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Icy Flood Waters Cause Havoc in Eastern Sections

Three-Day Death Toll Rises to 21

By United Press International
Icy flood waters sped death and destruction throughout the East today.

Drinking water was contaminated, power lines were driven down by high winds and towering ice floes, swept down rain-swollen rivers to drive thousands of persons from their homes.

The death toll from three days of flooding rose to 21.

At least eight other persons were dead after a late-winter snow storm hit the Midwest and flayed the Northeast with 55-mile-an-hour winds, snow and sleet.

Emergency Declared

Nearly all Ohio streams, with the exception of the Ohio river, were receding today, but a state of emergency was declared on the Ohio university campus at Athens.

A midnight curfew was imposed on men students for the first time. More than 1,500 persons—including 700 university students—were taken from the flooded area.

The Ohio river, which crested at Pittsburgh Wednesday, continued to surge toward a crest downstream and officials at Cincinnati, Marietta, Portsmouth and smaller Ohio communities made emergency preparations. The Ohio was expected to crest at Cincinnati at 60 feet, or eight feet above flood stage, by Sunday.

In Pennsylvania, serious flooding continued today from Newport to the mouth of the Juniata river, and Duncannon, Pa., Mayor John Wells declared a state of emergency. Rescue workers helped residents from their homes at Duncannon, Amity Hall and Newport.

Ice jams towered 30 feet high on the Juniata river where it meets the Susquehanna.

Court Agrees to Accept Home Lease

The Jackson county court will write University of Oregon officials agreeing to accept a one-year lease on the C. C. Beekman house in Jacksonville at \$400 a year.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation, administering agency for the home, the court wrote the university suggesting a five year lease at \$200 a year. However, university officials have indicated they need at least \$400 a year to finance the professorship of Pacific Northwest history.

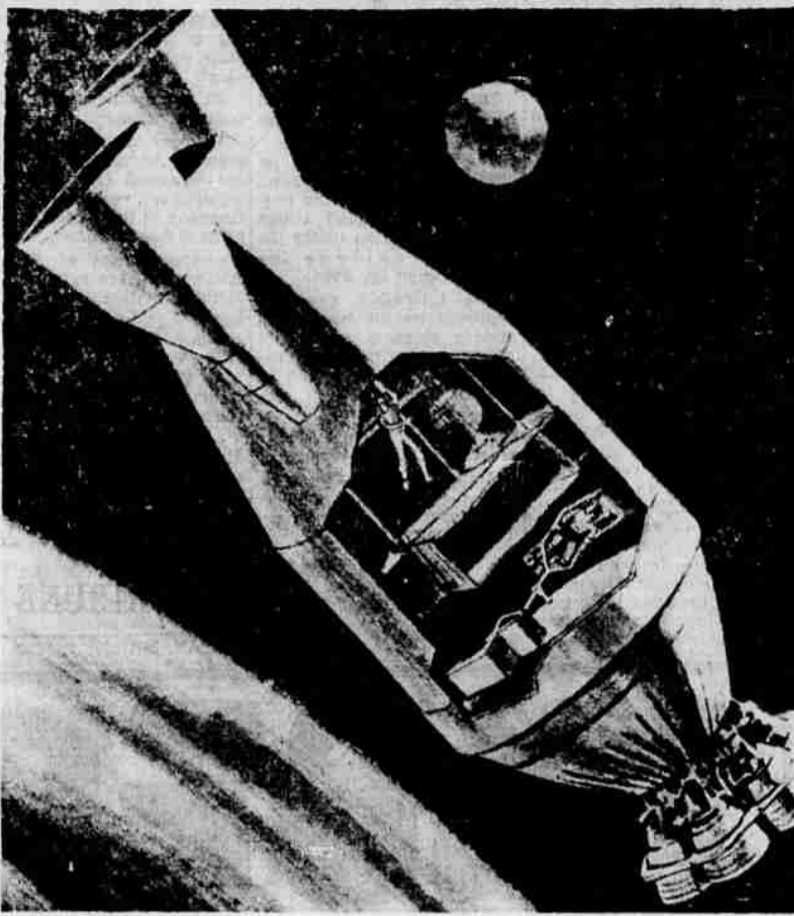
The will of the late Carrie Beekman, daughter of the early day banker had deeded the house and property to the University of Oregon for that purpose.

During its first year of operation the Beekman house had more than 5,000 visitors by tourists and interested local people. The annual report from the Sites Foundation including this information and operating costs and revenue will be mailed by the court.

Jehovah's Witness Meted Prison Term

Portland—UPI—A member of the Jehovah's Witnesses from Prineville received a six-month federal prison sentence Wednesday for refusing to submit to the military draft.

Judge William East gave the sentence to James Warren Hawkins, 23, despite a plea for leniency.



MANNED SPACE STATION—This artist's concept shows a manned space station with "instant earth gravity" that was announced by Douglas Missile and Space Systems in Los Angeles today. Using current fabricating techniques and "off-the-shelf" hardware, the station could be operational by 1965. The cutaway shows a spinning centrifuge couch that would create an artificial gravity for astronauts to combat the effects of prolonged weightlessness. (UPI)

Program To Help Released Offenders Will Be Tried Here

A pioneering Oregon program designed to help offenders who have been released from prison is going to get one of its first tryouts in the Medford area shortly.

Ted J. Holdt, director of rehabilitation and employment for ex-offenders, a department created one year ago under the state board of control, outlined the plan during a stop in Medford earlier this week.

"Ex-offenders are people," Holdt pointed out, voicing the opinion that many of them are well qualified to become good citizens after release from prison.

Rehabilitation Process

"Employment is the completion—the fulfillment—of the rehabilitation process," he added. "Denial of employment to these men results in loss of human resource and a waste of the talent, skill and time expended in an effort to prepare them to become useful and respected members of the community."

If an ex-offender is denied employment, one of two things will happen, Holdt said. He will revert to illegal acts

Public Hearing on Council's Agenda

A public hearing to consider a change of zone from single and two family to multiple family at 16 South Peach st., is included in the Medford city council's agenda for its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Among other items to be considered will be an amendment to the building code to permit a rear door on property abutting railroad right of way, approve plans for widening Ivy st. between Eighth and Ninth sts. to permit diagonal parking on the east side and to award a contract for equipment at the sewage treatment plant.

to obtain subsistence and will eventually return to prison, or he and his dependents will have to rely on public assistance.

"It is just plain good business to employ these men and make of them taxpayers rather than tax-consumers," he concluded.

Set Up Organizations

What Holdt is attempting to do is to set up a network of volunteer community organizations throughout the state to assist ex-offenders in securing employment and making a successful rehabilitation.

He is contacting representatives of service clubs, chambers of commerce, PTAs, personnel managers organizations and other groups in an effort to recruit members for community councils for the rehabilitation and employment of ex-offenders.

Medford and Eugene are the first two areas in the state in which he is trying to set up the community councils.

Proposes Council

He proposes that representatives of community organizations meet together and organize such a council, which would then become a permanent self-sustaining and autonomous unit. Participants would hold regular meetings to discuss problems, progress and other matters.

The activities of such councils would be divided generally into five categories:

1. Publicity and education—disseminating information relative to the importance of acceptance of qualified ex-offenders by the labor market and the public.
2. Employment assistance—enlisting the cooperation of employers in the hiring of ex-offenders.
3. General assistance—providing food, shelter and medical attention for limited periods in cases where an ex-offender is unable to get a job.
4. Counseling of ex-offend-

ers—providing counseling, information, friendship and in some cases advice for ex-offenders who may need it.

5. Any other services as community councils might from time to time deem necessary.

His department deals only with prisoners who have been discharged, Holdt emphasized, and not with parolees. Roughly two-thirds of all persons who leave state institutions are discharged after serving their terms rather than paroled, he explained.

Ex-offenders are already being employed by various firms in Medford and other areas of Oregon, Holdt pointed out. The proposed community councils would help expand the program and increase its effectiveness. They would make it possible to accomplish objectives that otherwise would take a large staff of paid state employees to accomplish, thereby rendering an obvious savings of tax money to the people of Oregon.

Biggest Saving

The biggest saving to the taxpayer from the program, however, Holdt feels, would come from reducing the rate of recidivism—that is, reducing the percentage of repeat offenders. If the ex-offender can become a well-balanced, self-sustaining member of society again, then the cost of his subsequent detection, arrest, trial and incarceration can be eliminated, he argues.

"The humanitarian aspects of the problem, while not measurable in dollars and cents, must be considered," he added. "It must be remembered that these ex-offenders are human beings, many of whom want to make good, and that their repeated incarceration frequently has a grave and far-reaching effect on family and children."

There are no other organizations in the United States quite like the proposed Oregon community councils, Holdt said. "Some states have attempted it without a great deal of success, while others have different types of programs to help ex-offenders that have met with success," he commented.

John Howard Society

The Oregon plan will, however, bear quite a bit of similarity to a group in Canada called the John Howard society. Holdt has a film concerning the organization and achievements of the John Howard society which he is eager to present before any organization or club in the state interested in seeing it.

Such organizations may contact him by writing in care of room 20 at the capitol building in Salem or by telephoning 364-2171, extension 230, he said.

Abbott Resigns as Member of Board

C. W. (Bill) Abbott, Medford businessman, has resigned as a member of the Jackson county board of equalization, the county court noted yesterday.

County Judge Earl M. Miller said he and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point area farmer, will have to appoint another member. The county court accepted Abbott's resignation with regret, Miller said.

Abbott, who is employed by J. Henry Helsler and company, investment managers, said his reason for resigning was due to a promotion in charge of his company's offices in the Willamette valley. He will spend most of his time there.

Abbott was formerly Central Point postmaster. Prior to joining the Helsler firm, he was in the insurance business here.

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Communist Editor Granted Audience With Pope John

Adzhubei 'Moved' And Impressed

Vatican City—UPI—A professed atheist, Soviet Communist Editor Alexei Adzhubei, met Pope John XXIII, head of the Roman Catholic Church, today, and the atheist came away impressed and "very moved."

Adzhubei, son-in-law of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, first attended a mass audience in the Vatican's Throne Room as "just another newsman." Then, at its end, he was ushered into a private room for an 11-minute special audience, an unprecedented meeting between a member of a ruling Soviet leader's family and the Roman pontiff.

Adzhubei's wife, Rada, Khrushchev's daughter, accompanied him to the history-making audiences.

Receives Pope's Blessing

When the Pope finished his speech at the general audience held to mark his acceptance of the Balzan Foundation's Peace Prize, Adzhubei bowed his head in a reverent gesture as the pontiff bestowed his blessings on the through.

Then, when he was ushered into the Papal Library for the special audience, a high Vatican official said Adzhubei bowed deeply to the Pope.

Mrs. Adzhubei covered her head with a gold-lined black scarf, as is protocol for women at a papal audience.

The Russian couple was alone in the library with the Pope except for a Russian-speaking priest who acted as an interpreter.

The audience was another step in the Kremlin-Vatican rapprochement of recent months, which has led to speculation of a possible further easing of tensions, establishment of some kind of diplomatic relations and even a meeting between the Pope and Khrushchev.

Hatfield Reports 'Worthwhile' Talk With MacArthur

Portland—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Wednesday night that he and Glenn Jackson had a "very worthwhile visit" with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in New York on Portland's bid for the 1968 Olympic Games.

The governor and Jackson, Medford and Portland financier and one of the leaders in the Olympics campaign, informed the general of Portland's bid and why Portland offers certain unique advantages.

"We were successful in getting him to indicate he could make public comments on what is best for the United States in the foreign diplomatic field, not a selection made on the hard-sell pressure tactics on the part of cities."

Hatfield said Portland's "unique" advantages included:

—A truer picture of America than other cities offer.

—A friendly city large enough to retain western hospitality and friendliness.

—A city with a history of good racial, cultural and religious background.

—A climate that would be comfortable for the games.

Hatfield said "I did not ask him to make a pitch for Portland, we primarily wanted to apprise him of the unique characteristics Portland had to offer."

The governor explained representatives of Los Angeles and Detroit also had met with the general.

He said the trip was not announced in advance because MacArthur did not want publicity.

Resolutions were adopted Wednesday by both the Multnomah county board of commissioners and the Portland city council pledging support of the games if Portland is chosen.

CONTRACT AVOIDED

Portland—UPI—McCormack Construction company of Pendleton has been awarded a \$229,000 contract to build a new building for The Dalles branch of the First National bank of Oregon.

Dam Burst Floods City; Six Perish, Many Hurt



TWO-MILE PATH—The Spalding Pond dam town area. Five persons died in the Turner at Norwich, Conn., burst late Wednesday. Stanton Twine mill (bottom right) and cutting a two-mile path through the down-

Hundreds Forced To Flee Homes in Middle of Night

Damage Estimated To Run to Millions

Norwich, Conn.—UPI—An earthen dam burst without warning late Wednesday night, flooding four square miles of this city of 40,000 in waters up to 12 feet deep.

At least six persons were killed. Many more were injured.

Hundreds were forced to flee when ice filled water from two ponds cascaded down upon them. The 15-acre Spalding pond burst through the dam and the rushing torrent swept away the waters of the two-acre Mohican Park pond below the dam.

Might Burst

For a while, officials feared a second dam might burst because of the pressure of high water and foot-thick ice behind it. But the dam held.

The surging torrents collapsed buildings, tumbled autos as if they were toys and left millions of dollars in damage.

Thomas Moody was driving with his wife, their three young sons and a friend, Anthony Ordal, when the waters rushed down the street and overturned their car.

"We all climbed out and got into a tree," Moody said. "Then I looked around and my wife was gone."

Mrs. Moody's body later was found near the wrecked car. Their sons, Thomas, 6; James, 4; and Sean, 10 months, were injured and hospitalized.

Smashed Windows

The waters, carrying chunks of ice weighing more than a ton, coursed along the narrow streets, smashed plate glass windows and roared through homes.

The bodies of three of the victims were found in the sudden rubble of a three-story wing of a twine mill which collapsed after chill floodwaters caused an explosion in the boiler room. Four other mill workers were rescued, but one died at a hospital.

County Employee Wages Discussed By Budget Group

The Jackson county budget committee spent almost all of this morning discussing employee wages and hours during its second session.

This afternoon the committee will interview District Attorney Alan B. Holmes and Robert Rucker, administrator for the Jackson county farm home.

The committee voted unanimously to write Sen. Lyndell Newbury (R-Jackson county) voicing opposition to House Bill 1288 which would allow all public employees to form or join labor organizations of their choice.

The budget committee members agreed that unions "have no business in government at all."

Both County Commissioners Donald Faber and Edwin Taylor said unionization of county employees would force the county to contract out some work like road and bridge construction.

County Judge Earl M. Miller said he does not oppose unions but opposes this bill "on principle."

Taylor noted that "we are going to have to bring county wages up to standard." County equipment operators are getting only about half the hourly wage of private construction men, he said. Taylor felt that county common labor "is pretty well paid."

Faber took the opposite view and argued that the lower wage brackets should be raised.

Revised Schedule

The committee approved a revised salary schedule setting \$219 as the first step and adding three more steps. Overtime was left to the discretion of department heads to grant compensating time off.

Overtime pay would be too indefinite to budget for in a lump sum. Sick leave was

Soviet Troops Said Evacuating Cuba

Washington—UPI—The State Department said today that some Soviet troops are moving out of Cuba, but refused to say how many or when.

"I think some are going out, but the details must come from the Defense Department," press officer Lincoln White told reporters.

White said the movement of Soviet forces out of Cuba took place since Feb. 20, when 200 or so Soviet military personnel were reported to have left the island aboard a Russian ship.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair with mild afternoons through Friday. Low tonight 28-33. High Friday 49-65.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 58

Lowest This Morning 28

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:08 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:37 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 6:26 a.m.
Full Moon March 9
The planet, Venus, 5:05 a.m. tomorrow and its distance from the Earth at that time will be about 21 million miles or the same as that of the sun.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

DE GAULLE RULES OUT MEET WITH JFK
Paris—UPI—President Charles de Gaulle was reported today to have ruled out any idea of a meeting with President Kennedy in the near future.

Responsible French government sources said De Gaulle feels such a meeting would be pointless because American and French thinking on major issues is hopelessly far apart.

AMERICAN COMMUNISTS CAUGHT IN CROSSFIRE
Tokyo—UPI—American Communists were caught in the cross-fire of the Communist ideological war today when Red China criticized their stand in the Cuban crisis and accused them of "eagerly affirming their loyalty to the U.S. ruling class."

TESTS WITHOUT DETECTION POSSIBLE

Washington—UPI—Two government scientists testified today that Russia could conduct further underground weapons tests without fear of detection under proposals pending at the Geneva test-ban negotiation.

SOVIETS CONDEMN EXTREME DOGMATISTS

Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Union, in an apparent new ideological slip at Communist China, today condemned extreme "dogmatists" who favor war over peaceful co-existence to promote communism.



LIKED TO SAVE THINGS—Henry Cordes, 52, (shown in this 1928 passport photo), German-born newspaper-vendor, liked to save things: enough shoeing to knit a regiment of shoes; enough paper bags to equip a small supermarket; and enough unmatched buttons to cope with centuries of haberdashery mishaps. In his \$7-a-week room in San Francisco form of entertainment could be found. Cordes didn't smoke, drink or use any synthetic solace. The result of his 30 years of austerity is an accumulation of \$89,815.14, and a 33-year-old will leaving everything to a one-time friend, Henry Fortmann of Oakland. Fortmann died in 1936. (UPI)