

RUSSIA EXECUTES FOUR LEADERS

Northwest Area Residents Watch Rising Streams

Sunshine Continues To Melt Snowpack

By UNITED PRESS
A state of emergency was declared today because of dangerous flooding conditions in the entire upper Snake river basin above American Falls, Ida. The new emergency was in addition to conditions around Bonners Ferry in northern Idaho where the Kootenai river posed a new threat to Bonners Ferry.

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Flood-minded Pacific Northwest residents kept their attention on three streams and the weather today as warm sunshine continued to melt mountain snow.

The Kootenai river was expected to rise again, posing a new threat to the town of Bonners Ferry in northern Idaho. The Columbia river was still going up slightly in the Portland area. But a slight drop was forecast for the lower Snake which river forecasters said was an immediate factor in later Columbia river levels.

Kootenai Rise Seen
In Idaho, the Kootenai was down slightly today from last night's mark of 35.9 feet but forecasts called for it to rise from .6 of a foot to a foot in the next 24 hours. That would push it near the top of dikes which shield Bonners Ferry from up to 37 feet of water.

Gilbert Bean, technical liaison officer for Army engineers had another note of caution. He said only about 40 per cent of mountain snowpacks that have been causing the floods have run off and that warmer weather will increase the already rapid runoff.

Near the Canadian border, 950 acres of farmland were flooded when the Nystrom dike district collapsed. One family left its home.

Columbia Unchanged

The Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., was 24.3 feet at 8:30 a.m. today, same level as yesterday. River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said it probably would go up to 24.6 feet tomorrow or Thursday. The weather holds the key after that but if conditions remain as at present, the stream could level off and fall slightly next week, he said.

Fisher said that the lower Snake was at present more important to the Columbia river picture than the Kootenai because of its nearness. Sudden rises there would be reflected in the Columbia.

Vanport Anniversary

It was just eight years ago tomorrow that the Columbia burst through dikes and flooded Vanport, causing heavy property damage and loss of life. The Columbia then was about 28 feet and two days later rose to 30 feet where it remained for nearly two weeks. However, much low-lying pasture land and dock facilities already were under water. Livestock was moved to higher ground at Deer Island on the lower Columbia. Riding stock of the Columbia Hunt club of Portland has been moved temporarily to paddocks of the Clark county Saddle Club because of flooded pastures.

Beatty Man Drowns

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Robert George, 43-year-old Beatty, Ore., ranch worker, was drowned in the Sprague river about 50 miles northeast of here last night when he toppled off a bridge.

Six Scouts Receive Eagle Badges at Court of Honor

Six Boy Scouts received Eagle badges, the highest rank in Scouting, at a special court of honor last night at the Medford Christian church.

They are Robert Allen, Donald Harrison, Willard Harwood, George Ice, Glenn Kaye and Harold Sexton, all members of Troop 9, sponsored by the Christian church. Dr. William Roberts has served as scoutmaster for the past years.

Scout officials say they believe the six Scouts receiving Eagle rank last night is a record one year in a single troop. About a year ago, five other Scouts in the troop received Eagle badges.

21 Earn Rank
A total of 21 Scouts from Troop 9 have earned Eagle rank during the eight years Dr. Roberts has been scoutmaster.

Dr. Abner Clark, Big Pines district advancement chairman, presided and J. A. McDougall, council commissioner, presented badges to parents, who pinned them on Eagle Scouts. Each of

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Ike Asks for Stepped-Up Atomic Energy Program



PARADE ENTRY—Jackson county Shrine club's entry in the spring ceremonial parade Saturday depicted the Shriner's hospital for crippled children. Hillah temples from the Pacific coast were represented in the parade, which included several uniformed units from Sacramento, Calif.

Memorial Ceremonies Slated in Medford, Camp White, Ashland

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held in Medford, at Camp White and in Ashland tomorrow.

Late News Briefs

SUPREME SOVIET CALLED
Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia today summoned the Supreme Soviet to a full session starting July 11, the first since the late Josef Stalin's errors were disclosed to the Soviet people.

KEFAUVER DELAYED
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The airlines plane carrying Democratic presidential hopeful Estes Kefauver from Florida to California made a forced-landing in New Orleans today because of engine trouble. Kefauver's campaign headquarters here disclosed.

ARABS LINED UP
United Nations — (U.P.) — The Syrian delegation to the United Nations lined up Arab opposition today to a British resolution asking the Security Council to commend Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for his Middle East peace efforts.

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Two Are Fined on Driving Charges Here
Albert Ellis Hall, 39, of 1064 Ellendale dr., Medford and Lester M. Phillips, 39, Eugene, were each fined \$255 and their drivers licenses were suspended for 90 days in district court this morning.

Weather
FORECAST: Afternoon and evening thunderstorms over the mountains south and east, otherwise fair through Wednesday. Low tonight 52. High Wednesday 80. Temp. Highest Yesterday 77. Lowest this Morning 47.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 4:38 a.m. Sunset 7:38 p.m. Moonrise 11:28 p.m. Last Quarter Friday. PROMINENT STAR Regulus, in the west 10:52 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS Jupiter, north of Regulus. Venus, sets south 9:43 p.m. Saturn, due south 11:25 p.m. Mars, in east 2:49 a.m.

Billy Junior Nunn Attempts Escape From County Jail

The Jackson county sheriff's office said today Billy Junior Nunn, 27, Klamath Falls, was caught trying to saw through bars on his fifth-floor cell in the county jail Friday night.

Officers said Jailor Pete DeWeerd caught Nunn using a hack saw blade between 10 and 10:30 p.m. Friday. They said information on the attempted jail break was withheld until after the office determined who was responsible for furnishing the blade to Nunn.

They said apparently the blade was passed to Nunn by a visitor he had earlier Friday. No prosecutions are planned, they said. They didn't identify the visitor.

Construction of Bars
Sheriff's deputies said the attempt would have been unsuccessful because of the construction of the bars in the cell. They said it has been several years since a prisoner attempted to escape by sawing the bars.

Nunn is being held on charges of first degree murder in the slaying of 14-year-old Alvin Williams Eacret of Klamath Falls last April 19 at Tub Springs State park off Highway 66 in the Green Springs. He was arrested in Alturas, Calif., a few days after Eacret's body was found.

Nunn is scheduled to enter a plea on a grand jury indictment charging first degree murder Thursday, May 31. He is being represented by Sam Harrison, court appointed attorney.

Tom Scanlon of Portland, veterans research and education director, will be principal speaker at Hawthorne park.

Ceremonies in Ashland will be held at the American Legion hall on Winburn way with Boy Scouts, Ashland High school band and auxiliaries of veterans organizations participating. The Rev. John Thompson, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, will give the memorial address.

Most retail stores, city, county, state and federal offices will be closed, and the Mail Tribune publish a noon edition.

Ralph B. Matthews, manager of Evergreen Bus lines, said Saturday bus schedules will be observed Wednesday. Buses will operate only to Camp White and Eagle Point, he said, leaving Medford at 8:40 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m., and 10 p.m. There is no city service Saturdays.

Funds Sought for Peaceful Uses; Also Weapons

Congress Asked To OK \$112,500,000

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower asked Congress today for a stepped-up nuclear energy program for both peaceful uses and weapons.

The President specifically asked Congress to authorize a program to cost \$112,500,000 during fiscal 1957, which starts July 1.

The White House, in announcing a request for supplemental funds for the Atomic Energy Commission, said some of the money would be used on "design, development, testing and production of weapons and the development of military propulsion reactors."

For Plant Acquisition
He said funds also are being sought for plant acquisition and construction needed to provide additional facilities for the expanded military and civilian reactor program.

The money is required so the United States can take advantage of the "recent technological advances in the military part of the program," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty added.

He said the administration request includes a supplemental increase of \$82,500,000 for the Atomic Energy Commission and \$30,000,000 of unobligated funds previously appropriated.

Of the \$82,500,000 in new funds, Hagerty said \$68,400,000 would be for operating expenses, and \$14,100,000 for plant acquisition and construction. Of the \$30,000,000 in unobligated funds, \$20,000,000 would go for operating expenses and \$10,000,000 for plant acquisition and construction.

To Take Advantage
The administration's original estimate on AEC operating expenses for fiscal 1957 was \$1,672,000,000. The original estimate for plant acquisition and construction was \$144,200,000.

Hagerty was asked if there was any "special reason" for the stepped-up program. He would only say that it is being put forward to take advantage of recent technological advances in the military part of the program.

Observers speculated that this could mean the recent tests in the Pacific.

Opening Camp Roads At Lake Postponed

The road to summer cabins at Diamond Lake will not be open by Memorial day as was previously planned, it was announced today.

Cause for the delay is the reduced load limit on Highway 230 from Union Creek to Highway 97 via Diamond Lake, which prohibits movement of heavy equipment for repair work in the area.

The state highway department last week reduced highway load limits to 36,000 pounds for gross loads, 11,000 for single axle and 20,000 for tandem axles.

The road to the cabins will be closed indefinitely, officials said.

Spray Advised for Cherry Fruit Fly
Cliff B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, today reminded orchardists that cherry fruit fly spray should be applied by Saturday.

He added that control of aphids as well as fruit fly can be obtained by adding malathion to the spray recommended for fruit fly control.

Former Premier Of Azerbaijan One Of Condemned Men

Former Accomplices Of Beria Lose Lives

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union disclosed today it has executed four Communist leaders in Azerbaijan, including the former premier, and that Soviet republic which borders on Iran.

They were charged with being accomplices of former Soviet Secret Police Chief Lavrenti P. Beria, who was executed following the death of the late Josef Stalin in 1953.

Former Azerbaijan Premier Mir-Djafar Bagirov was the most prominent of the four condemned men. He had been leader of the Azerbaijan Communist Party and a close friend of Beria. Bagirov lost his job as Azerbaijan Communist Party leader the day Beria was arrested, July 19, 1953.

Tried By Supreme Court
A regional newspaper, the Bakki Worker, disclosed the news of the trial and execution of the four men in its May 27 issue which reached Moscow today.

It said the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R., sitting in the Azerbaijan capital of Baku, conducted the trial from April 12 to 26. Its disclosure was the first information about Bagirov's fate since his arrest.

The announcement of the death sentences stated that six men stood trial, Bagirov and five others.

They were charged with "committing terrorist acts and taking part in counter-revolutionary organization."

Bagirov and three others were executed. The other two drew 25-year prison sentences.

The announcement said Bagirov "was one of the most active and closest accomplices of Beria, traitor to his motherland."

"He (Bagirov) perpetrated together with him (Beria) and with the participation of the other accused a number of most heinous crimes against the state," the Bakki Worker dispatch said.

The announcement said that both Beria and Bagirov knew each other's criminal activities and helped shield each other against discovery.

Fully Informed
"Since 1921 Bagirov was fully informed about Beria's serving the 'Nuss Atavist' counter-intelligence service and, up to the time Beria was exposed, helped him escape responsibility by stealing documents from the archives dealing with Beria's past and turning them over to Beria and also getting rid of people who might have exposed Beria," the announcement said.

"In his turn, Beria knew of Bagirov's criminal past. . . . He was a bandit during the civil war and actively helped Bagirov conceal his criminal past and took part in the extermination of people who could have exposed Bagirov."

The "Nuss Atavist" was an alleged anti-Soviet counter-revolutionary organization active in the Ukraine.

Medford Budget Group Sets Meeting Today

The Medford budget committee is expected to give final approval to the proposed 1956-57 fiscal year budget at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in the city council chambers.

Both council and citizen members of the committee will attend. The committee has completed a detailed study of budget items for the year starting July 1. A hearing on the budget will be held later.

Portland — (U.P.) — Seventy-one seniors, the first graduate of Portland State College, will receive degrees here June 10.

"Oh, Joyous Day"



Haste Made To Put 'Second Choice' Farm Measure Into Effect

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department moved "with judicious haste" today to put the new farm bill with its \$1,200,000,000 soil bank into effect.

President Eisenhower signed
The "second choice" farm bill Monday ending a four-month election-year fight with the Democratic-controlled Congress. He called it "rich with promise," although he said he is "disappointed" that the bill does not permit soil bank payment one year in advance.

The soil bank—core of the bill—authorizes the government to pay farmers up to \$1,200,000,000 a year for taking surplus crops out of production. This is the first time the government has paid farmers on such a scale for not growing crops since the early days of the New Deal.

The bill also includes a mandatory increase in feed grain price supports, a discretionary two-price plan for rice, and a boost in corn planting allotments from 43,000,000 to 51,000,000 acres. The big rigid price support provisions that caused the President to veto the first farm bill earlier this year were cut from the bill.

Soil bank payments will fall far short of \$1,200,000,000 this year, since most crops are planted. That is why the President sought advance payments.

However, Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse indicated in an interview that some farmers will be receiving payments under soil bank contracts as early as this summer. He said it was too early to say how much might be paid out this year.

Other officials said payments "probably" will be offered to some producers for plowing up some of six basic crops—wheat, corn, rice, peanuts, tobacco and cotton.

The new law permits payments to farmers who plough up these crops by June 18 and allows the government to extend the deadline.

"We are moving immediately to put the soil bank program into effect," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson announced Monday night. "We are proceeding with judicious haste."

Howard Kramer Resigns As Sheriff Deputy Here

Deputy Howard Kramer, who has been serving as an identification officer in the Jackson county sheriff's office, has given his resignation effective May 31.

Kramer has accepted a position with the Washington state bureau of identification.

Nomination of Seaton as Secretary of Interior Expected To Get Quick Action

Washington — (U.P.) — Quick Senate approval seemed assured today for the surprise nomination of Fred A. Seaton as secretary of interior.

President Eisenhower's nomination of the Nebraska publisher was praised by senators of both parties and by Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis who had long been considered for the job. "Fine Gentleman"

Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont.) of the Senate Interior committee, which must approve the nomination, said it was pleasant news. Murray said Seaton is a "fine gentleman. He'll carry out the policies of the administration, but I'm sure he will give us a full and fair hearing on any problems that arise." Davis agreed to stay on as undersecretary under Seaton to help carry out administration power policy. He said it was only natural that Mr. Eisenhower turned to a close associate such as Seaton "in a matter involving such a personal relationship" as a cabinet officer.

"I am pleased that Mr. Seaton immediately endorsed and will carry forward the Eisenhower-McKay partnership power policy. . . ." Davis said.

Succeeds McKay
Mr. Eisenhower named Seaton to the cabinet post Monday to succeed Douglas McKay. McKay resigned April 15 to run for the Oregon Senate seat Morse now holds.

Seaton, 46, presently is Mr. Eisenhower's deputy assistant. He served in the Senate as the

appointed successor to the late Sen. Kenneth Wherry (R-Neb.) in 1951 and 1952.

In the Senate, Seaton was one of the first supporters of Mr. Eisenhower as the Republican party's 1952 presidential nominee. Later, Seaton was a member of Mr. Eisenhower's campaign staff, serving as a route planner and contact man with local GOP political leaders.

Assistant Defense Secretary
In 1953, Mr. Eisenhower named Seaton assistant defense secretary in charge of the department's relations with Congress, the public and the press. In February of 1955, the President shifted him to the White House to be deputy to Sherman Adams, assistant to the President.

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