

Hurricane-Force Winds Rip Across Pacific Northwest

By UNITED PRESS

A howling storm packing winds of hurricane velocity in places ripped across the Pacific Northwest Christmas night, leaving a trail of damage and power outages.

Gusts of wind of 92 miles per hour were clocked at Meglar Air Force radar station in southwest Washington. Gusts of 81 miles per hour were reported at Mt. Hebo near Tillamook and in the Queen Charlotte islands.

Portland got more than half

an inch of rain in less than an hour, while snow fell in mountain passes.

Damage at Pendleton

The strong winds spread across the Cascades into eastern Oregon with gusts up to 69 miles per hour at Pendleton, where extensive damage was reported.

Portland had power outages in the northwest and northeast sections of the city. A plate glass window in a service station on Canyon rd. was broken by the wind. Several street intersections were flooded by the downpour. Gusts of wind up to 55 miles an hour were reported at the Portland airport.

The weather bureau said wind gusts of 80 miles per hour were reported at the 4,000 to 5,000 foot level over Salem, highest ever recorded there.

Roof Blown Off

The roof was blown off of one home in Pendleton and the wind blew down antennas and tore off a lobby door at the Pendleton airport. Traffic was tied up between Stanfield junction and Stanfield after trees were blown across Highway 32. Power outages were numerous in Pendleton, also.

Seattle got winds up to 58 miles an hour and the city was hit with a rash of fallen trees and downed power lines.

Calmer and cooler weather with some precipitation was forecast today, although strong winds were expected in some areas east of the mountains.

Rivers Going Up

Western Oregon rivers were going up again today.

The Santiam at Jefferson was up nearly a foot in 24 hours and was slightly over flood stage. The Willamette rose more than a foot at Albany and Corvallis but was well under the flood mark.

Forecaster Elmer Fisher said a slight rise was expected in the lower reaches of most tributary streams today and in the main stem of the Willamette and the lower Columbia through Friday.

France Considers Russian Feelers

Paris — Premier Felix Gaillard summoned his cabinet into session today to determine France's reply to the latest Soviet "peace" feelers.

Informed sources would not rule out the possibility that France would decide to hold separate talks with Russia.

These sources said many of the ministers feel France and the other 14 NATO nations should explore fully any possibility of direct bilateral negotiations with the Soviets. The ministers, according to the sources, feel such negotiations could not be harmful and might ease international tensions.

Hauser Lumber Mill Destroyed by Flames

Coos Bay — A lumber mill owned by the Menasha Plywood corporation at Hauser, Ore. was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

The mill was valued at \$50,000 and was partly insured. It had been cutting between 35,000 and 40,000 feet of lumber per day and employed about 13 men.

Cause of the blaze had not been determined. Only a few outbuildings, parked vehicles and lumber piles were saved.

Sanity Hearing Set For Man in Wife's Death

Salem — A hearing on the mental condition of 64-year-old Allen Slaughter was to be held here today.

Slaughter was being held in Marion county jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon after he admitted beating his wife unconscious with a claw hammer Monday.

The woman, Mrs. Mabel Slaughter, 54, died in a hospital Tuesday.

Cash, Cigarettes Taken From Ashland Cafe

Ashland — An undetermined amount of cash and cigarettes were taken by burglars who entered the Best in a West cafe, 1209 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, sometime over the holiday, it was reported today.

John M. Hina is owner. Members of the family said burglars entered through a back door and rifled cigarette and pinball machines and the cash register.



UNUSUAL PLANT—An unusual plant which grows only in southern Oregon and northern California will be used in a motion picture now being made by Universal Studios of Hollywood. Marcel LePiniec, owner of the Garden Center nursery and a nationally known botanist, last week shipped 12 cobra plants which the studio ordered for the picture "Ann Ride a Tiger," now in the process of filming. LePiniec said he does not know what use is to be made of the plants in the picture, or how the studio learned of him and his study of native Siskiyou region plants. They grow in swampy areas, are about 2½ feet high and take their name from the snake-like hooded shape. The plants are said to be "carnivorous" in that they trap insects in the hood-like bloom and digest them. The botanist came to this region several years ago from the east coast, where he was widely known as an authority on rock plants and rock gardens, because of his interest in the native growth of this area. Because this area of the North American continent is, geologically speaking, the oldest section, there are forms of plant life here not found elsewhere in the world.

Welfare Commission Expenses Note Rise In First 6 Months

Jackson County Welfare Commission expenditures for the usual first six months of the fiscal year exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$35,000, according to J. L. Pullman, commission administrator in Medford.

"By the end of December the commission will have spent \$685,628.68, compared to the \$639,558 allotted under the first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, Pullman said.

"However, certain federal funds are available which will help," the administrator said. "These include federal matching funds for case work and diagnostic services to applicants. In these categories the federal government reimburses the county welfare commission for half of the money expended."

Pullman said it is impossible to determine what the county commission's share of the federal funds will be since the state welfare commission receives the money and apportions it out. The administrator said one reason for the increase or overexpenditure is the rise in the number of applications under old age assistance and aid to dependent children. These categories, he said, have had a greater increase in applications than any previous year he can remember.

At the same time, for some unexplainable reason, aid to the disabled applications total somewhat less than previous years.

Yet another reason for the expected overexpenditure is the increase in general assistance. This, he said, has increased somewhat but not at an alarming rate.

"We have to expect a larger number of applications for general assistance in January through May," he said. "This follows a consistent pattern established through the years in Jackson county," he added.

General assistance is probably the least understood part of the welfare program, Pullman said. It covers assistance to families when the breadwinner is out of work. Usually it is a case of an employable man being unable to obtain employment, the administrator said. Actually, a small proportion of the public welfare funds are spent for general assistance, he added.

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Queen Elizabeth Pleases Subjects In Yule Address

Sovereign Defends Self Against Critics

London — Queen Elizabeth's Christmas message to the British Commonwealth made Britons just a bit prouder today of their country and their sovereign.

The response to the talk ranged from a student's "she really shot back at her critics" to a mother's tears of joy.

The Queen defended herself effectively against those who have criticized her or the monarchy in past months.

She told her listeners that she could not "lead you into battle" but could fight in her own way "for everything we know is right."

Elizabeth also called for world peace and ever growing commonwealth unity. Mostly, however, she was a young and beautiful Queen wishing "my people" a "happy Christmas."

Sidewalk Interviews—What the talk meant to her subjects became apparent today during a series of sidewalk interviews by United Press.

London people all sat around the television much more touched than you can understand unless you are British. What was liked most though was the way she explained her role in our society today.

"She really shot back at her critics," after hearing her, my dad said to me "Ruddy good show that" and that's just what it was," one youngster said.

A young blue-helmeted London policeman commented, "I don't know much about politics or anything like that. But any Englishman who doesn't feel inspired and proud when the Queen talks to the commonwealth at Christmas is cracked."

The Queen, radiant in an open neck satin afternoon dress, made the first television holiday broadcast in history by a reigning British monarch.

Most of Opportunity—She made the most of the opportunity to prove to her people that her outspoken critics were wrong when they called her speaking manner that "of a priggish school girl."

She appeared poised and relaxed and rarely glanced at her script. And in what appeared to be a direct answer to her critics, she said, "I very much hope that this new medium will make my Christmas message more personal and direct."

She touched on her role as a leader of the Commonwealth: "In the old days the monarch led his soldiers on the battlefield and his leadership at all times was close and personal."

"Today times are very different. I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice. But I can do something else. I can give you my heart."

Entrance was made through a window in one of the rest rooms. The other burglary was reported to sheriff's deputies at Riverside cafe, on Highway 99 north of the Rogue River junction.

A small amount of money and some canned food were taken. Officers said, as well as one of the music selectors pried from one of the counters.

The building was entered through a rear window in the kitchen. Money also was reported "from a cigarette machine."

Road Conditions—Highway 99, Siskiyou — Fresh snow, well sanded, motorists advised to carry chains.

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Holiday Traffic Claims 221; Ohio Leads With 26

Under The Missiletoe



Eisenhower To Work On State of Union Report at Gettysburg

Washington — The White House said today President Eisenhower will go to his Gettysburg, Pa., farm Friday for about a week of rest and work on a missile-geared 1958 legislative program.

The President worked today on the proposals he will send to Congress when it returns in two weeks. The State of the Union Message, to be delivered Jan. 9, is expected to propose the biggest peacetime military budget in U.S. history as this country's reply to the challenge of Russian scientific developments.

Indications are that the President is preparing to ask for a military budget of about \$40 billion, two billion more than he asked last year and about one billion more than is expected to be actually spent in the year ending June 30, 1958.

The President also is expected to ask an increase in economic aid for nations menaced by Communism and a larger federal stake in scientific training.

The President will confer in Gettysburg with a series of administration leaders, including Budget Director Percival Brundage, on the budget message.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said that while the President is in Gettysburg, his primary job will be completion of the State of the Union Message.

No decision has been made as to whether the President will deliver the message in person or send it to Capitol Hill.

No Examination Date Set—The President conferred today with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Hagerty told newsmen who asked about the chief executive's physical condition that Eisenhower "was feeling fine today."

No date has been set for any new examination to study the after effects of the mild stroke suffered by the President Nov. 25. It is understood an examination will be held some time in January.

Russia Points To Policy Proposals—Moscow — Russia has called the Supreme Soviet's seven-point international policy proposals of last Saturday to the attention of foreign embassies here.

Memoranda containing the proposals and a request that they be called to the attention of parliaments and governments were sent to the embassies Wednesday. This procedure is routine after all high level Russian decisions.

The seven-point Supreme Soviet resolution contained the following proposals:

- Outlawing nuclear bombs.
- Ending nuclear tests Jan. 1.
- Setting up a non-nuclear weapon zone in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland.
- Signing of a NATO-Warsaw pact non-aggression treaty.
- A non-interference pact for the Middle East.
- End of international "war propaganda" and stimulation of peaceful cultural relations.

Pope Blesses Group From Apartment—Vatican City — Pope Pius XII appeared at the window of his apartment above St. Peter's Square Wednesday and blessed 60,000 Romans and tourists who knelt on the cobblestones.

The Pope's white clad figure gleamed in the sunlight as he moved his hand in the sign of the cross above the square. After he disappeared into his rooms there was a roar of approval from below.

The midday appearance at the window was the only public action of the 81-year-old pontiff who began the day with midnight mass in the little chapel down the corridors from his chambers.

Most of the day was dedicated to work and study but in the afternoon he received 15 of his close relatives.

Portland — Oregon fishermen took the highest catches of the past nine years during the 1956-57 license period, the Oregon Fish commission reported.

Seattle Man Pleads Guilty in Court Here

Billie J. Lessman, Seattle, pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to a charge of unlawful possession of narcotics in circuit court before Judge Edward C. Kelly.

Lessman was sentenced to three years at the Oregon state penitentiary with execution of sentence suspended under rules and regulations of Oregon parole and probation office.

Four Children Die In Home as Mother Attends Wedding

Total 2½ Times Above Estimates

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A short but tragic Christmas holiday ended with a nationwide traffic death toll that topped the 200 mark.

The total was 2½ times as great as the normal toll for a non-holiday Wednesday in December.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, said that "there must be a better way to celebrate Christmas on the highways."

The council had estimated that only 180 persons would be killed in Christmas traffic.

"We can only hope that the shock of this toll will bring about sober thinking that may hold the New Year holiday toll down to a new low," Dearborn said.

At 9 a.m. (p.s.t.) Thursday, the United Press count showed 221 traffic deaths occurred between 6 p.m. Tuesday and midnight Wednesday. At least 28 persons died in fires and 28 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall total of 277.

Ohio had the most traffic deaths of any single state, 26. New York had 17, California 15, Michigan 12, Washington 11 and Oklahoma 10.

Children Burn To Death—Two of the worst holiday highway wrecks killed four persons each. They were a train-car crash at Bradford, Ohio, and a two-car collision near Tacoma, Wash.

Ohio also was the scene of fire tragedy when four children burned to death in a blaze that destroyed their home while their mother was in Indiana to attend her son's wedding.

A mother and her two young children burned to death at Quincy, Mass., when an oil stove exploded and the resulting fire destroyed their home.

Five Oregonians Killed in Traffic

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William J. Blake, Allegany, was killed Christmas afternoon as he backed his car out of his nephew's driveway and plunged over a 40-foot bank. He was thrown from the car and crushed as the vehicle rolled down the bluff.

Four persons died in Christmas eve accidents in Oregon, three of them in one crash.

A head-on collision near Scappoose shortly before midnight Tuesday killed James Lee Hopson, 22, Milwaukie; Frederick Johnson, 54, Portland, and Carl Rosen, 63, Vancouver, Wash.

John Cline, 21, St. Helens, was in serious condition in a St. Helens hospital with head injuries.

Mrs. O. G. Sooter, 58, Grants Pass, was killed about 5 p.m. Tuesday when the car in which she was riding crashed into a ditch north of Yoncalla. Her husband, Willard D. Sooter, suffered minor injuries while two children in the car were reported uninjured.

Hagerty To Limit Procession on Trip

Washington — White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said today that when President Eisenhower drives to Gettysburg Friday reporters and photographers will be permitted to put only four cars in his procession.

Hagerty's decision dated back to the President's trip from Gettysburg to Washington earlier this month. One press car was damaged when hit by a skidding White House vehicle, and state police along the route complained about the length of the procession which involved over 100 press, radio and photographic cars.

The White House has long felt that the motor procession should be limited in size as a matter of safety.

Portland — Frederick B. Dickens, 21, a Navy man stationed at Tongue Point Naval Station at Astoria, died in a hospital here today of injuries suffered Wednesday afternoon near Woodland, Wash.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES—New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 434.16, up 5.05; 200 rails 68.07, up 2.50; 15 utilities 98.06, up 0.07; and 65 stocks 145.51, up 1.76. Sales today were about 2,280,000 shares compared with 2,220,000 shares Tuesday.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Clearing this evening with patches of fog forming soon after sunrise. Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Cloudy Friday with occasional light rain. Snow level rising to 4,000 feet. Low tonight 32. High Friday 42.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:39 a.m.
Sunset 4:45 p.m.
Moonset 10:37 p.m.
First Quarter Dec. 28

PROMINENT STARS
Vega, low in northeast at 8:07 p.m.
will reappear in the northeast at 4:33 a.m. (The solar system is moving through space in the general direction of this star)