

QUAKES IN IRAN KILL HUNDREDS

Warships Brave Atlantic Storm As Safety Patrol

U. S. Destroyers Caught Off Portugal

London — Three British warships raced into an Atlantic gale today to help the U. S. Navy and Coast Guard operate a "safety patrol" for President Eisenhower's flight from Washington to Paris.

The storm, which has raged throughout the North Atlantic for three days, was centered off the coast of France this morning. It packed surface winds up to 50 miles an hour over a 700-mile radius but gradually was decreasing in intensity.

Warships in Trouble

It was not enough to interfere with regular commercial transatlantic flights, but four U. S. warships—not on guard duty—were in trouble off Portugal.

Other British ships stood by to aid another four U. S. destroyers caught in the storm off Lisbon.

The Manley was heavily damaged and one of its crewmen killed instantly when a huge wave hit broadside and smashed the superstructure. It was limping slowly toward Lisbon.

Short of Fuel

Three accompanying destroyers—McCard, Vogelgesang and Gearing—radioed that they were desperately short of fuel and were unable to take on oil from a tanker because of the rough seas.

A U. S. Navy spokesman said the Gearing had enough fuel to last until this evening and the McCard and Vogelgesang could last a bit longer. If they are unable to take on fuel by then they may be taken in tow by the light carrier Tripoli and the troop transport General Hodges, he said.

Southland Hit by Sub-Freezing Cold

By UNITED PRESS

A sub-freezing cold wave, the worst in more than two decades, gripped the Southland for the second straight night, claiming a heavy toll in lives and damage to crops.

Dixie residents shivered in temperatures in the teens as far south as eastern Georgia early today. Temperatures plunged into the 20s in upper Florida where crop damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

The two-day cold wave, the bitterest southern freeze since 1934, was expected to break today with the advance of a western warming trend.

The cold snap has been blamed for more than 50 deaths, at least 35 of them in fires as southerners overtaxed heating units in an effort to keep warm. Others died from exposure and in traffic accidents on snow-slicked roads.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Thickening and lowering high clouds and occasional gusty winds tonight. Cloudy with occasional rain Saturday. Low tonight 40. High Saturday 45-48.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	32
Prec. to 4 a. m. Today	trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	7:32 a. m.
Sunset	4:39 p. m.
The Moon rises Saturday	12:15 a. m.
and is in Perigee	
Last Quarter	9:45 p. m.
PROMINENT STARS	
Aldebaran, in the east	6:30 p. m.
SHOOTING STARS	
The Gemini meteor shower is now at its height.	

Crowded Conditions Are Reported at Hospitals

Extremely crowded conditions have been reported the last two days by the three local hospitals.

Sacred Heart hospital had 112 patients Wednesday night, according to Glenn Keyes, hospital business manager. The hospital has 98 beds, he added.

Keyes explained that the hospital was mainly cramped as to space since other beds were available and were set up in the hallways on the second, third, and fourth floors and all private rooms had two beds.

He said every bed and mattress owned by the hospital was used, and additional equipment was on a stand-by basis by Medford Ambulance service. One patient was treated on the ambulance stretcher, Keyes reported, but was sent home later.

Friday morning the number of patients had dropped to 96. Keyes said many of the patients were accident cases caused by the fog, medical cases, and a heavy surgery schedule added to the load.

Wednesday night the hospital had to cancel some scheduled

Washington's Space Project



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School Board Votes To Advertise Bonds

The Medford school board this week voted to advertise bonds totaling \$600,000 to begin the two-year \$1,788,000 building program approved by district voters last month.

Preparations are under way to call for bids for classrooms and facilities needed next school year, school officials said.

Planned to be ready for next school year are a science, shop, homemaking and five or six classrooms at Medford High school; elementary schools at the Grand ave. site in the northeast area, and at the Siskiyou site in the southeast area; renovation and additions to West Side and Roosevelt schools, and construction of a district shop.

Plans Being Made

Plans are now being made to select an architect for the proposed school bus shops and district shop and warehouse, board members were told. A progress report on plans for proposed elementary and high school additions was given by school administrators.

Reports given at the meeting included one on exploratory meetings with citizens representing industry, business, labor, and others interested in the Medford area regarding establishment of an area vocational school; a report on school board and administrator's meeting in Corvallis earlier this week attended by Board Member Ed Branchfield and Superintendent Leonard Mayfield; and a report on a meeting of Jackson county school administrators and board members with Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser of the state department of education, who is in charge of special education department for the state.

The resignation of Mrs. Marlene Richardson, fourth grade teacher at Jackson school, was accepted. Mrs. Barbara Doolen was hired to replace Mrs. Richardson.

Christmas Vacations Scheduled to Start

Jackson county schools will dismiss classes for the Christmas vacation Dec. 23, according to Jackson county school superintendent's office. Most classes resume Jan. 2 or 3, depending on the school district.

Classes resume in Medford, Jacksonville, Ruch, Griffin Creek, Phoenix, Ashland, Crater, Applegate, Prospect, Evans Valley, Butte Falls and Howard districts Jan. 2.

Classes resuming Jan. 3 are in Eagle Point, Lone Pine, Elk Trail, Shady Cove and Pinehurst districts.

Talent school district classes will be dismissed from Dec. 23 through 27, and Rogue River schools will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, school officials said.

Speed in Fog Should Be 25 Miles Per Hour

Speed of cars during foggy conditions should be kept to about 25 miles an hour or less, according to Medford Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner.

Fichtner said most of the time speeds should be less than 25 miles per hour because of poor driving visibility. He noted that drivers of cars going less than the posted speed can still be in violation of the basic rule if weather conditions impair vision of the driver.

Hunt Pressed for Two Crescent City Boys

Crescent City, Calif. — Nearly 100 men using bloodhounds, pressed a search today for two small boys who have been missing from their Crescent City homes since 4:30 p. m. Thursday.

The lost boys were Timmy Turner, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner, and Patrick Surgeon, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Surgeon.

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Britain Believed To Have Key To Extracting Power From Sea

Washington — Authoritative sources said today it is not true that the British have achieved a "break-through" heralding early success of efforts to harness H-bomb forces for peaceful power.

Hydrogen power projects on both sides of the Atlantic are still strictly in the research stage, it was learned authoritatively.

Chicago — A top nuclear physicist said Thursday night he believes British scientists may have developed a process to tap unlimited power from the seas and that "is more important than Sputnik."

Dr. Harold C. Urey, University of Chicago physicist, made the statement in commenting on a "terrific" but secret scientific breakthrough reported in the land that originally rose to power by tapping the seas for trade and exploration.

May Have Key to Heavy Hydrogen

Urey, who won the Nobel prize in 1934 for his work as the principal discoverer of heavy hydrogen, said Britain may have found experimentally the key to converting heavy hydrogen in sea water into power.

If so, the world could draw on a power source equivalent to

45 billion billion tons of gasoline—enough to meet all its needs for all foreseeable time, Urey said.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan revealed in a speech Thursday that British scientists are at work on a "source of power absolutely unknown before." He said the raw material "could be got out of the sea itself."

The next day the British press charged the exact character of the "terrific" discovery could not be announced because the United States insisted it be kept secret.

Ranked with Nuclear Chain Reaction

"It is far more important than Sputnik," Urey said, echoing British commentators. "It is to be ranked with the achievement of the first nuclear chain reaction."

Urey said scientists the world over had been working on "the last step" which would lead to the conversion of sea water into a fuel 30 times as potent as gasoline.

The breakthrough was "certain to come," he said.

About 1/7000th of the ocean water is heavy water—or water made heavy by hydrogen.

WIND COLLAPSES SCHOOL

Detention Home Dedication Slated Sunday Afternoon

Judge William S. Fort of the Lane county circuit court, and a representative of the Oregon Prison association, are expected to be among those attending the dedication ceremonies of the new Jackson county juvenile detention home Sunday.

Judge Fort, who handles most juvenile cases in Lane county, will be principal speaker.

Gov. Robert Holmes will give the dedication address at 2 p. m. Sunday. An open house is scheduled at the new building on the Jackson county fairgrounds between 2 and 9 p. m. Sunday. The home also will be open for inspection between 2 and 9 p. m. Saturday and Monday.

Cost of Building

Cost of the new building not including furnishings was \$90,000, according to County Judge Rodney Keating. Of that, \$65,000 was voted by the people in a special tax measure and \$25,000 was provided for the administration wing by the county budget committee, Judge Keating said.

The new building includes a juvenile courtroom, judge's chamber and offices for professional staff, quarters for the superintendent and his wife, quarters for the children, recreation room and kitchen.

Each pair of the children's rooms has a shower. Each of the desks is equipped with a bed, desk and stool.

The recreation room has a large window wall and will serve as both living and dining room for the children. The galley-type kitchen occupies one corner of the living room and is separated from the main room by glass walls so the matron may keep an eye on group activities.

Radiant heat filtering through concealed copper tubing in the cement floor heats the building.

Coos Bay — Peter MacDuff, 67, died in a local hospital today from injuries suffered when he was struck by a lumber carrier at the Georgia-Pacific Corporation mill in nearby Bunker Hill.

50 Per Cent of Funds for Band Trip Are Received

Contributions for about 50 per cent of the needed amount to finance a trip by the Medford High school band to the Shrine East-West game in San Francisco Dec. 28, have been received, according to Glenn L. Linn, secretary of the MHS Booster club.

So far \$650 has been received, he said, from the return of the letters inviting contributions mailed to most business and professional men in and around Medford last week. Other donations have been received, and as stated the response from the Mail Tribune clipping has just started.

The high school music concert given last Sunday at the school netted \$850 for the trip, according to I. A. Mirick, supervisor of instrumental music for

Ike in Good Spirits; Off To NATO Meeting

Washington — President Eisenhower, "in very good spirits," put the finishing touches today on preparations for his momentous mission to Europe.

The President was to fly to Paris late today under a doctor's care to throw his prestige behind plans for revamping and

Long-Time Resident Of Medford Dies

Mrs. Mary C. Warner, 71, of 519 South Oakdale ave., long-time resident of Medford, died at home this morning.

Mrs. Warner, wife of former Postmaster William J. Warner, was well-known throughout the valley. She was born in Jacksonville Dec. 24, 1886, the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. William Colvig.

They were married at the Colvig family home, 8 Laurel st., Medford, July 27, 1907, and observed their 50th wedding anniversary last July with a reception at their South Oakdale ave. residence.

Mrs. Warner's mother was a member of the pioneer Birdseye family in Jackson county.

She lived the 50 years of married life in homes on South Oakdale ave.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perl Funeral home.



MRS. MARY WARNER Long-Time Resident Dies

Kindergarten in Sicily Crumbled; 11 Bodies Found

Palermo, Sicily — A sharp gust of wind crumbled a mountain kindergarten school in the nearby Altofonte today, burying 40 children and their nuns-teachers in the debris.

Italian artillerymen on maneuvers nearby dug frantically through the wreckage and found nine children, the mother superior and another woman dead. They brought out the other children alive, although some were injured.

The old school building, which had a new roof built only last year, collapsed like a house of straw as the unusually strong gale winds swept across the mountains behind Palermo, capital of the island of Sicily off the toe of the Italian boot in the Mediterranean.

The roof caved in, plunging the whole second story of the building down on the screaming youngsters and their six teachers.

Sister Giuseppina Giordano, 24, the kindergarten's principal, died while trying to shield some of her young charges from the falling debris. Eight of the youngsters, aged 4 to 6, were crushed to death along with a 13-year-old girl who was helping the nuns in the school.

Safety Council Opens Annual Holiday Drive

The Medford Safety Council has launched its annual Christmas Safety campaign to encourage public officials to step up "the attack on traffic accidents and to stimulate acceptance of personal responsibility for safety."

The success of the "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents" campaign last year led the Council to extend it through 1958. The traffic trend is encouraging, the Council noted, but it also warned "that highway accidents and deaths reach their peak at Christmas time."

During the first nine months this year, traffic deaths, nation wide, dropped 3 per cent from the same period last year, a saving of 800 lives, the Council noted.

Speed is a large factor in Yuletide accidents, the Council said, and urged drivers to take into consideration five conditions to determine a safe speed. They are, weather and visibility, mechanical, physical, and personal factors, and traffic conditions.

Autopsy Shows Marshall Died of Hemorrhage

John Arthur Marshall, 24, of Kalispell, Mont., died of a brain hemorrhage, according to an autopsy report this morning.

Marshall was the city's fourth pedestrian fatality this year when he died Wednesday in a local hospital after suffering head injuries in an accident while crossing North Pacific highway Tuesday morning.

Johnny Dio Convicted By Jury in New York

New York — A general sessions jury convicted labor racketeer Johnny Dio Thursday night of extortion and conspiracy for which he could receive a possible sentence of 31 years in prison.

Thousands Thought Left Homeless in Sub-Zero Weather

Lesser Earthquakes Reported in Greece

Tehran, Iran — A series of earthquakes thundered across northwestern Iran today in a wintry disaster that killed scores and left thousands homeless in sub-zero weather.

One unofficial estimate listed 300 dead and 500 injured.

The snow-covered disaster zone was so widespread that no immediate casualty count was possible.

Quakes in Greece

Lesser earthquakes were reported in Greece at the same time.

Scattered reports reaching government offices in Tehran said intense earth shocks lasting up to two minutes practically levelled the countryside in three northwestern provinces of Kurdistan, Hamadan and Kermanshah.

Thousands were feared homeless in the big area which borders on Iraq, Turkey and the Soviet Union.

Even greater tragedy was expected from the fact that homes were destroyed in the midst of the season's worst freeze. Temperatures had been well below zero and the area was covered with snow before the temblors hit.

Relief May Take Days

It might take days for aid to reach the hundreds of villages in the stricken area.

Shah Reza Pahlavi was informed immediately of the scope of the disaster. He ordered all necessary aid rushed into the three northwest provinces.

Iran still was recovering from earthquakes in the Elbruz Mountains last August in which more than 1,500 persons died.

First official dispatches from the area compared the intensity of today's tremors with those of the August quake.

Prospects Good for Fog Disappearing

Prospects seemed good that fog would start to disappear from the valley sometime this afternoon, the Medford station of the weather bureau reported this morning.

Windy conditions were expected to help dispel the fog which has plagued the Medford area most of December. Occasional gusty winds are forecast for the vicinity tonight and cloudy weather with occasional rain is forecast for Saturday bringing change in temperature and pressure conditions.

Medford has had fog 11 of the 13 days this month with the latest spell beginning the night of Dec. 6.

Weather data brought a reminder that Medford's coldest day on record was 38 years ago today. The mercury dropped to 10 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Lester Harris On OEA Commission

Portland — Miss Mildred Wharton, president of the Oregon Education association, today announced members of the new OEA policies commission.

Included is Mrs. Lester D. Harris, Medford.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

HELP FIGHT TB

World Speed Mark Set by Air Force Pilot of Voodoo

Los Angeles — A new world speed record for manned flight was set Thursday by Air Force Maj. Adrian E. Drew, 37, streaking across a 10.1-mile course at an average 1,207.8 miles per hour.

Drew, in a twin-jet F101A Voodoo fighter bomber, broke the British-held world mark of 1,132 miles an hour, set in March, 1956, in a Fairey Delta aircraft.

Clocked by Cameras

The flight, at 39,000 feet, was timed by clock cameras at Edwards Air Force base and certified by a group of timers from National Aeronautic Association. It will be submitted to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale of Paris.

The new record is far below speeds attained by military research aircraft in flights made without official timers.

Faster Flights Made

Cpt. Milton B. Apt set an unofficial mark of 2,100 miles an hour in the Air Force Bell X2 rocket plane Sept. 27, 1956, according to recording instruments recovered after the plane crashed, killing Apt. The X2 earlier had reached 1,900 miles an hour with Capt. Frank K. Everest at the controls. The X2's forerunner, the X1, reached 1,650 miles an hour as early as 1953. All these flights were made at extreme altitudes of more than 70,000 feet after the planes were launched from larger planes.