

Where's the Map?

Oregon Civil Defense Machinery Put To Test Alert

By ZAN STARK
SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's disaster machinery was thrown into action Monday night when Gov. Mark Hatfield called an unscheduled test alert.

While the operation was not without flaws, most disaster personnel were pleased with the test.

Hatfield cancelled an engagement in Portland, and at 9:15 p.m. called his executive assistant, Warner Nunn, and ordered the test alert.

The mythical problem assumed there had been an explosion which split the Detroit Dam, unleashing millions of gal-

lons of water down the Santiam Canyon.

Five squads of state police in the Medford district were alerted last night during the practice problem concerning a possible break in the Detroit dam on the Santiam River.

The state-wide alert for state police involved 24 men in the Medford office who were equipped and ready for an extended tour of duty within 60 minutes after the first man was called.

Within 20 minutes the new radio communication system in the basement of the Capitol

Building was in operation. It was the first test alert to use the basement command post since it was completed several months ago.

Hatfield personally supervised the drill, and kept posing new problems as his team of disaster workers assembled.

Within an hour most of the key personnel had assembled. National Guard disaster teams in Dallas, Woodburn, Salem and Silverton had been alerted and had received orders to assemble at the Salem Armory.

Plans were made to evacuate people from low lying areas, highways were blocked off, arrangements were made for food for 25,000, and sleeping for 12,000 refugees.

State agencies, civil defense, several county civil defense units, and the American Red Cross were mobilized.

There were flaws. Nobody could find a map of Marion County, briefing procedures were not organized, and there was lack of coordination between some agencies.

Hatfield told the disaster workers "there's been no advance warning, you'll have to improvise."

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill commented acidly: "It's 14 months since the Columbus Day storm and we still don't have an inventory of emergency generators."

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LBJ PLEDGES U.N. SUPPORT

NATO Allies Asked To Increase Share Of Western Burden

PARIS (UPI) — The United States called on its NATO partners today to carry more of the Western defense burden and warned failure to do so would make the American Congress and people "increasingly restless."

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara repeated President Johnson's pledge that American forces will remain in Europe at their present strength of about six Army divisions even though they are draining off American gold.

But he warned the European members of the Atlantic Alliance they must bring their own military forces up to the same



AT KENNEDY AIRPORT—President L. B. Johnson arrived today at a New York Airport, en route to address the United Nations. He was closely and heavily guarded as shown in the picture. Police wore in front and behind him. (UPI)

Applause Lasts For 42 Seconds At End of Talk

ALBANIA, Cuba Withhold Applause

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — President Johnson pledged full support to the United Nations today and offered a new year vow to make world peace, civil rights and human welfare "not an illusion but a reality."

Delegates of the 113 nations stood as the President entered to begin his first U.N. speech as Chief Executive. They stood again and applauded for 42 seconds when he ended his 15-minute address with a pledge that:

County's Charity Program Costing About \$400,000

Jackson County's charity program is costing an estimated \$400,000 a year, County Judge M. Miller told the welfare commission this morning.

Of this amount, the County allocated \$200,000 to support the County's welfare program and \$200,000 for indigent patient relief for local hospitals.

The \$80,000 fund represents a 100 per cent increase in the last three years, the county judge said.

Oregon Delegation Praised for Work On Basin Project

Members of the Oregon Congressional delegation were honored Monday night in recognition of their leadership in obtaining the first appropriation for the Rogue Basin Project when directors of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association met at the Rogue Riviera.

Members of the delegation were not present to receive the tributes paid them, but directors ordered letters of appreciation to be sent to Congressman Robert B. Duncan and Sens. Wayne L. Morse and Maurine B. Neuberger.

Douglas Bark Beetle Threat Seen To Be Less

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Douglas fir bark beetle will not pose as big a threat next year, if present wet, snowy weather continues, the Oregon and California Land Grand Advisory Board was told Monday.

H. J. Heikkinen, University of Washington professor, reported to the board on a survey made last summer. He said the dreaded beetle was not as damaging as expected this year because of generally damp weather, parts of blowdown trees remained green and the lumber industry removed downed trees at a fast pace.

Crack Possible Cause of Break

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A huge crack across the bottom of the Baldwin Hills reservoir may have unleashed the huge tidal wave that destroyed dozens of homes, damaged hundreds of others and killed three — and possibly four — persons.

It was learned Monday night that Archie V. McDonald, 70, a furniture store executive, has been missing since the dam broke Saturday and swept him away before the eyes of his wife, Marie.

Bolivians Free Four Americans

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI) — Four Americans held as hostages 10 days by rebellious tin miners at Catavi returned safely to La Paz today and prepared to go home for Christmas vacations.

A Bolivian military transport landed here with the Americans after an uneventful flight from Oruro, some 150 miles to the south. With them was U.S. Ambassador Douglas Henderson.

Below Zero Marks Northern Weather

By United Press International

Temperatures dipped below zero across the North again today and more snow blanketed communities along the lee side of the Great Lakes.

The mercury plunged to 16 below zero at Rome, N. Y., and 11 below at Lane Rock, Wis.

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Roseburg Man Dies on Everest

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A young Roseburg, Ore., adventurer was killed Dec. 12 in a fall on the approaches to Mt. Everest, the State Department was told today.

The victim was Dave Wyatt, 26, a student at the University of Chicago, who left Oregon last September with two companions on a trip to study customs in Nepal and to collect specimens for the Smithsonian Institute and the Chicago Museum of Natural History.

Fire Guts Grade School at Bend

BEND (UPI) — Fire early today gutted the Herbert E. Allen grade school here with estimated loss of \$200,000.

It was the largest of eight grade schools in the city and was attended by 700 students.

Cause of the fire was not immediately determined, although it was believed to have started in the furnace room.

\$79 Million Sales Tax Possibility

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon had had a sales tax during 1963, the gross revenue would have totaled about \$79 million if the law included food in the tax base, or \$66 million if food purchased for home consumption had been exempted.

This was the conclusion contained in a report issued today by the State Tax Commission.

Portland Airmen Ordered Dispersed

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Air Force will shift an undisclosed number of men from the 337th Fighter Group at Portland Air Force Base to Walla Walla, Wash., County-City Airport, it was announced today.

The transfer is part of an Air Defense Command dispersal plan designed to make sure that U. S. fighter - interceptor forces would survive a ballistic missile attack.

'Gaslite' on Utilities Building Draws Attention of People, Fire Department

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Court of Appeals today reversed the conviction of the Communist Party of the United States on charges that it failed to comply with a registration order from the Subversive Activities Control Board. The court ordered a new trial at which the government will have a second chance to try to prove its case against the party.

There's a light shining bright," to quote the old song, on top of the California-Pacific Utilities Company building at 229 W. Main St., Medford.

Its purpose is "advertising," according to Murray S. Gardner, company manager, and there is no doubt in the minds of the Medford Fire Department that it is accomplishing that purpose.



TRAGIC DAY—Carbon Fuel Company mine owner James Diamanti is shown after he learned nine of his workers were killed in an underground explosion at the Martin, Utah, mine. "I wish this day had never happened. It is the most tragic day of my life," he said. (UPI)

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Jesus Nunez, 45, received se-

vere lacerations, multiple contusions and suffered from shock. He was in fair condition in a hospital at Price, Utah—a short distance from the disaster scene.

State and federal investigators moved into the blast-ravaged mine today, attempting to learn the definite cause of the violent explosion. They agreed on the gas-dust factors, but were unable to pinpoint the source of the spark.

Orders Investigation

Gov. George Clyde ordered an investigation immediately following the mine disaster, the second to strike Utah in less than four months.

The bodies of the victims, all from Utah, were hauled to the surface Monday night and taken to a mortuary in Price.

The victims were:

Andy Jovan, 42, Spring Glen; John Senechal Jr., 32, Kenilworth; Victor Fossat, 47, Ben Valdez, 39, and Ben Montoya, 40, all of Helper; Gerald Nielson, 43, of Fairview; and Mike Ardohain, 38, Archie Larsen, 40, and Heino Linn, 38, all of Price.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

ROCKETS SAID SEEN ON CUBAN HIGHWAY

MIAMI (UPI)—A Cuban refugee reported Monday he saw a Russian convoy of trucks and trailers transporting what appeared to be huge rockets on a highway in Cuba.

PRO-COMMUNISTS TAKE WALK

ROME (UPI)—Pro-Communists in the Socialist party today decided to walk out of the chamber of deputies before a confidence vote on the new coalition government of Premier Aldo Moro.

ECM DISCUSSION LEFT TO MINISTERS

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Agricultural ministers of the six Common Market nations today left the major problem of a Franco-German deadlock on farm prices to their foreign ministers and turned to discussion of minor details.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES

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