

Workmen Begin Task of Rebuilding Flooded Areas of Northern California

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Construction crews moved into flooded areas of Northern California today to start rebuilding levees and clearing up debris from the grim Christmas week floods.

At the same time, representatives of federal and state agencies and private groups fanned out over the state to assess the damage from the torrential rains and floods.

The floods took a total of 53 lives in California and caused damage estimated at not less than \$100,000,000. Another 13 died in Oregon.

With the flood waters ebbing in most areas, the remaining danger point was still the delta area through which the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers emptied into San Francisco Bay. Levees still holding.

So far, the levees were holding. Flood officials were hopeful the danger would abate after today.

Another trouble spot was near the hamlet of Verona, some 16 miles south of Yuba City, where the Feather river joins the Sacramento river. There the high waters threatened to collapse a levee holding back a 300-foot wide drainage canal.

Another flooded area was the town of Alviso on the southeastern shore of San Francisco Bay. A high tide backed up the rain-swollen Guadalupe river, forcing a steady two-inch flow through a 30-foot break in a levee guarding the town. At last reports, some low sections of the town were under four feet of water.

Guardmen on Duty
In Yuba City, the 10,000 residents who fled for their lives last Saturday when the Feather river broke through a levee were returning to their homes. Emergency sewage facilities were in use. Some 450 National Guardsmen enforced a curfew to prevent looting.

The death toll at Yuba City rose to 17 when two more bodies were found in the rubble yesterday. In that area alone, 6300 families were affected by the flood. Some 280 homes were destroyed, 1000 suffered major damage and 4500 minor damage.

The State Reclamation Board made plans to build a new 10,000-foot levee around the Yuba City levee break in the hope of eliminating the so-called "Shanghai Bend" which was indirectly blamed for the levee's failure.

The federal Civil Defense Administration established disaster centers at Eureka, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Yuba City and Reno to help in the work of rehabilitation.

Home Extensively Damaged By Fire

The Arthur Glocker residence, Griffin Creek rd., was extensively damaged by flames yesterday afternoon.

City firemen said that the blaze was started from an overheated stove and flue and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered.

The Glockers were not at home at the time, firemen were told. The alarm was turned in about 4:20 p.m. after a passing motorist saw the fire and reported it to a neighbor of the Glockers.

Warning Issued On Fire Danger In Flooded Areas

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Recent flooding poses a serious fire hazard, the National Board of Fire Underwriters warned today.

The board warned against turning on electrical equipment when electrical equipment or wiring is wet. This could result in burnouts and short circuits, it said.

The board also urged that materials liable to spontaneous heating be removed from fire hazard areas and carefully watched for rise in temperature or evidence of combustion.

Certain Chemicals
Among these, it said, are certain chemicals such as calcium oxide (unslaked lime), sodium potassium, and magnesium; finely divided metals, such as scrap, metallic sulfides such as organo-work residues; burlap bags, jute and bituminous coal; hay, grains, alfalfa meal, animal feeds, fertilizers, fish meal and scrap and sawdust.

The board said swelling of water-soaked fibrous materials such as paper and jute may push out walls or wreck building columns. Their added weight may also cause floors to collapse.

Suspected Umatilla Bank Robber Returned
Portland—(U.P.)—Jack Edwin Hill, one of two men arrested in connection with the \$57,500 robbery of the Inland Empire bank at Umatilla last August, was brought to Portland from Mobile, Ala., yesterday.

Hill and Tilman B. Benson, 36, were scheduled to be arraigned next week. Bail was set at \$100,000 each.

Red Cross Chapter Shows Gratitude To 'Hundreds Of People'

Eugene Thorndike, chairman of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross, today expressed the organization's gratitude to "hundreds of people" who worked with and for that agency during the flood emergency.

He had high praise for the veterans organizations of Rogue River and Shady Cove, to the Granges, to groups of church women, and to countless individuals who worked cooperatively and without complaint to make things easier during the emergency.

Others Pitched In
The Red Cross, which yesterday was designated as the official flood relief agency, cannot claim credit for all the work which was done, Thorndike declared. Civil defense workers, state police, sheriffs deputies and men and women with no official connections pitched in to help with no thought except to get the job done, he stated.

Leroy Webb, Rogue River, and Ray Briggs, Shady Cove, civil defense workers, worked "around the clock," Thorndike reported, typical of the many people who worked cooperatively with the Red Cross organization.

Because of the "open-hearted generosity" of families whose homes escaped destruction, it was unnecessary to establish mass care centers, Thorndike reported, for the homeless families were taken into the homes of neighbors and in some cases are still there.

Canteen Maintained
A canteen was maintained at Shady Cove during the worst of the flood, and a canteen at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at Rogue River has been operating all week. It was to close today. Hundreds of meals were furnished there for flood victims and workers, Thorndike said.

Disaster headquarters in Shady Cove is still the schoolhouse, and at Rogue River it will be the city hall, effective Friday. Operations are still on an emergency basis, according to Miss Josephine McNamara, Red Cross disaster worker from San Francisco, who is in charge of flood relief work in Jackson and Josephine counties. Another professional worker was due here today.

Most of the food during the emergency period was provided, or paid for, by the Red Cross, although Thorndike expressed appreciation to many people who donated supplies of food to supplement the Red Cross stores. The Rogue River Grange hall has been donated for use as a depot for additional supplies needed, he said.

Three Vehicles In Accident Yesterday

Three vehicles were involved in an accident near the main entrance to Camp White on Highway 62 about 8:40 a.m. yesterday.

Pickup trucks operated by Paul R. Yocum, 52, of 1142 Spring st., Medford, and Marvin Stanley Cook, 23, of route 1, box 435, Ashland, and a car driven by Verlan Clair Jacoby, 66, of 940 Murray st., Medford, were involved, according to state police.

Police said the Cook and Jacoby vehicles were northbound on Highway 62, and the Yocum vehicle was making a turn into a service station. There were no injuries and the vehicles were driven away under their own power, police said.

A car operated by Henry Jesse Fields, 65, of 1315 Locust st., and one owned by Mary Lucille Emmert, general delivery, Central Point, were involved in an accident near the intersection of Old Stage rd. and Beall lane early today, police said.

Former Peron Minister Sentenced by Court

Buenos Aires, Argentina—(U.P.)—Former Army Minister Gen. Franklin Lucero, who commanded forces loyal to Juan D. Peron before he was overthrown, has been sentenced to loss of his rank and use of his uniform for "most grave misconduct."

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Demurrer Upheld In Mine Claim Suit

Eugene—(U.P.)—Lane County Circuit Judge Frank Reid Tuesday upheld a demurrer brought by State Rep. Lorán Stewart in connection with a fraudulent mining claim suit.

The demurrer, filed by Stewart and Lawrence Chapman, contended the facts in the case did not support the charges, and that causes in the suit were not properly joined.

Norman Phillips of Baker brought the \$75,000 suit against Stewart and Chapman, and Fred and William Bartels claiming that the Bartels gave him an option to buy mining property without informing him that Stewart and Chapman already held options on part of the property.

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Consideration for Albany Plant Told

Portland—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said today he had been informed by Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, that "serious consideration" would be given to requests to development of zirconium at the Albany Bureau of Mines laboratory.

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