

Threat of Flood Diminishes as Rivers Recede

Seattle—(UPI)—Civil Defense spokesmen announced late Tuesday night that western Washington's raging rivers were no longer rising, thus diminishing the threat of a second serious flood in the area in less than a month.

Many families were evacuated Tuesday, thousands of acres of low-lying farmlands were inundated, and Stevens Pass, Washington's main cross-state highway, was washed out. But Civil Defense people said the situation was not nearly as serious as the Nov. 23 flood.

Minor Flooding
No town was hit very hard by Tuesday's high water but several communities along the Stevens Pass highway reported minor flooding in their extreme city limits.

The only really serious trouble spot remaining was south of Kent along the Green river where a dike was said to be in danger of going out.

The dike, which spokesmen said was weakened by the November flood, was backed up by a recently completed secondary dike. However, it was feared the secondary dike had not set long enough to be firm.

Highways Covered
Many of western Washington's secondary highways were covered with water in spots. It was hoped these would be cleared sometime today, however, as temperatures were dropping and the rain had stopped falling at many points in the mountains.

A CD spokesman at Everett, north of here, said the Stillaguamish river had dropped considerably from Tuesday's mid-afternoon reading. He added that the Snohomish and Skykomish rivers were holding their levels.

Herring Industry To Wait Price Hike

Vancouver, B.C.—(UPI)—The British Columbia herring industry plans to close down indefinitely because of the world price situation, it was announced Tuesday.

As a result, about 1,300 fishermen and shore workers will be out of jobs after the return of the herring fleet Thursday.

James Sinclair, B.C. Fisheries Association president, said the closure would continue until prices improve and the companies can sell overstocked herring oil and meal.

Nixon Gains Help In New Hampshire

Concord, N.H.—(UPI)—Gov. Wesley Powell, last major uncommitted Republican New Hampshire official, today accepted the chairmanship of the state committee backing Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the nation's coming first presidential primary.

"It will be a pro-Nixon campaign in every sense," he said at a news conference.

Powell said Nixon's qualifications are so outstanding that there will be no need to reflect on the personality of other possible candidates, including Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

Regarding Nixon's candidacy, Powell said it is only fitting "that the most active and able vice president" in the nation's history be elevated to the presidency.

The presidential popularity poll in New Hampshire next March has been regarded as a key to Rockefeller hopes.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Red Headed Woodpecker Has Many Aliases

The "white-shirt "flag-bird" or "jellycoat" is also known in some parts of its range as the "tricolor," "flag" or "patriotic bird." Even the name "shirt-tail" has been used to describe and name this feathered character with the personality-plus rating.

With so many and varied aliases it's a wonder the bird itself knows that, in reality, it is a red-headed woodpecker.

Noisy at Times

These birds have an assemblage of good qualities. About the only justified objection one can find with them is the fact they usually become very noisy at certain seasons of each year. Especially is this true when Mrs. R. H. is nesting. At such times the male gives voice to his joyousness by sending out a long rolling love-call on a loose shingle or a TV antenna, or vocally imitating a tree-frog.

When spring and nesting time comes the red-heads hammer out a cavity in a dead tree or a pole in which is deposited four or five white eggs on a bed of woodchips. Should the nest or the eggs be destroyed, another cavity is dug and another group of eggs are deposited. The woodpeckers abandon the old home, always insisting on excavating a new nest-site.

For several days after the young are hatched the little folks spent much of their time, taking turns in looking out of the nest opening.

The nest opening is seldom large enough to accommodate more than one at a time. While the fortunate one watches the outdoor scene, it is very dark in the nest cavity for the others; the observer's body completely blocks the opening and cuts off the light.

Bobby Driscoll Gains Acquittal

Los Angeles (UPI)—Bobby Driscoll, former child star who won a special Academy Award at the age of 12, was acquitted Tuesday of a misdemeanor narcotics charge in municipal court.

Judge Leo Aggeler found Driscoll innocent when the prosecution's only witness Policeman Fred Kalas, failed to establish Driscoll was the owner of a hypodermic kit. Police charged the kit was used to administer heroin.

Driscoll, 22, unemployed after a successful career as a child actor, was arrested Oct. 11 and booked on suspicion of being a narcotics addict.

SUBWAY TRAIN DERAILS

New York (UPI)—Two cars of a crowded subway train derailed Tuesday night in mid-Manhattan at rush hour. The two cars contained several hundred passengers, but no one was hurt. Authorities said wheels of the cars jumped the track damaging 300 feet of track and signal apparatus.

ELECT BISHOP

New York (UPI)—A Protestant Episcopal church spokesman said today the House of Bishops would probably confirm within two months the election of the Rev. Canon James Stuart Wetmore as suffragan bishop of the New York diocese. The Rev. Canon Wetmore, 44, was elected Tuesday over five other candidates.

Elizabeth Taylor Late Party Guest

Hollywood—(UPI)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor, released Sunday from a hospital, attended a Hollywood premiere Tuesday night and then went to a party and stayed until 2 p.m.

Singer Eddie Fisher sat throughout the party with his beautiful wife, but he let it be known he wasn't happy about the late hour.

"I don't think she should stay up like this after just getting out of the hospital," he said.

Miss Taylor was hospitalized from Thanksgiving Day until three days ago in a New York hospital with double pneumonia, but she showed no effects Tuesday night of her confinement.

The couple and other stars went to the party following the premiere of Miss Taylor's latest film, "Suddenly Last Summer." A throng of movie fans lined the outside of the theater and gave a loud greeting to Miss Taylor and Fisher when they arrived.

Court Records

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Mildred E. Payton, no plates displayed, \$2.50.

Back Stairs: Ike's Health Holding Up

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
(Back Stairs with the Traveling White House.)

Students of psychosomatic medicine should have a fine time examining the record of President Eisenhower on his current trip, particularly the better part of a week he spent in India.

By all odds and his previous medical record, the hardships to which Eisenhower exposed himself should have put him in bed with a bad cold or at least a severe cough, yet the adulation of hundreds of thousands cheering him in the streets seemed to act as a miraculous preventative.

Eisenhower's entourage has been suffering from all sorts of travel ailments—colds,

dysentery, even a mild heart attack suffered by one of the young communications experts in the Eisenhower party.

Sixty-nine-year old Eisenhower, however, has chugged right along, blowing his nose occasionally after a dusty ride but otherwise showing few ill effects.

He shows his fatigue principally in the mornings, but this is rather typical of him.

Until about noon he is a trifle puffy around the eyes and sleepy looking.

By midday he brightens considerably.

His speech delivery in India was fairly vigorous, except for the address to Parliament, where he was occasionally faltering because he was forced to speak without his usual lectern and had to stand in front of an audience shuffling sheets of his text.

Most of the people traveling with the President feel that it was a shame that stories of his visit to Kabul, Afghanistan, were blanketed on the same day by accounts of his tumultuous arrival in India.

Even in the face of the huge Indian reception, the way Eisenhower was welcomed by the people of Kabul still stands out in minds of his staff as the darndest thing they ever saw.

After Eisenhower had conferred with King Mohammed Zahir in his castle at Kabul, the two leaders drove to a nearby athletic field for a public greeting en route to the landing pad for a helicopter to bear Ike back to his place some 40 miles away.

At this athletic field, the crowd went simply mad with people literally trying to hurt themselves gleefully into the rear of Ike's open touring car.

Secret Service agents were exhausted after battling down the human tennis balls that came hurtling at them from stone walls and other projections beside the line of procession.

More amazing was the number of people who, completely

impervious of icy cold weather, forded a stream at the base of King Mohammad

Zahi's castle in an effort to get a closer look at Ike.

This might not have attracted too much attention, had it not been for the fact

that people rushed across the stream at places where the water was two and three feet deep, wearing their Sunday best clothes.

More Jurors Called In Finch Trial

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Court clerk Mel La Valley said today an additional 100 prospective jurors may have to be summoned to complete selection of a jury to hear the murder case of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff.

A total of 62 prospective jurors were dismissed by the end of Tuesday's session, leaving 38 to be questioned out of the original 100 called.

Defense attorneys still had 11 peremptory challenges left and the state had 14. Such challenges may be used to dismiss prospective jurors without cause.

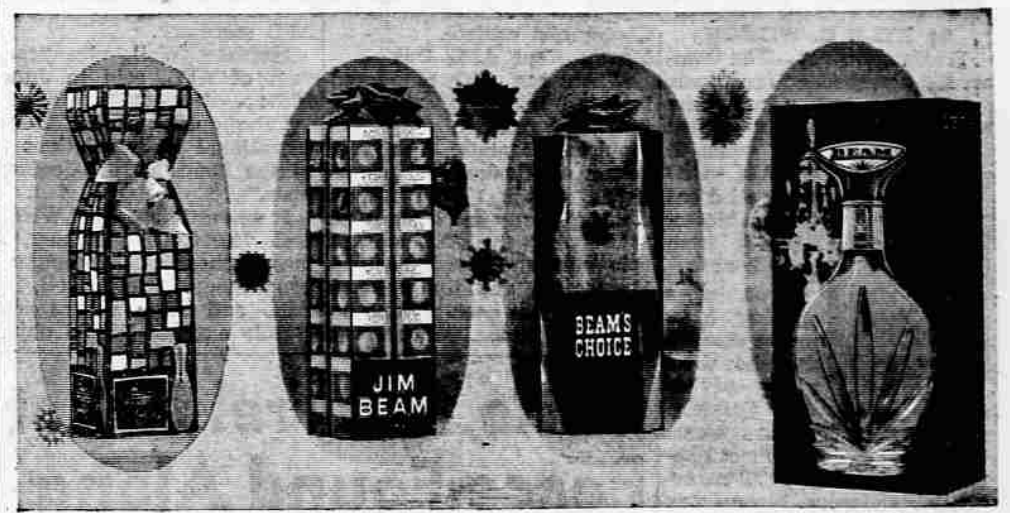
Trial of the wealthy physician and his mistress got under way Dec. 8. They are accused of the fatal shooting July 18 of Finch's estranged wife, Barbara, 33, at the Finch home in nearby West Covina.

INVESTMENT MAN DIES
Pelham, N.Y.—(UPI)—James Ross McIntosh, 74, retired president of the investment firm of J. R. McIntosh and Co., Inc., died Monday. McIntosh founded the firm in 1926.

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