

BASES COUNTS STORM DAMAGE

Eisenhower Starts Talks With Top Advisors

By DON WHITEHEAD
ABOARD USS HELENA—President Dwight Eisenhower today opened a formal conference with his administration within two hours after they were brought aboard this heavy cruiser by helicopter from Wake Island.

The Korean... was believed to be the main topic of discussion.

But Eisenhower's press secretary James C. Hagerly, told reporters there would be no announcement now of subjects discussed or decisions that might be reached.

Reports that a definite military program already had been decided upon were derided by one reliable source close to Eisenhower.

"Nothing is definite yet," he declared.

Hagerly made it clear to reporters aboard the Helena that the

general may not disclose his plans until after he has taken office Jan. 20.

"We will make no statement on Korea," the press secretary declared.

The conference that began today will continue until the Helena reaches Pearl Harbor Thursday. There, those aboard the cruiser will join military leaders and advisers for at least two more days of discussions.

Hagerly said he could not say what the general's itinerary would be after he leaves Hawaii.

Those who came aboard at Wake Island:

John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate; Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon, who will be secretary of the interior; George M. Humphrey of Cleveland, secretary of the Treasury-designate; Gen. Lucius Clay, close friend and adviser to Eisenhower; Joseph M. Dodge of Detroit, who may be the next director of the budget; and C. D. Jackson and Emmet Hughes, who will be on the general's White House staff.

Charles E. Wilson, defense secretary-designate and Adm. Arthur Radford, commander in chief, Pacific, left the Helena at Wake and flew to Pearl Harbor. There they will confer with Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on military problems in Korea.

Eisenhower lunched with those who remained aboard, including Herbert Brownell, attorney general-designate, and Wilton B. Parsons, who will be a White House assistant.

After a lunch of pea soup, tuna fish salad, rolls, jam and jello, the group got down to business.

Hagerly said they talked generally as a unit, then broke into smaller groups to continue the discussions.

Dulles and Humphrey were in the first helicopter to make the jump from Wake Island to the decks of the Helena. Eisenhower greeted them warmly. "It's good to see you."

Dulles told reporters he had time for a swim on Wake this morning.

The second helicopter, carrying the rest of the party, arrived a few minutes later.

Lt. Bill Collins of Long Beach, Calif., and Lt. Bill Dakan of Ft. Worth, Tex., piloted the helicopters.

The President-elect spent most of Sunday in bed, resting from the political campaign and his action-packed trip to Korea.

Hagerly said, "He's just unwinding from all the months of work and travel. Remember, this is the first time he has had a real chance to sleep and rest since he returned home from Europe June 11."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 What's that old saw about never missing the water till the well runs dry?
 Well, it goes equally for electric current in these modern days.

After yesterday and today, I wonder about the big storm of 1884—if that was the date of the big one the old-timers have been talking about ever since.

Is it worse?
 And it cause more grief?

Well, back in 1884 (or whenever it was) they practically hadn't heard about electricity. Light came from kerosene lamps or tall oil candles. Heat came from a good stove, fed by wood that was cut in the early fall in readiness for the winter. Power came from horses, buttressed by human arms, legs and backs.

So life went on more or less as usual—just slowed down and made more miserable.

This time, when the power went EVERYTHING went.

The lights went, food, electric and oil heat went p-f-f-t. Except for those who have gas, cooking went AWOL. Bulldozers clearing the streets and roads gave up the ghost when they ran out of gasoline. For gasoline is now pumped almost universally by electric motors. Only the strong backs that manned the hand augers kept going.

That's what happens in the modern world when electricity, the slave of modern man, comes out. It's RUGGED—because when you've become accustomed to the ministrations of a ready and willing slave you MISS him when he isn't there.

Life just isn't the same without him.

The root of the trouble was in Copco's power line down the Klamath canyon. It WENT OUT. It's rough country as you know if you've fished there. Hard to get at. And hard to do anything with when you get there. The Copco boys worked themselves down to a shadow, but couldn't get at the trouble. With the big line out, only the little auxiliary plant down Keno was left. It was a small boy trying to run a big mill.

So, in the afternoon, Weyerhaeuser came to the rescue. To get more power out of their plant, more fuel had to be got at. It was Sunday. They finally dug up a crew, made up chiefly of brass and such others as could be got hold of on a holiday. But they made it and saved the day. Thousands of people who were looking forward dolefully to cold, dark houses and cold food out of cans came back suddenly to the comforts of modern life.

Boy, was it WONDERFUL! That's what happens when people turn in and help each other.

Another Weyerhaeuser sidelight. When the heat failed, because of lack of current, everybody thought all of a sudden of Frostburg. The town was soon sold out of em. So Weyerhaeuser fired up the Prestolig plant.

They're good people—these Weyerhaeuser workers and Weyerhaeuser brass. As these words are written (about mid-morning) they've come back on the job with more current to keep us running—including the Herald and News and both radio stations—and the world around these parts is running again. To get the current, Weyerhaeuser has closed its box plant and is slowing down its other operations.

The Copco boys are still working like beavers. They'll deserve their sleep when they finally get around to it.

As I just remarked, that's what happens when people turn in and help each other. When everything is going smoothly, we carp and criticize, but in the pinches we turn in and pull each other out of the hole.

It's a good world, after all.

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SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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Another Red Purge Told

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Belgrade radio Monday reported a major new purge of Communist leaders underway in Czechoslovakia.

A terse report quoted the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug as its source but gave no indication of how the information was received.

The broadcast listed these prominent Czechs as among those seized in "a new wave of arrests in Czechoslovakia":

Antonin Gregor, former minister of foreign trade.

Gen. Ludwig Svoboda, first post-war minister of defense, who was relieved last September and demoted to the post of minister of physical education.

Vladimir Kopschiva, minister of police.

Eugene Erban, minister of works and social security.

Augustin Kilment, minister of heavy machinery.

Zdenek Fierlinger, deputy premier.

Reports that new purges were imminent in Czechoslovakia and other Soviet satellite nations have been current since the big treason trial in Prague of one-time Czech Communist boss Rudolf Slansky and 13 other former high Reds.

Eleven including Slansky were hanged and three others got life sentences last week.

Nixon Sees 'Cooperation'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President-elect Nixon said Monday that Sen. Robert A. Taft is a "team player" who will work smoothly with the incoming Eisenhower administration.

"There is no doubt in my mind that he will be able to work smoothly with the new administration," Nixon told a reporter after his plane set down at a fog-shrouded National Airport.

Nixon was returning from Mexico City where he represented President-elect Eisenhower at inauguration ceremonies for President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines.

Taft and Eisenhower split sharply last week over the appointment of Martin P. Durkin, a staunch Democrat, as president of the AFL Plumbers Union, as secretary of labor. Taft said the appointment was "incredible."

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: A few showers of snow, sometimes mixed with rain, through Monday. Occasional clearing periods through Tuesday. High Tuesday 37; low Wednesday night 22.

High yesterday 31

Low last night 22

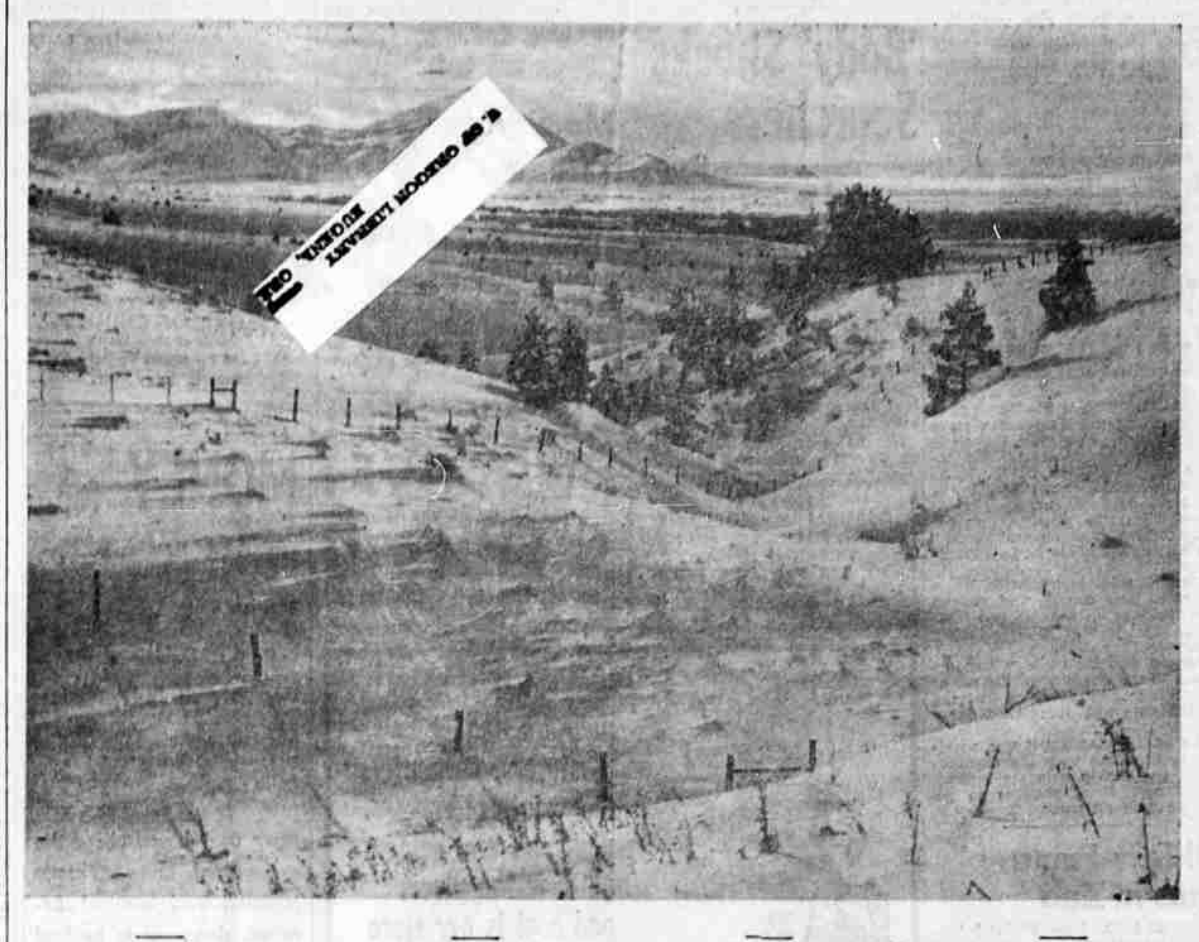
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Since Oct. 1 3.47

Normal for period 3.19

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STORM-GRIPPED Basin is blanketed with 18 inches of wind-driven snow in photo above taken from OTI hill. Right, Bill Sisson, Mrs. Vic Douglas and Norma Lee Douglas, who live in a perfectly modern home on Kane Street, were forced to the old deer-camp gas stove and a forced-gas lantern by the power outage. Bottom left, three trains stand in Klamath yards awaiting the signal to move out after a rotary snow plow began clearing a path for them. They are the Klamath (left), the Cascade (center) and the Shasta Daylight. Lower right, heavy winds snapped this top out of a power pole to help snarl service east of here. The picture was taken along the Lakeview highway six miles out of Klamath Falls.

Riots Erupt In Morocco

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP)—Bloody anti-French rioting erupted Monday in this French North African protectorate. Three Europeans and at least 20 Moroccans were killed.

Police informants said an angry mob caught three Europeans in a stone quarry during the morning, slashed the throats of two of them and cut off their hands.

The mob crushed the head of the third with rocks. Three other Europeans were wounded.

The crowd, numbering about 600 and fired up by Nationalist agitators, moved on to the police station.

As it moved it swelled to about 5,000. Shooting ensued and about 30 Moroccans were slain.

By noon, police had gained a shaky grip on the situation and tanks and armed troops patrolled the troubled sections.

An 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed and assemblies of more than 10 persons were banned.

A police official driving to work was attacked by a mob during the morning.

His automobile was burned but he escaped. A French schoolmaster leading Moroccan children to school opened fire on a crowd which started throwing stones at him and drove them off.

The outbreaks here on the North-east African coast followed a nationwide strike call by the Moroccan General Labor Confederation (CGT), which acted in sympathy with the Tunisian Workers Movement (UGT).

The UGT has ordered a three-day walkout for Tunisia in protest against the unexplained assassination outside Tunis last Friday of Farhat Hached, Tunisian Nationalist leader and general secretary of the UGT.

Boys Bag Big Buck

ALLENTOWN, N. H. (AP)—William Tell didn't twang a stouter bow string than those of two youngsters who went hunting deer with their fathers Sunday, all armed with bows and arrows.

Timothy Boyd, 12, and Charles Atkins, 13, let fly arrows simultaneously. Both darts flew true to the heart of a 101-pound buck. Their fathers got nothing.

Korean Counts Soldier Style

WITH U. S. 45TH DIVISION, Korea (AP)—A South Korean soldier learned to count in English by watching American soldiers at their favorite pastime.

This way: "Ace, deuce, trey, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, queen, king."



Huge Shark Kills Youth

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (AP)—A 15-foot shark ripped 17-year-old Berry Wilson to death only 30 feet from shore in Monterey Bay Sunday.

The huge shark severed one of Wilson's legs, badly gouged the other, and tore huge chunks of flesh from his buttocks.

Leaving Wilson, who bled to death, the shark then attacked his companion, Brookner W. Brady Jr., 15, who fought it with a knife.

As four other swimmers approached, the shark fled.

The fish was identified by Marine biologists.

It was the first time in the memory of old timers that a shark had harmed a person off the Northern California coast.

Turkey Thieves Take Notice!

KENILWORTH, England (AP)—Warning to Christmas turkey rustlers: Steer clear of here.

It is true that Maj. John Hibbert has several hundred beautifully fattened birds wandering around his place.

But to reach them you first have to get through his outer perimeter—a seven-foot-high electric fence regularly patrolled by men with shotguns. Then, four 1,000-pound pedigree bulls just razin' to get at strangers.

They aren't fussy whether the rustlers have two legs or four. The bulls belovved so loud at one fox who tried to hustle a free meal that Reynard fled straight into the high-voltage fence and died on the wire.

Highways Reopen As Basin Digs Out

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.
 They'll be talking about the winter of 1952 for many years to come. It hasn't even officially gotten underway yet (Dec. 21 is the winter solstice), but Klamath residents began digging out of one of the worst storms in the history of this area this morning.

If the snow alone were counted, the storm would not have been as bad; nor would the wind alone have done too much, though it was a terrific blizzard.

It was the combination of wind, snow and moisture that threw most of the Klamath Basin into an unwanted blackout Saturday night. Klamath Falls hotels were jammed with an inward migration of farm and ranch families who could not remain at home because their power less meant not only loss of light and heat, but also of water supply.

More than 1,000 passengers on three Southern Pacific passenger trains were held up here from Saturday until late Sunday afternoon when the trains moved slowly out of the local yards behind a

big rotary plow to attempt to make a downhill run through the storm-whipped area to the south.

Breaks in Copco's 7 main transmission lines from Copco 1 and 2, the Klamath River, caused loss of power in Klamath Falls and most of the surrounding area. The breaks occurred in the Klamath canyon.

One line fell into the river near Ellingson's Mill, according to reports received here.

Power lines running broadside to the lashing winds took a bad beating. The line running along Oregon 66, east of the Lakeview-Merrill junction, had poles snapped at the top, cross-arms hanging low, and wires were enmeshed with one another and with telephone lines.

PHONES OUT

Many phone services were also put out of commission, and like power in many districts both close in and outlying, were still out of service this morning.

Klamath Falls city and Klamath County schools took the day off to recuperate as well. And Oregon Technical Institute was the only school which opened its doors this morning.

Saturday night winds of as much as 51 miles per hour drove snow in horizontal sheets at transformers and power houses. Tatum station near the Great Northern Roundhouse, blew out in a spectacular display of electrical pyrotechnics. That threw a great portion of the south suburban area into darkness.

Down town Klamath Falls maintained electrical supply throughout the night and until early Sunday afternoon when a main transmission line gave way south of here. That completed the blackout here, though it lasted but three hours in town. Copco solicited power from Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's independently operated plant, and mustered kilowatts from the local plant to put the downtown area on the lights list once more.

IMPROVE

After that the situation began to improve.

Some outlying sections had been out as long as 32 hours this morning. But in sections, as Copco crews patrol local lines to make sure they won't blow the entire transmission once again, area after area is coming back on.

Western Bandleader Tex Eltner attempted to make a scheduled appearance at the Klamath Armory Saturday night. He played for approximately 20 minutes before a couple of hundred paid admissions. Then the lights went, and though Tex and his boys attempted to play in the dark, they were forced to give up. Admissions were refunded those attending, and they left in the storm.

Eltner told local promoter Baldy Evans he would make it up to the Klamath people.

Meanwhile, many modern homes over the weekend were scenes of old-fashioned family life. Fireplaces were brought into use as cooking places, and portable gas stoves stowed away for next deer season were broken out and put to use.

On farms and ranches the great difficulty was feeding stock. No water supply was available for many, and smaller ranchers were reportedly building fires to melt snow to feed the animals.

Highways were opened up by this morning in all directions but West on Oregon 66. For some time yesterday the only traffic moving in and out of the Klamath area was over US 97 north. That was one-way at Beaver Marsh where highways crews blasted through deep drifts.

For a long period yesterday there were but two long distance phone circuits out of Klamath Falls. They were to Portland. Special phone crews were being brought in from outside points to help get Klamath Florence.

Called Off

Ladies of the Tokete Lions Club, tonight

Happy Hour Club scheduled for Tuesday

Three R Club on Tuesday

OSC Mother's Club on Thursday

Local Musicians Union tonight

Sarah Circle, Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid, tonight

Rebekah Lodge drill team tonight

Allied Veterans Council tonight

Bly Skywatch Meeting Tuesday night

Fert Klamath Skywatch Wednesday night

Storm Kills 13 Persons

By The Associated Press
 The worst storm of the season battered California, Oregon and Washington over the week end, halting road and rail travel in Northern California and Southern Oregon and claiming at least 13 lives.

Six lives were lost in Oregon. Seven in California as gales toppled trees, drenched the coast in heavy rains and piled snow high in inland mountains.

Seven trains with 1,370 passengers were blocked by drifting snow in Northern California and Southern Oregon before the Southern Pacific re-opened lines late Sunday.

All major highways through the area also were re-opened Monday, although Oregon state police warned that snow was beginning to fall heavily in the Siskiyou area, threatening new closure of the Ashland-Klamath Falls route. Chains were required on all highways in that area.

The storm deaths in Oregon: Herman C. Meyer, about 55, crushed by a falling tree 12 miles east of Coos Bay.

Leroy Johnson, 42, a pedestrian who was struck by a car in a heavy rainstorm at North Bend.

Ralph Willis Peterson, 38, Hauser, Ore., struck by a skidding car near Hauser.

Louis W. Stange, killed in the collision of an automobile with a logging truck near Otis, Ore.

Agnes Sigrist, 78, a pedestrian struck by an automobile at Portland.

Nelson Durbin, 23, a fisherman who drowned after being caught by a high wave on the beach near Florence.

Eugene Driver Held as Drunk

A Eugene businessman, John Ryan Elliott, 38, arrested Saturday afternoon near Chemult on a charge of drunk driving, posted \$400 bail for his release from the County Jail.

Ryan was arrested by State Police after he ran his car into a snowbank. He is general manager of the Elliott Distributing Company, Eugene.

SHOOTING HOURS

December 9

Open 6:54 a.m.

Close 3:35 p.m.

