

# Freighter, Tanker Crash in Delaware River

## ABOVE AVERAGE FLOW FORECAST

Water year and seasonal flow in southwestern Oregon rivers is now expected to be above average, according to the water supply forecast issued by the weather bureau.

The above average flow was forecast despite the fact that February precipitation was equal to the 15-year average, and snow accumulation is low, weather bureau officials said. High carry-over effect from previous years' ground water resulted in the above average forecast.

**Snow Gone**  
Officials said the latest report from Fish Lake indicates that snow at that level has gone, and at other locations, only about 50 per cent or less of the usual March 1 accumulation is present. The March 1 water supply forecast was 1,450,000 acre feet. The forecast is 109 per cent above average. The residual flow (March through September) forecast is 350,000 acre feet, or 105 per cent of average. On the Umpqua river below Lake Creek, the water year forecast is 340,000 acre feet, or 113 per cent of average, while the Upper Klamath lake net inflow is forecast at 1,710,000 acre feet

for the year, and 950,000 for residual flow, both 140 per cent of average.

February precipitation in south central Oregon, east of the Cascades, averaged 120 per cent of the 15-year average, weather bureau officials said. Snow accumulation is below average, ranging from 35 to 65 per cent of the average, in that area.

Officials said February runoff was excessive in many streams in the south central area so the general outlook is for below average runoff for the irrigation season. Total runoff for the water year is forecast about 90 per cent of average and the seasonal runoff near 75 per cent of average.

## Jefferson School Break-in Reported

One nickel was stolen and considerable damage was done in offices at Jefferson school last night, according to Medford city police.

Entrance to the building was made by breaking the first floor library window, police said. The main office, principal's office, and a store room off the main office were broken into, police added. Deep pry marks were made in the doors and desk drawers.

The break and entry was discovered about 5:40 a.m. today by the school janitor, officers said.

Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, said that money is never kept in the school buildings. After all major school activities the money is banked, Mayfield said.

Police reports show that a penny in the drawer along with the nickel was not taken.

This is the third time in recent months that the Jefferson school was entered. Before, the cafeteria was entered and some ice cream, milk and 75 cents from a vending machine were taken.

## Frost Forecaster To Arrive Monday

William J. Rogers, Pomona, Calif., meteorologist for the U.S. weather bureau, will arrive in Jackson county Monday morning for the annual frost forecast broadcasts for fruit growers in the area.

Rogers' arrival this year is about 10 days ahead of the usual arrival time for frost forecasters. C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, said this is because weather conditions have accelerated development of the fruit buds and resulted in advancement of the season.

Fruit growers are asked to bring orchard thermometers to the county agent's office early next week for testing, Cordy said. Rogers will determine reliability of the thermometers by observation and use of specially prepared chemical solutions.

## Red China Releases One of 10 Americans

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Communist China today announced the release from prison of one of 10 Americans it has been holding on the Chinese mainland.

A brief announcement by Radio Peiping heard in Tokyo said that "American Paul J. MacKessen Jr." was released by the authorities Wednesday upon expiration of the prison term for acts threatening the security.

MacKessen, the radio said, was arrested in Tsingtao in 1952. MacKessen is a Lutheran Missionary of Philadelphia. He was one of six missionaries here. Other Americans include two businessmen and two civilians.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 474.17, off 0.70; 20 railroads 143.27, off 0.05; 15 utilities 71.30, off 0.11; and 65 stocks 167.58, off 0.21. Sales today were about 1,830,000 shares compared with 1,840,000 shares Wednesday.

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy tonight with chance of a few showers. Partial clearing Friday. Low tonight 44. High Friday 50.  
Sunrise — 6:38 a.m.  
Sunset — 6:38 p.m.  
Moonset Friday — 12:31 a.m.  
First Quarter — March 9  
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## House Approval Completes Action On Ike's Doctrine

Overwhelming Vote Noted in Roll Call

Washington — (U.P.) — The House today stamped final and overwhelming congressional approval on President Eisenhower's Middle East resolution.

The roll call vote was 350 to 60.

The measure gave the President substantially what he asked:

—Congressional support for use of U.S. troops if necessary to halt any Communist aggression in the Middle East.

—Economic Funds Authorized — And authorization for the President to spend up to \$200 million in already appropriated funds to bolster Middle East economies and governments against Communist subversion.

The House adopted, amid protest of "gag rule," the exact version of the Middle East resolution approved Tuesday by the Senate. The procedure precluded efforts to alter the Senate version.

**Second House Vote**  
This was the second time the House has voted on the Eisenhower doctrine. Five weeks ago, it overwhelmingly approved a measure carrying out Mr. Eisenhower's original request for specific "authority" to use American armed forces, if necessary, against any Mideast Communist aggression.

The Senate, after weeks of haggling and debate in committee and on the floor, changed the wording to read that the United States "is prepared to use armed forces" to resist any Communist aggression in the Middle East provided that the country attacked seeks U.S. aid. The President would determine the necessity for using U.S. armed forces.

## Death of Rogue River Man Is Investigated

Arthur Cyril Donat, 75, route 1, box 235D, Rogue River, died yesterday morning, and officers said evidence indicated he had taken his own life. They are continuing their investigation.

According to reports from the state police, sheriff's deputies and coroner Carlos Morris, Donat died about 10:15 a.m. Wednesday. Dynamite had been tied about his body with a manila rope, and evidence indicated it had been lit with a carbide lamp, the reports said.

Officers said Donat had been living at the residence of Mrs. Florence Little near Pleasant Creek rd. The blast occurred about 1,000 feet east of Mrs. Little's house near the bank of Evan's Creek. Mrs. Little reportedly told officers Donat had threatened suicide on several occasions. She said he asked her to send his watch to a relative in San Jose, Calif., shortly before Mrs. Little heard the dynamite blast.

Donat was born on Sept. 15, 1891, and is survived by a brother in Chicago and a son in San Jose. The body was taken to Conger Morris Funeral home where arrangements are pending arrival of the son from San Jose.

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# U.S. Will Consider Occupation of Gaza

## Egypt Insists on Regaining Control Of Disputed Strip

Go-Ahead Given on Clearing of Suez

By UNITED PRESS  
U. N. forces completed the occupation of Gaza today.

But new storm clouds were arising over Israel's renewed demands for freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal and Egyptian insistence that Gaza must return to Egyptian control.

President Eisenhower lent the weight of his prestige to Israel's position on a third point of contention — freedom of shipping through the Gulf of Aqaba, from whose shoreline Israeli forces will withdraw Friday.

Mr. Eisenhower said the United States is prepared to use the gulf and the Straits of Tiran as an open, international waterway.

The straits are only about 800 yards across and Israeli officials have said that even heavy machine guns could block its passage. Prior to Israel's invasion of Egypt Oct. 29, Egyptian shore batteries at Sharm el Sheikh blocked the waterway to Israel shipping.

**Eisenhower Optimistic**  
President Eisenhower said the mid-eastern outlook is brighter but that many problems still could come up.

But he added that Israel must be recognized as an established fact and that Mideastern problems must be treated in that light.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the U. N. Emergency Forces, reported his troops completed the takeover of Gaza under cover of darkness at 4 a.m. The last Israeli men and equipment were withdrawn to a small camp near Rafah on the Israeli-Gaza border. They were to be out by sundown.

The curfew imposed on Gaza's refugee-packed population continued in effect today with all persons ordered to remain indoors except between noon and 5 p.m. local time.

**Work To Clear Canal**  
Meanwhile, Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion called in U.S. Ambassador Edward Lawson to tell him that Israel will demand immediate freedom to use the Suez Canal. Egypt has given no indication that she intends to relax the blockade against Israeli shipping first imposed in 1948.

Only today Egypt gave the go-ahead for a resumption of the work of clearing the blocked canal.



## U.S. Will Consider Gulf of Aqaba as International Route

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower declared again today that the United States is prepared to use the Gulf of Aqaba and the Straits of Tiran as an open, international waterway.

The President told his news conference at the same time that the outlook in the Middle East is brighter. But he said there are still many problems which can come up.

The President also said that he has told everyone since 1948 that they must recognize that existence of Israel is a historic fact and that its problems must be considered in that light.

**Condition of Withdrawal**  
The Gulf of Aqaba and Straits of Tiran, roughly paralleling the Red Sea and Indian Ocean. Israel made it a condition of withdrawing troops from Egyptian territory along the gulf that Israeli shipping henceforth be permitted to use the waterway without interference. Egyptian coastal batteries in the past have fired on Israeli vessels steaming to or from Eilat, a new Israeli port at the head of the gulf.

The United States in negotiations to get Israel to withdraw her troops from Egypt promised this country would take the lead in declaring the gulf an open waterway for use by the shipping of all nations.

When Mr. Eisenhower said Israel is a historic fact, a reporter asked whether he had made this point to King Saud of Saudi Arabia who recently visited here. The President replied that he has told everyone that. He said no one should cast doubt on his views about that subject.

**Open To Free Passage**  
Mr. Eisenhower was asked whether American shippers could feel they would have government protection, if necessary, to send ships through the Straits of Tiran into the Gulf of Aqaba.

The President said the government's policy has been that this area is open to free passage unless a contrary finding is handed down by the World Court. He pointed out that the Gulf of Aqaba is 12 to 19 miles wide while the Straits of Tiran are much narrower.

The United States, he said, has stated it is prepared with other maritime nations to declare the area an open international waterway and so use it.

## Eisenhower Sees Possible Slow-Up On Some Projects

Step Would Relieve Inflationary Pressure

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today it might be necessary to slow up federal spending on some projects in order to relieve inflationary pressures.

In his first news conference since Feb. 6, Mr. Eisenhower said he has ordered an intensive review of the budget to determine whether spending for certain projects could be slowed down to achieve a budget cut for fiscal 1958.

He did not identify the projects. His budget for fiscal 1958 calls for spending \$71.8 billion.

Mr. Eisenhower said he did not anticipate being able to make any substantial cut which would cause material reduction of federal services or in any way affect the defense and national security of the nation.

**Coughs Repeatedly**  
Mr. Eisenhower, coughing repeatedly, told reporters in his first meeting with them in a month that he was suffering today from a temporary difficulty with his hearing.

Frequently during the conference he asked reporters to speak louder and more distinctly.

He said he is feeling well and that actually his cough, which has hung on since inauguration, is better. But he said he now has developed a cold in the head which has affected his hearing.

He had plugs of cotton or gauze in each ear and his voice had a husky tone.

He said that, in view of the Middle East situation and the absence from the country of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, it would be awkward for him to go to Arizona to win an effort to lick his cough and cold.

**Israel Here To Stay**  
Other news highlights of the conference:

—He does not think there can be any substantial cuts in foreign aid. His budget for fiscal 1958 calls for \$4.4 billion.

—He said the United States is prepared to use the Gulf of Aqaba and its gateway, the Straits of Tiran, as an open international waterway.

—He said the Middle East outlook is brighter, but there are still many problems which can come up.

—He said solution of preliminary phases of the difficulties between Egypt and Israel does not solve the underlying differences. The United Nations should direct its efforts toward these basic difficulties.

**Supports United Nations**  
—There is no prospective federal vacancy in sight for Leonard W. Hall, former Republican national chairman. Mr. Eisenhower said that if he had a suitable post, no doubt Hall's name would come to mind. But there is nothing in the works at the present.

—The United States will continue to operate within the United Nations rather than attempting to stand on its own foreign policies and reducing American reliance on the United Nations.

**Schrunk Says Bribe Story 'Fantastic'**  
Washington — (U.P.) — Mayor Terry D. Schrunk of Portland, was accused at a Senate hearing today of accepting a \$500 payoff from a gambler to avert a raid on a gambling joint. Schrunk called the charge a "fantastic story."

The gambler alleged to have made the payment, Clifford P. (Jimmy) Bennett, a partner in Portland's 8212 Club refused earlier to testify about the incident and Senate investigators slapped an immediate contempt of Congress citation against him. Schrunk and Bennett appeared before a special Senate committee investigating labor and management racketeering. (See story on Page 12)

## Both Ships Burst Into Flames With Terrific Explosion

Nine Men Missing; 59 Survivors Listed

New Castle, Del. — (U.P.) — A Navy gasoline tender and a Liberian freighter collided at "the graveyard of ships" on the Delaware river today. Both ships immediately burst into flames with a terrific explosion.

Five hours later the tender Mission of San Francisco sank, blocking the main ship channel to Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia. The freighter Elna II blazed for hours before the flames were brought under control by Coast Guard vessels and a Philadelphia fire boat. At 10:30 a.m. the Coast Guard reported that two-thirds of the channel had been cleared and ships were passing through one at a time "with caution."

The Coast Guard reported 59 survivors and listed an estimated nine missing, all of them from the Mission of San Francisco. The Mission carried 45 men and the Elna 23. Among the missing was the Mission's captain, William Allen, Houston, Tex.

**Homes Are Shaken**  
The Mission did not carry a pilot, because Allen was licensed for the Delaware river. The only fire fighting equipment aboard the Elna was a garden hose, one of the survivors told the United Press.

Both vessels exploded in a sheet of flames upon impact, rocking homes on both sides of the river and awakening persons as far away as Maryland.

The Mission was nearly cut in two by the impact. The missing men, all of them believed to be ship's officers, were asleep in the general area of the point of impact. The Mission is Navy owned but operated by a civilian tanker corporation, and is manned by civilian merchant marine seamen.

Although the Coast Guard would not confirm that any of the missing were dead, Eugene McKenna, 33, Providence, R.I., said "everybody in the middle of the ship must have been killed."

Alexander Karre, captain of the 450-ton Elna, said he was proceeding south on the river when the northbound tender failed to acknowledge a signal and cut across his bow.

**Knocked Unconscious**  
The freighter slammed into the tender and Karre, 62, Toronto, Canada, said he was knocked unconscious. The bow of the Elna caved in.

Rescue operations were hampered by the darkness. A light rain and a few traces of sleet and snow fell during the night. The weather cleared, however, with daylight.

Joseph Martelli, 47, Fall River, Mass., lookout on the bow of the Mission, said he saw "the other ship coming. We gave a blast with a bell. The other ship answered with a bell. Then there was a crash, an explosion, and when I looked I saw the back of my ship on fire. The next thing I knew I was up to my knees in water."

**Suspensions Become Effective Monday**  
The seven-day license suspension for 21 Jackson county taverns will become effective next Monday morning and will remain effective through Sunday, March 17, it was reported here today.

Li. Don C. Church of the Oregon liquor control commission's enforcement department, said the local representative of the OLCC, Alvin Hartley, will deliver the suspension notices in person to the taverns involved next Monday. Under a recent ruling of the attorney general, suspensions become effective immediately upon receipt, and are now to be delivered personally rather than by registered mail.

The suspensions were ordered by the OLCC after hearings in Medford on allegations the proprietors of the taverns had made political contributions during last fall's election campaign in violation of state laws governing OLCC licensees.

**Deputies Search for Cave With Skeleton**  
Sheriff's deputies today are searching the area around Forest Creek rd., near Highway 238 at Jacksonville, for a cave reportedly containing a skeleton.

Darrell Monk, route 2, Jacksonville, reported to officers yesterday that a complete skeleton, believed to be that of a human being, was found by Walter L. Couch in a cave on Couch's property.

Deputies were attempting to locate Couch and the cave this morning and were looking through office files for reports of missing persons from that area.