

# Freezing Rain Spreads Over Midwest Region

## IKE'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM GETS GOOD CHANCE OF PASSAGE

Washington — (U.P.) — Republican congressional leaders gave President Eisenhower an optimistic report today on the chances of Congress passing the bulk of the administration's new legislative program.

In an 80-minute conference at the White House, the President and his congressional lieutenants agreed that the new farm program which Mr. Eisenhower outlined in a special message yesterday should get a high priority in Congress.

**Tax Cut Study**  
Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California also said it will be necessary to take a look at the budget situation on April 1 before deciding what can be done about an election year tax cut.

Mr. Eisenhower in his State of the Union Message last week ruled out tax relief until the budget is balanced and at least a "modest" payment can be made on the national debt.

It was Mr. Eisenhower's first meeting with GOP congressional leaders since Congress convened last week. Knowland said the leaders told the President that his State of the Union and Farm messages both had been "well received" on Capitol Hill.

**No Political Talk**  
Knowland and House GOP Leader Joseph E. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts emphasized that politics and the question of Mr. Eisenhower's running for a second term were not discussed.

Knowland said today's conference was devoted to a discussion of school aid, the budget, economic conditions, highway legislation, and taxes, as well as the farm problem.

## Area Guard Unit Artillery To Be Converted Soon

Ashland — Conversion of Ashland National Guard Headquarters battery, 732nd battalion, from conventional artillery to electronically controlled "sky-sweeper" artillery is expected soon, according to Capt. Ardis N. Warren, battery commander.

The battalion is to be the first Oregon unit to receive the new type anti-aircraft guns and a full roster of trained men will be needed to man them, Lt. Col. Francis C. Ayres, commanding officer of the 732nd battalion said.

The unit needs about 21 men to bring strength to the required 94 officers and men. An enlistment drive will start Jan. 15 with a day long recruiting campaign by all personnel.

A display of weapons and field equipment will be set up in the Ashland armory and on the street.

Men wishing to enlist may take physicals and be sworn in before evening Sunday. They will receive drill pay for a full day, Captain Warren said.

## Winter Vegetable Crops Hard Hit by Freeze in Florida

Losses Estimated Above \$10,000,000

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Crop losses rose above the \$10,000,000 mark today in sub-freezing temperatures and frost that blanketed all of Florida for the second straight day.

Weathermen did not expect relief until tomorrow. Considerable damage to the winter crops of tomatoes, squash and beans was reported. More than 35,000 acres of vegetables were lost in Dade county alone, hardest hit area south of Miami.

The "unusual" Florida weather was blamed on a freak storm hovering off the Atlantic coast between the mainland and Bermuda.

Tourists, paying \$40 a day to shiver in the 40-degree weather, kept warm at least under the collar thinking about their hotel bills.

The vacationists stayed away in droves from the city's famed pools and beaches. An early afternoon tour of 20 miles of beach yesterday showed only five persons on the sand.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Meyer, Belleville, Ill., were one of the "sad" couples.

"It was 60 degrees in Belleville when we left there last Wednesday," Mrs. Meyer said. "We're going back just as soon as we can find the other half of our bus ticket which we lost around here some place," her husband added.

Even the birds that flew south for the winter were having a hard time. Food fish took to deeper water and ducks and gulls were snatching fishermen's baits.

Hardest hit in the new cold wave was south Florida's tender vegetable crops. Yesterday 40 per cent of the vegetables lay in ruin.

Farmers throughout the state reported temperatures in the mid-20s and low 30s.

## Officials Discuss Damaged Highways

Lowell C. Jensen, highway engineer with the Oregon district of U. S. public roads, announced today that civil defense agencies have agreed to estimate damage to county roads prepared by Jensen, the county court and county engineer.

Jensen, Col. A. M. Sheets, director of state civil defense; Charles Beals, state civil defense engineer, and Jack Bartlett, state highway department, met yesterday afternoon with members of the county court and the county engineer to discuss damage estimates in about 40 areas where it was felt aid was needed.

The group visited some of the areas to survey damage, existing repairs and new problems of rehabilitation. Damage to county federal secondary roads was much less than formerly estimated, Jensen said. Funds for repairing roads will come from public roads emergency relief money.

Jensen said a fine job of emergency repair has been done by the county road department. Four bridges have been replaced to service and work is progressing on other bridges.

## Budget Committee Meeting Cancelled

The regular meeting of the Medford citizens budget committee will not be held this month, Chairman Granville Brittain has announced. The meeting was scheduled for tonight.

Brittain said the committee would start work on the 1956-57 budget at its regular meeting next month, when preliminary budgets from various city departments will be available.

### Weather

FORECAST: Light rain late tonight and early Wednesday. A few showers and partial clearing Wednesday afternoon.

Low tonight 38, high tomorrow 48.	Temp.
High yesterday 48.	48
Lowest this morning 31.	31
To 4:30 a.m. today	31

## Gold Hill Home Destroyed by Fire

Central Point — Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Strang on the Sams Valley road about 5 p.m. yesterday.

A pumper truck from Central Point Rural Fire Protection district protected a smaller house and garage near the larger house, which recently had been refinished. The fire was reported by Mrs. Frank Straus, and was discovered by Albert Straus, a brother-in-law.

Dick Krupp, rural fire district chief, said the department was not able to fully determine if the building was within the district boundary when they received the report.

On arrival at the scene, he said, the house was just outside the district, but since a pumper truck was there, the department prevented the fire from spreading. The residence was located about five miles from Gold Hill.

Krupp said the fire was discovered too late to save anything, and both Mr. and Mrs. Strang were working at the time. Both are employed at the Western Thrift Store in Medford.

Krupp pointed out that while the pumper was at the fire, another crew was standing by at the main station here.

## Southwest Oregon To Get More Rain

By UNITED PRESS  
Rain-soaked southwest Oregon got little hope of relief today in the weather bureau's outlook through next Sunday.

From three to four inches of rain was expected in the area during the next five days, with lesser amounts elsewhere in the state. Only slight precipitation was forecast in eastern Oregon with about an inch in interior valleys.

During the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. today Brookings, on the extreme southwest coast, got 1.22 inches and North Bend had 1.94. Portland had .19, Salem, 1.8 and Eugene and Roseburg .33.

All streams were expected to fall slowly or change little during the next day or two.

## Man, Half Starved, Released From Iced Railroad Car; Condition Claimed 'Fair'

Logansport, Ind. — (U.P.) — A half-starved man freed from imprisonment in a railroad freight car in below freezing temperatures was reported in "fair" condition at Memorial hospital today.

**Door Slams Shut**  
Authorities said that Rudolph Krause, 27, Oak Lawn, Ill., a transient worker, boarded the car laden with canned tuna fish in sunny Kingman, Ariz. The door was slammed and locked when the train started, trapping

Krause inside. He was found semi-conscious by a railroad inspector yesterday during a routine check of the car in the Pennsylvania railroad yards here. The freight car was headed from California to New York.

**Condition Improved**  
Physicians said Krause was suffering from malnutrition, frozen legs and exposure. They said his legs and general condition showed improvement today.

A police search of the freight car showed that in his desperation, Krause had ripped open boxes and managed to get at the contents of four cans of tuna by smashing them on metal bolts in the car.

**Searching for Work**  
Krause told authorities he was traveling east in search of work. He said he had been a taxi driver and railroad worker in previous jobs.

When found, Krause was wearing a shirt, trousers and a light jacket.

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## QUESTIONS PRACTICE CHARGED IN SARENA CASE

### Republicans Brand Inquiry 'Smear' Of Administration

Joint Committee Conducts Hearings

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.) charged today that "questionable practices" were involved in the Interior Department's granting of mining claims in a timber-rich tract of government land in Oregon.

Scott made the statement as a Senate-House committee which he heads began public hearings on a dispute over 15 mining claims. Full title to the claims, and about \$70,000 worth of timber on them, was awarded last year to the Al Sarena Mining Company by order of Undersecretary of Interior Clarence A. Davis.

Republicans on the subcommittee promptly rallied to the administration's defense, branding the inquiry a "smear" and a "political maneuver."

**1952 Ruling Made**  
The Interior Department had ruled in 1952 that the disputed lands were "not sufficiently mineralized" to qualify for mining claims. The claims are in the Rogue River national forest, and the U. S. Forest Service protested against the grant.

Scott, in a prepared statement, said he was "disturbed about the disclosures that some of the physical evidence in this matter was dumped in the Rogue river."

At an earlier hearing there was testimony that partial samples on which the decision to grant the claims was based were thrown in the river.

Scott said there have been charges the hearing was prompted by "politics," but added such a charge "is a defense of those who have something to hide."

Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) countered with a statement that the hearings are a "smear."

**Smears Said Discarded**  
"The Al Sarena case," he said, "is one of the noteworthy examples of the lengths to which the Democratic opponents of the Eisenhower administration are willing to go in their attempts to smear the Interior Department and Secretary McKay."

All of the mineral samples taken in 1953 from the claims, and on which the 1955 award was based, have been thrown away, the only witness questioned during a morning session said. He was J. A. McDaniel, an employee of the A. W. Williams Inspection Company of Mobile, Ala.

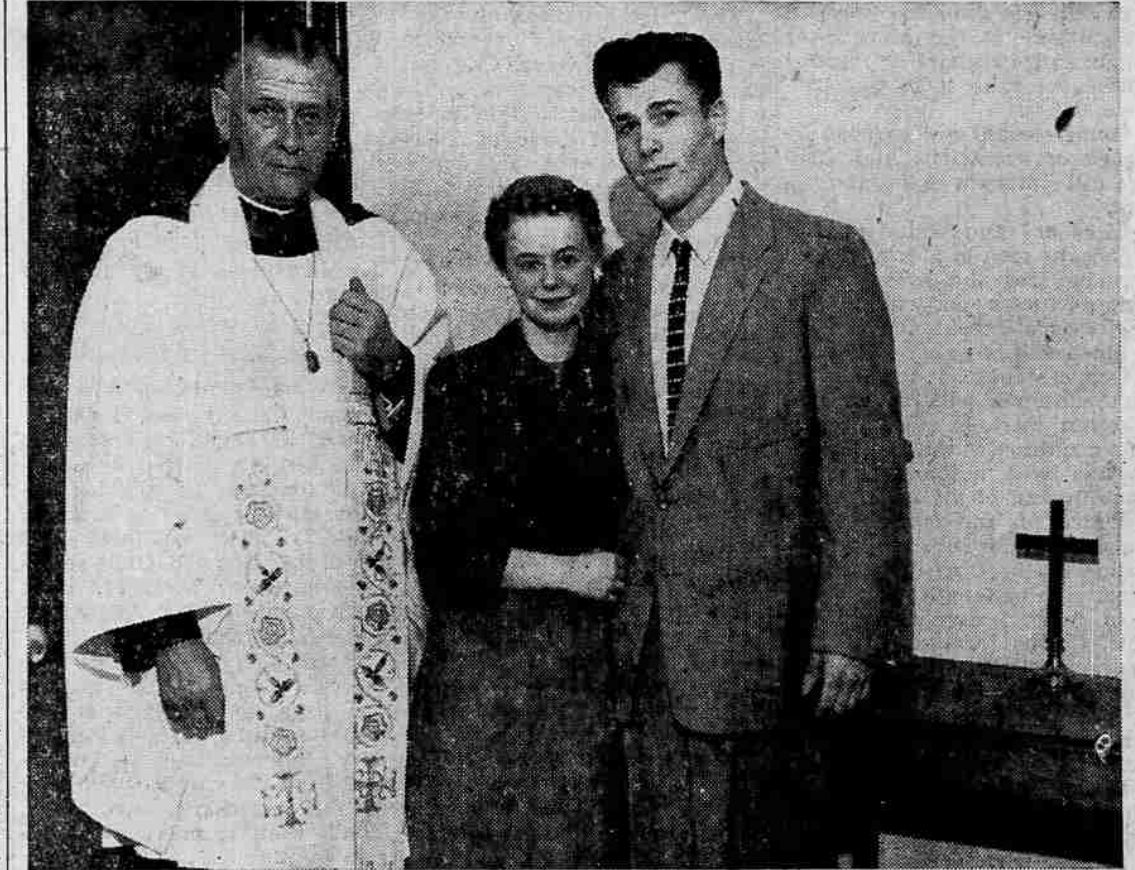
McDaniel testified the samples showed gold and silver values ranging from 70 cents to \$4.20 a ton. He also verified results of earlier assays he made for the mine management which showed much lower mineral value.

## Bank Plans \$150,000 Expansion at Ashland

Ashland — Construction of a new \$150,000 building to house the Ashland branch of the U. S. National Bank of Portland will begin this month.

The building, which will front on Second st., will feature a drive-in banking window, parking, an after-hours window, and a night depository. It will be of modern, attractive design, according to E. C. Sammons, bank president, who said its erection only seven months after establishment of an Ashland branch is evidence of the bank's confidence in Ashland and its future.

James S. Hickey, Inc., is the general contractor, and Jacobberger, Stanton, Franks and Norman is the architectural firm.



MARRIED—Lendel Buttram of Shady Cove and Janet Stuart of Medford were married in the Jackson county jail yesterday afternoon by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster. Buttram, faces a three-year sentence in the penitentiary. (Brainerd photo)

## Youth Facing Term In Prison Married In Jail Yesterday

An 18-year-old Jackson county youth facing a three-year term in the state penitentiary was married to his sweetheart, also 18, in the Jackson county jail yesterday afternoon.

Under special permission from county officials, Lendel Buttram, Shady Cove, and Janet Stuart of Medford were married at 3:30 p.m. by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster.

Buttram, sentenced several weeks ago by Judge H. K. Hanna on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling, will be taken to Salem later this week by sheriff's deputies to begin serving his sentence. Previously in trouble because of law violations he had been placed on probation by Judge Hanna because of his youth, but was taken into custody again in less than a month, charged with probation violations.

**Ceremony Witnesses**  
The ceremony was witnessed by the young man's mother, Mrs. Wayne Buttram, Shady Cove, and sheriff's deputies. His father had refused to attend. Miss Stuart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stuart, also of Shady Cove, had promised to attend and the ceremony was delayed half-an-hour awaiting their arrival but was finally held without them.

Buttram and Miss Stuart met about six months ago, and according to District Attorney Walter Nunley, the girl had called at his office to discuss Buttram, and said they wanted to be married. Nunley pleaded with the girl to "think it over for three months" and when Buttram was placed on probation, the terms included the stipulation that the couple should not see one another for a time. Nunley said this was done for "the girl's protection."

The bride is employed in Medford, and will be permitted to visit her husband after a month's time. She is hopeful that he will be paroled before his sentence is complete.

**Hopes It Will Work**  
Buttram's mother stated yesterday that her son "always thought everyone was against him," and said she was pleased when he fell in love with a "nice girl" like Miss Stuart. "I'm hoping and praying that this will work out," she said.

Mrs. Buttram was somewhat bitter over the treatment her son had received, feeling officials had been too severe, but Nunley said the young man's record for some time past has been bad. He had previously been committed to Woodburn, where he participated in an at-

## Commission Proposes Agricultural Zone; Public Hearing Set

The Medford city planning commission last night called a public hearing Feb. 13 on changes of zoning ordinances to set up an agricultural zone within the city.

Donald G. Root, who prepared recommendations for the proposed zone, said it is designed for protection from unreasonable abuses within the city, but should not be too restrictive.

**Confer with Agents**  
Root said he conferred with members of the county agent's office in drawing up zone requirements, and it is believed the new zone would not cause a hardship on anyone living in areas now proposed for annexation to Medford.

Land to be included in the agricultural zone must have a minimum of two acres. Goat and cattle dairies and places raising hogs must have a minimum of 20 acres. Dog and cat pounds, menageries, and riding academies must have at least five acres, according to the proposed zone.

**Requirements Provide**  
Requirements provide that parking space must be provided on the property for automobiles of all personnel employed or operating on the property. Size and number of signs are limited.

Tracts of land less than two acres in area would be limited to uses and conditions allowed in class 1-A single family zone, which permits some agriculture.

In the single family zone the number of animals or fowls which can be kept within a given area would be limited and barns or pens for animals or fowls and colonies of bees should be located not closer than 70 feet from the front property line nor closer than 50 feet from any residence.

The zone would provide that animals or fowls be properly housed and proper sanitation be maintained. All animal or poultry food should be stored in rodent proof receptacles.

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## Baghdad Countries Work on Alliance

Baghdad, Iraq — (U.P.) — The Economic Committee of the five-nation Baghdad Pact, including teams of atomic experts, met here today to put the anti-Communist alliance on a working basis.

Its work was hampered by continued, though less violent, demonstrations against the pact in Jordan and Syria and by a reported clash between Israeli and Jordanian forces in the Biblical Judean Hills.

Delegates from Britain, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Turkey met in Kezhour Palace for two days of closed sessions with U. S. Ambassador to Baghdad Waldemar Galtman as an observer. The United States supports but does not belong to the pact.

Delegates, led by ambassadors, considered technical reports on how to develop mutual aid policies in the fact of Communist advances in the Middle East.

tempt to escape, during which a guard had been wounded, and that he had also served a term in a Marion county jail.

Mr. Bolster consented to perform the ceremony only after extensive interviews with both young people and officials concerned with the case. It is reportedly the first wedding ever performed in the Jackson county jail.

## Traffic Mishaps Occur at Rate Of 100 an Hour

Storm Slackens On Eastern Seaboard

By UNITED PRESS  
An icy winter storm drove out of the East today, reversing the normal flow of weather and sending traffic accidents soaring as far west as Chicago.

The storm, which ranked as the East's worst wintry blast in seven years, spread freezing rain over Ohio, Lower Michigan, Northeast Indiana, and Northern Illinois.

In Chicago, police reported that traffic accidents were occurring at a rate of 100 an hour early today. In the city's park districts, where traffic usually moves faster, the rate was 200 smashups every hour.

**Storm Slackens**  
Along the ice-glazed Eastern Seaboard, the storm slackened somewhat. But sub-freezing weather gripped the southland, causing damage estimated at more than 10 million dollars to Florida truck crops.

Rains continued to pound New England and the Middle Atlantic states, while rain, snow and freezing drizzle iced the Eastern Great Lakes, parts of the Ohio Valley, and western portions of Virginia and North Carolina.

The wintry blast springs from a huge low pressure system centered off the Virginia and North Carolina coasts. It was so big that the usual flow of weather from West to East was stopped in its tracks and began moving the other way.

**Snow Flurries Forecast**  
The U. S. Weather Bureau forecast snow flurries and a band of freezing drizzle as far west as Illinois and eastern Wisconsin. All roads in Western Pennsylvania were already iced-over, causing two deaths, and snow, sleet, and freezing rain lashed Michigan and eastern Indiana.

On the East Coast, the ice storm ranked as the worst since a disastrous sleet storm in 1949. At least 10 dead were counted in five states and scores of cars skidded into smashups.

Walking was almost as dangerous as driving at the storm's height Monday. Pedestrians by the score took headers on the ice-slicked sidewalks and then headed to the hospitals for treatment of sprains and bruises.

The traffic-crippling glaze melted under mild temperatures in New York City and elsewhere in the Northeast. But the ice was still so dangerous in the Washington, D.C., area Monday night that officials warned all highways were "sheets of ice" and motorists should stay home except in extreme emergencies.

**Acapulco Tourists Flee Amid Rumors**  
Acapulco, Mexico — (U.P.) — Mayor Efrén Villalvazo said today that panic and rumors that followed a series of mild earth tremors here caused 5000 tourists, many of them Americans, to flee the city.

"There never was any danger," he said. "Even if there had been, it's all over now. The panic and rumors have done more harm than the earthquakes."

The earthquake rocked the tropic resort for 10 seconds Sunday morning and was followed Monday by a series of minor tremors. Damage was slight.

But thousands of cautious Mexican and American tourists hurried home, leaving dazed hotel managers looking in bewilderment at the half-filled reservation lists. Rooms are normally almost impossible to find in the middle of the winter season.

## Short Creek Polygamists Threaten Use of Violence

Short Creek, Utah — (U.P.) — Authorities attempting to gain custody today of eight children born to polygamous parents withdrew from Short Creek today after townspeople threatened violence rather than give up the youngsters.

**Refused To Sign Promise**  
Sixth District Juvenile Court at St. George had ordered the eight children of Leonard and Vera Black taken into custody and turned over to welfare officials unless the parents promised to refrain from practice of polygamy and teaching it to the children. The parents had until today to sign affidavits making the promises.

Officers attempting to enforce the court order were turned back by massed townspeople who stood in front of the room

where the children stood. The townspeople told officers they would have to "push their way through."

Sheriff Roy Renouf, La Var Andrews of the Utah Welfare Commission, and Jay Huntsman, St. George probation officer, withdrew rather than resort to violence.

**Told Not To Use Force**  
Director John Farr Larson of the Bureau of Children Services of the Utah Welfare Commission said officers had been told not to use force but return to St. George for instructions if anyone interfered with execution of the court order.

The Blacks were involved in a mass 1953 raid on Short Creek, Ariz., just across the border. Black later pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to practice polygamy and was placed on probation.