

# FLOODS POUR OVER TEXAS

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## Thunderstorms, Rains Soak State For Eleventh Day

### At Least 15 Dead As Result of Weather

Dallas, Tex.—(U.P.)—At least nine rivers and countless smaller streams poured their flood waters over cities, towns and farms in Texas today and new thunderstorms and rains soaked the state for the 11th straight day.

The worst flood danger now was in the central and south portions of the state. Eight hundred to 1,000 persons fled the Guadalupe river at Victoria, a south Texas city of about 45,000 persons.

### At Eaves of Homes

The river at Victoria was lapping toward the eaves of homes in a 20-block section in South Victoria and police steadily evacuated residents of that area. They expected to take out a total of at least 2,000.

### Growing Death Toll

At least 15 persons have been killed by the weather, nearly all of them drowned by floods, since an epidemic of tornadoes, deluges and floods started in Texas April 19. A 16th person died of a heart attack in Mineral Wells Sunday while digging a drainage ditch around his home. Two others are missing and presumed drowned.

Damage totals many millions of dollars. Agriculture Commissioner John White estimated \$25 to \$30 million damage to agriculture alone. United States engineers said Dallas suffered \$6,500,000 from a flood now subsiding.

"Every stream of any consequence from the Pecos (the westernmost river in Texas) to the Louisiana border is flooding, and has been flooding or is bankful," R. O. Bland of the weather bureau at Fort Worth said.

"This is the greatest accumulation of water we have had at this time in 35 years."

### Crowd Helpless

Rivers carrying flood waters now include the Trinity, Brazos, Rio Grande, Colorado, Guadalupe, Devils, Upper Rio Grande, Sabine and Nueces.

A crowd out looking at the raging west fork of the Trinity river near Dallas Sunday helplessly watched Burnis Lee Goodwin, 22, swept away and drowned.

### Importance of Tapes Described by Schunk

Portland—(U.P.)—Mayor Terry D. Schunk testified today that he ordered copies made of seized tape recordings because he decided they were "important."

Schunk testified as a government witness in the federal wiretap trial of racketeer James B. Elkins' employee, Raymond Clark.

The mayor, who is under state indictment for conspiracy to obtain wiretaps, said he put the recording in his safe when they were delivered to him by Deputy Sheriff George Minielly.

About an hour later, Schunk, who was then sheriff, testified, "there was so much concern about the tapes and so much traffic around the place at the time of the raid that I decided they were important."

He said he decided to "preserve the evidence by making copies of the tapes as soon as possible and storing them in a safe place."

## Hussein Talk With Saud Could Lead To New Alignment

### Arab Conference On Policies Expected

By UNITED PRESS  
Jordan's King Hussein returned today to his capital of Amman from talks with anti-Communist King Saud of Saudi Arabia that could lead to a new alignment of power in the Middle East.

An Amman dispatch said a "major announcement" was expected there later in the day, possibly an agreement for a new four-power Arab "summit" conference to try to reunify Middle East policies after Jordan's upheaval.

But whether the four-power solidarity of Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia could continue in the same form as before appeared doubtful. A Jerusalem dispatch said that only Saudi's intervention saved Jordan from being carved up by its neighbors.

### Syria, Egypt Warned

The Jerusalem dispatch said informed observers there believed King Saud had warned the Syrian and Egyptian delegates which visited him in Mecca this week end that the United States intended to intervene militarily if they tried to tear Jordan apart.

Syria was reported apprehensive that Jordan reach an agreement with the West—a move that could encourage the pro-Western elements now suppressed in Syria. Cairo dispatches said Egypt and Syria were very anxious to keep Jordan within their neutralist fold despite Hussein's move toward the West.

### Jordan Stability Favored

Throughout the Jordan crisis the threat of military action by Israel hung over the Arab nations. An Israeli foreign office spokesman said Sunday Israel would still take action if the Arab states try to change Jordan's boundaries.

But Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban said on a television broadcast at the same time Jordan "need have no fear of an attack from Israel—that Israel favors the 'preservation of Jordan's integrity and stability.'"

### Congress Returns To Work After Recess

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress came back to work today after a 10-day Easter recess with fresh signs of a growing revolt by Republican leaders against President Eisenhower's legislative program.

The lawmakers returned to the capital over the week end with little evidence that their support of the economy fever Congress has been running this year.

A number of the leading economists promptly began beating the drums again for a cut in federal spending and renewed their appeals for tax reductions.

The second half of the session began with the split apparently deepening between "modern" and "conservative" Republicans. The Democrats were engaged in their own tug of war over the civil rights issue.

Portland—(U.P.)—Arthur W. Priaux, public relations director for the West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been named president of the Oregon Lumbermen's club.

## Five Members of Eisenhower's Cabinet May Quit Soon, GOP Circles Declare

Washington—(U.P.)—Five members of President Eisenhower's cabinet may resign soon, according to informed GOP circles.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, previously have been reported ready to return to private life.

### Three Others Named

The GOP circles said the three other cabinet members who may bow out soon are Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Wilson and Humphrey were expected to stay on until after the outcome of the congressional fights over appropriations, defense and taxes.

Wilson's resignation has been rumored, and denied, for months.

### Rumors Spring Up

Reports that Humphrey is leaving sprang up again last week and the Treasury secretary himself dropped a strong hint that he plans to resign soon. Humphrey said it was well known that he had "been in the cabinet much longer than I originally planned."

Three names have been mentioned as possible replacements for Humphrey. They are Robert B. Anderson, a Texas Eisen-

## Le Eff Taxation Problems

### No Counter Proposals Immediately in Sight

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Legislature, launching the 15th week of its 1957 session, concentrated today on two of its main chores—taxes to finance the state government for the next two years and appropriations to keep its institutions and its agencies going.

Measures proposed by the House Taxation Committee would revise the income tax schedules. It would take out what some have come to call the "naughty word," surtax. But it would wind up with a schedule not much reduced from the surtax level.

It also would impose taxes designed to raise some \$6 million more from corporations and utilities.

### Special Order Of Business

The two measures, House bill 1 relating to personal income taxes, and House bill 796, relating to corporation excise taxes and corporation income taxes, were made a special order of business for House floor action at 2 p.m.

No counter tax plans were immediately in sight, and with a strong Democratic majority in the House, the measures by the Democratic-controlled House Taxation Committee were expected to pass that chamber without too much difficulty.

But the long look at the tax program was expected to be taken in the Senate. The Senate Taxation Committee is headed by Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat and has a 4-3 Democratic majority.

But the Senate itself is split down the middle, 15 Democrats and 15 Republicans, and the program is not expected to get past that chamber until it is in a shape that, as they say, the Republicans as well as the Democrats "can live with."

Up for final action in the Senate was Senate bill 301, which would empower the public utility commissioner to regulate minimum rail rates as well as maximum.

The Senate also had before it several appropriations bills, including appropriations for the next biennium for the Oregon State hospital in Salem and the Eastern Oregon State Hospital in Pendleton.

## Sunday Hottest Day This Year

Medford vicinity experienced its hottest day in 1957 yesterday when an official high temperature of 87 degrees was registered at the airport station of the weather bureau.

Forecasts indicated duplication of that temperature this afternoon but cooler weather is in prospect. Cool air is expected to move into the valley on Tuesday.

The 87-degree reading yesterday is still nine degrees under the all-time high for April 28. A temperature of 96 was recorded on that day in 1926. Today's expected maximum of 87 compares to the 88 all-time high for this day of the year, also occurring in 1926.

Weather is expected to be clear tonight but increasing cloudiness is predicted for Tuesday with isolated showers and possible thunderstorms in mountains during afternoon and evening. Maximum forecast for Tuesday is 75.

Gran's Pass had a high temperature of 91 degrees yesterday.

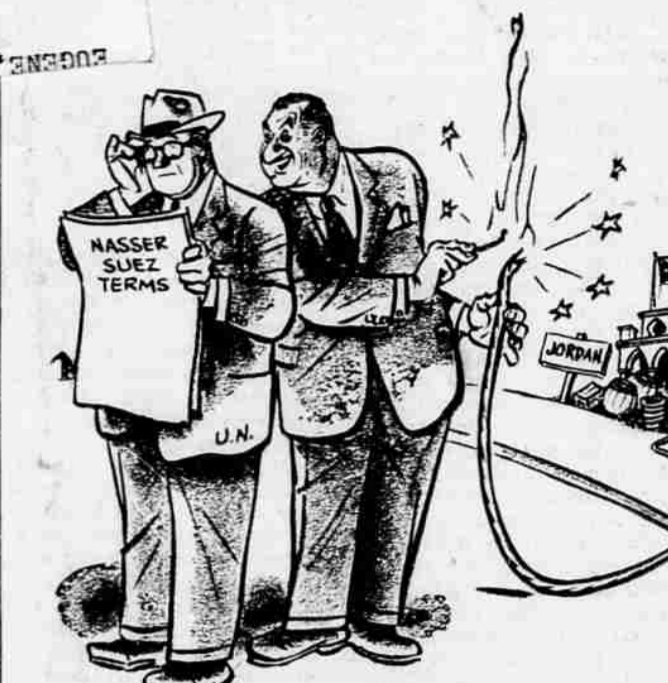
## Lee to Attend Meet In Tacoma This Week

Robert Lee, city water superintendent, will attend a three-day convention of the Pacific Northwest section of American Water Works Association in Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday through Friday, he reported today.

Lee will discuss cathodic protection of water pipe lines at a technical session of the convention. The Pacific Northwest section is composed of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, British Columbia and Idaho.

Washington—(U.P.)—AFL-CIO President George Meany has given the Teamsters Union a "take it or leave it" chance to defend itself against corruption charges next Monday.

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## Warm Weather Lures Throng To Beaches; Five Persons Drown

By UNITED PRESS  
Five persons drowned in Oregon during the week end as the state basked in the warmest weather of the season. Three of the victims were fishermen, making a total of four fatalities since opening of the trout season Saturday.

Four of the drownings occurred Sunday as the thermometer hit the 80s throughout most of the state.

### Powerless To Help

The other drowning was Saturday when Henry Nielson of Seaside was washed off a cliff near Cannon Beach while fishing. Fred S. Carlson of Beaverton said he and his 9-year-old son saw a wave hit Nielson and wash him into the ocean but they were powerless to help the victim.

Jerald Anderson, a 16-year-old Willamina high school student, fell 75 feet to his death over a cliff Saturday while on a fishing trip to the Nestucca river. Anderson apparently slipped on some rocks and fell over the cliff about six miles east of Blaine in Tillamook county.

Ivan Haddix, 39, Coquille, and Henry Jeske, 56, Eugene, drowned Sunday in fishing accidents. Other victims Sunday were John Rathman, 13, Troutdale, and Larry McDonald, 16, Sandy.

### Boat Overturns

Thousands of persons headed for the mountains and beaches Sunday as the temperatures shot into the 80s. Roseburg was the warmest spot with 88.

Haddix drowned in Siltcoos lake when his boat overturned. A fishing partner, Walter Combs, also of Coquille, clung to the boat and drifted to shore about an hour after the accident.

Jeske was lost when a boat capsized in Lookout Point reservoir near Lowell. Jeske's wife, Lillian; Joseph P. Richards, operator of the boat, and Richards' daughter, Patricia, escaped.

Young Rathman drowned when he fell into a deep hole in the Sandy river near Troutdale.

McDonald was drowned when he slipped off a log raft in a pond. His companion, Dave Harrington, 17, dove in after him but was unable to hang on to the McDonald boy.

## McCarthy in Serious Condition in Hospital

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin is in serious condition at Bethesda Naval Hospital with acute hepatitis, a liver ailment, the hospital said today.

McCarthy was admitted to the hospital Sunday. A spokesman there said "his condition is considered serious."

### In Favor of Bill

William Frohnmayer, representing the Medford Realty board, told Porter his group Friday unanimously voted in favor of immediate introduction of the bill.

Porter was asked to give special attention in any flood control bill to straightening, cleaning and retreating of stream channels. It was noted that soil erosion caused by floods has been a major problem in the valley.

Porter said he would return to Oregon next fall for about 10 weeks and will be available at that time to talk with any group concerning flood control. He added that the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, as well as other groups, would receive copies of his proposed bill before it is introduced.



**DIGNITARIES MEET**—Mayor John Snider was one of a number of local people on hand to congratulate Michigan governor G. Mennen Williams, left, after his speech at the annual Roosevelt dinner at McLoughlin Junior high school Saturday. Also pictured above are City Judge Noreen Kelly, who was program chairman at the dinner, and Oregon Gov. Robert D. Holmes, extreme right. The two governors, as well as other state and local Democratic leaders, were present at an informal reception held later in the evening at the Medford hotel.



**PRESENTS TIE**—Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, right, presented Congressman Charles Porter with a green and white polka-dot bow tie at the annual Roosevelt dinner at McLoughlin Junior high school Saturday. The tie is used as a campaign symbol by Governor Williams. Congressman Porter was master of ceremonies at the dinner.

## Jackson County Music Groups Get 11 Superior Ratings in Contest

Jackson county music groups received 11 superior ratings Friday and Saturday at the annual Southern Oregon Music contest for elementary, junior high and high school music students.

Judges directed such comments as "best we've heard," "thrilling performance" and "performed with musical taste" toward Medford groups participating in the contest, according to I. A. Mirick, supervisor of instrumental music in Medford public schools.

### 2,000 Participate

About 2,000 participants represented Oregon schools as far east as Lakeview and as far west as Brookings. Contests were held at Medford Senior High school and Hedrick Junior High school.

Groups entered under classifications of A, A. B. C and junior high. Classifications are based on school enrollment, Mirick explained.

Jackson county groups receiving number 1 or superior ratings in the contest were Marian choir, St. Mary's of Medford, class C; Medford High school girls' chorus, class AA; Hedrick Junior High orchestra, junior high division; Talent High school band, class C; Central Point Junior High band, junior high division; Medford High school orchestra, Medford High school choir and Medford High school band, class AA; McLoughlin Junior High school band, junior high division; Hedrick Junior High band, junior high division; and McLoughlin Junior High A band, junior high division.

### Other Ratings

Receiving number 2 or excellent ratings were Jacksonville High school chorus, class C; Oak Grove grade school band, junior high division; Jacksonville High school band, class C; Howard grade school band, junior high division; McLoughlin Junior High school cadet band, junior high division; and Crater High school band, class B. The Ashland High school orchestra performed at the contest for criticism only and did not compete.

### Sheriff's Deputies Get Call to Unload 1849 Revolver at Museum

Do you know how to unload an 1849 single action cap and ball Colt revolver? If so, the Jacksonville museum and the Jackson county sheriff's deputies would have been interested in knowing it last week.

Last week the sheriff's office received a call from Miss Mary L. Hanley, curator of the Jacksonville museum. She asked for assistance in unloading an antique firearm that had been a part of the Emil Britt collection, and is now on display at the museum.

Deputy Glen Wright and Chief Deputy Joe Walsh attempted to unload the antique cap and ball gun. Later, Dr. Edwin Sickles of Medford, who collects antique weapons, stopped at the museum and, since the gun was in very good condition, suggested firing it.

Sheriff's deputies reported that the firing proved to be successful.

### Down-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 493.95, up 2.45; 20 railroads 146.38, off 0.80; 15 utilities 72.96, off 0.03; and 65 stocks 173.18, up 0.32.

Sales today were about 2,290,000 shares compared with 2,380,000 shares Friday.

### Weather

FORECAST: Clear tonight. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday with isolated showers and chance of thunderstorms in mountains during afternoon and evening. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 75.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
51	51
Lowest This Morning	46

### Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:10 a.m.
Sunset	7:09 p.m.
New Moon	3:43 p.m.

An annular eclipse of the Sun will be taking place at this time. It will be seen as a partial eclipse in Alaska and the northwestern part of the United States and Canada, beginning a little before sunset.