

STORM ROARS OVER

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Rhee Threatens Action Or Else In Korea Issue

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
SEOUL (AP) — President Syngman Rhee today set an April deadline for the peaceful unification of Korea and warned that "We will not sit back and wait until we are sold out."



A SACK OF SPUDS for Oregon's Sam Coon, representative from the second district, came from the Kiwanis-sponsored Rex Porterfield, 4-H spud king of the nation. Rex is shown here handing over the top tubers to the solon on the snow covered porch of the House Office building.

Pair Held On Tale Of Kidnap Trip

EUGENE (AP) — Two convicts, escapees from the Oklahoma State Prison, were questioned by the FBI here Saturday after Noble Howard of Odessa, Tex., reported the pair had kidnaped him.

Porterfield Reports: Finger Bowls, Ice Skaters And Doug McKay's Cadillac Keep Spud King Occupied

(Eds. Note: This is the fourth in a series of letters from Rex Porterfield, Kiwanis-sponsored 4-H spud king, currently in Washington, D.C. on a trip to see Secretary of Agriculture Benson.)

By REX PORTERFIELD
January 12, 1954
Tonight we went to the mezzanine floor of the Conrad Hilton and saw the ice skaters. They were good skaters and it wouldn't have cost us very much if Bryant had have hurried out to charge because the cashier forgot to charge the waiter caught us before we got clear out. While we were waiting to straighten that up we found out that the funny guy on skates got \$500 a week. He was from Vienna. Another pair of skaters got \$750 a week. If the pond freezes over at home I'm going to learn to skate.

Howard said the men, identified as Leonard Sylvester Goodnight, 44, and Fred Winchester, 19, forced their way into his car near Aloka, Okla., a week ago and made him drive them to New Mexico and then to Springfield, Ore.

They stopped at motels but kept a close watch on Howard to prevent his reporting them. They slept with Howard between them to prevent his escape.

Fire Razes Poultry Plant

Fire, caused apparently by defective wiring, caused a heavy loss in chickens and equipment at the J. H. poultry plant at Pine Grove shortly after 9 p.m. last night.

Maybe The Fags Aren't So Bad

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—More people get lung cancer in New Orleans and St. Louis than in California, and smoking may not definitely be a cause.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional snow flurries Saturday night and Sunday. High Sunday 35; low Saturday night 25. High yesterday 34. Low last night 21.

Klamath Basin Potato Shipments

| Shipped Today | Same Day Last Year |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 55 cars | 65 cars |
| Total For Season | |
| 5447 cars | 6343 cars |
| 1953-54 | 1952-53 |

Asked For Psychiatric Help Sea Blizzard Blowing Towards South; Gale Gales Take Toll

Members of the Klamath County Child Guidance Advisory Council have authorized Dr. Seth Kerron, Klamath County health officer, to follow up the suggestion, made by the council, to bring a full-time psychiatric worker to Klamath Falls.

Probable salary was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per year. The imperative need for an expansion of the program that has been successfully operating on a part-time basis under the competent guidance of Dr. John H. Waterman, Director, Mental Health section, Oregon State Board of Health, was brought out at a luncheon meeting of the council Thursday, at the Winema Hotel.

Minor changes in the by-law were favorably voted upon and the membership approved \$1 annual dues, needed for postage and other incidentals.

Dimes Tags

Only one traffic death was reported in safety-conscious Washington, however, despite innumerable minor accidents caused by ice-covered streets and highways.

A Seattle woman, Ruth V. Stevens, about 54, was killed outright Friday night when she was struck by a car as she crossed the Seattle-Tacoma highway south of Seattle.

The coroner's office said the car's driver reported he applied his brakes but the vehicle skidded on the icy pavement.

The storm which dumped from one to more than eight inches of snow on communities throughout most of the Northwest hampered shipping, forced postponement of basketball games, and closed schools.

DAMAGE
Greatest damage reported came off British Columbia where a million dollars worth of logs broke loose from a boom and scattered over a wide area at Keats Island, 36 miles north of Vancouver.

Buffeted by gales up to 70 miles an hour, 10 tugs attempting to round up the logs gave up for the time being and returned to their piers.

A Liberty ship, the Harold D. Whitehead, ran aground on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound during the height of Friday's storm, but was pulled free early Saturday.

The state-owned ferry Nisqually smashed into the Washou Island ferry slip early Saturday and caused heavy damage to the slip. The ferry was not damaged.

In Sillacoche, near Tacoma, a fire whipped by heavy winds destroyed a sawmill. The loss was estimated by owners at \$50,000.

Bellingham, which bore the brunt of the storm's first onslaught Friday night, was getting more of the same Saturday. A nor'easter with winds as high as 58 miles per hour brought a winter's low temperature of 10 degrees.

Snowbound sections of the Inland Empire got no respite from the first really severe weather of the winter.

Winds still were blowing in many areas. Highway crews were busy keeping the highways clear of drifting snow, and the Empire's major roads were open to traffic.

Near zero temperatures were registered at many eastern Washington and northern Idaho points during the night. A low of eight above in Spokane was recorded by the weather bureau. About three inches of snow has fallen since the storm started Friday morning, and more is on the way.

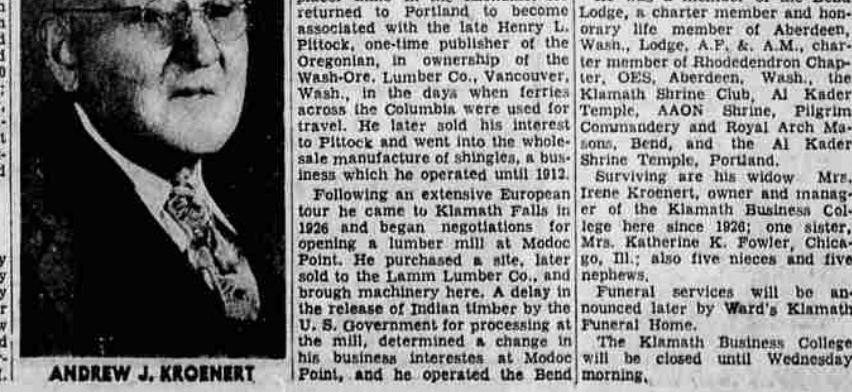
High winds still were blowing, and more snow was falling in the Idaho Panhandle. Highways were plagued with drifting snow, but were open.

MILLS CLOSE
The Pack River Sawmill Company at Colburn, Idaho, and the firm's planing mill at Devon were forced to shut down because of the storm. Officials said they hoped to reopen both plants Monday.

About 12 inches of snow has fallen at Sandpoint since Wednesday. At both Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene overnight low temperatures of two-below-zero were registered.

West of Spokane, winds were blowing around Davenport, Wash., where two inches of snow fell Friday.

Two inch snowfalls were reported from such widely separated points as Newport, Colfax and Pullman.



Andrew Joseph Kroenert, resident of Klamath Falls for 28 years, and identified with the development of Oregon since the turn of the century, died last night in an Ashland nursing home where he had been a patient since Dec. 7. He was 86-years-old.

Mr. Kroenert, native of Leavenworth, Kas., was clerking in a grocery store at the age of 11. At 14 years, he was managing a grocery and two years later purchased his own business in his native state.

Andrew J. Kroenert

Flour Mill and later the Pine Tree Lumber Co. in Bend. The mill burned, and Kroenert lost his financial interest in that property.

During 1929-37, he operated a wholesale produce business in Klamath Falls and is credited with introducing the Nette Gem potato to California markets.

Three years ago he was presented with 60 year emblem in Masonry by Bend Lodge, No. 139, A.F. & A.M., during a colorful ceremony in this city.

He was a member of the Bend Lodge, a charter member and honorary life member of Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge, A.P. & A.M., charter member of Rhododendron Chapter, O.E.S., Aberdeen, Wash., the Klamath Shrine Club, Al Kader Temple, AAO Shrine, Pilgrim Commandery and Royal Arch Masons, Bend, and the Al Kader Shrine Temple, Portland.

Surviving are his widow Mrs. Irene Kroenert, owner and manager of the Klamath Business College here since 1926; one sister, Mrs. Katherine K. Fowler, Chicago, Ill.; also five nieces and five nephews.

Funeral services will be announced later by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

The Klamath Business College will be closed until Wednesday morning.

WYOMING was in somewhat better condition, Sheridan's low early today was -11, Douglas 2 above zero, Casper 13 and other points in the 20's and 30's.

But the weather bureau warned the stalemated cold wave still posed a grim threat with clearing conditions expected to drop temperatures to perhaps 30-35 degrees below zero.

Sweden Lashed By Blizzards
LONDON (AP) — Gales howling across the British Isles and Western Europe quieted down Saturday, leaving in their wake a heavy death toll and costly wreckage. Four died in Britain and five in Germany.

A blizzard—the third in 14 days—lashed Sweden but the worst appeared over the British Isles and continental Europe after a nightmarish night.

Austria, counting 130 dead in snow avalanches, was still digging out with many lonely villages cut off from the outside world by the great Walser "valley of death." American helicopters taking off in mercy missions were hampered somewhat by high winds sweeping the mountainous ski country.

DIKES HOLD
Holland's repaired dikes withstood their first grueling storm test since their repair after the great floods of almost a year ago. The last of 87 big dike breaches were plugged in November. Nearly 2,000 people perished when the dikes gave way on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 of last year.

Britain's worst gales in a half century killed four people during the night and left a tattered trail of wreckage strewn from Scotland to the south coast.

Winds whirling along up to 60 miles an hour blew down bombed out buildings in Germany, where five persons died of storm injuries. Three were buried alive in wreckage in Hannover, a man was killed in Muenster by flying debris, another in Wandbeck by a falling power line.

Fire, fanned by storm winds, swept a metal grinding factory in Hannover's Muenster with loss estimated at \$750,000.

Shipping ran for cover in the Baltic and the English Channel as storm-tossed seas lashed coastlines. Defenses built up after the disastrous floods of just a year ago held out everywhere, however.

Three small islands off the west coast of Scotland—Islay, Jura and Colonsay—were cut off from communication with the mainland.

Coffee Prices Soar To \$1.03

PORTLAND (AP) — Wholesale coffee prices rose five cents to a record high of \$1 to \$1.03 a pound in Portland Friday.

Retail prices remained at 93 to 97 cents a pound but store operators said customers would be paying more than that soon.

Restaurant operators are planning to meet to discuss what effect the increase will have on the price of a cup of coffee.

IN TROUBLE

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) — The 5,338-ton Holland-America Line steamer Dulvendig messaged from the mid Atlantic Saturday that it had lost a propeller. The Dutch tug boat Zwaarte Zee, stationed in England, was speeding toward the scene.

Montana Plains In Deep Freeze

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The season's first blizzard, its western flank stalled by the continental divide, muffledroosted southward across the Plains States today while continuing to dump snow on hard-hit Montana and Wyoming.

The forward edge of the cold front, laying on an east-west line through Wyoming, presented temperature variations of as much as 66 degrees between reporting points.

Culbuck, Mont., was numbed by -26 degree weather early today, while Cheyenne, Wyo., reported 38 degrees above zero.

HEADS SOUTH
Meanwhile, the storm turned south and east across the plains. The Denver Weather Bureau said the cold air mass extended Saturday from Lake Michigan south to Arkansas, west to the Texas Panhandle, northwest along the Colorado-Kansas border, and across Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

Other early Saturday temperatures in Montana found Glasgow and Lewistown shivering in -22 degree weather. Great Falls, -20, Helena -19 and Billings and Miles City -17. The warmest spot in the state was Missoula, where the temperature was zero.

Snow continued to fall over most of Montana.