# Heavy Rainfall Sweeps Northern California

ILLEGAL PARKING–The owner of this car is eligible for a parking ticket but it will have to be delivered by boat. Marin county in California was hard hit by a storm which dumped five inches of rain in San Rafael. This is Sir Francis Drake blvd. in Ross (UPI)

## Winds Recorded At 100 MPH Force Closure of Tower

**By United Press International**

Rain swept the California coast today and snow slugged the Rockies, ending a month of bitter cold and broken records.

More records fell today as polar cold pushed temperatures below zero again from the Great Plains to New York.

The mercury dropped to 9 degrees below zero at Chicago, making this the coldest month in the history of the city.

The coldest reported temperature in the nation today was at Lone Rock, Wis., where the mercury sank to 25 below.

**Rain in California**

Rain continued to pour into Northern California, dumping nearly 3 inches on Merced, in the central part of the state, in six hours. San Francisco and Paso Robles were hit with more than an inch and a half of rain in 24 hours.

The rain turned to ice through inland sections of the Pacific Northwest and snow fell through the Columbia River Valley eastward to Montana.

Blinding snow raged through the Cascades, Sierra Nevada and northern Rocky Mountains today, obscuring peaks and mountain passes.

**Power Failures**

Heavy rains and winds up to 100 miles an hour swept Northern California Wednesday, causing injuries, flooding and power failures.

The Hamilton Air Force Base control tower was abandoned because of the high winds. Gusts of more than 100 miles per hour were recorded on Mt. Tamalpais and 72 miles per hour at San Francisco International Airport.

Seven large fishing boats were tossed on the beach at Bodega Bay, north of San Francisco.

Lowland roads were flooded and power facilities torn down by falling trees.

**Teen-Agers Help**

Vacationers at resorts in the Sierra mountains put away their tennis rackets today and lashed on skis to test the fresh snow.

The Pacific storm left most of Southern California untouched and still suffering from its worst drought of the century.

Snow also fell throughout western Washington Wednesday. Six teen-agers in Seattle offered their services to motorists by sitting on the rear end of cars going up-hill to provide traction.

Some schools were closed in the southwestern part of the state.

## Brown Asks Four-Year Limited Moratorium on Death Penalty

Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown asked the California legislature today to approve a four-year limited moratorium on the death penalty.

In a special message to the lawmakers, the governor said:

"A moratorium would end our modern equivalent of the Roman circus, the lurid and emotional atmosphere in which society must render the most awesome of its judgments — life or death for one of its citizens."

Concurrently with the message, the legislature received from Assemblyman Lester A. McMillan (D-Los Angeles) the formal bill for the moratorium. McMillan's last attempt at a moratorium died on an unusual 40-40 tie vote of the Assembly two years ago.

**Faces Opposition**

The administration bill would grant a four-year moratorium to all but double killers, twice-convicted killers, kidnap-murders or prisoners who kill peace officers. It would not apply to prisoners now on death row at San Quentin.

Brown said he agreed to the exceptions because they remove the most common objections to total abolition, which he favors, and added: "It is better that we move one step away from the barbaric practice of capital punishment than to move at all."

The bill was certain to face strong opposition from minority Republicans in the Assembly and from at least part of the state Senate, which stopped Brown's last all-out try for repeal of the death penalty.

Brown presented his case in an eight-page printed pamphlet reviewing both the state's recent history of executions and his own convictions on the subject.

"You know where I stand," he said. "I oppose capital punishment because it weakens the very society it is meant to protect; because it shames the public conscience and denies the entire rehabilitative concept of modern penology."

He said that in 1961, there were 609 homicide[illegible] in California but only [illegible] [illegible]fendants were found g[illegible] [illegible]irst degree murder an[illegible] [illegible] 20 were given the sentence of death.

Due to reversals of penalty and commutations, the governor said, probably only 12 of the 609 murderers actually will die in the gas chamber.

"What possible deterrence (to murder) can there be in a penalty we invoke only 2 per cent of the time?" he asked the lawmakers. "I cannot believe a person contemplating murder is much afraid of a penalty he has 49 chances in 50 of escaping.

"It is a fact that we sentence to death members of minority races, the poor, the unintelligent and the friendless for crimes we are prone to minimize in defendants who are more like ourselves," he said.

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## Kennedy Message Includes Land-Use Conversion Plan

In addition to the three major commodity bills, the President proposed a number of other measures including expansion of a land-use conversion program and authorization for a federal loan insurance program to expand rural housing credit.

For cotton, Kennedy proposed two separate federal payment programs, one to the cotton trade on a two-year trial basis and the second directly to growers. These payments would cut domestic market prices to levels competitive with prices paid by foreign mills, while scientists seek to help farmers cut production costs through moves like elimination of the boll weevil. When costs come down, Kennedy said, price supports to growers could be reduced.

**Cotton Legislation Urged**

The President urged approval of new cotton legislation before the end of February so it could apply to planting of the 1963 crop.

He recommended that farmers be allowed to grow cotton above their basic 1963 acreage allotments for export at the world price. He said that in 1963, the extra planting at export prices–about 8.5 cents below present domestic supports–might be permitted at up to 20 per cent above the already announced 1963 acreage allotments.

For feed grains, Kennedy proposed continuation of the voluntary acreage-reduction programs which Congress approved for 1961, 1962, and again for this year.

He pointed out that if no new legislation is enacted this year, the current farm law will allow unlimited feed grain production and price supports will come down from this year's $1.25 per bushel on corn to a "disastrous low" of about 80 cents.

For dairy products, Kennedy recommended payments for production cutbacks. He said the combination of payments plus market prices propped by federal supports should be set to give cooperating farmers more than they now earn and "substantially" more than non-cooperators.

In addition, Kennedy called for passage of a plan under which farmers in federal milk marketing order areas could reduce output of surplus milk without cutting sales to the high-priced bottling milk market.

The President said a new dairy bill also should "make it possible to drop the price of butter and butterfat and thereby increase their consumption."

Kennedy also warned European Common Market nations against putting restrictions on imports of American farm goods. He said the United States "intends to take every step necessary to protect the full rights due American agricultural exports."

## Foreign Briefs

**BRITAIN LEADS IN EDUCATING IRAQIS**

Baghdad, Iraq–(UPI)– More Iraqi students studied in Russia than in the United States in 1962, but Britain taught more than both combined.

The Iraqi central office of statistics Wednesday released figures showing 2,277 Iraqis studied in Britain. The Soviet Union trained 1,190 and the United States, 1,030.

**POWER TO BORDER FENCES CUT OFF**

Vienna–(UPI)–Communist Czechoslovakia–plagued by continued cold and a power shortage–has turned off the electricity in its anti-refugee "hot" border fences.

Czech border guards, who made the disclosure to their Austrian counterparts on patrol along the fence, said short circuits and wire breakdowns were endangering the patrols of both countries and the power was cut off.

**WEST GERMANY NOTES HITLER ANNIVERSARY**

Berlin–(UPI)– West German television marked the 30th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's rise to power Wednesday night with a 70-minute program entitled "How It Happened."

The program introduced the reshowing of a 15-part, anti-Nazi television series called "The Third Reich." It was originally shown from October, 1960, to May, 1961 and was seen by 58 per cent of West German television set owners, according to a survey.

## Overload Bill Is Introduced

Salem — A bill that would give discretionary powers to district and justice courts in levying fines for overloads on motor vehicles has been introduced in the 1963 session by Sen. L. W. Newbry (R-Ashland).

The present law provides for minimum fines which are "exhorbitant," Newbry said, and give the judge no authority to reduce them because of extenuating circumstances. Senator Newbry's proposal will give the courts discretionary powers in levying the fines based on circumstances.

"The penalties for overloading have been extreme, and have placed particular hardship on log haulers," Senator Newbry stated in introducing the legislation.

"There is some question in my mind as to whether the present law is even constitutional since the constitution provides that the penalties must fit the crime. The fines for slight overloads usually exceed the fines levied for drunken driving and obviously an overloaded truck does not present the hazard to the public that a drunk at the wheel does."

Newbry maintained that his bill would in no way reduce the responsibility of the truck operators to keep their loads within the limits required under the law.

## County Firms Are Safety Winners

Two Jackson county firms received safety awards at the two-day convention of Contractors from Oregon and southwest Washington recently in Portland.

Hughes and Dodd company, Medford, and Harold J. Salter, Rogue River, were listed for awards for having operated more than 10,000 hours without lost-time accidents.

Thirty-five firms received awards for records ranging from one to seven years without lost-time accidents.

Floyd Somers, Medford, was one of 22 directors elected by the Associated General Contractors, to head organization activities for the new year.

## Three Appear In District Court

Two Central Point men were sentenced to 60 days in the Jackson county jail and fined $150 in district court yesterday on petty larceny charges.

Norman Leroy St. Arnold, 20, Shady Oaks trailer court, Central Point, and Ronald Martin Koch, 19 same address, pleaded guilty to taking articles from an automobile in Central Point. Central Point police arrested them Tuesday.

The case of Donald Allen Edwards, route 2, Central Point, who is charged with shop-lifting, was continued for appointment of counsel. Edwards appeared in district court yesterday on the charge.

## Stock Prices Ease; Autos, Oils Narrow

New York (UPI) Stocks were slightly easier today.

Steels showed little change except for Lukens which dipped 1⅞. Autos and international oils were narrow along with leading metals but Du Pont dipped a point in the chemicals.

Among the glamor specialties Polaroid went ahead around 2 points and IBM climbed 1 while Xerox held unchanged. Richardson-Merrell added nearly 2 in the drugs.

Financial Federation, Bath Iron, Merck, Otis Elevator, International Salt and Quaker Oats were down around a point, but Safeway and Peoria & Eastern Rail gained 1 and volatile U.S. Smelting 2⅛.

**DOW JONES AVERAGES**

New York–(UPI)–Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 678.58, off 5.15; 20 railroads 149.87, off 0.75; 15 utilities 135.36, off 0.44 and 65 stocks 240.04, off 1.45. Sales Wednesday were about 3.74 million shares compared with 4.36 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks

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### Brigitte Bardot Receives Divorce

Paris — (UPI) — French actress Brigitte Bardot was granted a divorce Wednesday from her second husband, French actor Jacques Charrier.

The judgment provided no alimony and split the custody of their only child, 2-year-old Nicolas, to periods of six months per year for each parent.

The ruling declared the couple divorced on grounds of "reciprocal wrongs."


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### Congolese Francs Flown Into Katanga

Elisabethville, Katanga, The Congo — (UPI) — One billion Central Congolese francs were flown to Elisabethville Wednesday to replace Katangese money as the province's legal currency.

Several millions of dollars worth of money from the Bank of Katanga have been reported missing by United Nations examiners who found total reserves of the bank only $116.28. The present Katangese money will be recalled soon, a UN spokesman said.

### Corvallis Man Heads Legislative Counsel

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis) has been elected chairman of the Legislative Counsel Committee.

The committee of legislators, established 10 years ago, supervises the legislative counsel staff whose work includes drafting bills, holding an orientation conference, and editing and publishing Oregon revised statutes.

Hoyt has been its vice chairman during the past two years.

**SKIING IN THE BRONX**

New York — (UPI) — New Yorkers today can take a subway to go skiing in the Bronx. The city's only ski area opened in its northernmost borough on the slopes of Van Cortlandt park where buffs will find rope tows, floodlight for night schussing, snow-making machines, refreshment stands — and a first aid station.


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