

115 Mile-an-hour Winds Hit Southwe Area

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New York City Raked; Trees Fall on Autos

By UNITED PRESS
Tornado winds up to 115 miles an hour roared through four Southern states Wednesday night and today. They struck hardest at Kansas City, where crews worked through the night clearing debris-clogged streets.

The high winds, whipped up by an advancing cold front, ripped through parts of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Another wild storm raked New York late Wednesday with wind, hail and more than 1.5 inches of rain. Minor street flooding occurred, power lines were broken and several subways were stopped temporarily.

Lightning hit two church steeples in the big town. Off Occochee, L.I., rough waters tipped over a boat containing five boys. Four of them swam a half mile to shore, but the fifth drowned.

The worst big city chaos was in Kansas City, where 115-mile-per-hour winds brought the most destructive storm in 18 years.

Trees toppled onto cars, trapping motorists inside. Power lines went down by the hundreds, sparking wildly in the water-filled streets, and at least one motorist was injured when she drove onto a downed tree during mid-afternoon darkness.

About 55 main power cables and about 10,000 telephones were knocked out in the greater Kansas City area. Doctors performed emergency operations by the light of emergency batteries in blackout out hospitals. All traffic lights halted in the Kansas City, Kan., business district and the nearby communities of Riverside and Parkville, Mo., were completely without power.

Officials said most telephones and light switches would be back in order by today. Repairmen worked all night restoring communications and clearing the streets of huge trees, poles and other debris.

Tornadoes emerged from the howling winds elsewhere in the Southwest.

Several Twisters
A funnel was sighted whirling above ground near Oklahoma City, Okla., early today. Earlier twisters were reported near Topeka, Kan., and Washburn, Mo., and a wind-driven thunderstorm cut visibility to zero at Fayetteville, Ark.

The storms at best brought cool weather to the heat-baked midlands. The temperature dropped from 102 to 77 at Russell, Kan., following a thunderstorm. And the mercury went down 10 degrees in the upper Grand Marais, Mich.

In contrast, many parts of Northern and Central California sweltered in a 100-degree heat wave. The 97 at San Francisco airport Wednesday was the hottest June 27 on record. Smog added to the misery.

Homicide Charge Due In Hood River Death

Hood River — (U.P.) — James B. Athey, 40, of Arizona, former of a contract labor gang, was held in Hood River county jail today on suspicion of murder. District Attorney Kenneth Abraham said he would file homicide charges today.

Athey was arrested in connection with the fatal shooting last night of Haskel A. Morrison, 45, a transient farm laborer from Oklahoma City.

Sheriff Rupert Gillmouthe said he learned that the shooting followed a heated argument between Athey and Morrison over Morrison's transfer to a different labor camp. Gillmouthe said preliminary examination disclosed five bullets had struck Morrison.

Other workers held Athey until sheriff's officers arrived at the scene, a farm three miles west of Parkdale in the upper Hood River valley.

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Polish Soldiers Fire On Rioting Workers

Berlin — (U.P.) — Polish tanks and soldiers today opened fire in Poznan against workers rioting for bread and an end to Soviet influence, eyewitnesses said tonight.

STEEL STRIKE CHANCES GROW

New York — (U.P.) — The chance of averting a nationwide steel strike appeared so slim today that the industry began a shutdown which will cost \$1,000,000 tons production even if there is no walkout Saturday night.

Negotiations between top union and industry representatives all but collapsed Wednesday night and each side accused the other of forcing a crisis upon the nation. Both sides rejected proposals for postponing the strike.

Negotiators recessed the talks so abruptly that no time was set for resumption of the conference but spokesmen for the

United Steelworkers of America and the steel companies indicated they would make a last-ditch attempt at settlement today.

At 1 a.m. (EDT) U.S. Steel's giant plant at Gary, Ind., the world's largest steel installation, began cooling its furnaces. U.S. Steel ordered its plants in the Pittsburgh area to start shutting down later today.

Bethlehem Steel, which with U. S. Steel produces one-half of the nation's annual steel output of 60,000,000 tons, also ordered its plants to begin the shutdown process today and other companies said they would follow suit according to local conditions.

Since it takes three days to cool furnaces and two weeks to heat them up again, at least 1,000,000 tons production will be lost even if the strike is averted before Saturday, midnight, when the union's contract expires.

The talks were recessed when the Steelworkers rejected a company proposal to continue the negotiations under an extension of the present contract and the industry spokesmen turned down a union proposal to extend the current contract 15 days with all new contract benefits to be retroactive to July 1.

The company said an agreement on retroactivity would leave the union with "nothing to lose" and said the talks should proceed only with "equal pressure on both parties."

David J. McDonald, president of the union, said the company plan would put a "premium on procrastination" and would mean that union members would be working during the new contract year at "last year's wages."

The main difference between the two sides is the industry's demand for a five-year contract. The steelworkers are believed acceptable to a three-year contract.

Reuther Calls for Limit of \$20 on Political Donations

Washington — (U.P.) — Union leader Walter P. Reuther called on Congress today to limit individual political campaign contributions to \$20 in presidential election years.

He also urged a \$15 limit for congressional election years as a way to deal with "the overall problem of influence on legislation."

Reuther said an individual should be allowed to contribute no more than \$3 to any candidate for the Senate, the House, and the presidency, and to one political committee. That would add up to \$20 in presidential and \$15 in congressional election years.

Reuther, vice-president of the AFL-CIO and head of the United Auto Workers, made the proposals in testimony before the special Senate Committee on Lobbying. He said campaign contributions and lobbying are closely connected.

As for the vetoed natural gas bill, starting point of the committee's hearings, Reuther said the UAW spent \$38,762 trying to defeat it.

"I say very frankly to you: We were lobbying," Reuther testified. "We were trying to influence votes."

Attacking what he called "the oil and gas lobby," Reuther said its spokesmen were "long on cash and short on honesty" when they disclaimed any knowledge of lobbying.

Mrs. America Urges Bridal Cooking Test

Washington — (U.P.) — Mrs. Cleo Maletis, Mrs. America of 1956, today demanded legislation to force every prospective bride to pass cooking tests before receiving a marriage license.

The 31-year-old homemaker from Portland, Ore., said she planned to try to get Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard I. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green, all Oregon Democrats, to back her proposal.

"I'm not a politician," the pert brown-eyed Mrs. America said, "so I'll need their help. Basically, I think it's something all women will approve of."

The contest winner, who was selected for her homemaking abilities, made the statements in a breakfast interview here. She said her husband, Chris, 33, and her three boys thoroughly approve of the cooking-test legislation.

The champion housewife said she received "so much fan mail" from husbands who complained about their wives cooking that she realized the need for such a law.

National Emergency Food Plan To Be Aired

Salem — (U.P.) — A meeting of state emergency welfare officers is scheduled in Washington, D.C., tomorrow at which plans for a national unified emergency food supply program will be discussed.

Arthur M. Sheets, Oregon civil defense director, has called for a national plan drawn up by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. So far each state has developed its own emergency supply plans, resulting in 48 different systems.

Among questions to be raised by Oregon is "where are all the huge stocks of surplus food stores which are continually being referred to by the FCDA and how are they to be transported in a hurry to a stricken area?" Other questions involve issuance of ration cards to civilians, types of vouchers for supplies and payments for goods requisitioned.



ISLAND GIRL — Jere Wright, 20, displays the reasons why after being crowned Miss Hawaii during the 49th State Fair in Honolulu. She is a junior at the University of Hawaii. Reasons why are five feet seven inches, 124 pounds and 36-24-36. She'll represent Hawaii at the Miss America contest at Atlantic City, N. J.

President Summons Defense Secretary For Conference

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower summoned Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson to the hospital today for a conference on "the nation's posture of defense."

In announcing the late afternoon conference, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty emphasized that the embattled secretary has not been asked to resign despite a storm of protest over some of his recent statements. He called resignation rumors "a lot of nonsense."

Major Controversy
The meeting was the first between the President and the secretary since Mr. Eisenhower was hospitalized nearly three weeks ago. The only other Cabinet officer the President has seen was Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Today's conference came amid a major controversy over Wilson's recent comments characterizing a Senate drive to boost the Air Force budget as "phony" on the grounds the money was not needed.

To Testify Friday
In making the announcement Hagerty noted that Wilson is scheduled to testify Friday before a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services committee.

Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams also will go to the hospital to see the President this afternoon.

Adams apparently will take some other business up with the President. Adams did not see the President this morning because Mr. Eisenhower was napping.

Public Hearing on County Budget Friday

Representatives of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce legislative committee will discuss the group's study of the 1956-57 county budget, and will make recommendations, at the public hearing on the budget Friday at 10 a.m.

The hearing, which will be held in the county court room, will include a report on a study by the county budget committee concerning salaries for court-house personnel.

Total proposed budget for the year is \$2,636,818.47.

Governor in Capital 'Seeing a Few People'

Washington — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith of Oregon visited the nation's capital today en route home from the governor's conference in Atlantic City.

Smith said he had "just been seeing a few people" here. Among those he visited were Republican Reps. Walter Norblad, Harris Ellsworth and Sam Coon.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Interim Committee on Local Government will discuss proposals to cope with Portland metropolitan area problems at a meeting July 13.

Washington — (U.P.) — Congress has passed and sent to the White House a bill to encourage states to develop comprehensive programs for curbing water pollution.

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Two Men Instantly Killed in Sawmill, Logging Accidents

Company Has First Fatality in 17 Years

Two men were killed instantly in sawmill and logging accidents in Jackson county yesterday, according to County Coroner Carlos Morris.

Leslie J. Gibson, 48, of 619 Benson st., Medford, was killed at 2:45 p.m. yesterday at the Eugene S. Burrill sawmill at White City when he was struck by a piece of timber from an edger, Morris said.

The fatality at the Burrill mill was the first in 17 years of operation by the company.

Crushed By Log
Ernest Heaton, 44, of route 1, box 297, Eagle Point, was killed instantly about 4 p.m. when he was crushed by a log while working on Bessie creek about 12 miles northeast of Prospect, Morris said.

Heaton was employed by Al Cooper Logging of Shady Cove. Company officials said he was preparing to set a choker on a log, when the log rolled on to him.

Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements for both men.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his wife, Ethel, a daughter, Janet Gibson, at home; two sons, Jimmy Gibson, at home, and Raymond Gibson, Medford.

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Farm Bureau Urges Private Hell's Dam

Chicago — (U.P.) — Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation today urged private development of the Hell's Canyon project on the Idaho-Oregon border.

"It is our conviction that the public interest will be best served in this instance by the proposed private development," the group said.

The statement cited a report of hearings before the Federal Power commission which indicate the proposed private development will not differ significantly in areas of flood control, recreational benefits and navigation from the proposed federal project.

The statement admitted that the federal plan called for a higher production of power but stated that the cost of that production would be at least equal and possibly excess of its value.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 53. High Friday 85.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 85
Lowest this Morning 53

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:24 a.m.
Sunset 7:53 p.m.
Moonrise 10:40 p.m.
Last Quarter July 1

PROMINENT STARS

Spica, in the southwest 9:48 p.m.
Arcturus, high above Spica.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Jupiter, in the west 8:47 p.m.
Mars, rises below the Moon.
Saturn, sets 1:30 a.m.

Senate Expected To Approve Foreign Aid Bill Without Drastic Reductions

Washington — (U.P.) — Administration lieutenants predicted today that the Senate will approve a \$4,500,000,000 foreign aid bill without drastic cuts.

They conceded, however, that some close votes are in prospect before the final showdown tonight or Friday. Voting on amendments was scheduled to start in mid-afternoon.

Intercontinental Air Power Increase Urged by Twining

Recommendation Made To Meet Russia's Might

No Decision Made, Air Secretary Says

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, has recommended a 50 per cent increase in the nation's intercontinental air striking power to meet the threat of Russia's growing air might.

Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles disclosed the recommendation today. Quarles did not say when the recommendation was made but it obviously came within the last few months. Quarles said no decision has been made on the recommendation yet.

The disclosure came as Senate-House conferees met to decide how much the Air Force budget should be increased over administration recommendations. Senate Democrats were confident of retaining the most, if not all, of the \$960,000,000 increase made by the Senate.

More Big Bombers

Under questioning by a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on airpower, Quarles said Twining has recommended that the Air Force build toward 17 heavy bomber wings by 1960.

The present 137-wing program, set by the administration in 1953, calls for 11 heavy bomber wings. There are 43 B52 intercontinental jet bombers in a heavy bomber wing.

Twining's recommendation would mean buying about 300 additional B52s at a cost of about \$2,400,000,000.

The testimony brought out that Twining has made a preliminary estimate that the Air Force will require \$23,600,000,000 in fiscal 1958, \$7,000,000,000 more than in the current fiscal year. Quarles declined to commit himself to this specific amount. He said it is a fair assumption that there will be a need for a substantial increase in the air force budget in the coming years.

No Decision Reached

Quarles said that no decision need be made on Twining's recommendation for a standing force of 17 heavy bomber wings until the budget is drawn up for fiscal 1958. He said there is sufficient latitude within the present program to build up to such a force without changing the fiscal 1957 budget.

The administration has opposed the increase in Air Force funds.

Warm Weather Expected To Continue in Valley

The current hot weather in the Medford vicinity continued yesterday with a temperature reading of 95 degrees at the U.S. weather bureau station at the airport. The day was the hottest so far this year.

A maximum of 92 or 93 degrees is expected today with the mercury possibly going up to 93 tomorrow.



Option on 160 Acres In Camp White Area Signed by Commission

The Oregon State Game commission has signed an option to purchase 160 acres of land in the Camp White area for a public hunting area, it was learned today.

Kenneth Denman, Medford attorney and a member of the commission, said the property is owned by Fred Hall, and is located just east of Agate slough, southeast of the National Guard buildings. It has two water impoundments located on it, he said, and with proper development will become an ideal bird-hunting site.

The property also has a dwelling and a barn. Denman said the contemplated sale price will remain confidential until the option is taken up and the sale consummated.

The new proposed hunting area is adjacent to a tract totaling 2,300 acres already owned by the game commission and dedicated to public recreation use. Denman pointed out, and the addition will bring the total to 2,460 acres.

Discussions are now under way regarding the possibility of working out contracts with the city of Medford for a lease agreement for use of city-owned property in the area. If this can be done, it will mean a total of some 3,000 acres in that area alone for the public use of sportsmen, the commissioner reported. Throughout the state, the commission owns or controls almost 90,000 acres of land for this purpose.

Trolley-Auto Crash Disrupts Service

Portland — (U.P.) — A collision between an outboard streetcar and an automobile today disrupted interurban service on the Portland-Bellrose trolley line for about two hours.

The car driver, Clarence W. Nix, was hospitalized for lacerations and undetermined head and arm injuries. The driver of the streetcar, Ralph R. Mote, and a passenger, were not reported hurt.

The car was dragged 21 feet along the tracks until it struck a telephone pole. The trolley was derailed in the back part and traveled about 292 feet before halting.

M-T Subscriber Asks Delivery of Paper In Neighbor's Box

Usual complaints received by the Mail Tribune circulation department are that the paper has been left in the neighbor's box, the boy threw the paper in the lawn sprinkler or onto the porch roof.

But the L. L. Lawrence family, of route 1, box 347, Central Point, sent a note to the circulation department the other day asking that their paper be left in the neighbor's box "for a few days."

"It seems we have a family of birds in ours," the note said.

Vehicle Grouping Effective Monday

Salem — (U.P.) — All branches of Oregon's government dealing with motor vehicles will be lumped together within a single department Monday and the director of the new motor vehicle department said all arrangements for the mass transfer had been completed.

Some 500 state employees will be transferred to the new department but Director Warne Nunn said there would be no major changes in the chiefs of the various divisions. J. R. Williams, formerly in the state budget division, has been named comptroller of the motor vehicle department.

The department was created by the 1955 legislature on the recommendation of the so-called "Little Hoover Commission."

District Attorneys At Salem Institute

Salem — (U.P.) — The fourth annual institute for district attorneys, sheriffs and assistant attorneys general, registered.

Attorney General Robert V. Thornton was attending the opening meeting.

Preparation and trial of condemnation cases occupied the morning session, with welfare fraud and non-support, examination of witnesses and drunken driving prosecution occupying the afternoon.

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