

PRESIDENT EYES SECOND TERM

Trains Again on Move, Highways Mostly Reopened

San Francisco—(U.P.)—A storm which gave the West Coast its second worst beating of the winter tapered off today as rail lines resumed service and some blocked highways reopened.

At least seven persons were killed in a three-day combination of howling winds, heavy rain and drifting snow which caused numerous flash floods in Washington, Oregon and California.

Railroads and highways were blocked by slides, whole communities were isolated and communication lines were ripped out in the three state area.

Situation Improving
However, the railroad and highway situation was improving in some areas.

The Southern Pacific's mainline from Portland to Oakland, which had been blocked by slides in the Cascade Mountains, was reopened again at 3 a. m. (PST). Three SP trains carrying a total of 350 passengers, the north and south bound Klamaths and the north bound Cascade, continued their runs 24 hours late after being held up at small towns between Klamath Falls and Eugene, Ore.

SP said the north and south bound Shasta Daylight trains, which were cancelled yesterday, resumed service this morning.

The U. S. Weather Bureau cancelled storm warnings which had been in effect for 48 hours, but warned there would still be occasional rain and snow. It said, however, the huge storm center, "hanging" almost motionless off the Washington coast had spent its fury.

Death in Two States
The storm brought death to persons in both Washington and California.

Two Pasco, Wash. construction workers, Clifford A. Hack and his brother, Harold, both in their mid 30s, were reported drowned when a flash flood trapped them while they were working inside an irrigation pipeline.

Ray Hammer, 37, an employee of the Chelan, Wash., street department, was drowned when his snow removal truck slipped off a dock into Lake Chelan.

In California, Siskiyou county **Wimer Area Storm Damages Roads, Lines**

A snowstorm in the Wimer-Evans creek area Monday night and early Tuesday resulted in 20 inches of new snow and heavy damage to county roads and California Oregon Power company lines, Copco employees reported today.

Heavy loading of trees and saturated ground resulted in numerous felled trees over roads and lines.

County crews cleared the east bank road up Evans Creek by yesterday, they said, but the west bank was still partially blocked. Copco crews expected to go up the route today, however.

A previous heavy snowfall in the Rogue River area Sunday morning made Highway 99 dangerous for traffic, according to Mrs. Chris Marshall, Medford Mail Tribune carrier from Rogue River to Grants Pass. She said her normally two-hour route took four hours.

Several families were reported snowbound near Wimer.

Grants Pass Area Residents Count Heavy Flood Damage; Power Outages Numerous

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Local residents today counted heavy damage from a flash flood that sent the Rogue river out of its banks and inundated lowlands with surface water. Numerous power outages were reported in surrounding areas.

Road Damage Heavy
Road damage was reported heavy. Gov. Elmo Smith said in Salem he had been informed that damage in Josephine county from the rain might be three or four times greater than that of the December-January overflows.

California Oregon Power company reported numerous outages, with poles and lines knocked down by heavy snow in the nearby foothills. Repair crews have been working night and day. W. J. Moyer, manager of the local Copco office, called the trouble the worst in 15 or 20

sheriff's deputies searched the swollen Klamath river 40 miles northwest of Yreka for the bodies of four persons, including two children, who drowned when their jeep skidded off an icy highway into the river.

Communications Out
The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Linderman, their daughter, Paula Lee, 10, and their grandson, Robert Erwin, 18 months.

All telephone and teletype communications between the Pacific Northwest and San Francisco were cut by numerous rockslides which also severed most of the major and secondary highways leading into the Eureka area. The only communications left was by radio.

In Shasta county, east of Eureka, the wind velocity was clocked at 70 miles per hour—before it blew the measuring apparatus away.

County Conditions Improve As Water Starts Receding
Local flooding conditions in Jackson county subsided late yesterday and last night, improving travel conditions, although some highways remained closed as did some schools.

Highway 99 north, was open after being closed most of yesterday because of high water, state police reported. They said there still was some surface water on the highway.

Highway 238 at the Jacksonville-Central Point highway intersection was closed today because water undermined the pavement, and the highway was closed just north of Applegate because of a slide. It was open about two hours yesterday afternoon after a slide was cleared between Murphy and Provolt.

A slide near Milo kept Highway 227 between Trail and Tiller closed today.

Evacuated Families
Seven families evacuated in the Rogue River area yesterday were reported returned to their homes today. Red Cross officials there said the area was returning to normal, although Red Cross and civil defense workers were on a stand by basis.

A number of travelers, stranded in Gold Hill and Rogue River by blocked highways, were cared for by Red Cross last night, but were on their way today.

The weather bureau here said Rogue river at Dodge bridge crested about 5 a. m. yesterday at 6.35 feet, about three feet below flood stage. The river at Grants Pass crested about 11 a. m. yesterday at 17.9 feet. Flood stage at Grants Pass is considered 17 feet.

Continued Showers
The river continued receding today.

Weather men said there will be continued shower activity today and tonight, and probably some more storm activity about Friday.

They pointed out that as long as the freezing level remains about 4,000 feet, as it is today, flood conditions along Rogue river will not change drastically.

Since midnight Sunday, 3.37 inches of rain have fallen up to 10 a. m. today.

years. Grants Pass itself had electrical service but outages were general in the area north and west of the city and scattered outages were reported to the south.

It was raining hard here again at mid-morning.

The flood situation here and elsewhere in western Oregon was improved today. The Rogue river, which crested here at 17.19 feet yesterday had dropped 8.7 feet by this morning. The weather bureau predicted that tributary streams in western Oregon would fall during the next one to two days with the Willamette below Corvallis expected to rise.

Schools Remain Closed
Josephine county schools remained closed today because of heavy road damage. Highway 99, closed yesterday by high water at Savage Rapids dam, was re-

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a few showers in valleys and snow flurries in mountains tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 30-32. High Thursday 43.
Highest Yesterday 42
Lowest this Morning 35
Prec. to 10 a. m. Today 36



TOUGH GOING—Ice breaker grinds its way through drift ice near the famous Lorelei Rock (right background) as the ice barrier threatens to block a bend of the Rhine River at Lorch, Germany. The deep freeze gripping Europe is showing no signs of thawing as it enters its 20th day. The death toll is mounting toward the 750 mark.

Mayor Urges Early Improvement Of City's Storm Sewer System

Medford Mayor Earl Miller last night called for early improvement of the city's storm sewer system.

Miller told the city council that flooded conditions in several sections of the city due to heavy rains yesterday illustrated the immediate need for an extensive storm sewer improvement program.

Capital Investment
He said the program would probably require a capital investment and might best be carried out in conjunction with a proposed arterial street program.

Mayor Miller reminded councilmen that the next meeting, March 6, would be Student Government Day, when Medford High school students would sit at the council table and act on matters of city government.

The council indicated that it wished to remain neutral, at least for the present, on the question of fluoridation of Medford's water supply when it voted today a motion by Don Hansen, councilman from ward two, that a special meeting to place fluoridation on the ballot should be called, if necessary, before the deadline for the May 5 primary elections.

Deadline Date
Hansen's motion was made when City Attorney Frank Farrell told the council he was not certain whether the deadline for filing petitions for the primary election was 60 or 70 days before the election date. If it were 70 days the deadline would be prior to the next regular council meeting.

The council passed ordinances providing for two zone changes following public hearings. Two lots on the north side of West Main st. at Sixth st. were changed from multiple family to commercial zone. Lots 1 to 5 and 20 to 24 in block one, Laurelhurst addition, and an area north of Stevens st. and east of Crater Lake ave. was

changed from single family to commercial zone.

The council adopted a motion setting April 15 as the deadline for 1956 paving petitions to be presented to the council.

Construction Contract
The contract for construction of the East Side Fire station was awarded to Myron Corcoran Construction company which submitted the low bid of \$20,990. City Manager Robert Duff was authorized to issue a work order for construction of a car port and paving of driveways at the station.

A connection charge of \$150 in lieu of assessment for sanitary sewers was approved. Duff pointed out that where additional sewer connections are made to sewer lines already installed and paid for by assessment there should be a charge to compensate for the initial cost of installation. Funds from the charge will be paid into the general fund.

The council adopted ordinances calling for assessment of the Valley View-Capital ave. sanitary sewer system on a basis of 2.6 cents per square foot and for assessment of the Eastwood sewer system on a per lot basis. In both cases, the council expressed belief that the method was the most equitable for the area.

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New Rogue Survey Seen

Governor Advised McKay Considering Reopening Study
Basin People Should Reach Understanding

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay advised Gov. Elmo Smith of Oregon today that he is considering reopening a study of water resource development plans in the Rogue River basin.

McKay said that he would like the people of the basin to reach some understanding, though, that would eliminate past friction in connection with basin plans for water control and utilization.

The letter to Gov. Smith was in reply to a letter from the late Gov. Paul Patterson, suggesting that in light of the winter's floods in the basin, plans which had previously been studied by the Department of Interior might be revised.

Three Separate Studies
Three separate agencies have undertaken studies of the Basin including the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Park Service. None of the reports from these agencies has been under official consideration by the department, however.

The Rogue, a nationally famous sport fishing stream, overflowed its banks again this winter, causing considerable damage. Objections have been voiced to any move to build a dam on the main stream of the river, which might hinder the fish runs. Due to the heavy property damage resulting from this winter's floods, though, several groups have asked for the study.

Comprehensive Review
McKay said "We should have a comprehensive review of the basin which considers all the varied interests involved and this can only be done when all studies now in progress are completed."

He said "The objective of this review, participated in and weighed also by state and local people, must be the best possible utilization of all the natural resources and all the proper weighing of all the varied interests represented by the Rogue River basin."

Said McKay's letter to Smith, in part:

"While I am informed that some interests who previously opposed construction of multiple purpose reservoirs have now modified their opinion to the extent of requesting that another survey be made for the specific purpose of formulating plans for flood control, I am not yet of the opinion that this represents the combined thinking and understanding of the groups that previously opposed the carrying out of development plans."

"... As the first step in this review I would suggest that the Rogue river people themselves arrive at a mutual understanding which will eliminate past frictions. You may be assured that all interior agencies will co-operate to the fullest extent in every way possible."

An amendment to the plumbing ordinance was passed setting the term for the board of examiners to be one year. No term was specified in the former ordinance.

The council accepted two planning commission recommendations for zone changes of a partial lot on Boardman st., from commercial to light industrial, and Christian Science church property in Siskiyou Heights addition from single family to multiple family.

Informal Posse Takes Large Raccoon From Roof of Mail Tribune

A large, healthy raccoon was captured by an informal posse of Mail Tribune and Holland hotel personnel this morning. He was finally trapped after a chase over rooftops, up and down stairs, and through parking lots.

Where he came from nobody knows.

He appeared on the roof of the building between the newspaper and the hotel at mid-morning. It took almost an hour to corner the beast, which a newsroom authority said was a remarkably big one. Somehow, possibly in a trap, he had lost his right front paw, which didn't seem to slow him down much.

He will be held for a time on the chance that he might belong to someone, but will be disposed of if not claimed by a call to the Mail Tribune business office.

Pet or no pet, he was a rough customer, according to the amateur possemen.

Commitment Said To Follow Physical Test on Vacation

Close Associates Disclose Desires

Thomasville, Ga. — (U.P.) — A White House spokesman today flatly denied that Sherman Adams, the assistant to President Eisenhower, had "passed the word" that the chief executive would run for reelection.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has informed close associates here that he wants a second term.

The United Press was informed that he qualified his statement only to this extent: He would not commit himself publicly until after making a personal test of his physical powers during a vigorous shooting and golfing vacation at Thomasville, Ga.

Mr. Eisenhower will return from Thomasville Saturday. He played 18 holes of golf there today. His game was markedly stronger. Republican leaders are confident now that he will announce after his return that he is available if the party desires to nominate him again.

The Detroit News reported today in a Washington dispatch by Martin S. Hayden that Sherman Adams and Leonard W. Hall had informed top Republicans that Mr. Eisenhower would run. There "were no ifs or ands or buts about it," Hayden wrote.

Doctors' Report
Adams is Mr. Eisenhower's chief White House assistant. Hall is chairman of the Republican National committee. Hall has insisted on his own for many weeks that Mr. Eisenhower would be a second term candidate.

Doubt that the President would run had been shrinking for nearly a fortnight since a medical examination here after which Dr. Paul Dudley White made an unforeseen estimate of Mr. Eisenhower's physical condition. White said Mr. Eisenhower reasonably could expect 5 to 10 years of active life, the kind of activity to which a President might expect to be subjected.

"Dr. White practically put him in nomination for a second term," a White House aide remarked thereafter. It was before that medical examination that Mr. Eisenhower became definite in his confidential talks with his associates about wanting another term, despite the heart attack which he suffered on Sept. 24, during a Colorado vacation. He may not have put it to each in identical words. But his position added up to this:

He was generally unimpressed by the likely Democratic opposition to a Republican nominee which he thought that some of those mentioned might reach the White House. He would like more time to carry out the programs to which he feels he is committed and would be glad to take on another four presidential years if his health warranted it.

Mr. Eisenhower added that he would trust his own judgment as much or more than that of physicians in determining whether he would be fit to run. He has said that publicly, too. The President decided that a fair test would be a moderately strenuous vacation at the Georgia plantation of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey. The returns on that test of stamina have been good.

Announcement Expected
The President has not authorized anyone here to reveal his plans. Therefore, Hall's response to inquiries about Hayden's story in the Detroit News was what would be expected under the circumstances. Hall told questioners the story was news to him. He said he did not know "one way or the other" about Mr. Eisenhower's plans.

Adams was not available to reporters.

The manner of Mr. Eisenhower's announcement remains to be revealed. Barring the unexpected in Georgia, another heart attack, for example, or excess fatigue, his announcement would be likely Feb. 29 at a regular news conference.

The President could announce his candidacy or he merely could say that he felt physically able to run again if the party desired to nominate him. It would mean the same thing.

A Chicago American story said Mr. Eisenhower made his decision to seek a second term after he arrived at Humphrey's Georgia estate Feb. 15. It said Humphrey and White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly were "in on the conversation" in Georgia when Mr. Eisenhower disclosed his intentions.

Mrs. Scott Seeks GOP Nomination as County Treasurer

Mrs. Anna Scott, Jacksonville, today announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination for Jackson county treasurer. She said she will file for the office within a few days.

A resident of Jackson county since 1935, she came here from Hood River, Ore. She and her husband, W. A. Scott, own and operate a cattle ranch on the Little Applegate.

Mrs. Scott has been active in Republican party affairs and organizations, and belongs to the Upper Applegate and Pomona Granges, and the American Legion auxiliary.

Candidate in 1954
She was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county clerk in 1954, and was defeated by Mrs. Bereth Hopkins in a three-way primary election race.

Mrs. Scott said she has been urged to seek the office by friends and supporters.

A native Oregonian, she attended schools at Gresham, took business college training in Portland, and was a law secretary there. For 12 years in Hood River she managed an abstract and investment firm, later holding several county jobs.

She said she pledges efficiency and economy in the treasurer's office if elected.

Senate Votes Probe Of Illegal Influence

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate voted overwhelmingly today for a sweeping investigation of illegal efforts to influence any senator, Senate candidate or government employee.

It adopted a resolution, backed by leaders of both parties, to set up a special bi-partisan committee of four Democrats and four Republicans to conduct an all-out inquiry into lobbying, campaign contributions and "other activities" designed to influence government actions for private interests.

The roll call vote was 79 to 1 in favor of the resolution. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.).

Langer said he was opposed because standing committees of the Senate could handle the matter.

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation's railroads have agreed to postpone until March 7 a proposed \$500,000,000 a year freight rate increase.

Seven Have Announced They Will Seek County Offices

Only seven persons have announced their candidacies for county offices, with 16 days remaining before the March 7 filing deadline. Twenty-eight have filed for precinct committees. The Oregon primary election is May 18.

Mrs. Anna Scott, Jacksonville, today announced that she will be a candidate for treasurer on the Republican ticket. The incumbent is Karl Janouch, Democrat, who also is seeking election.

Reelection Candidate
Rawles Moore, present district court judge, stated last week that he will be a candidate for reelection to the non-partisan office. Republican Melvin Lattie, valley orchardist, filed for the position of county commissioner now held by L. G. (Shy) Morth-