

Tornadoes Leave 12 Dead In Midwest States



AT CONVENTION—Frank Bash, Medford school board member and president of the Oregon School Board Association, is shown at left with other members of the Oregon delegation at the National Board Association convention in Denver. Next to Bash is Dave Densely and Dr. Howard Cherry, right. (UPI)

Hurricane Winds Roam Midlands; Warnings Hoisted

Pounding Rains Follow Tornadoes

By United Press International
 Tornadoes and powerful thunderstorms killed 12 persons in five southern and Midwest states Monday night and winds up to hurricane force roamed the midlands today.

The latest of a vicious series of springtime twisters and storms killed five persons in Mississippi, three in Tennessee, two in Missouri, and one each in Alabama and Indiana. Damage to wrecked homes and businesses totaled millions of dollars.

Onslaught Continues

The onslaught continued today, with hurricane force winds of 98 miles per hour slamming through the south Texas community of Kenedy. Torrential rains lashed the town and the high winds blew out buildings apart and knocked down power lines.

To the north, whole gale warnings were hoisted on Lakes Michigan, Erie and St. Clair.

Coast Guard vessels plowed through waves 10 to 20 feet high on Lake Michigan in search of a 25-foot powerboat reported missing Monday night with two Ludington, Mich., men aboard. The boat set out for Ludington Sunday night from Sheboygan, Wis.

Heavy Rain Recorded

Pounding rains and freakish, wintry weather followed the tornadoes. The Weather Bureau reported an unofficial measurement of eight inches of rain in seven hours at Fort Payne, Ala. Springfield, Ill., had more than an inch of rain in 60 minutes, plus 60-mile-an-hour winds. There was two inches of rain at Rockford, Ill., and 3.25 inches of rain at Oak Lake, Ill., near Chicago.

A cold wind blew snow flurries through Chicago streets and Loop workers bent into blasts worthy of mid-February.

Temperatures Drop

Before the snows came, Chicago had 2.7 inches of rain in 24 hours. The temperature fell to 24 degrees at near-by Glenview and 32-mile-per-hour winds howled through the city. The Chicago river rose three feet above its normal height and floodgates at Lockport, Ill., were opened to bring down the level.

More snow fell across the northern Wisconsin and Michigan, with a total depth of up to three inches forecast. Iowa rivers, swollen by spring rains, surged toward flood stage. Freeze warnings were posted as far south as the southern tip of Illinois.

Castro In Russia

Cubans Wish He'd Stay There

Port Everglades, Fla.—(UPI)—One of 675 Cuban refugees arriving here Monday said most Cubans are "elated" over Premier Fidel Castro's trip to Russia—"they hope he will stay there forever."

But Mrs. Eduardo Castillo, an attorney, added that although perhaps 90 per cent of the people in Cuba are against the Castro regime, "our only hope is the United States. There is no chance for a successful uprising."

Another of the refugees said the tales of horror trickling from the Communist island are "pallid compared to the truth."

The new refugees, who arrived after a wave-tossed crossing aboard the U.S. ransom ship American Surveyor, reported that Castro is waging a campaign of "extermination" against rebel bands, and that Russians are "saturating" some parts of the island.

"The things that have been reported about the situation in Cuba are pallid when compared to the truth," said a young husband from Artemisa in Pinar del Rio Province. "Only by terror is Castro maintaining control," he said.

The young man and his wife said most people do not go out after nine o'clock at night, and stay "glued to their radios" listening to U.S. broadcasts, including the Voice of America.

They, like many of the others, asked that their names not be used for fear of reprisals against loved ones still in Cuba.

"The biggest problem about living in Cuba today is the terror," said a rancher from Oriente, "and the constant fear that you are going to end up in jail." He said he paid for his freedom by signing his ranch over to the Cuban government.

Proposed New Constitution Goes To Floor Monday

Salem—(UPI)—A proposed new state constitution won 8-1 committee approval today and was sent to the House floor for action Monday.

The "do pass" recommendation from the House Committee on Constitutional Revision culminated more than three months of committee work on the document.

The dissenting committee vote came from Rep. Robert Chappel (R-Portland). Chappel said the legislative committee had made too many changes in the document, written by the Commission on Constitutional Revision.

Now, the proposed constitution faces its hardest test so far. It needs a two-thirds vote of the House, and then action from the Senate, to be sent on to the people for ratification next year.

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford), chairman of the House committee, said he will ask to have the constitution made a special order of business Monday.

The proposed constitution would replace one written 108 years ago and amended 111 times.

Joint Meetings

The House committee has met jointly with its Senate counterpart most of this session. Since the constitution faced action first on the House side, however, the House committee made some final decisions on its own.

If the document is not killed in the House, a few differences with the Senate committee will have to be ironed out.

The proposed constitution sheds a number of obsolete provisions, modernizes language, shifts details to the laws, retains much of Oregon's traditional governmental framework, and makes some substantive changes.

JFK Renews Bid For Deductions On Contributions

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy today renewed his plan to broaden the base for political contributions so candidates will not be as dependent on big contributors "with special interests."

The President sent the House and Senate two bills designed to help assure the public that candidates for high office have not mortgaged themselves.

The Kennedy proposal, similar to one suggested last year, would:

- Offer a federal income tax credit for half of an individual's contributions up to a maximum of \$10 in credits a year.
- As an alternative, allow a tax deduction for political contributions up to a maximum of \$500 per tax return per year.

The second Kennedy bill would remove "existing unrealistic statutory ceilings" on contributions for presidential and vice presidential candidates. It also provided that reports be "required of individuals and families contributing or spending, singly or in combination, \$5,000 or more per year in the aggregate" in connection with presidential or vice presidential campaigns.

Offshore Lands Bill Clears House

Salem—(UPI)—A bill that would give Oregon 200,000 more acres of leaseable offshore lands passed the House Tuesday and sent to the Senate.

Lands within three miles of the shore line belong to the state.

The bill redraws the three-mile limit to conform with federal mapping.

The federal government has decided that 72 rocks jutting out of the water off the coast constitute part of the shoreline. The effect of the bill would be to move the three-mile line out farther than it is now.

Jacksonville City Council To Meet

Jacksonville—The fate of proposed relocation of the Medford Provint highway through Jacksonville may be decided tonight when the city council meets to consider petitions on the matter. The meeting starts at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mayor E. O. Graham said he had been notified by the State Highway commission that the decision on the proposed route will be left pretty much in the hands of the city council.

The council is being given a choice of either accepting the highway department's proposed route or calling off the whole relocation project, Graham explained. No alternate routes will be considered at this time.

The highway discussion will be the second item of business at a special meeting, originally called to conduct a public hearing on a proposed water line on Cluggage rd.

The council hopes to tabulate signatures of persons for and against the proposed highway route at tonight's meeting. Graham said he understood all petitions sent directly to the highway commission in Salem would be returned to the council for tabulation.

86-Unit Motel Is Planned in City

A permit for construction of an 86-unit motel at 500 North Riverside ave. was issued by the Medford building department Monday.

The permit for the \$285,000 development was issued to Knights Inn Motels, Inc. Ochiens Construction Company, Redding, Calif., is the contractor for the project.

According to plans submitted to the building department, the motel will have a 16 by 36-foot swimming pool, surrounded by a lanai and game area, located in front of the development, facing on Riverside ave.

Road access to Jackson st. from the rear of the motel is planned. The complex was designed by Dick Ebeling, consulting structural engineers, Portland.

Volunteers Needed At Prospect Park

Prospect—More volunteers are needed to work on development of the Prospect public park if work is to be completed in time for the Prospect Jamboree in August, it was announced this week.

Members of the Prospect Lions and Community clubs have been working at the park, but much work still remains to be done.

Rest rooms still must be constructed, as well as a few other facilities.

If park development has not been completed by the date of this year's Jamboree, the event will again have to be held in the community hall, which is considered too small for it, persons connected with the project have reported.

Most of the work is being done on week ends, weather permitting.

TO RECONSIDER BILL

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate today reconsidered Monday's defeat of a bill to extend the marriage waiting period from three to seven days, and sent it to the Health and Welfare committee.

Deputies Investigate Attack, Burglary

The Jackson county sheriff's office today is investigating a reported attack upon an 11-year-old girl and a house burglary.

It was reported an 11-year-old girl was attacked yesterday by a man described as heavy set and wearing a red plaid shirt, light blue pants and red sandals.

Joe Riley Maynard, 1840 East Main st., reported to deputies his house was broken into when his sister was babysitting with his two-year-old daughter.

She said she heard a noise in the bedroom, removed the child and barricaded the door. Later a shoe track was found on some clothing on a chair and the window was open, deputies reported.

Castro, Khrushchev Relax in Country

Moscow—(UPI)—Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Premier Nikita Khrushchev took a break in their private talks in the Kremlin today and joined the Soviet leader's family for a day in the country.

With them were President Leonid Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and their wives, the news agency Tass said.

The agency gave no details of what appeared to be chiefly a social event, and said "Khrushchev and Castro struck up a lively conversation."

Other Cuban and Soviet officials joined the party at the country house, Tass said, following the two leaders' apparently satisfying private talks Monday on military and economic aid for the Caribbean Communist state.

Expansion Program Noted by Hatfield

Salem—(UPI)—An investment of some \$13.5 million in 14 plant expansions or new plants was reported in Oregon in March, Gov. Mark Hatfield said today.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable clouds through Wednesday. A few light scattered showers. Low tonight 48-45. High Wednesday 55-70.

Highest Yesterday 65
Lowest This Morning 49

Our Skies Tonight
 Sunset today 7:39 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:51 a.m.
 Moonset tomorrow 3:13 a.m.
 Full Moon May 4
 The Waxing Moon seen quite close to the Moon tonight, is now 113 million miles from the Earth. During the next 2 months this distance will be doubled.

Musa Hints at Longest Session In State History

Salem—(UPI)—A strong hint that this could become the longest legislative session in Oregon history was voiced today by Senate President Ben Musa.

He pointed to consideration of the revenue program, and constitutional revision as possible stumbling blocks to early adjournment.

Oregon's longest session, 128 days, occurred in 1957. The 1961 session lasted 122 days.

Today is the 107th day of the current assembly.

Must Make Up Minds

Musa said the Senate Tax committee may not pass out the major revenue bill—the income tax measure—for another week or 10 days.

"They have a bill that nobody wants," he commented, "they have to make up their minds and do something."

Assuming the Senate takes action in 10 days—the 117th day of the session—this would mean that the House would have to agree with Senate changes in the tax plan, and both chambers would have to finish up their other business within another 11 days to keep from going over the 128 day mark.

Seen Stumbling Block

And constitutional revision could be the stumbling block.

"It looks like the choice may be either to delay the session, or do nothing about constitutional revision," Musa said.

Musa predicted, earlier this year, a 150 day session. Nobody, including Musa, believed the prediction at that time, but many legislators are voicing concern that early adjournment seems unlikely.

House Speaker Clarence Barton, who has avoided predicting an adjournment date for the past few weeks, earlier had set May 10 as a goal.

OAS Truce Team Seeks To Stave Off War in Caribbean

Port-au-Prince, Haiti—(UPI)—A five-man truce team from the Organization of American States arrived today for on-the-spot efforts to stave off threatened war between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

The peace-makers, headed by Colombia's Alberto Zuleta Angel, were met on their arrival by representatives of the Haitian Foreign Office. They were scheduled to meet immediately with Haiti's Foreign Minister Rene Chalmers at the palace.

No Troop Movements

Truce-team members saw no evidence of military movements in Port-au-Prince, at least at the airport where their commercial transport landed. Two U.S. Marine Corps helicopters were on the field.

The helicopters were assumed to be here to aid in the withdrawal of the 30-man U.S. naval training mission which Haiti called on the United States to pull out last Friday.

Only the usual handful of Haitian army transport craft was in evidence at the airfield. In downtown Port-au-Prince, apparent calm existed. There was no sign of unusual military activity.

The OAS group confirmed on its arrival that Haiti, as pledged, had withdrawn police forces from the Dominican Embassy, as demanded by the Dominican government.

\$9,000 More for Welfare to Come From Relief Fund

County Judge Earl M. Miller said this morning the county budget will be published with the \$200,000 figure as the county's welfare allocation for the new fiscal year.

Jackson county's required welfare allocation as certified by the Oregon State Public Welfare commission is \$209,000. James Pullman, state director of the division of public assistance, confirmed yesterday.

"The \$200,000 plus figure given the county budget committee was merely an estimate and apparently was a little low," Pullman explained. "The county allocation is \$309 more than certified for the current year. The county will get back about \$15,000 in unexpended funds. It may not be nearly as much next year," he added.

Will Check With Kuhn

The county judge said the budget committee probably would take the \$9,000 needed for welfare from the county's miscellaneous relief fund totaling \$80,000. Before this allocation is made, Miller said he is going to check with local welfare administrator David Kuhn and the state welfare commission.

Miller pointed out that state law requires the state welfare commission give county budget committees a tentative budget by March 1. The county reports back to the state commission by March 15 and the certified budget is to be received by the county by May 1. The county did not receive the tentative budget in time to report, Miller said.

The county judge noted that the new budget is slightly higher than the current year. The food surplus distribution program and welfare work program seems to have no effect, he remarked.

"Only the county's contribution to medical assistance to the aged remains the same as the tentative budget," Miller pointed out. "That is \$12,987. The others are either up or down. The largest item is general medical assistance showing an increase from \$16,134 to \$19,447."

The increases in the county categories generally follow the state trend, according to Pullman. State-wide, there is some increase in general assistance and foster child care, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, aid to disabled and the various medical care categories.

Access Road for Prospect Planned

A 2,000 foot connecting rd. from near Mill Creek falls to the rerouted section of the Crater Lake highway would best serve the town of Prospect, nine Prospect businessmen agreed in Jackson county court this morning.

The county will negotiate with the state highway commission on construction of the access road. The county probably would take over six miles of the old Crater Lake highway section from Cascade Gorge to Prospect, County Earl Miller said today.

The new access road would provide a shorter route for logging trucks, fire protection equipment and school buses, and would tend to draw tourist traffic to the falls and into Prospect, town representatives said today.

Marine Legislation Returned To House

Salem—(UPI)—A measure which would simplify small boat registration, and allow regulation of marine toilets, won unanimous approval today in the Senate.

The bill, which was amended by the Senate, now goes back to the House.

The measure requires registration of any boat with more than 3.5 horsepower, and sailboats which are 12 feet or more in length.

A major provision allows the marine board to regulate use of marine toilets "consistent with the prevention and control of pollution."

Law Day Observance Planned Tomorrow

National Law Day will be observed locally in Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly's court at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, according to Paul Haviland, general chairman.

An award will be presented by the Jackson County Bar association to the student writing the best editorial in a local high school paper on a phase of law.

Memorial services will be held for the late Joseph Fliegel and Kenneth Denman.

Circuit Judges Kelly and James M. Main will preside with District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer. Carl Brophy, president of the Jackson County Bar association, will speak briefly.

Music Dean Chosen at University of Oregon

Eugene—(UPI)—Dr. Robert M. Trotter, chairman of the Department of Music at UCLA, has been named to take over as dean of the University of Oregon School of Music July 1. He will succeed the late Dr. Theodore Kratt.

Rusk Claims Major Cuban Threat Removed

Karachi, Pakistan—(UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today the major threat from Cuba has been removed but he warned that "all members of the Free World are still under the gun" of communism.

Rusk said defensive arrangements such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Central Treaty Organization are the most effective way to keep world peace and prevent war by error.

NEWS BRIEFS

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION SNUBBED
 Denver—(UPI)—Delegates to the convention of the National Association of School Boards snubbed federal aid to education Monday but could not agree on a proposal to industrial relations type handling of teacher contract disputes.

BALLISTIC MISSILE A DAY SCHEDULED
 Washington—(UPI)—The United States will deploy intercontinental ballistic missiles at a rate of one a day during the remainder of 1963, the Defense Department said today.

LAOS COMMISSION TO BE SET UP
 Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—Neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma returned to Vientiane today from a meeting with Pathet Lao leader Souphanouvong and said a "mixed Commission" will set up to work out an effective ceasefire.

California Housewife Takes Off on Solo Flight To Brisbane, Australia

Oakland, Calif.—(UPI)—A just as calm as though it were a routine flight.

Miss Cole said that Mrs. Miller decided to make her flight today after three previous postponements because of a slight tailwind reported by the Weather Bureau.

Mrs. Miller did not want to buck any headwind since she has about 21 hours fuel aboard for the 17-hour trip to Honolulu.

Amelia Earhart, the famed aviatrix who disappeared over the South Pacific in 1937, made the Honolulu-Oakland flight alone from west to east in 1933.

Mrs. Miller's itinererary called for stops at Hawaii, Canton and Fiji on the way to Brisbane. The longest hop is from Oakland to Honolulu.

Her route was approximately the same—in the opposite direction—as that taken by Miss Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, on their ill-fated flight. They were never seen after taking off from Lae, New Guinea, en route to Howland Island in the Central Pacific.

Mrs. Miller, who operates a flying school with her husband in Santa Monica, was piloting a \$50,000 Piper Apache aircraft.



CROSSING PACIFIC—Mrs. Betty Miller, Santa Monica, Calif., housewife and flight instructor, is shown at the controls of her twin-engine Piper Apache in which she is en route from Oakland, Calif., to Brisbane, Australia. It she completes her journey she will be the first woman to have flown across the Pacific from east to west. (UPI)