

Flood Waters in Eastern Oregon Receding; Many Evacuate Homes

Two Grants Pass Foresters Killed By Falling Trees

Heavy Rains, Winds Batter Entire State

Jittery residents of flood-ravaged Eastern Oregon kept their fingers crossed today and prayed for cold weather to halt the flow of mountain snow packs that turned streams into rivers and rivers into torrents yesterday.

Heavy week end rains and high winds battered the entire state. Two men were killed near Grants Pass Saturday when trees fell on their jeep. Wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour were reported at the Columbia river lights yesterday.

Coffer Dam Washed Out

The coffer dam at Idaho Power company's Brownlee project was washed out about 4:30 a.m. today when the diversion tunnel could not handle the huge flow of water.

Bernard Frost, area manager for Idaho Power, said the loss would set construction back about 30 days.

Sheriff's officers reported that hundreds of acres of farm land in the Vale area were under water. More than 100 cattle have been lost and scores of sheep also were claimed by the swollen rivers.

Water Recedes

Residents along the flood line from Enterprise to Vale and west to Baker reported the water had receded this morning from crests late yesterday that sent several hundred people from their homes and flooded homes, business establishments and left washed out bridges and highway closures in its wake.

States police at Vale reported today that waters which had stood nearly five feet deep in many sections of the town had started to recede slowly.

Between 700 and 800 residents of the town were forced from their homes and emergency quarters were set up in the high school and churches.

Bridge Washed Out

Most business buildings in the downtown section were flooded. Waters from Billy creek plunged over the creek's banks into the west side of the town while the Malheur river spilled over its banks into the east side of the city.

A 100-foot bridge spanning the Malheur river on highway 201 was out, closing traffic on that route between Vale and Weiser, Ida. Highways between Vale and Burns were also out.

The town of Harper southwest of Vale was isolated by the waters.

Prairie creek, swelled by fast melting snow, rushed into the town of Enterprise yesterday but officials said today that the river was holding its own and had started to go back toward its banks slowly.

Many Roads Out

About 30 persons were forced to flee their homes last night and about 18 inches of water stood in most of the town. Roads were out in nearly every direction with six bridges reported out. Hundreds of residents turned out yesterday to battle the rampaging waters with sand bags but met little success in holding the flood waters out of the town.

The weather claimed two lives in southwestern Oregon over the week end when two wind-toppled trees crashed across a jeep. Two Grants Pass foresters, William R. Brinsfield, 33, assistant manager and chief forester of the Bate Lumber Company, and Fred Michelotti, 28, were crushed in the wreckage of their vehicle.

Forecast Causes Anxiety

Continued heavy rains and the forecast of more caused anxiety in western Oregon. The North and South Umpqua rivers in Douglas county were reported running high but were expected to remain in their banks. A slide near Anlauf resulted in one-way northbound traffic on Highway 99 about 10 miles south of Cottage Grove. Another slide was reported 25 miles west of Drain on Highway 38.

Automobile Safety Series Starts Today

Are modern autos too fast and too flimsy? Should your car be equipped with seat belts for safety? Will new highway designs reduce traffic accidents?

Robert Serling, United Press writer, answers these and many other questions on the growing traffic problem on highways of America. The first in a series of five articles appear on page 6 of today's Mail Tribune.



WHAT, NO SKIS?—Frolicking in the soft white snow at Sun Valley, Idaho are Hollywood actresses Martha Hyer (left) and Mara Corday. With nothing like this around Hollywood, the girls didn't wait to don skis for their first time in the snow.

New Proposals Raise Israel Deadlock Hope

Washington—(U.P.)—An apparent new approach by the United States and Israel raised fresh hopes today for a solution to the Middle East deadlock.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Abba Eban, Israeli ambassador to Washington, were closeted for 3 hours and 10 minutes Sunday to discuss the question of Israeli troop withdrawals from the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Aqaba.

Hope Voiced

They issued a joint statement at the end of the meeting voicing hope for a solution "consistent with the principles of the United Nations."

Apparently both sides have eased their stands on guarantees for protecting Israel against possible future Egyptian attacks. Israel had demanded ironclad guarantees before pulling her troops out. The United States had promised to seek such guarantees after the withdrawal.

Informed sources in Israel said one of the new proposals that Eban took with him to Washington was that Israeli warships patrol the Gulf of Aqaba to assure freedom of navigation there.

The sources said this would end the necessity that American

ships enter the gulf to guarantee free passage as proposed by President Eisenhower.

Would Share Control

A second Israeli proposal, the sources said, was that Israeli not evacuate the Gaza Strip, but instead share control with the United Nations.

But they said there was nothing hard and fast about the two proposals and that Israel would remain flexible concerning them.

450 Boys Tested So Far in Special Research Program

Second in a series of tests to determine development of children as they grow was given last week in Medford schools to male students between the ages of 7 and 15. Lee Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education in Medford schools, reported this morning.

The program is sponsored by the University of Oregon, Southern Oregon college, the Athletic Institute of Chicago and the Medford school system. Included in the program are 50 strength measurement, a anthropometric measurement, social adjustment, aptitude, intelligence quotient and scholastic achievement tests. Both athletic and non-athletic students are included in the program.

450 Tested

A total of 650 students will have taken the tests by the end of this school year. To date, 450 have already been tested and the remainder will be tested in May. Ragsdale said. Students whose birthdays occurred within two months of Oct. 22, were given the tests last October. Last week, tests were given to those whose birthdays occurred within two months of Feb. 22. All schools in Medford, with the exception of Lincoln school, are included in the testing program.

At the completion of this year's tests, development of the boys included in the program will be traced by further testing as they continue in school. The program will not be extended to students other than those tested this year.

Administering the examination here last week were Dr. H. Harrison Clark, research professor at the University of Oregon and general director of the research program; Kay Peterson, graduate assistant at the University of Oregon and general director of the program for Medford students; Ted Schopf, Southern Oregon college professor; two SOC students and six University of Oregon students.

Heart Association Still Counting Funds

Officials of the Medford Heart association today said more than \$1,500 was collected yesterday in the association's Heart Sunday door-to-door drive to collect funds for the 1957 Heart Fund.

Mrs. Manville Heisel, chairman of Heart Sunday, said contributions were still being counted this morning. She said it appeared unlikely the \$3,000 goal established for the Heart Sunday drive in Medford would be reached. However, she noted, \$1,500 counted so far from the campaign exceeds last year's Heart Sunday contributions by \$200. Results of the final count will be announced Tuesday, she said.

Mrs. Heisel commended volunteer fund solicitors for their door-to-door work despite unfavorable weather conditions. She also commended residents for their "warm reception" to volunteer workers.

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Broadcast Tells Of Communism's Threat To Region

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Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower warned the people of the Middle East today to stand clear of the "menace of international Communism" lest it "smash all their hard won accomplishments overnight."

Designed to Bring Stability

Mr. Eisenhower reiterated in a special shortwave broadcast beamed overseas that his Middle East resolution, now pending in Congress, is designed "to help bring stability" to the troubled areas. "We must face that fact, that while we are trying to help build a world of freedom and justice among sovereign people, the President said, "the masters of international Communism are working constantly to tear down this kind of world."

The President spoke as U.S. officials voiced hope that the Israeli troop deadlock may be broken.

New U.S. Approach

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban conferred for three hours and 10 minutes Sunday with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the issue of withdrawal of Israel's troops from the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Aqaba.

Apparently a new American approach was being worked out to the question of guaranteeing Israel against future Egyptian attacks. Israel also was said to have modified its demands for safeguards before pulling out of Egyptian territory.

Joint Statement

After their talk, Dulles and Eban issued a joint statement expressing hope for a "solution... consistent with the principles of the United Nations."

The President's speech marked the 15th anniversary of the Voice of America. It was delivered from the overseas broadcast studios here and was relayed by short wave around the globe.

City Gets Second Heaviest Rainfall

The Medford vicinity had its second heaviest rainfall of the year yesterday. Total precipitation measured at the weather station at the municipal airport was 1.10 inches.

Saturday and Sunday rainfall amounted to 1.35 inches and brought the monthly and season totals to more than normal. Occasional rain is expected through Tuesday, weathermen said.

Rainfall Sunday compared to 1.41 inches on Jan. 19, heaviest for one day so far in 1957. February total up to midnight last night was 2.02 inches, 28 above normal and the amount since the agricultural year began on Sept. 1, 1956 is 14.26, or 1.65 more than normal.

Grants Pass rainfall was 2.03 inches in the 24-hour period up to 4:30 a.m. today.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 466.90, off 0.03; 20 railroads 141.26, off 0.96; 15 utilities 70.53, up 0.19, and 65 stocks 165.21, off 0.16. Sales today were about 1,710,000 shares compared with 1,680,000 shares Thursday.

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Redden will replace Miss Kelly for about three weeks. He was appointed to the position earlier this month by the Medford city council. He is a member of Roberts, Kellington and Branchfield law firm.

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Knowland Asks Russia To Lift Iron Curtain

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) called upon Russia today to permit free access to Eastern Europe so the world can learn the facts of the Soviet "myth of U.S. intervention" there.

Knowland spoke for the United States in the U.N. Special

Political Committee. He denied Soviet charges that Washington seeks to establish American "colonial domination" in the Middle East and elsewhere through the Eisenhower doctrine.

Defeat Expected

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov asked that the assembly "condemn subversive activities of the United States against other states" and call upon Washington to "stop the subversive activities against and interference in the internal affairs of other states under any pretext whatsoever."

Kuznetsov's resolution was expected to be defeated by the 80-nation committee.

Knowland called Kuznetsov's charges "a disgraceful old story brought up to date" and said the United States was confident they would be "recognized as false by this General Assembly and by the whole Free World."

"The very term, 'Soviet item,'" Knowland said, "has become a synonym to U.N. delegations for a propaganda offensive against the United States."

Trying To Divert Attention

"By reviving these charges, the Soviet Union is merely trying to divert world attention from its own year in and year out program of using foreign Communist parties to subvert and undermine the government of free countries all over the world."

"Also, no doubt, the Soviet Union would like to obscure the truth revealed in recent discussions by the assembly of the situation in Hungary and for that purpose produce its own myth of U.S. intervention in Eastern Europe. Once again, we call upon the Soviet Union to permit free access to Eastern Europe, and thus to the facts."

Salem—(U.P.)—Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan has been appointed to the National Association of Railroad and Utilities commissioners' special committee to study railroad car shortages, it was announced here today.

Weather

FORECAST: Occasional rain through Tuesday. Gustly southerly winds tonight. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 56.

TEMPERATURE
Highest this Morning 51
Lowest this Morning 42

PRECIPITATION
To 4:30 a.m. Today .71

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 6:54 a.m.
Sunset 5:36 p.m.
Moonrise Tuesday 5:32 a.m.
New Moon March 1

PROMINENT STAR
Capella, high overhead—7:05 sunset.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, high in southwest at sunset.
Jupiter, low in east—8:09 p.m.
Saturn, rises 2:24 a.m.

Gunmen Turn Home Into Torture Chamber To Learn Hiding Place of Money and Jewelry

McKeesport, Pa.—(U.P.)—Police today sought four gunmen, led by a "sadist," who turned the home of a local meat packer into a medieval-like torture chamber to learn the whereabouts of hidden money and jewelry.

Manacled to Post

The gang manacled Frank Rendulic, 40, to a cellar post with handcuffs and chains, then beat him with blackjacks and burned him with a heated meat hook to make him tell where his money was hidden.

Rendulic finally gave in, three hours after the torture started, when the gang threatened to burn out the eyes of his four

children with a heated poker. Earlier, a similar eye-gouging threat failed to break Rendulic's silence.

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Rendulic, who operates a

slaughter house behind his home said that he and his wife were watching television Saturday night when their doorbell rang. He answered it and four men pushed their way in.

"Three had socks pulled over their faces and the fourth was on a white mask. Each one had a gun," Rendulic said. "I thought right away it was some of my friends playing a gag."

Three of the men forced him into the cellar while the fourth ordered his wife upstairs where their two sons, Fred, 5, and Frank, 8, were in bed.

The couple's daughters, Joan, 13, and Janet, 11, returned

shortly from a skating rink and also were taken to the bedroom.

In the cellar, the three gunmen handcuffed Rendulic's arms around a steel post and chained his legs. Then they took turns beating him with blackjacks and singeing his skin with a heated meat hook.

Money Belonged to Children

"You'd better tell where the money is. This guy's a sadist," one thug said, pointing to a man who acted as leader.

He said about \$1,000 of the money taken by the men belonged to his children, who had held a lucky number in a church lottery.