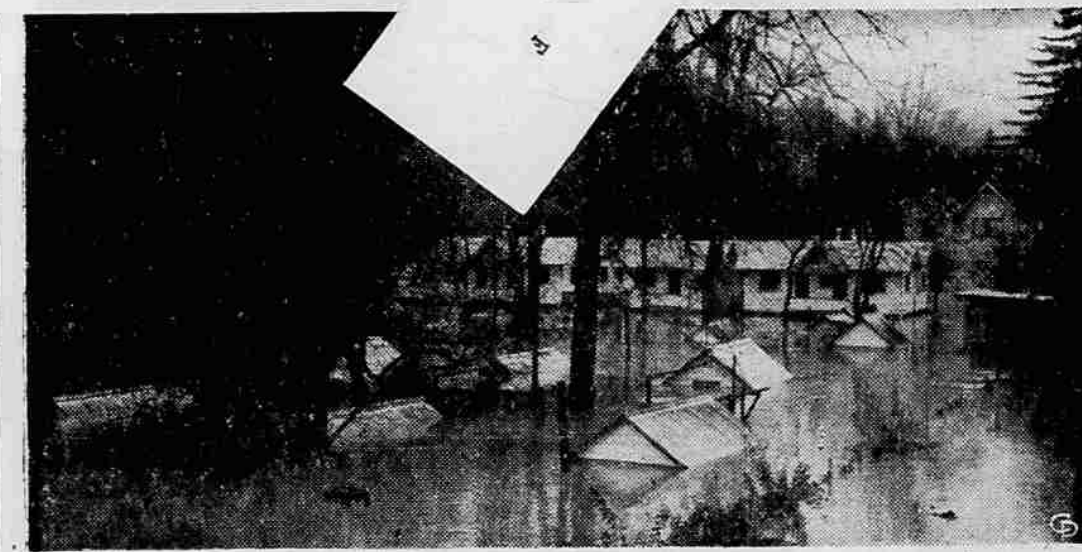
Angra Do Heroismo, Azores — (U.P.) — A U.S. Navy plane crashed and exploded last night on Terceira Island in the Azores, killing two persons.

Two other persons aboard the plane were rescued before an explosion destroyed the wreckage, Portugal officials here said. They were taken to a U.S. Air Force hospital at the joint Portuguese-American air base near Angra Do Heroismo.

Rescue parties which returned from the scene of the crash said the plane bore the markings "AJ2." Flames and exploding fuel demolished the wreckage so that the plane's exact type could not be determined immediately.

Bakery Truck Flips
William C. Hiscoe, 47, Beaverton, died in an earlier accident when he was flipped out of his bakery truck on a Portland hill. The truck had hit a depression in the shoulder of the road. It turned over and pinned Hiscoe underneath.

Charles J. McCall, 53, Gervais, died when his car left Highway 99 about two miles south of Gervais junction.



CRESTING AT 39 FEET, 10 feet above flood stage, Russian River spills over large area, causing damage estimated in millions of dollars. Cottages in Guerneville, Cal., area are submerged to gabled roofs. Picture was made from end of Guerneville bridge. (International)

Civil Defense Chief Inspects Flooded Areas

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Civil Defense Chief Val Peterson, acting on instructions from President Eisenhower, inspected flood-ravaged Nevada and California today.

Peterson arrived last night in Reno after a daylong flight from Washington. He conferred immediately with Nevada's Gov. Charles Russell, the state's two senators, Allen Bible and George Malone, and Reno Mayor Len Harris.

"I came out to take a good look to see what has to be done," Peterson said. "The White House is watching this situation carefully."

Parts of Three States
The record floods inundated parts of Oregon, California and Nevada, took the lives of at least 33 persons, wiped out more than a dozen small towns and caused not less than \$50,000,000 damage.

Some 50 to 60 persons were missing. Fifty thousand persons had to flee their homes. Hundreds will have no homes to return to. Their houses were carried off or otherwise destroyed by the rampaging waters.

The Red Cross estimated it served 15,000 Christmas dinners to flood victims yesterday.

"The President wants us to utilize every facility the federal government has at its disposal to aid these people," Peterson said when he began his inspection tour.

Eisenhower Spends Joyful Christmas

Washington — (U.P.) — Christmas for President Eisenhower was a day of reverence and family joy.

Throughout the day his special delight was his grandchildren. Not only did he play Santa Clause for the youngsters, but he showed his grandfatherly pride by having them sing a carol for newsmen and photographers.

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower and their son, also went to church. There he joined in a Christmas prayer that "peace on earth and good will to men" will be realized in our time.

He had the grandchildren — David, 7, Barbara Anne, 6, and Susan, nearly 4 — sing "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," in their special caroling performance. He removed his glasses and conducted them.

"Boy, they're really singing," he remarked proudly to reporters.

'Golden Boy' Held As Public Nuisance

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Veteran boxer Art Aragon, known as California's "Golden Boy," was jailed early today as a "public nuisance" after he was found staggering along a downtown street, police reported.

Aragon, who recently made a comeback in California boxing circles, was arrested by two officers in East Los Angeles. They said the fighter was drunk and belligerent when questioned on a street corner.

Officers R. F. McGrath and K. R. Wilson hauled Aragon to the county jail where he was booked as a public nuisance and on plain drunk charges.

Transportation From Medford Limited; H 99 North Is Open

Highway 99 north of Medford opened late this morning, but water remained on the highway near Myrtle Creek. Earlier today, regular airline travel and re-routed vehicle traffic were the only means of transportation north.

State police said Highway 99 had about 12 inches of water on it at 11 a.m. today, but traffic was moving. Slides also closed Highway 199 west of Grants Pass, and Highway 38 between Drain and Reedsport.

Highway 42 east of Coquille was closed because of high water.

Siskiyou Line Closed
Southern Pacific trains will be re-routed on the Cascade line through Klamath Falls because the Siskiyou line has been closed by high water, according to R. H. Holmes, district freight and passenger agent.

The Siskiyou line is flooded at Cow Creek canyon, Myrtle Creek and Winston.

Railroad officials said they hoped a slide which closed the Cascade line, forcing re-routing of passenger trains through Medford on the Siskiyou line, will be cleared early tonight.

Bus Service
Bus service is available to Dunsuir, Calif., to make connections with the Shasta Daylight passenger train. A northbound passenger left San Francisco at 7:45 a.m. today, and a southbound passenger train will leave Portland at 4 p.m. tonight.

Bus service north, over Highway 99, has been discontinued.

Rogue River Area Scanned for Fliers

The Medford airport control tower was advised by a ham radio operator at about 11 a.m. that Glenn Woolridge, veteran Grants Pass river guide, has reached the area where a Grants Pass plane was reported down, and that both occupants are safe.

No further details were immediately available.

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Ground search along the banks of the Rogue river between here and Marial, was continuing today for two fliers believed down in a light plane.

Missing are Fred Hale, 43, manager of the Grants Pass air service, and William Geer, Marial, a passenger. The two men left Grants Pass Saturday to take pictures of Geer's flooded cabin.

The search was spurred Saturday night when a Mercy plane piloted by George Milligan Medford, reported spotting a fire along the south bank of the river.

Two search parties were hunting along the river bank, another was en route overland from Glendale and a boat on the Rogue river has joined the hunt. Air search was stalled by overcast and poor visibility.

Weather
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with rain showers changing to snow showers tonight and partly cloudy Tuesday. Low tonight 32. High Tuesday 42-45.

Highest yesterday Temp. 54
Lowest this morning 42
To 4:30 a.m. today Prec. 06

400 Families Left Homeless By Flood Along Rogue River

Estimates Damage Into Hundreds Of Thousands

Some 400 families were left at least temporarily homeless in Jackson county by last week's floods, according to estimates prepared over the week end by the Red Cross.

Damage will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to a spokesman, but official accounting of losses awaits a more thorough survey Tuesday by Red Cross and Civil Defense personnel.

A minimum of 25 homes were totally destroyed in the Rogue River area, according to the spokesman, and more than 100 homes suffered major damage.

About 150 families were served Christmas dinner yesterday at local restaurants through Red Cross arrangements. Some 40 or 50 children received Christmas toys in the Rogue River and Shady Cove areas.

Disaster Worker Here
Miss Josephine McNamara, professional disaster worker from Pacific area headquarters of the Red Cross at San Francisco, arrived Friday to head rehabilitation work. She is assisted by Robert Seward, also from headquarters.

Both lauded volunteer workers in all the hard-hit areas of the county, who have given many hours of work to assisting flood victims. A canteen has operated 24 hours a day in Rogue River, and workers have also kept a canteen open in Shady Cove when needed.

Others Commended
They commended members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in both Rogue River and Shady Cove who donated their halls and services.

Families seeking Red Cross aid in the Rogue River area are asked to contact Mrs. Charles Babcock, Sangri La auto court, or Mrs. A. P. Klomhauw, West Evans Creek rd. In Shady Cove Mrs. E. S. Strother is in charge.

Some of the families left homeless by the floods started moving back in over the week end, cleaning up the messes left by the high, silt-laden waters. Others will be returning during the week, while some of the less fortunate will have to await completion of major repairs.

The entire facilities of the American National Red Cross have been pledged to aid the flood relief and rehabilitation work in disaster areas, both in Oregon and California.

Three Babies Born Here On Christmas

Three babies were born Christmas day in Medford, all at Sacred Heart hospital.

Parents of the two boys born are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford, 131 Lincoln st., and Mr. and Mrs. La Rue Smith, 409 Summit ave. The girl is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ouellette, 1532 Terrace dr.

Unloading Shotgun Fatal To Virginia Boy

Millard, Va. — (U.P.) — A 17-year-old boy was fatally wounded by a hunting companion near here late Saturday, according to Sheriff John Rose.

The sheriff said Bob Puckett was accidentally shot by a second youth as the two unloaded their automatic shotguns. No charges were filed.

Road Conditions

Highway 101 — Closed north and south of Coquille, high water.

Highway 99 — Open north. Water over highway near Myrtle Creek, but traffic going through.

Highway 99, California — West open. East closed. Yuba City-Marysville area.

Highway 42 — Closed east of Coquille, high water.

Highway 38 — Closed between Drain and Reedsport, slide.

Highway 36 — One-way traffic between Eugene and Florence, slide.

Highway 58 — Willamette pass closed above Oakridge, slide.

Highway 66 — Open over Green Springs; no snow.

Highway 199 — West of Grants Pass, closed by slides.

Highway 234 — Closed at Dodge bridge.

Highway 238 — Detour in Applegate area, open.

Steady Downpour Drenches Coast, Willamette Valley

Isolated Riddle in General Evacuation

Portland — (U.P.) — Heavy rains today added to the woes of the already drenched residents of southern Oregon and brought concern over possibilities of more serious flooding.

The floods last week in western and southern Oregon were blamed for at least six deaths. Five other persons are reported missing.

The steady downpour dropped 4.44 inches of rain on North Bend during the 24 hours ended at 4:20 a.m. today. Eugene had 3.36, Roseburg 3.76, Brookings 4.96 and Portland .75.

Still Raining on Coast
It was still raining heavily along the Oregon coast and through the southern Willamette valley today. There was snow in high elevations and early today it was snowing from the Coast range to McMinnville. The weather bureau forecast snow for the Portland area tonight.

A general evacuation was in progress at Riddle, south of Roseburg, last night. Water has completely surrounded and isolated the town. Deer creek, Sutherland creek, the South Umpqua river and Cow creek spilled over their banks in Douglas county. Water was over the highway at Myrtle Creek and numerous slides were reported in the Roseburg area. There were reports of serious water damage to homes and stores in Sutherland where volunteers were putting up sand bags to hold back further flooding. Some persons were evacuating their homes in the Deer creek area.

Umpqua Crest Expected
The South Umpqua river was expected to crest at 29 feet today, threatening the Winston-Dillard area.

The Willamette at Portland crested at 22.3 feet yesterday and was falling today, but heavy up stream runoff from tributaries and soaked land was expected to send the river up again. However, a cold front moving in might keep streams generally from rising too much further.

At Divide, near Cottage Grove six out of seven Southern Pacific engines pulling 78 cars were derailed yesterday. The track was cleared to traffic last night, but trains were moving cautiously. SP officials said they were protecting the railroad bridge at Myrtle Creek by running cars full of lumber out on the bridge to act as "ballast."

At Coquille, the cresting Coquille river was causing some flooding last night as more than three inches of rain fell on the area in a 13-hour period.

Deaths Reach Six
Toll in the flood remained at six dead with two Hood River, Ore., duck hunters still missing and feared drowned on the Columbia.

The weather bureau at Portland said the only major threat is a storm developing off the Oregon coast which might drench inland areas. But the weatherman said that disturbance was weakening last night.

Comedian Succumbs At Hollywood Home

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Abe Reynolds, 71-year-old stage, screen and radio comedian, died yesterday at his home here after a long illness.

Reynolds was born in New York City and started his stage career in burlesque 46 years ago. He appeared in many Broadway stage productions and also was active in vaudeville for many years.

He leaves his wife, Florence, three brothers, Robert, Harry and Arthur, and a sister, Esther.

Soviet Union Announces 10 Per Cent Budget Slash

By HENRY SHAPIRO
United Press Correspondent

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union today announced a 1956 "peace budget" that slashes defense spending by nearly ten per cent.

The appropriations bill, delivered at the opening of a special session of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament), switched emphasis to housing, consumer goods and industry.

Moderate Speech
Finance Minister Arseni E. Zverev announced the budget in a speech which for the first time in many years failed to denounce any Western power or accuse the West of aggressive designs against the Soviet Union.

It was one of the most moderate speeches that this correspondent has heard in 20 years here.

Zverev said the Soviet defense bill for 1956 will be 102,500,000 rubles compared with last year's 112,000,000. The cut, in effect, wipes out last year's 12 per cent military increase.

There is no official exchange rate for the ruble. It is usually quoted at the diplomatic rate of 25 cents.

in Spending for Defense

Wholesale price cuts that boosted the internal value of the ruble during 1955 will make up for some of the paper decrease. It is impossible to calculate how much.

But one statistic indicated that defense spending will be cut in fact. Next year's announced al-

location for arms amounts to 18 per cent of the entire budget. This year's was 19.9 per cent.

The emphasis was on internal development.

The government, following up official criticism of housing, announced an actual increase of 18 per cent in the amount of housing built during the year.

Consumer Goods Up
Zverev also indicated a higher rate of production of consumer goods although it will not be the "sharp upsurge" promised in the 1953 speech by former Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Calculation Impossible

Culture, education and social services also came in for increased allocations. But the priority remained in so-called producer goods, heavy industry and machinery.

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