

CALLS FOR CABINET TALKS

News

3000 Still Homeless From Floods

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Possibly 3,000 residents of Northern California and Oregon are still homeless as a result of last week's floods, the Red Cross said Thursday.

A Pacific Headquarters spokesman here said that of 965 families affected by the floods, 472 still are homeless.

A total of 411 families were being fed at local Red Cross centers in the stricken area and 225 families were being cared for in 13 Red Cross shelters. The spokesman said the floods destroyed 109 houses and damaged 278 others.

Clearing weather Wednesday gave the storm-drenched residents of 11 counties in Oregon and two in California an opportunity to restore some order to their communities.

OUT OFF

Although a few small areas were still out of food supplies were reported adequate and repair crews hoped to have main highway slides cleared and washouts repaired by the week end.

Most of the travelers stranded at Gold Beach, Ore., since Saturday expected to get out Thursday. Several flew out in small planes Wednesday. The slides closing the highway to the south were expected to be removed by late Thursday. The southbound route, though stayed closed.

Early estimates in Humboldt County indicate damage amounting to about three million dollars—about one million to county roads.

The Red Cross spokesman said 15 families at Weitchpec in Humboldt County were stranded. A small boy brought the information some 40 miles to Eureka and a helicopter was dispatched to the area with food.

In Del Norte County where 1,000 people were affected by the two-day flood, the Red Cross was sheltering 40 families and feeding another 100. Twenty-five homes were reported destroyed and 300 damaged.

Communities in Siskiyou County were still cut off by slides and snow. But one storekeeper said the 600 people living near the towns—Baker's Bar and Siskiyou—had stored supplies for such an emergency.

100 north to Oregon with supplies by a slide at Arcata in Humboldt County and U. S. 99 in the Central Valley north was closed down for the second time in three days by a slide 25 miles north of Redding. Six hours of digging by highway crews to reopen the road to one-way control.

U. S. 40 and 50 to Nevada were closed, but chains were required on the Sierra summit and advised on the alternate Feather River route.

Death Claims Tom Sullivan

Tom Sullivan, 72, a pioneer resident of Lake County, died yesterday in San Mateo, Calif.

Born in Ireland, Sullivan came to Lake County in the early 1900's, and for many years ran a hotel in Plumb. Later he operated a pool hall, tobacco shop and confectionery in Lakeview.

He and Mrs. Sullivan moved to San Mateo, Calif., permanently about three years ago after spending winters there for some time.

Besides the widow, survivors include a brother Jack, Bend; daughter, Mrs. Ed (Kathleen) Radke, San Bruno, Calif.; and two grandchildren. There are numerous other relatives, many of them in Ireland.

Funeral services are to be held Monday morning in Lakeview.

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Air Battles Rage Over Korea Skies

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR
SEOUL, (AP)—Outnumbered American Sabre pilots today blasted at least four Communist MIGs from North Korean skies in the second straight day of furious air battles, the U. S. Fifth Air Force reported.

Three MIGs were damaged in the clash between 10 Sabres and 20 Red warplanes. Additional claims of one MIG destroyed and three damaged are pending confirmation.

The Sabres destroyed seven MIGs and damaged three yesterday without the loss of a plane. Gen. O. P. Weyland, Far East Air Force commander, sent a message of congratulations to his pilots, calling it "a most appropriate way to celebrate President Ike's inauguration."

THIRD MIG

Capt. Dolphin D. Overton of Andrews, S. C., downed his third MIG in two days. He shot down two and damaged one yesterday. A Sabre ace, Capt. Cecil G. Foster of San Antonio, Tex., on his 96th combat mission, downed his seventh MIG.

While the jet battles raged near the Yalu River, Allied fighter bombers swept north and hit Red supply facilities within 40 miles of the Manchurian border. Other fighter-bombers smashed at Communist targets along the length of the Korean Front.

Ground action remained relatively light, the U. S. Eighth Army said. Some sharp fighting broke out on the rugged Eastern Front.

Ten B29 Superfortresses early today dropped 100 tons of bombs on two Communist installations in North Korea. It was the 500th Korean combat mission for the Okinawa-based 30th Bomb Wing. The wing got into the Korean War right after it started. Its pilots have chalked up nearly 5,000 sorties in dropping 43,000 tons of bombs.

RAIL YARD

The Superfortresses hit a rail yard at Kowon and a supply and troop area near Tachon. The Air Force gave no details.

Weather along the battlefield improved slightly with an early-morning low of 9 degrees. Light snow fell in the West.

A sharp skirmish flared west of the Mundung Valley when 40 Reds clashed with an Allied patrol last night. The U. N. troops reported 17 Reds killed or wounded in the 40-minute scrap.

Lighter engagements were reported from other scattered points. The U. S. heavy cruiser Rochester hammered Communist batteries near Kosong on the eastern end of the front. The Navy said the Rochester's guns blew up 29 troop shelters.

How's That Again?

Mrs. Dulcie Palmy of Lakeview and Elmer Counts of Paisley were married at Reno, Nev., Wednesday, Jan. 14. Mrs. Palmy came from Australia last winter to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Steve Counts, and the marriage makes a strange relation mixup. Mrs. Elmer Counts becomes the sister-in-law of her daughter, the aunt of her three grandchildren, the sister-in-law of her son-in-law, and her husband becomes the step-father of his sister-in-law and grandfather of his nieces.



"THE FLAG WAS STILL THERE" — M/Sgt. Francis Xavier Connors of Bayonne, N.J., crawls away after his 30-minute struggle under murderous small-arms fire to place Old Glory on famed Sandbag castle on the Korean front. Communist snipers in positions only 15 yards away are unable to destroy or capture the flag. The men who guard it claim that "it'll never come down from the castle."

Auto Mishap Kills Infant

A two-month old baby became this morning the first traffic fatality of Klamath County for 1953.

Little Steven Michael Milroy suffered fatal injuries when he was thrown from his parents' car as it skidded on highway 97 near the Diamond Lake Junction. The baby was thrown into a snowbank.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Milroy, North Platte, Neb., were southbound with the child, a three-year-old daughter and Milroy's mother when the accident happened.

A Greyhound bus was flagged down, and the parents and the baby were brought south toward Klamath Falls.

The state police, meanwhile, radioed ahead and Kaler's Ambulance met the bus on Sun Mountain and brought the child to Klamath Valley Hospital. Ambulance attendants said he was suffering from internal injuries.

The Milroy auto was not damaged in the accident, and was to be brought to Klamath Falls by Milroy's mother.

Milroy was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy in Seattle, and was enroute to Groveland, Calif., to visit friends and relatives.

The highway north was described as having an extremely slippery skiff of snow on its surface.

'Sandbag Castle's' Flag Waves in Spite of Reds

ON THE EASTERN FRONT, Korea (AP)—The United States flag proudly waves over "Sandbag Castle" on Korea's rugged battlefield, taunting the enemy only 15 yards away.

Sgt. Francis X. Connors of Bayonne, N. J., crawled into no man's-land and planted the flag on a barren tree trunk atop the scarred knoll.

The sight of the Stars and Stripes touched off a hail of Communist bullets, but the flag still whips in the winter wind.

A machine gunner placed at a strategic point to the rear of the flag splits fire at the Communist snipers who try to shoot it down.

At night, searchlights play on the Communist lines to prevent Red soldiers from trying to skip out and tear down the flag.

Connors said it took him 30 minutes to crawl over the rough ground under Red fire, reach the tree and attach the flag.

Cpl. Henry Tamura of Kanab, Hawaii, who mans the machine gun, likened the flag to the one which flew over Mount Suribachi in the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II.

"On Iwo Jima," he said, "it never came down. It'll never come down from the 'castle' either."

'High Noon' Rates First In AP Motion Picture Poll

By GENE HANDSAKER
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—"High Noon" wins a nation-wide Associated Press poll of movie critics to pick the best film released nationally in 1952.

"The Quiet Man" is a close second. Other top winners in the second annual coast-to-coast poll of AP member newspapers and radio stations:

Best performance by an actress in a starring role—Shirley Booth in "Come Back, Little Sheba."

Best performance by an actor in a starring role—Gary Cooper in "High Noon."

Best supporting-actor performance—Barry Fitzgerald in "The Quiet Man."

Best supporting-actress performance—Thelma Ritter in "With a Song in My Heart."

The poll, representing a cross-section of national expert opinion, brought 196 ballots from cities large and small.

Wilson Rejection Looms As Senate Awaits Word

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, sticking by his view that Charles E. Wilson is the man for secretary of defense, touched off a series of conferences Thursday aimed to see finally if a way can be cleared for Wilson to take the job.

One such meeting was a gathering of Senate Republican Leader Taft, Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) in Taft's capitol office.

Byrd, coming out of this meeting, told reporters he thought Wilson could "qualify" if Wilson would sell his General Motors stock, reported to be worth more than \$2 1/2 million dollars at present market prices.

Byrd said he has no information as to whether Wilson would or would not sell his stock.

SENATED
Eisenhower's selection of Wilson, former president of General Motors, to head the Defense Department has been snaggled by the belief of some senators that his ownership of the large amount of GM stock might conflict with the law.

There is a statute making it a criminal offense for a government official to have a direct or indirect interest in contracts or other government transactions he handles. And General Motors has billions of dollars worth of defense contracts.

In addition to the Taft-Saltonstall-Byrd meeting, conferences were understood to be going on among Eisenhower aides down town on the situation.

BACKGROUND
They came against this reported background:

1. Advice from some Republican senators to Eisenhower that Wilson probably could not win Senate approval if he holds on to his GM stock.

2. Word from Eisenhower that he still wants Wilson.

Wilson has been reported to be extremely reluctant to sell his stock. For one thing, taxes would take a big bite from the money he received for it. Some estimates have run as high as half a million dollars.

Taft declined to comment on the conference with Byrd and Saltonstall.

Before it, he had told reporters that the Wilson question was up to Eisenhower and his advisers.

"My job is to get them confirmed when they send them down here," Taft said. By "them" he meant presidential appointments.

TESTIMONY
Taft late yesterday won voice-vote confirmation of eight new Cabinet members—all except the defense secretaryship, for which Eisenhower has not made a formal nomination.

A few hours later each of the eight took the oath from Chief Justice Vinson at a White House ceremony. So did Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, the new federal security administrator.

Strong opposition to Wilson's appointment has developed in the Senate on the ground that he holds stock in General Motors, biggest

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La Paz Says Missiles Real

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—A fireball expert said Thursday Russia may be scouting the United States and other parts of the world with strange new guided missiles.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz said a good many shapes of missile point to great fireballs.

The world being a type of missile—possibly of Soviet make.

La Paz is head of the University of New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics. He formerly was technical director of the Second Air Force Operations and Analysis Section.

He has studied the fireball phenomena for years.

Violent Russian effort, he observed, to defend against threats of reconnaissance in the Baltic and above Northern Japan, make it obvious the Reds are testing some secret weapon in those areas.

The green fireballs have been sighted in the Baltic, Northern Japan and the southwestern part of the United States.

La Paz, in an interview, said he does not rule out the possibility that the ones sighted in the Southwest could be Russian reconnaissance missiles.

But, he said, "I'm not selling American science short. Guided missile development—no matter in what country—will follow parallel paths." Much of this country's guided missile research is centered in New Mexico and the Southwest.

In vigorous pronouncement of his theories, La Paz, who participated in the nation's investigation into Japanese fire balloons in the Northwest during the last war, pleaded the green fireball should "not be laughed off as ordinary meteoric fireballs."

Leaders Charge United States Violation of Manchurian Boundary

"The Chinese people are furious over this violation of our skies," the government was quoted. "The American government...has planned dangerous preparations to enlarge the war in the last two months."

"The central people's government of the Chinese People's Republic recognizes that the (plans) being adopted by the American government are not only affecting the Far East but are threatening to the peace of the world."

Chou charged that U. S. planes "violated our Northeastern skies" three other times in the past two months "on Nov. 28, Dec. 8 and Dec. 13." It is an old propaganda charge. Allied pilots are under strict orders not to cross the Yalu River—not even if engaged in furious air combat.

The Air Force said the B29 in question "was on a regularly scheduled mission dropping psychological warfare news leaflets over North Korean cities" on the night of Jan. 12.

"The aircraft was plotted and followed throughout its flight by friendly radar stations," said the announcement. "When over a town approximately 12 to 15 miles south of the Yalu River, the B29 'plot' (marked on the radar screens) with the plots of 12 hostile fighter aircraft."

KUHS Choir Wins Honor

One of the highest music honors in the Northwest has been accorded the Klamath Union High School cappella choir; the choir has been invited to sing a concert for the Northwest Division of the Music Educators National Conference in Bellingham, Wash., Mar. 21.

Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education in Klamath Falls city schools, said "we have been waiting 10 years for this honor."

He explained that only four of what were considered the top school music units in the Northwest would be invited to appear before the more than 800 educators expected to attend the Bellingham conference.

The school hopes to raise funds to finance the choir's trip to Bellingham through a concert here Mar. 5 and 6. The KUHS ballet, orchestra and choir will join for this benefit performance.

About \$1,500 is needed and it is hoped, 1,500 \$1 tickets will be sold for the benefit. Various community service groups, under the general chairmanship of Ray Bigger, have agreed to assist in promoting the concert.

Trials Take Toll of Reds

NEW YORK (AP)—The government now can count 44 Communist bigwigs knocked out of party activity in this country through conviction on conspiracy charges.

They are among 87 who have been indicted.

This was the tally after the guilty verdict was brought in Wednesday against 13 party leaders. Previously 31 others had been convicted here, in Los Angeles and in Baltimore, Md.

Forty-one others under indictment—including seven who are fugitives from justice—still are to be tried. Two others won court-directed acquittals.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Friday, highs both days 40. Low tonight 25.

High temp yesterday 33. Low last night 25. Precip yesterday .01. Since Oct. 1 .84. Normal for period .60. Same period last yr 18.34.



STUDENTS AT Roosevelt School, Jim Bowie, 1444 Crascent, and Bonnie Louise Green, 1622 Crascent, stopped this morning for the 9 o'clock photographer.