

Estimated \$161,815 Damage In Six Mile Area Near Murphy

An estimated \$161,815 damage to land, equipment, livestock and other property was sustained in a six-mile area between Murphy and the fish hatchery on the Applegate river during the recent flood.

The report was given late last week at a meeting of the Rogue soil conservation district board of supervisors.

Harold Gebhard, Central Point, chairman of the flood survey committee, told the board an estimated 80 miles of the Rogue and Applegate rivers and Bear creek were flooded, with a stream width average of 40 rods. 1,923 Acres Flooded

The committee survey indicated that 1,923 acres had been flooded in the six-mile area. Results from a total survey of 16 square miles in the Applegate district will be compiled soon, Gebhard said. Other committee members are Bill Jess, Dodge bridge area, and Francis Kraus, Murphy.

They were assisted in the Murphy canvass by 10 volunteers. Studies of conditions along Rogue river and Bear creek also are to start soon, and information will be forwarded to Oregon's congressional delegation and the secretary of interior.

The survey report is to serve as "a justification for federal aid to flood control work," a spokesman said.

Resolution Presented
Also presented at the meeting was a resolution drawn up by the land use committee, which will be sent to the state association of soil conservation districts.

GOOD DEER DEED
Cornish, N.H.—(U.P.)—Schoolboy Eugene Demers saw two bucks in a brook. Their antlers were hopelessly locked. One buck had drowned. The other buck, the victor in the fight, faced a similar fate. The boy and Conservation Office Jesse Scott roped the surviving deer and freed him.

WRONG PLACE
Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—An automobile had to be repainted at a cost of \$125 because a five-year-old girl tried to clean it. She used nail polish remover.



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It expresses the wish that local persons be allowed to attend meetings of the state highway planning commission, "in the hope of bringing about better consideration of economical use of good farm land in relation to road construction."

The group set the annual meeting for 8 p.m. Feb. 2, at the Central Point Grange hall. Speakers will be Robert Root, who will discuss activities of the new water resources board, and State Sen. Philip Lowry, who will speak on the question of land use.

Edson Completes Flood Inspection

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Robert C. Edson, top disaster trouble-shooter for the American Red Cross, was amazed Saturday by the "comparatively low loss of life" in the Christmas week flood tragedy.

Edson, who ranks the California-Oregon-Nevada floods as the fifth worst flood in U.S. history, recently completed a six-day inspection tour of the California flood region.

A Red Cross official since 1942, Edson has managed relief work in tornado lashed cities of the southwest, in Texas City, Texas, which was virtually leveled by explosions in 1947 and in hurricane-ripped New England towns.

From the standpoint of destruction, the recent east coast hurricane and the West coast storm of 1951 are the two largest of Edson's experience. The 1927 and 1937 Mississippi floods also rank above the Christmas disaster.

Edson said Pacific coast flood relief is unique because of the "difficulty of transportation and communication, especially in Humboldt county. So long after the disaster," he added, "it is extraordinary to continue using air mission to drop food.

Remarkable, too, in view of the widespread nature of the disaster, is the comparatively low loss of life," Edson said.

Says U.S. Willing To Withdraw Forces

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The United States is willing to withdraw military forces from Japan immediately if the Japanese government requests it, Admiral Arthur W. Radford said Saturday.

However, he said Japan will be unable to defend itself alone even if its projected military buildup is completed in 1960. Radford, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, told a news conference that the United States "will be delighted" to have Japan assume responsibility for her own security.

"We will withdraw anytime at the request of the Japanese government or when their defenses are adequate—whichever is sooner," he said.

Radford arrived in Tokyo Friday as he neared completion of a world tour. He plans to fly to Korea Monday.



Senator Will Have Farmers Join Plan Or Lose Supports

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Allen J. Ellender said Saturday farmers should be deprived of government price support benefits if they do not participate in a soil bank program.

Without such a mandatory feature, he told the United Press, the program would not take enough surplus acreage out of production to ease the farm price depression.

The Louisiana Democrat, as chairman of the Senate Agriculture committee, is a key figure on farm legislation.

Special Message
President Eisenhower's new farm program, which he will outline in a special message to Congress Monday, is built around a soil bank plan. But Republican congressmen who have had a glimpse of it, said farmer participation would be voluntary.

The farmers would be paid in cash or "in kind," the same commodity form the present huge surpluses, for taking out of production acreages of corn, cotton, rice and wheat. Such land would be planted to conservation crops such as grass.

Democrats and Republicans in Congress generally are agreed on the desirability of a soil bank, but they differ on details.

Congressional Democrats were primed in a special memorandum from the Democratic National committee to claim the administration's tardy espousal of the soil bank concept has been costly to farmers.

"Democratic Program"
The memo says the soil bank idea is the "revival of a pre-World-War II Democratic program" conducted under a 1936 law.

The memo also comments that twice in 1955 the administration opposed bills to establish a soil-bank. Since then, it continues, the parity ratio has dropped four per cent and farm income has fallen by some \$700,000,000 a year.

"The administration's delay in adopting these Democratic proposals has been costly to farmers," the memorandum asserts.

Brownell Indicates Ike May Run Again

Washington—(U.P.)—Attorney General Herbert Brownell jr., was reported Saturday to have indicated to republican fund-raisers his conviction that President Eisenhower will seek reelection.

Some widely varying first and second hand reports circulated as to how far Brownell, one of the administration's crack political operators, had gone in indicating his belief. He attended a meeting Friday of the GOP finance committee.

One highly placed republican said he had heard from men who were on hand that Brownell had "assured" the GOP leaders that Mr. Eisenhower would run again and had indicated he was "authorized" to give such assurance.

However, another informant who attended the meeting, said any such interpretation would be a gross distortion of what the attorney general said. This source said Brownell certainly did nothing to discourage hopes that the president would run again.

THROWING HIS WEIGHT—This smiling fellow is storekeeper Pierre Poudjade, whose sensational gains in the French general elections made him a pover in French politics. Poudjade vowed he will call "tax strikes, labor strikes and any other kind of reform." He did not say what reform he feels is needed.

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—Seven barefoot followers of Krishna Vanta, master of the wisdom-knowledge-faith-love cult, picketed Alameda county jail in the rain Saturday where their leader is serving a five-day sentence for non-support.

Followers Of Sect Head Picket Jail

Before answering the call to organize his cult, the 44-year-old master was an Oakland mechanic named Francis Hienwasser Pencovic. He was sent to jail Friday on a contempt of court charge.

Superior Judge Wakefield Taylor ordered him to pay \$100 a month support to his divorced wife, Luyele, for their two children. Krishna Vanta refused to do so on the grounds he had no property and that everything belonged to his group. His wife however told the court he had been on gambling trips to Nevada several times after founding his cult.

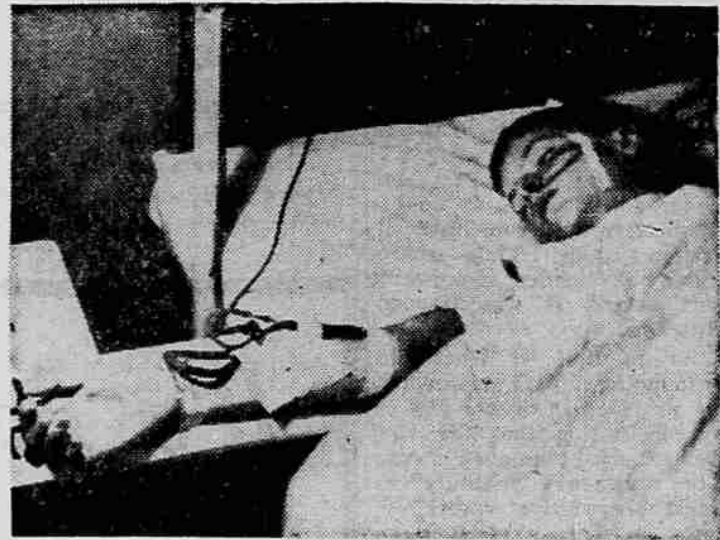
The pickets maintaining a round-the-clock-schedule, carried signs which read: "Penalized for life long dedication to God" "His religious rights violated," and "What has happened to the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom?"

RECORD PAIR

December
Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The 6.42 inches of precipitation in December in Klamath county was the largest on record, according to figures released by the Klamath project office of the Bureau of Reclamation. Previous high for the month was 5.30 inches in 1939. Normal for the period is 2 inches.

HEART ATTACK FATAL

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Yoshisuka Watanabe, president of the Yawata Iron and Steel Co., biggest in Japan, died Friday of a heart attack. He was 67.



GIVEN CHANCE—Duncan Himes, 13-year-old newspaper boy of suburban Wauwatosa, lies in Milwaukee hospital recovering from gunshot wound after being shot in the abdomen while delivering Christmas newspapers. Attorney John Burggraf, 29, shaken with remorse, admitted firing the bullet, telling police he thought the boy was a burglar. He was released on \$500 bond. Doctors gave the youngster a good chance to survive.

SCIENCE AT WORK

New York—(U.P.)—Somewhat to the surprise of everyone, American men and women are displaying a passionate interest in tranquility. Physicians and the people in the drug-making and drug-packaging trade are talking about it.

"Why?" they ask, with an air of astonishment. "Who would have thought it!" they comment, with an air of resignation.

The passionate interest is assumed because no group of drugs ever commanded so much public attention as the comparatively new "tranquilizing drugs" which promise to pile high the profits of pharmaceutical houses. If the public wants to know everything about drugs which are said to tranquilize spirits and minds and demands those drugs, then it must be tranquility it seeks.

Dr. Erwin Di Cyn, one of the country's best known consulting chemists and, perhaps, the most articulate, called these drugs "psycho-pharmaceuticals" — for the mind. Not only is the interest in them widespread, he said—"the need may even become acute."

But the viewers-with-alarm and the seers-of-deep-implications need not worry, he added. These drugs are not going to make "our intensive culture an impassive one."

Neutralizing Effect
"Our interest in tranquilizing drugs may be said to be an attempt to neutralize the vehemence of today's living," he said. "The frantic nature of our activities is due partly to the need to carry our social demands, partly a reaction to the political and social climate and only partly due to the competitive nature of one's work."

"The intensity of our activities today is in a considerable measure a cumulative frenzy drawing from all these areas—the social, the environmental and the financial—in the framework of which the competitive spirit asserts itself. The resulting disorders in the intellectual as well as the emotional spheres make the need of psycho-pharmaceuticals a real one."

It is interesting but not necessarily significant that the public attention was drawn to the tranquilizing drugs by their widely publicized power to reduce the raving and violent insane to states of comparative calm—and to keep them calm for just as long as they are given the pills. Now these drugs are becoming more and more available to the sane majority of the population, provided it can find an M.D. to write a prescription—or a druggist to dish them out from under the counter.

No Pill Can Do It
This writer is in a position to know the views of certain persons of the highest scientific standing in body chemistry and in psychiatry. Therefore, he knows they think the public is being "sold" on "tranquility-by-pill" and that they intend firing large numbers of scientific Roman candles if the "selling" is pushed much farther.

The truth is that genuine tranquility is not compounded in any pill or any liquid, they believe. And there is no drug which acts curatively on the mind—there are only drugs which slow up the central nervous system in one way or another and thus relieve some of the more dramatic symptoms of disturbed minds—temporarily.

The proper medicine for the untroubled is to eliminate the things that rob them of tranquility—and for the anxious, it is to remove the causes of anxiety. So say these scientists in pointing out that alcohol and narcotics tranquilize, too, for a time—and they would be used more frequently by many more people if it weren't for their extremely unpleasant "side effects."

SATO Military Heads To Meet In Melbourne
Washington—(U.P.)—Military leaders of the United States and other Southeast Asia Treaty Organization countries will meet in Australia this month to shape new defense plans for the Asian-Pacific area.

It was learned Saturday the eight-nation military meeting will be held at Melbourne Jan. 16-21 as a prelude to the SEATO foreign ministers meeting in Karachi, Pakistan, in March. Adm. Felix Stump, Commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, will be top U.S. representative. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and France will attend the Karachi conference March 6-8.

The military meeting in Australia will complete recommendations to be presented in March to Dulles and other foreign ministers to the Manila council.

GOOSE REPLACES DEER
Allegan, Mich.—(U.P.)—Denver Anderson and Douglas Parker were returning home after an unsuccessful day of deer hunting when they spotted a wild Canadian goose walking down the street at Allegan's main intersection. They caught the goose bare-handed and dined on it later.

TWINS AT 80
Springfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—Twin sisters, Mrs. Delphine Boulrice and Mrs. Josephine Boulrice, recently observed their 80th birthday. Natives of Quebec, they married brothers.

U.S. Sends Russia \$725,000 Bill For Navy Patrol Plane

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States has plenty of evidence supporting its demand Russia pay \$725,000 for a Navy patrol bomber that Soviet airmen shot down last June, officials said Saturday.

Officials said the U. S. note demanding payment was only a highly condensed version of an exhaustive study made by the Navy of the incident. Backing up the U. S. case are affidavits from the plane's crew and pictures of the wreckage.

The Navy patrol bomber was attacked by Soviet jet fighters while flying a routine mission over the Bering Sea between Alaska and Siberia. In the note delivered to the Russian embassy here Friday, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles branded the attack "entirely unprovoked."

Dulles insisted that the American plane was never closer than 24 miles to Soviet territory and probably was 53 miles away. He said Russia was entirely to blame for the incident. None of the plane's 11 crewmen was killed but seven were injured.

The total loss was set at \$1,449,895.36. But the United States agreed to accept a Russian offer last summer to pay 50 per cent. The Soviet offer came when relations between the United States and Russia were better than they are at the present. At that time, the nations were looking forward to the "summit" conference in Geneva and there was less tension.

In view of the Soviet poor debt paying performance in the past, there has been speculation that the Russians may now claim the U. S. bill is too high and attempt to waltz on their promise to pay.

Abbott Trial Goes Into 40th Day

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Burton W. Abbott murder trial moves into its 40th day Monday with one of two prosecution witnesses who gave "bombshell" testimony Friday back on the stand.

Mrs. Alma Stegall and Mrs. Bessie Wells dented the 27-year-old accounting student's timetable alibi for the kidnap-slaying of Stephanie Bryan, 14, last April 28.

Abbott has claimed he had left the Bay area for his Trinity county cabin at 11 a.m. on April 28. Stephanie vanished five hours later and her body was found July 20 buried in a shallow grave behind the Abbott cabin.

Democratic Council Reaffirms Position

Fresno, Calif.—(U.P.)—The executive committee of the California Democratic council Saturday reaffirmed its opposition to endorsing a presidential candidate at its state convention here Feb. 3-5.

The executive committee, which originally took its "no endorsement" position last November, said it will urge the council's rules and by-laws committee to vote against any proposed endorsement.


Adlai E. Stevenson, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956, will address the convention Feb. 4, Alan Cranston, of Los Angeles, council president, announced. Cranston said Democratic Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York have been invited and are expected to speak.

The 80-member executive council will report final plans for the convention today.

WEATHER
By United Press
Northern California: Partly cloudy late tonight and Sunday with showers extreme north portion; snow in mountains 4,000 to 5,000 feet.

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