

RENO FLOODED BY RAMPAGING RIVER



PARK DESTROYED—This was a park in Reno, Nev., until the flooding Truckee river dashed it to pieces this morning. Muddy floodwaters covered a 30-block area of downtown Reno today and the city was isolated. (UPI)



YARDS DRAINED—Residents near the south city limits of Redding, Calif., dig trenches to drain their yards which flooded during a heavy rainstorm Thursday. Many creeks and rivers in the area have gone over their banks. (UPI)

Roads, Railway Tracks Blocked; Airport Closed

Carson City Also Isolated

By United Press International
Flood waters from a massive Pacific-bred storm poured through the streets of the gambling city of Reno today and more floods, snows and torrential rains battered much of the West.

The storm, an import from Hawaii, cut off Reno and Carson City, Nev., with flood waters. Southeast Idaho was threatened with its worst flood in history and hundreds of persons fled their homes along northern California rivers.

30-Block Area Flooded
The swollen Truckee river surged out of its sand-bagged banks today at Reno, where more than 30 square blocks were under water and the muddy river ran three feet deep past the city hall.

"Parking meters are sticking out of the water like a bunch of submarine periscopes coming out of a lake," one Reno resident said.

Heavy rain drenched the upstream watershed of the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada as the Truckee continued to rise. Officials said a crest was not in sight.

Nearly two inches of rain fell at Reno.

Civil Defense spokesman estimated the flood will be more severe than the \$4 million 1955 flood which sent water swirling five feet deep around the gambling city's luxury hotels.

"It's just hopeless," said a city engineer. "We can't contain it."

Reno Virtually Isolated
Reno was virtually isolated. Highways and railway tracks were blocked, the airport was closed and phone lines were restricted to emergency calls, which took from two to four hours to complete.

Carson City, Nev., was also cut off by the flood.

Hundreds of families were evacuated in Northern California when swollen rivers menaced homes.

At Alviso, Calif., water was eight feet deep at points. A high tide on nearby San Francisco Bay threatened to increase the water level.

More than 200 persons were evacuated from the wine-rich community of Napa, Calif., when the Napa river swept over its banks.

Twenty-three major U.S. and California highways were closed by snow slides and floods. All major roads leading from California to Nevada were closed.

Negro Plans Suit To Enter School

Jackson, Miss. — Negro Dewey Greene Jr. said Thursday night he would go into federal court in an attempt to join James H. Meredith at the University of Mississippi.

Greene, 22-year-old former Navy weatherman, was turned down by Ole Miss' registrar Robert Ellis Thursday about the same time Meredith, the school's first Negro student, went through the process of registering for his second semester.

Greene told a news conference here that he would appeal the university's action to U.S. District Judge Sidney Mize, the jurist who issued the order admitting Meredith under the instructions from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Disorderly Conduct Charge Dismissed
A charge of disorderly conduct against Rodney Franklin Davis, 23, Talent, was dismissed in Medford municipal court this morning by Judge Justin Smith Jr.

The complaint against Davis had been filed by Edward J. Bergeson, 32, of 251 Beatty st., as a result of an altercation with the two men at a West 16th st. residence last Dec. 22.

Resumption of Nevada Nuclear Tests Ordered

Washington — President Kennedy is ordering preparations for a resumption of underground nuclear testing in Nevada following the break up of last talks with Russia, Secretary of State Dean Rusk announced today.

Kennedy temporarily suspended Nevada test preparations last Saturday to facilitate U.S.-British-Soviet nuclear test talks.

But Russia suddenly ended the three-power talks in New York Thursday. Negotiations will resume at the 18-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva Feb. 12.

Rusk told a news conference today that the Soviet move apparently over the same old issue of inspection, came as a surprise to the United States.

Oregon Weather Wet and Sloppy; Traffic Hampered

Portland — Western Oregon's weather could be described in two words today — wet and sloppy.

Warm air moved in to melt the snow and ice which covered much of the northwest part of the state, bringing sizeable amounts of rainfall with it.

The Portland area experienced difficulties with numerous power outages reported and high water hampering traffic at many intersections.

About 100 customers were without power in the Benton county area, where some 2,000 had no power Thursday.

Snow On Ground
The warmup in Portland was slower than elsewhere. Snow still covered the ground and some streets were icy this morning. Freezing rain fell much of the day Thursday and many small trees bent in half from weight of the ice.

The Portland zoo was without power this morning and officials expressed concern for animals from warmer climates.

Newport got 1.58 inch of rain in the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST. Medford had 1.35, Astoria 1.25, Salem one inch and Portland .89.

Eastern Oregon got considerable snowfall and had unusual temperature contrasts. Baker had a low of 42. The Dalles had a high of 20 Thursday and a low of 19 this morning while Pendleton had a low of 17. Redmond's low was 35 at 4 a.m. and Klamath Falls had 35.

Springlike 61
North Bend on the coast, which got 1.21 inches of rain, had a springlike high of 61 Thursday. Salem had an overnight low of 40 while Portland's was 30.

The river forecaster called for rising stages in all streams of northwest Oregon, but there was no major flooding as rivers were low from the prolonged dry spell. However, the five day outlook called for more than normal rain in Western Oregon.

The warm weather ended a mid-winter "vacation" for school children. Most schools reopened today.

WARNING DOSE
Washington — The fall-out shower from Russian nuclear tests continued to decrease in December but Palmer, Alaska, still was getting a warning level dose of radioactive iodine, the Public Health Service reported.

TIME GRANTED
Portland — Dr. Harry Semler Thursday was granted at least 14 days before enforcement of a revocation of his dental license ordered by the State Board of Dental Examiners.

PORTLAND FIRM GIVEN JACKSON COUNTY RIGHTS
Salem — St. Johns Motor Express of Portland has been authorized to operate in and out of Jackson county.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill said it assures transportation service to the new Reichhold Chemical Co. plant at White City.

KENNEDY MAY VISIT GREAT BRITAIN
London — President Kennedy may visit Britain this spring for a new look at the Western alliance with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, diplomatic sources reported today.

FILIBUSTER FIGHT GETS BREATH
Washington — Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield hoped today that a week end "breathing spell" might clear the outlook for ending the Senate's anti-filibuster rule fight.

FDR JR. APPOINTED BY KENNEDY
Washington — President Kennedy Thursday named Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son of the late president, to be the No. 2 man in the Commerce Department.

Rusk Calls for Unity in Europe; Cuba Said Concern

Washington — Secretary of State Dean Rusk called on Europe and French President Charles de Gaulle today to get on with the "great tasks confronting the West." He said these include building a multilateral nuclear force and economic unity.

The secretary said these Western tasks are based on the "harsh realities" of the threat from the Soviet Union.

He made the statement at a news conference at which he also said President Kennedy is ordering preparations for a resumption of underground nuclear testing in Nevada following the breakup of test ban talks with Russia.

—Sought to smooth over ruffled relations with Canada, brought on by a firm State Department statement Thursday urging Canada to go through with nuclear armament of Bomarc missiles it has already received from the United States.

—Said the continued presence of 17,000 Soviet troops in Cuba is of "great concern to us." But he said he does not believe there has been a continued Soviet military buildup there as charged by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) and others.

Rusk made what he called an "informal statement" on European unity and the crisis brought on by De Gaulle's veto of Britain's membership in the European Common Market.

To Reassess Situation
He said members of the Atlantic alliance are now in a period "in which governments will be reassessing the situation to how to get on with the great tasks confronting the West."

While not belittling the problems raised by De Gaulle's stand against military and economic unification, the secretary said "I do not think that on underlying security matters, there is a split that could be exploited by the Soviet Union."

Casualties High In Mid-Air Crash
Ankara, Turkey — Two planes collided in flight today, razing flaming wreckage on the Turkish capital's business district and causing scores of casualties.

Official estimates put the death toll at from 34 to 60 with at least 50 others injured.

The number of casualties on the ground appeared to be the largest in the history of commercial aviation.

One of the planes was a Middle East Airlines Viscount turboprop airliner with 16 persons aboard—11 passengers and five crewmen. The other was a Turkish air force C47, the military version of the American-built DC3, long retired from most of the world's air routes. The number aboard the military plane was not known.

Witnesses said both planes caught on fire after they collided and crashed onto the roofs of the buildings in the heart of Turkey's ultramodern capital city.

Wreckage was spread over an area half a mile wide.

Explosion Causes Fire at Portland
Portland — An explosion in a shingle dryer at the Shake-A-Ply Co. today resulted in a two-alarm fire and caused damage estimate at \$20,000.

Four men in the building escaped without injury. A company official said the plant may be closed for more than a month. He said a spark may have ignited lint in the dryer.

School, Park Plan Endorsed by City Council Informally

The Medford city council yesterday informally endorsed the school park approach to future park development in the city.

Mayor James Dunlevy called for an expression of opinion from the councilmen at a joint luncheon meeting of the council and the city park and recreation commission.

The council is expected to give formal approval to the school park development approach at its next regular meeting on Feb. 7.

The "straw vote" came after Park and Recreation Chairman James Sullivan told the group the commission had to have "some expression of either approval or rejection" of the school-park concept from the council before it could proceed with its future development plans.

Avoids Duplication
In essence, the school-park approach involves integrating city parks with school playgrounds and facilities to avoid costly duplication of facilities.

A Medford example of the school-park concept is in the development stage at Jackson school, where the city has constructed a swimming pool, baseball diamond and play area, as well as considerable landscaping, adjacent to the school facilities.

Under the program, the city and School District 549C would cooperate closely in an effort to integrate future school and park sites.

Dunlevy told the group the city has had assurances from the school board that "they would cooperate in future school-park planning."

Turquoise Sweater Gets Free Cleaning Because of Mistake
About noon Wednesday, Monna Victoria Lubbers, route 3, box 60-A, reported to Medford police that a turquoise sweater valued at \$15 had been stolen from her car while it was parked on West Main st.

A few hours later, an embarrassed delivery man from Dumas Domestic Laundry returned the sweater — freshly cleaned and pressed — to her with his profuse apologies.

The delivery man, it seems, had been instructed to pick up a coat from a car which, as it turned out, was parked directly in front of Mrs. Lubbers' car.

He mistakenly went to the wrong car, saw the sweater lying on the seat, picked it up and took it off in his truck to be cleaned.

The laundry did not charge Mrs. Lubbers for cleaning her sweater, according to the police report.

Air Search Launched For Hermiston Men
Salem — An air search was launched early today for two Hermiston men feared down on a flight between Oregon and Nevada.

Burley Redder and Dale Abney took off from the White Horse ranch in the southeast corner of Oregon Tuesday to fly to McDemmon, on the Nevada state line.

Runkle waived the right to a preliminary hearing and bail was set at \$2,500. He was taken to Portland this morning by the U. S. marshal.

Runkle was stopped by Oregon state police Thursday during a routine check. He did not have an operator's license and after further questioning indicated that the car had been stolen in Fontana, Calif.

REPRESENTATIVE QUITS
Salem — J. Richard Smurthwaite Jr., Beaverton, retired Thursday after 27½ years as Oregon's veterans' employment representative.

Queen Welcome Guest of Vancouver
Vancouver, B.C. — A smiling but exhausted Queen Elizabeth, her flight to the sunny Fiji Islands twice interrupted by bad weather, today was the unexpected but welcome guest of Vancouver.

The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, appeared in good spirits when they arrived at Vancouver International Airport at 9:55 p.m. Thursday despite the fact that their travel hazards had most of the British Commonwealth on tenterhooks.

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High water was reported receding in Williams creek near the Williams store and elementary school this morning. The school grounds were flooded and most irrigation ditches overflowed last night.

Rainfall in Medford totalled 1.19 inches yesterday. Between midnight and 10 o'clock this morning, 1.8 of an inch fell. Cave Junction reported a fall of 4.45 inches in a 36-hour period ending this morning.

Crater Lake national park had 2.65 inches of precipitation in the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning.

The weather bureau forecast moderate to heavy precipitation falling intermittently through Saturday for the area.

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WEATHER
FORECAST: Intermittent rain, moderate to heavy at times, through Saturday. Snow level near 5,000 feet. Low tonight near 40. High Saturday near 50. Highest Yesterday — 49. Lowest This Morning — 29. Precip. to 10 a.m. Today — 1.13

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today — 5:24 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow — 7:23 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow — 2:09 a.m.
Full Moon — Feb. 8

Highlight of the phenomena in the skies above this month will be the prominence and brilliance of the planet Mars, which now outshines all the stars but Sirius.

White Retires as Head of Station

Harold White retired today as superintendent of the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station here.

He has been in government agricultural service for 47 years and was superintendent of the local station on Hanley rd. near Jacksonville for 18 years.

Yesterday White turned in his final report on experiment station work to the county court. In his report he said "It has been a pleasure to work for and with Jackson county to promote greater efficiency in the agricultural industry of the area."

All members of the county court praised White for his work here and unanimously passed a resolution commending White and regretting his retirement.

White is succeeded by Porter Lombard, former assistant horticulturist in research at the Riverside, Calif., experiment station. Dr. Lombard studied at Washington State university and Michigan State university.

Macmillan Flies To Italy for Talks

Rome — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan flew into Italy today for talks with leaders of one of the nations that tried to get Britain into the European Common Market.

Premier Amintore Fanfani and Foreign Minister Atilio Piccioni were at Leonardo da Vinci Airport to greet Macmillan and Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath, Britain's chief Common Market negotiator.

It is Macmillan's first probing action to determine Britain's ultimate relationship with Europe now that France has barred it from the Common Market.

California Man Arraigned Today

Philip Dean Runkle, 33, of Del Paso Heights, Calif., was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Frank J. Van Dyke this morning on a charge of transporting a stolen car across state lines.

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