

No Let-Up Forecast in Week-Long Deep Freeze In Europe; 100 Dead

London — (UPI) — The week-end weather forecast for Europe promised no let-up Saturday in the week-long deep freeze that has killed more than 400 persons.

Continued cold with more snow and freezing rain kept rail, air and road traffic tied up in Britain and across the continent.

There was some moderation of temperatures, notably in Portugal and southern Italy, but generally the freeze held firm.

A dense fog Friday night and early Saturday blanketed large sections of the British midlands and the north. Occasional snow was reported in the south and temperatures below freezing in nearly all areas.

Casualty Deaths

Britain accounted for the largest share of storm deaths, listing 137 up to Friday night. Most of the deaths throughout Europe have been on the highways, but others have been caused by drowning, freezing, fires, and other types of accidents.

Germany was still in the grip of its coldest winter in years. Many towns in Switzerland and northern Italy were cut off from the outside world, but there were no reports of food or fuel shortages in the isolated towns.

The freezing temperatures in Germany complicated the international situation when canals connecting isolated West Berlin with West Germany.

Pardoned Convict Shows Photostat Of Check to Nixon

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (UPI) — John (Jake) Barber, a Factor Friday produced a photostat of a \$5,000 check he contributed to the 1960 Nixon-Lodge campaign to counter Republican criticism of his Christmas pardon by President Kennedy.

Factor faced conviction on a mail fraud operation on which he served a prison sentence in 1943 until the President squashed the proceeding when he pardoned the philanthropist Christmas Day.

Rep. William E. Miller, of New York Republican national chairman, demanded Thursday that the President give assurance the pardon was not influenced by campaign contribution to the Democrats. Factor and his wife, Bella, gave political contributions totaling \$22,000 to three Democratic groups in 1960.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary committee, said in a statement Miller's accusation was "as snide as it is cheap." The check photostat Factor displayed was made out to friends of the Nixon and Lodge committee and was dated Sept. 29, 1960. It was signed by his wife.

Factor said he had sent a check for \$25,000 to the late Eleanor Roosevelt shortly after the Roosevelt Cuban invasion but this was returned when her project to raise a fleet of tractors in exchange for the prisoners was canceled.

"I never was asked for contributions to the fund for the exchange of prisoners, but if they had asked me I'd have gladly given a million dollars to free 1,100 prisoners," he said.

Corvallis Paper Hits Century Mark

Corvallis — (UPI) — The Corvallis Gazette-Times Saturday became the third Oregon newspaper to reach the century mark and published a special section to note its 100th birthday.

Oregon newspapers older than the Gazette-Times are the Oregonian in Portland and the Statesman in Salem. Other papers were started earlier than 1862, but no others survived.

The Corvallis Gazette is the elder brother of the papers which have been combined since 1909. It was founded in December 1862, exact date unknown. The Times was established in 1888.

The two papers were combined in mid-1909 a few weeks after the weekly Gazette started publishing as a daily. At that time the Times was a semi-weekly.

The social section published today included a history of the paper, a full-page covering highlights of the news from its 100-year career, an intensive coverage of the present day paper, its place in the community and its hopes for the future.

MERGER ANNOUNCED

Portland — (UPI) — Merger of the building division of the Associated General Contractors with the Portland chapter, highway and heavy division was announced Friday.

many were frozen along the routes in East Germany. West German barges were forced to take shelter in Communist ports.

Austrian hotel owners said they had been hit by heavy vacation cancellations as the nation's ski areas experienced their coldest Christmas season since 1940. Innsbruck reported a temperature of 20 degrees below zero Friday.

Spain, usually mild in most regions, continued to report severe cold that has devastated important citrus fruit crops. Spanish Commerce Minister Spalberto Ullastres said the frost had caused an estimated \$68.5 million loss to citrus crops in the Valencia area alone.

Southern Spain reported a slight rise in temperatures and falling flood waters. The floods had been brought on by heavy rains and melting snows. Airlines cancelled many flights because of the weather.

France, including the usually sun-bathed Riviera, shivered under low temperatures with deep snow still on the ground in many sections.

Venus Rotates in Opposite Manner

Stanford, Calif. — (UPI) — The planet Venus probably rotates in a direction opposite from that of Earth, a scientist has reported.

Dr. Richard M. Goldstein said that experiments made by the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion laboratory at the Goldstone Tracking station in the Mojave desert indicated the backward spin of the planet.

Goldstein made the report to the American Physical Society and the American Geophysical Union, meeting at Stanford university in joint session.

He said that he and R. L. Carpenter bounced radar beams of the planet between Oct. 1 and Dec. 17 when it was in close proximity to the Earth.

The radar signals, which returned to the Earth in six to eight minutes, indicated that Venus rotates slowly, perhaps once every 250 earth days, and goes in a backward direction.

"I tried every way I could to fit the data into a forward rotation," he said, "but it is consistent only with retrograde motion."

Nuclear Ship Sails For Portland Visit

Honolulu — (UPI) — The nuclear ship Savannah sailed Friday for Portland, Ore., after a six-day Hawaii visit during which time more than 21,000 persons toured the world's first nuclear-powered merchant vessel.

Eight passengers, one from Portland, and 129 tons of cargo, most of it Hawaiian pineapple, were aboard as the Savannah edged through Honolulu harbor at 6:30 a.m. (HST) en route to its second visit to the Pacific Northwest. The vessel made a call at Seattle earlier this year.

The Portland passenger on board the Savannah is Mrs. Constance McCready, the home and garden editor of the Portland Oregonian.

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VACATION AT ASPEN — Senator-elect Edward Kennedy (left) and his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy look over the ski slopes Friday while spending a vacation at Aspen, Colo. The Kennedy brothers are both reported to be better than average skiers. (UPI)

Spectacular Increase Seen In Incomes of Nonwhites

Washington — (UPI) — Federal Housing Administrator Robert C. Weaver, announcing a "spectacular rise" in the incomes of non-white persons, has urged removal of the racial barriers that prevent them from buying more expensive homes.

Weaver released a special study made by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, based on the censuses in 1959 and 1960. He said it showed a large and growing demand for housing among middle-income, non-white urban families—a demand that is not being met.

In 21 metropolitan areas analyzed, non-white incomes rose sharply. The number of non-whites in those areas earning more than 4,000 a year increased from 59,000 in 1949 to 940,000 in 1959. Those with incomes over \$6,000 rose from 12,050 to 210,156.

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The study said the economic advances of middle-income non-whites, and other status improvements, made a significant rise in the home ownership during the decade.

But, the study said, there was a great disparity in the rate of home ownership and value between whites and non-whites at comparable economic levels.

Racial restrictions, it said, were the "important deterrent" to non-white home ownership, the study said.

In a forward to the report, Weaver said "The present study of non-white middle income housing needs takes on added significance with the issuance by the President of an executive order on equal opportunity in housing."

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Economic Expansion

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POLICE RESIGN

Pullman — (UPI) — Half of the 16-man Police Department in this college town of 13,000 submitted resignations Friday in a dispute with Police Chief A. A. (Bill) Stamper.

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Income Increase to Cut Welfare Funds

Salem — (UPI) — Increases in the per capita income level in Oregon may cost the state up to \$850,000 in federal welfare funds over the next two years, according to Public Welfare Administrator Andrew Juras.

Juras made the announcement at a meeting of the State Public Welfare commission here.

The announcement was not welcome news to the Hatfield administration. The proposed public welfare budget will have to be recomputed to make up for the loss in federal funds, Juras explained.

The department of health, education and welfare informed Juras of the change, and said the formula for federal assistance to Oregon had been reduced from 52.4 to 50 percent in some grants.

Klamath Falls Boy Killed in Accident

Klamath Falls — (UPI) — Stanley Reyder Hoff Jr., 13, was killed in a hunting accident near here Friday when a 14-year-old companion's shotgun discharged accidentally.

State Police said Hoff and two other boys had been duck hunting along the shore of Lake Ewauna and were returning home. The boy whose gun went off told police the three were walking single file along a railroad track when he turned to say something to Hoff.

He said he stumbled and his 20-gauge shotgun discharged. The load struck Hoff in the chest and he died instantly.

All State Offices To Be Open Monday

Salem — (UPI) — All state offices here will be open Monday — but state government operations will be running at a slow pace.

The final day of 1962 will be similar to the day before Christmas. Half of the state's employees will have the day off.

Local Woman Pleads Innocent to Charges

Lillian Lovan Zander, 39, Grand Hotel, Medford, pleaded innocent to charges of forgery in Jackson county circuit court Friday afternoon.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly said he would include her jury trial in the spring trial schedule.

She is accused of forging a number of travelers checks in November.

Dairy Plans to Reduce Milk Prices Prior to Law Expiration Date

Salem — (UPI) — One dairy's plans to cut milk prices, and a dairymen's association meeting to consider a final draft of a milk marketing law, were revealed Saturday — just two days before the present milk stabilization law expires at midnight, Dec. 31.

Kenneth Sawyer, chief of the milk audit and stabilization division of the State Department of Agriculture, confirmed the price cut notice had been filed.

It would reduce the price of milk about 2 cents a quart, from the present 55.86 per 100 pounds to \$4.90.

Sawyer said the reduction would go into effect Jan. 1, the day the present stabilization law expires.

The meeting to consider a draft of a proposed new stabilization law will be held here Jan. 7, according to Frank Rood of North Bend, president of the Oregon Dairymen's association, and chairman of an industry-wide committee which is seeking a solution to the industry's problem.

Rood said an association committee "has been working for some time on the problem," and has drafted a proposed marketing law.

If approved it will be submitted to the legislature, he said.

The committee meeting will highlight a Jan. 7-9 meeting of the association to be held here.

Sawyer said the state milk audit law requires dealers to file with the state copies of their contracts with producers.

Man Meted Life For Escape Try

Berlin — (UPI) — East German refugee Harry Seidel, 24, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor Saturday in East Berlin for digging a tunnel under the Communist wall in an attempt to help other refugees escape.

Seidel, a former bicycle racing champion, was arrested Nov. 15 when he broke through a 70-yard tunnel from the American sector to a basement in a suburb of East Berlin. East German police, disguised as refugees, were waiting for him, apparently acting on an informer's tip.

He fled to the West the day the wall went up, Aug. 13, 1961. After that, he helped others to escape, risking his life many times.

The East German Supreme Court found Seidel guilty of violating the catch-all "law for the protection of peace," which covers any form of anti-Communist activity.

Seidel, who won several East German bicycle championships before his flight, was not allowed a Western defense counsel. The court appointed his lawyer.

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"Kidnaping" and "luring" are used by the Communists to refer to refugee escapes.

Man Reports Theft; Police Arrest Him

A man who reported a robbery Friday afternoon was arrested on charges of larceny, Medford police said Saturday.

Jason Cordial Pierce, 11 Beach st., Ashland, is being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of taking approximately \$87 from the cash register of Stark Vacuum Cleaners, 622 North Riverside ave., Friday.

Pierce reported a man had come in and robbed the cash register while he, Pierce, was busy elsewhere. When he discovered the cash register open, Pierce said he dashed out of the store just in time to see the man drive off. Police questioned Pierce and a fellow worker then arrested Pierce.

Runaway Juveniles Arrested in Ashland

Ashland — Three teenagers from Vancouver, Wash., two of them girls, were apprehended by Ashland police Saturday morning and turned over to the county detention home.

The boy and one of the girls were brother and sister. They told officers they had runaway from home Friday night. The mother of two of the teenagers was expected to come down shortly and return all three of them to Vancouver.

Portland Woman Dies In Two-Car Crash

By United Press International — A Portland woman became Oregon's first fatality of the long holiday week end Saturday when she was fatally injured in a head-on crash south of Dayton.

Agda Jean Johnson, 21, died in the crash. Police said her car swerved into the path of an on-coming car. Two young women in the other car, Judy M. Powell of Yamhill and Viola Hodney of Carlton, were seriously injured.

Sawyer refused to identify the dealer. He said only that it was not a Portland or Salem firm, but "an average size Willamette Valley dealer."

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Spurned Daughter Of Writer Upset Over Will Change

London — (UPI) — Lady John Hope, the spurned daughter of writer Somerset Maugham, said Saturday she still loves her millionaire father and cannot understand why he wants to disinherit her.

"I love him dearly . . . We have never had a row, not even a cross word," Lady John was quoted as saying.

Maugham took out court papers in a Nice, France, court adopting Alan Searle, 52, his secretary, as his son. At the same time he started court action to disinherit his daughter Elizabeth, now Lady John Hope, and get her to return several hundred thousand dollars worth of gifts he has given her.

Maugham, 88, said he always had considered Elizabeth his daughter but that she actually was the daughter of Henry Wellcome, the husband of Maugham's wife, Marie Barnardo, before she married the famed writer.

Elizabeth, 47, and married to former Works Minister Lord John Hope, said the whole episode has left her "very sad" and surprised.

"I can't understand what my father has said about me," she said at her home near London.

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New X-ray Tested On Portland Chimps

Portland — (UPI) — Nearly 100 monkeys at Portland Zoo have been x-rayed with a new machine developed at McMinnville.

The machine, weighing just 45 pounds, promises to fill new needs in probing space and in combatting disease.

The x-ray unit was developed by Dr. Walter J. Dyke, president of the Field Emission corporation at McMinnville. Instead of using elaborate x-ray equipment, it produces heating electrons by using a new cathode surrounded by an intense electrical field. It can produce a radiograph far faster than conventional machines.

The machine's speed makes it valuable in photographing missile parts during testing. Bonneville Power administration foresees use of the portable x-ray unit in investigating ground rot in transmission poles. The Federal Aviation agency is considering the machine for on-the-spot investigations of air crashes.

The monkey x-rays at Portland Zoo were part of field trials before the unit goes on the market in January.

Driver Cited After Two-Car Collision

Friday, Amelia Theresa Fletcher, 855 East 10th st., Medford was cited for failure to yield right of way, Medford police said.

Her car and one driven by Melvin Roy Mead, 1675 Vilas rd., Central Point, collided at the intersection of Riverside ave. and Manzanita st. No injuries were reported.

Another non-injury two-car collision occurred at Central ave. at 10th st. Friday afternoon, Medford police reported. A car driven by Sarah Williams Campbell, Lanpete, Penn., was cited for making an illegal turn from the wrong lane. The Campbell car and one driven by Linda Kay Hillman, 229 North Bartlett st., Medford collided when Sarah Campbell attempted to make a left turn onto 10th st.

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