

# Summer Storms Hit State With Savage Fury

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**COOLING OFF**—The Hawthorne park swimming pool proves to be a popular place for valley youngsters and adults seeking relief from hot afternoon temperatures. Shown above are several children using the wading pool at the park with the regular pool shown in the background. Swimming classes, with 235 children enrolled, are held daily between 9 a.m. and noon. Classes will be held this week and next week.

### Soviet Industrial Production Said Up by 12 Per Cent

#### Bulgarian Reports To Supreme Soviet

Moscow—(U.P.)—Premier Nikolai Bulganin announced today that Soviet industrial output this far in 1956 is up 12 per cent over the same period in 1955. The report was made to a joint session of the Supreme Soviet, this country's parliament. It was an indication that progress is being made on pledges to step up industrial production when the regime of Bulganin and Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev succeeded Premier Georgi Malenkov last year.

**Khrushchev Absent.** Khrushchev was absent from separate sessions held this morning by the two houses of the Supreme Soviet, the Council of Nationalists, and the Council of the Union. But he was present when the two chambers met in joint session to hear Bulganin's speech this afternoon. Observers attributed no significance to Khrushchev's absence at the morning session. They noted that his principal official role is that of Communist party leader and not a government office holder.

However, London newspapers were filled with dispatches about Khrushchev's latest drinking episode at a Moscow reception last week, in which he is reported to have insulted U.S., British and French aviation leaders. The London publications speculated that Khrushchev's excessive addition to alcohol might cost him his leadership in the Soviet Union.

In his report, Bulganin said the rate of industrial output this year exceeds by 2 per cent the schedule laid down by the sixth five-year plan. The Shah of Iran and Queen Soraya sat in a place of honor on the front row beside the rostrum. Deputies applauded the royal couple, the first reigning monarchs ever to attend a session of the Supreme Soviet.

North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung also was a guest.

### "Poor Little Kid"



### Dulles Asks Russia To Liberate Captive Peoples of Europe

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called on Russia today to liberate captive peoples in Eastern Europe and thus undo "the evil done in Stalin's name."

Dulles made the statement in commenting on a resolution passed last month by the central committee of the Soviet Communist party which explained abuses by the late Josef Stalin and measures taken to prevent their recurrence.

Dulles told a news conference he believes the world can hopefully look forward to the transformation of the international scene. He said he believes forces now at work eventually will prove irresistible in bringing freedom to the enslaved peoples of the world.

Other highlights of Dulles' news conference: 1. He said he sees less fear of war at present than in recent times. He said the Free World pays a price in lack of willingness to arm but he is willing to pay that price.

2. He agreed with Vice President Richard M. Nixon that there is almost certainly a risk involved for any country accepting Communist aid. Nixon in his recent Far East tour, had directed the warning to neutrals. Dulles said that because of the poverty in Iron Curtain countries only a strong political motive would make them share their goods with others.

3. Asked about the cut in foreign aid appropriations by Congress, Dulles said that if this country has to alter its aid policies drastically without cushioning the shock a disastrous effect could result in such countries.

### Eugene Firms Starts Airport Resurfacing

Central Heating company of Eugene started resurfacing of the main runway at the Medford airport Tuesday, according to Vern Thorpe, director of public works.

About 1,820 feet of runway will be resurfaced, Thorpe said. About 3,580 feet of runway was resurfaced last year but the operation was not completed because of insufficient funds in the CAA federal aid program account.

The paving project on South Ivy st. in the Garfield subdivision was completed yesterday by Central Heating company, he said. Rogue River Paving company is resurfacing Sixth st. between Front st. and Central ave. today.

### Klamath Radio Station Owner Taken by Death

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—W. D. Miller, head of one of the largest construction companies in southern Oregon and northern California and owner of radio station KFJI in Klamath Falls, died here today. He was 70. Miller recently sold his interest in radio station KWIN in Ashland to San Jose, Calif., interests and sold his construction permit for KFJI-TV in Klamath Falls to KBES-TV in Medford.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department expects American farmers this year to harvest a total crop "considerably below" last year's near record crop.

### Hail, Rain Leave Intersections Flooded at K. F.

#### Highway Washed Out In Eastern Oregon

By UNITED PRESS Residents of Mt. Vernon in central Oregon began moving back into their homes from surrounding hills today in the wake of one of the biggest flash floods ever to strike the desert-like area. Two-thirds of the town's population of 500 persons fled their homes last night as the waters of Beech creek and the John Day river rushed into 20 to 25 homes. Torrential thunder showers made rivers of gulches and ravines that had been dry for years.

By UNITED PRESS Summer storms lashed at opposite ends of Oregon with savage fury last night in the wake of the state's first real heat wave of the year.

Greatest damage was reported in the Pendleton area where a flash flood washed out a five mile section of highway 395, a main north-south route.

Another major outage was reported on highway 26 between Mt. Vernon and Dayville, where water depths of from 5 to 10 feet last night when torrential rains drenched the area.

Hail at Klamath At Klamath Falls a sudden hail storm, dropping hail stones up to three-eighths of an inch in diameter, struck the city. Heavy rains followed, leaving city intersections flooded and forced closure of the East Main underpass for nearly five hours.

Some residents in the city of John Day started to evacuate their homes near the John Day river last night in the wake of pouring rains.

Don Brown, assistant deputy coroner of Grant county, reported that a cloudburst struck the John Day area, sending residents out of their homes in fear the river would engulf them.

Larry Smitson, supervisor of the Oregon highway maintenance department at Pendleton, said it possibly would be several days before highway traffic could be restored over the washed out routes in the Pendleton area.

### Osteopath Group Endorses Vaccine

The Southern Oregon Society of Physicians and Surgeons has added its endorsement to the polio vaccine program currently being conducted by the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"We heartily endorse the vaccine and urge everyone to get it now," a Society spokesman said.

Only about half of the estimated eligible age group, up to 19 years and expectant mothers, have received the vaccine, according to estimates of the county health department. Persons receiving the vaccine now still can develop considerable immunity before the expected polio season starts in August, it has been pointed out.

A spot check in Ashland yesterday failed to turn up a family which has taken advantage of the vaccine, according to a polio chapter officer. However, other sources there reported a good response to the vaccine program.

### Residents Asked to Keep Dogs from Park

Darell Huson, Medford finance director has urged residents to keep dogs away from Hawthorne park. Huson warned that dogs become cross in hot weather and are inclined to bite. He said there are too many dogs near the park playground and pools where there are small children.

### Malin Farm Worker Faces Charges of Manslaughter

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Klamath County District Attorney Richard Beesley filed a manslaughter charge late yesterday against Earl Graham, 31-year-old Malin farm worker. He said that Graham was the driver of the car which killed a nine-year-old girl from Merrill, Ore., Sunday night.

After fleeing the scene, Freeman Graham returned and was arrested by police. Earl Graham, who has been charged with manslaughter, was arrested near his home in Malin. Woods was arrested in a Malin tavern.

Each Graham brother contended the other was the driver of the car. Witnesses have identified the younger brother, Earl, as the driver.

### President Slates Conference With Chairman of GOP

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower will start his second term campaign rolling Thursday with a conference with Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Hall will meet with the President at his farm here to discuss plans for the second term campaign and the GOP National Convention in San Francisco starting Aug. 20.

This will be Hall's first meeting with Mr. Eisenhower since the President became ill June 3. To See Stassen

Announcement of the meeting with Hall followed Tuesday's announcement that the President is still a candidate for a second term. Hall will hold a news conference in downtown Gettysburg before returning to Washington.

Hagerty would not say whether the President already has made plans to go to the convention.

The President also will confer Thursday with Harold E. Stassen, presidential adviser on disarmament, and Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

The President signed 35 bills and other documents during a work session this morning.

Hagerty said he does not expect the President will meet at Gettysburg this week with the Cabinet or the National Security Council. He said he has "an idea" when Mr. Eisenhower will return to the White House, but "I can't tell you yet."

Previous plans have been for the President to spend "a few days" at the White House before leaving for Panama the night of July 20. Hagerty also said he did not know whether the President will hold a news conference before going to Panama.

### Outdoor Band Concert Slated Here Tonight

The first outdoor band concert by the Summer High school band will be presented at 8 p.m. today in the old city park.

The band is part of the summer recreation program sponsored by the Medford city schools.

The band is directed by I. A. Mirick.

### School Project Bids Opened by Board Here

Bids for renovation and additions to Medford High and Hedrick Junior High schools were opened by the board of education of district 549C here last night.

Work at Medford High includes utilization of permanent seating in the boys gymnasium by converting it to four classrooms, and an addition to the southwest corner of the present building which will include two classrooms and increased dressing room facilities. Two existing walls of the building will be used to provide economy in construction, school officials said.

**Hedrick Construction** Work at Hedrick Junior High includes the first room of a projected wing extending north from the north center of the building, and utilization of space in the second level for two classrooms, and a textbook library. A covered walkway will be constructed along the north edge of the building.

Minshall Construction company of Jacksonville submitted a base bid of \$38,590 for work at Medford High; Myers D. Jones bid \$39,780, and Bessonetie and Graft bid \$39,980 on a base bid. Minshall submitted the only bid of \$24,929 for work at Hedrick Junior High school.

**Electronic Service, Medford**, submitted a bid of \$5,480 for electrical work at Medford High school, and \$2,659 for work at Hedrick, Trowbridge and Flynn, Medford, submitted a bid of \$6,242 for work at Medford High, and \$4,375 for work at Hedrick.

**Alternates Listed** Contracts will be awarded at a later date. Several alternates were listed for work at Hedrick Junior High school, all of which will be considered before the contract is awarded, officials said.

In other action last night, the board elected new officers, re-affirmed teacher elections, set opening dates for school, and accepted a resignation.

Otto Ewaldsen was elected chairman, replacing Edward Branchfield, and Mrs. Stephen Nye was elected vice chairman, replacing Ewaldsen. Mrs. Rebecca Jensen was reelected clerk for the district.

The board set Sept. 10 as the opening date for classes in elementary and junior high schools, and Sept. 17 for opening date at Medford High school. School officials said the high school opening date was postponed a week to allow students to work in the fruit harvest here.

**Resignation Accepted** The resignation of Karl Kahle, mathematics teacher and coach at Hedrick Junior High school, was accepted. Kahle has accepted a position as principal at Silverton High school.

Donald Littman, who moved here recently from St. Petersburg, Fla., was hired as a new fifth grade teacher at Roosevelt school.

Elections of teachers by patrons of the Oak Grove and West Side districts last spring were reaffirmed by the Medford board. On the Oak Grove staff are H. Bruce Metzger, Elmer Ayres, Audrey Berry, Florence Connors, Dana Dekorte, Marjorie Dena, Max Killingsworth and Hugh Shurtliff. Ernst V. Ludwig was reaffirmed for the West Side school.

The action was necessary by the Medford board because the two districts were recently consolidated with the Medford district.

The board adopted a resolution acknowledging the new designation number of 549C as of July 1, when consolidation of the West Side and Oak Grove districts and annexation of the Dewey and Kenwood districts became effective.

The board also approved increasing insurance on the West Side school from \$76,500 to \$100,000 based on a new appraisal of the facilities by the U. S. Appraisal company, which is appraising buildings in the Medford district.

### Biggest D'Anjou Crop in Several Years Expected

This year's d'anjou pear crop in the Rogue valley is expected to be the biggest in several years according to Cliff B. Cordy, the county extension agent for horticulture.

He added, however, that Bartlett, bosc and comice pear yields are expected to be somewhat smaller than last year's record crop.

While the d'anjou crop in Hood River is also anticipated to be abundant, Cordy said all fruit crops in the state of Washington will be reduced this year as the result of freezing weather last winter.

**Peach Crop** The peach crop in this area is also expected to be the "best in a long time," Cordy stated. He attributed the success of this year's peach crop to good weather during the bloom season and care by growers.

The county extension agent explained that more orchardists than usual this year aided Hale peach pollination by planting pollinators in the orchards and supplying pollination bouquets.

Peach yields elsewhere in the Northwest are described as "very poor" because of last winter's freeze. Cordy reported this is the peak of the cherry harvest and that those desiring cherries should get them soon.

### PUC Orders Hearing On Bus Rate Change

The Oregon public utilities commissioner has ordered a hearing on a proposed rate adjustment for Evergreen Bus lines, it was reported today.

The order automatically postpones the effective date of the change, originally set for July 10, until after the hearing, which will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, in the courthouse auditorium.

The bus company's proposal was to set a minimum fare of 35 cents on the Medford-Ashland run, and a minimum fare of 20 cents on the Central Point and Jacksonville runs. The changes would affect intermediate service, and not the maximum fares already charged between the cities involved.

### County Road Workers Go On 40-Hour Week

The Jackson county court has announced road department personnel, as well as other courthouse employees, are now working a 40-hour week and have received salary increases of approximately 10 per cent.

The action, taken by the county court early this week, was approved by members of the county budget committee.

Road department personnel previously worked a 44-hour week. Commissioners said they will receive the same amount of money for the shorter week as they did for the 44-hour week.

### Federal Court Case Continues Today

Witnesses continued to testify today in federal court in the post office building in the case between Juanita and Claude Easton Bird, of Salem, and Howard DeSully Hodson, of Seattle, suing each other for damages suffered when the cars they were operating collided Jan. 26, 1955, on Highway 99 in front of the Laurel motel.

Both Hodson and Bird claim the other was negligent in operating his vehicle. In the accident Bird suffered broken ribs, a broken leg and a broken arm. Hodson suffered broken ribs and lacerations. Bird testified he has been unable to return to work because of his injuries.

Monday the jury was sworn in and Tuesday the attorneys for both plaintiffs gave their opening statements. The case is expected to go to jury late this afternoon.

### Copco Seeks Permit For Single Project

Washington—California Oregon Power company has asked the federal power commission to license as a single project a proposed hydroelectric development on the Klamath River.

The company previously proposes to undertake the work in two projects known as Big Bend Nos. 1 and 2. However, a license issued by the commission in 1954 for the second development has never been accepted by the company.

Its new proposal, estimated to cost \$12,403,500, involves construction of a 650 foot long diversion dam at the Big Bend No. 1 site, and a power house, at Big Bend No. 2 with installed capacity of 80,000 kilowatts.

### Weather

FORECAST: Thunderstorms over mountains this evening. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 55. High Thursday 85-88.

Highest yesterday 57. Lowest this morning 57.

### Our Skies Tonight

The Sun rises 4:45 p.m. and sets 7:49 p.m. Over 94,000 miles away, its light reaches the Earth in a little over eight minutes. The Moon sets 9:55 p.m. Now about 230,000 miles away, its light reaches the Earth in less than two seconds. First Quarter July 14.

### Air-Rescue Operation Set For CAP Here This Sunday

Eight Civil Air Patrol planes from southern Oregon will fan out over a 25-mile radius from the Medford airport Sunday in one of the most elaborate simulated air-rescue operations ever staged in this area by the CAP.

All CAP units in southern Oregon will participate plus three planes from the Portland squadron. Other squadrons include Roseburg, Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Medford.

### Humane Society to Discuss Dissolution

The Southern Oregon Humane society will discuss dissolution and settlement of business and disposal of property at a meeting at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

The board of trustees said the action is being considered because of increased financial problems. If members concur, assets will be sold, and after payment of expenses and liabilities, the remaining funds will be distributed to some other charitable organization.