

Flu Epidemic at California Hospital Fatal To 9 Persons

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Deaths blamed on flu climbed toward the 250 mark today, boosted by an influenza epidemic at a California hospital for retarded children that killed nine persons.

The epidemic at the Porterville, Calif., State Hospital for the Mentally Retarded was the third fatal outbreak to hit such state institutions.

A United Press survey showed a total of 249 persons have died of flu or complications since last summer when the first cases of Asian flu were diagnosed in the nation and its territories.

The highest death toll was in New York with 55 victims. Pennsylvania was a close second with 50 deaths, 24 of them in the Lehigh Valley area, California's toll climbed to 29.

Lists Flu Fatalities

Elsewhere, Michigan reported 26 flu-caused deaths, Louisiana 21, Illinois 13, Hawaii 9, Ohio, Utah and Wisconsin 7 each, Iowa and Kentucky 6 each, Colorado 5, New Jersey 3, and one each in Indiana, Oklahoma, Oregon,

Washington and the District of Columbia.

The California State Hospital outbreak claimed five lives last week and four more over the week end. The latest victims were two boys and a girl and a 47-year-old woman.

A flu epidemic at Pennhurst School for the Mentally Retarded near Philadelphia killed 11 patients, and another outbreak in a state school at Dixon, Ill., resulted in seven deaths.

An influenza epidemic in Milwaukee was reported on the wane and an outbreak in Madison, Wis., also was easing off.

Colleges and secondary schools around the country continued to be hard hit by the flu. Columbia College at Columbia, S. C., was the latest college to close its doors because of the flu.

Schools Forced To Close

A number of grade and high schools were forced to shut down this week in New York state, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Student homecoming activities were cancelled this week end at Iowa State Teachers college because of a flu outbreak which has infected about 700 students in the past 10 days. However, the school's traditional homecoming football game against North Dakota University Saturday will be played as scheduled.

A flu epidemic broke out at the Crippled Children's Center in Peoria, Ill., forcing authorities to close its pre-school department. Illinois officials reported 1,059 inmates stricken with flu at four state institutions.

Medical authorities in Denver reported 25 deaths from flu and pneumonia since Sept. 29, or three times the normal figure.

Temperatures Skid As Snow Blankets Part of Montana

By UNITED PRESS

A snow storm whipped by northerly winds of up to 35 miles per hour swirled across Montana, and weathermen warned the snow will spread as far south as Wyoming today.

The wintry invasion sent readings skidding into the low 20s in parts of Montana during the night, and a two-inch snowfall blanketed Cutbank, Mont.

Forecasters predicted continued snow and strong northerly winds today in Montana with heavy snow accumulations likely in the mountain sections.

Snow also was seen for Wyoming and portions of the Dakotas.

To the south, heavy rains soaked the southern Plains and the lower Mississippi Valley during the night. San Antonio, Tex., was hit by a two-inch deluge in a six-hour period Monday night, and a number of points, including Lawton, Okla., Waco, Tex., and Alexandria, La., reported more than one-half inch.

Lighter amounts of rain also fell elsewhere in the Mississippi Valley, the central Plains and the upper Great Lakes.

Scattered showers occurred in Washington, Utah, northern Arizona and in most of the central and southern Rockies. Dry weather prevailed in most of the Ohio Valley and the Atlantic Coast states.

Occasional rain is expected to continue today in the central Plains, most of the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes region and penetrate the lower Ohio Valley.

Colder weather is predicted for most of the northern portion of the country from the Pacific Northwest to the northern Great Lakes, while fair and warmer weather is expected in New England.

President of Haiti Takes Oath of Office

Port Au Prince, Haiti—Dr. Fran Duvalier, 48, was sworn in as president of Haiti today, ending 10 hectic months of rule by provisional and military governments.

The dark-skinned country doctor took the oath of office in the imposing white marble national palace where the president of this Negro republic traditionally resides.

Duvalier took over power from Gen. Antonio Kerekou, president of the military junta which has ruled Haiti since June 1. Martial law, which was imposed in the wake of the disputed presidential elections Sept. 22, ended with Duvalier's inauguration.

The new president inherited critical domestic and foreign policy problems stemming from the months of political instability since Gen. Paul Magloire was forced into exile by an unprecedented nationwide peaceful resistance movement last December.

AWARD WINNER DIES
San Francisco — Joseph Rucker, 70, who won an Academy Award in 1930 for his newsreels taken with Adm. Richard Byrd at the South Pole, died here Monday night. Rucker worked for Universal Newsreels, Pathe, Paramount and was a former president of the San Francisco-Oakland Press Photographers association.

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Portlander's Body Found Beneath Car

The Dalles—The body of Harry C. Witzel, 46, Portland, was found at 1:30 p.m. Monday beneath his overturned car in a ditch off the Columbia river highway three miles east of Mosier.

A truck driver had noticed the wrecked vehicle and state police were notified. Wasco County Coroner Kenneth Libby said Witzel had left Portland about 9 p.m. Sunday. He apparently lost control of the car, was thrown out when the auto left the highway and was crushed beneath it.

State police said there was no evidence of a collision, and no witnesses to the accident.

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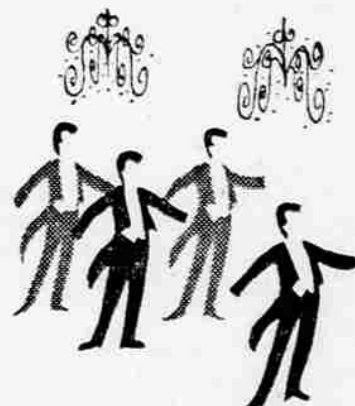
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