

# Ike Declares Flood Area Disaster Zone

## Rio Grande Flood Crest Nears Dam

By ROBERT H. JOHNSON JR., EAGLE PASS, Tex. (AP) — The south Texas area—whipped by the big and mighty Rio Grande flood and left with 55 known dead—Thursday were declared a major disaster zone.

President Eisenhower made the declaration saying "the heart of the nation goes out to the suffering people in this area."

The amount of aid to be allotted will be fixed after a survey by the federal Civil Defense Administration.

The crest of the flood rolled on Thursday toward Falcon Dam, leaving a muddy, filthy path of destruction.

Misery lived at crumbled Piedras Negras, across the river from Eagle Pass. There the official count of dead still stood at 28, but nobody knew how many more were under the 10 to 15-foot high mounds of mud and stone that once were homes.

Thousands of campers still in the hills of Mexico by the Rio Grande mobbed the Mexican army trucks that brought canned milk over for the 38,000 people of Piedras Negras. Little children drank muddy water in the streets. The health problem was tremendous.

Downstream 100 miles at Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, with a population of almost 80,000 each, there was the mud. The river was back in its banks but daylight showed clearly that the international bridge on the Pan-American Highway into Mexico was gone.

The railroad bridge was still farther downstream, 35 miles from Laredo, another town started knowing the awesomeness of the Rio Grande on its biggest flood in history. Most of the 500 persons of San Ygnacio, on a bluff overlooking the river, left town.

And 87 miles by river from Laredo stood new Falcon Dam—\$90 million dollar giant dedicated only last October. Already more than a million acre feet of water had entered the lake and that much more was coming.

**DEATH TOLL**

The dead included the 38 at Piedras Negras, 16 dead at Ocosingo, Tex., 100 miles inland from the river, in one of the cloudbursts which fed the Rio Grande. Another died in a Pecos River flood in another weekend cloudburst.

The people of Piedras Negras waded barefoot through the mud and water to what once were their homes and simply started digging. There was no organization.

The city had no water supply at all. The Mexican government trucked in water from nearby towns, but then the people had no containers to carry it.

Seven miles from Piedras Negras doctors gave emergency treatment at the school at the village of Villa Fuente. Not understanding what were the injections they got, the Mexicans lay on the floor and screamed.

# Herald and News

Price Five Cents—24 Pages KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1954 Telephone 8111 No. 2883



**TIME OUT TO CHAT:** Queen Darlene Wineberger (center) stole a few moments from the busy days of roundup fun for a chat with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Robison, at their home, the Prather Ranch, south of Macdoel. The ranch was the setting Wednesday for a picnic honoring the queen and her court, sponsored by the Butte Valley Spurs Riding Club. The Klamath Saddle Club and rodeo officials were also invited.

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

Today in Indochina:

The French are apparently pulling out of the Red River delta and Larry Allen, AP correspondent who has been covering the fighting in that area for the past couple of years says this morning an Indochina Dunkerque is apparently in the making.

If so, the French will have to get their troops aboard ships at the port of Haiphong, at the mouth of the Red River, and Allen says it will be a tough job because the communists are expected to launch a heavy attack with overwhelming superior forces.

The French, in that event, will face the terribly difficult job of fighting off the numerically superior attackers while they are getting their troops aboard ships at Haiphong.

But that isn't all.

Allen says that not only will the French have to cope with superior numbers of attacking communists. At the same time, he thinks, they will have to face uprisings on the part of the Vietnamese natives.

He adds:

"THROUGHOUT THE INDOCHINA WAR THE SYMPATHIES OF THE VIETNAMESE NATIVES IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN WITH THE COMMUNIST-LED REBELS."

If correspondent Allen knows what he is talking about, what he says raises a most interesting and highly important question:

If we had intervened on the side of the French in the Indochina war—or if we should do so yet—where would that put us?

This, I think, is the answer:

In the eyes of the people of Southeast Asia, it would put us on the side of the colonial imperialists to whom the people of that part of the world hate and fear more than they hate and fear the communists.

It's a good thing we haven't intervened on the side of the French so far, and I certainly hope we have the good common sense to stay out of it from here on out.

We, who were the first people in the world to throw off the yoke of colonial imperialism, have no business fighting on the side of the colonial imperialists in Asia.

So much for a situation in Asia that could be explosively dangerous for our country if we make the wrong move. Let's turn now to a situation in our own yard that has been doing the good name of Klamath county no good so far and can do great harm in the future.

I'm referring, of course, to the unfortunate situation that has arisen in our law enforcement procedure—a situation that as of now is drifting in the direction of a breakdown in law enforcement.

In the eyes of the public, at least, this situation has developed into a controversy between District Attorney Alderson and Circuit Judge Vandenberg. Alderson has taken the position that he is being persecuted by the judge. Judge Vandenberg's position is that Alderson is an incompetent prosecutor whose indictments are defective and whose trial methods are not in accordance with Oregon law or the general laws of evidence as built up over centuries of experience.

This morning Chief Justice Latourette of the state supreme court assigned Circuit Judge Ralph Holman to handle the Klamath county criminal cases in which motions have been filed by District Attorney Alderson to disqualify Judge Vandenberg.

The assignment of an outside judge to hear these controversial cases is an important step in the direction of clearing up a situation that is rapidly becoming intolerable. If things go on as they have been going, law enforcement in Klamath county will break down entirely.

## French Abandon Rich Rice Growing Area To Vietnam

(Editor's Note: Larry Allen has been covering Indochina fighting from the battle areas, where a tight censorship has been in effect, for about two years. The following dispatch, from Singapore, was not subjected to censorship.)

**By LARRY ALLEN**

SINGAPORE (AP) — Much of the Red River delta, key prize in the bitter Indochina War, was falling into the hands of the Communist-led Vietnam Thursday night without a fight.

French Union forces were evacuating swiftly from their hard-to-hold centers in the delta area. The end to the savage eight-year-old struggle appeared to be not far off.

The French Union forces were generally withdrawing to their last lone lifeline—the railway and highway linking the war capital of Hanoi with the seaport of Haiphong, 64 miles to the east.

An Indochina Dunkerque may come soon at the end of this road—the most dangerous road in the world. Hanoi is France's last beachhead in northern Viet Nam. It is from there that they will have to make the attempt to evacuate.

## Cowboy Plans Tough Ride

Considerable interest is being exhibited in the special ride slated for Monday afternoon rodeo performance—Ross Dollarhide on the infamous saddle bronc, Miss Klamath. The ride is being made possible through the courtesy of the Willard Hotel.

Miss Klamath's reputation for bucking (no contestant has ridden her to the whistle yet) has won her a place of her own in saddle bronc history. She is no longer included in the regular string of saddle broncs but is reserved for special rides such as the one Monday, when some cowboy agrees to ride her.

**LOCAL REPUTATION**

Miss Klamath's rider locally has a reputation of his own, though, and a long history of successful rodeo events behind him.

The name Ross Dollarhide is not new to saddle bronc riding contests. In 1940 Ross Dollarhide won the saddle bronc riding contest at Klamath Falls, and again in 1947, 1952 and 1953. But in 1954 it was Ross Dollarhide Sr.; in 1954 it will be Ross Dollarhide Jr.

Ross Sr. was one of the top riders back around 1912 to 1924. At that time bulls were ridden with a saddle instead of a loose rope as they are today. Ross Sr. was the first man to ride the famous bucking bull, Nero. He rode him at Ashland in 1919, and won the saddle bronc riding event that same year.

On September 27, 1921, the day Ross Jr. was born in a Burns hospital, Ross Sr. was winning the saddle bronc riding contest at the Burns Rodeo. So it may be said that Ross Jr. just naturally rodeoed.

**BACKAROO BOSS**

Ross Sr. was buckaroo boss for years at the MC Ranch at Adel; Ross Jr. worked for his father through his teens. He was in the Naval Air Corps during the war, then returned to the MC ranch. He was there two years, riding at several rodeos during that time, including Klamath Falls in 1945.

In 1946 Ross Jr. began to rodeo on a full time basis. At first he contested in only the saddle bronc riding, but now he also enters the bulldogging, calf roping and team roping contests. He has won one or more of these events at many rodeos throughout the United States during the past eight years, including the saddle bronc riding contest at Madison Square Gardens, New York; Caldwell, Idaho; Ellensburg, Wyoming; Lewiston, Idaho and at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

Ross is the present world's champion bulldogger. He won this title by winning more bulldogging throughout 1953 than any other contestant.

Show time Monday is 1:30 p.m.

## Fire Destroys Local Ranch

The ranch home, garage, storage shed and barn on the Walter Spaw ranch, located on the Miller Island Road south of here, burned to the ground last night.

The blaze started shortly after 8:30 demolished the nine room house and most of the furniture including a new TV set, gas range, piano and refrigerator. Two tractors stored in a shed were saved by neighbors. Three saddles, one valued at \$500 burned up in a tack room at the rear of the garage.

The Spaw's were not at home when the blaze started. Mrs. Spaw having left for Sacramento Tuesday when word was received that her brother had been injured in a car accident. Spaw was at his cafe, Walt's Tasty Foods, 1029 Main, when notified of the fire.

A few articles of furniture were saved by neighbors before a butane tank blew up and the structure became a blazing inferno.

Live stock in the barn lot were driven to an adjacent field by neighbors and passerby.

The Suburban and county fire departments responded to the call but the fire had made such headway they could only concentrate on a small chicken house a short distance away. This building was saved.

Loss was estimated at around \$40,000 and was partially covered by insurance, Spaw stated. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Reservation Roads Closed

Beginning today all roads in the Klamath Reservation unless otherwise designated will be closed to travel by the public, according to W. W. Palmer, superintendent.

Those roads that remain open during fire season include: All black top highways, U.S. Highway 97-Military Crossing to Silver Lake, Sprague River road to Hildebrand, U.S. Highway 97 to Kirk, Jack Creek Bridge, Jackson Creek, Yamsay Ranch to Box 1 and Lone Pine Junction to Box 1.

Permits to enter any of the closed areas for business reasons will be issued to car drivers upon request at the fire dispatcher's office at the agency, and at Ogden Brooks' in Sprague River between 8 and 7 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday.

## Nationwide Phone Strike Announced

NEW YORK (AP) — Seventeen thousand CIO workers who install and maintain telephone equipment were called on strike across the nation Thursday but a delay in picketing eased any immediate threat of crippled phone communications.

In previous strikes, failure of long distance telephone operators to cross picket lines has caused difficulties.

However, dial phones and automatic equipment could continue to operate for some time before needing attention or repairs.

The CIO Communications Workers Union announced shortly after 6 a.m. that "the strike is on."

**WALKOUT DELAYED**

In some areas—notably the huge metropolitan area of New York and at Baltimore—the walkout was delayed until 11 a.m. (EDT). No explanation was given.

Right on the dot of 11 a.m., work was halted by some 100 CWA members who had gone on the job earlier Thursday morning at the big telephone building at 22 8th Ave., a world communications center.

They reported that union members were following their example elsewhere in the 44 states where they are employed.

The strike was called after a breakdown in negotiations between the CWA's District 10, and the Western Electric Co., which is the manufacturing arm of the American Telephone and Telegraph system.

**UNION SEEKS**

The union is seeking a new work contract with various benefits, and the breakup in contract talks dashed hopes of a last-minute settlement hinging on an increased wage offer from Western Electric.

The official start of the strike was announced by Joseph Dunne, director of CWA District 10.

(A Pacific Telephone Co. spokesman at Seattle said the equipment installers were out in Washington State, too, but emphasized there is no effect on telephone service. He also stressed that the members of the striking union normally install and maintain equipment in telephone company exchanges, not in homes or offices.

The men who install individual users' phones are regular telephone company employees and are not involved in the strike. Members of the striking union work in 25 Pacific Telephone Co. buildings in 18 Washington cities).

## Judge R. Holman Assigned To KF

Judge Ralph Holman, Oregon City, has been assigned by the state supreme court to preside over at least four criminal cases here in which Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg has been disqualified by District Attorney Frank Alderson.

Judge Vandenberg was notified of the action Thursday morning by Chief Justice Earl Latourette of the supreme court. The judge ruled however, that Judge Vandenberg will preside at the trial of Tobe Carter, accused of a morals offense. In this case a change of judge was protested by U. S. Balentine, counsel for Carter.

The judge change motions filed by Alderson have brought into the open a long-standing feud between the district attorney and Judge Vandenberg. When Alderson filed five motions for a substitute judge, it was mandatory for the supreme court to grant them, except in the Carter case.

The other cases which Judge Holman will try are William Roberson, larceny, T. M. Mitchell, obtaining money under false pretenses; Robert Wayne Kirk, burglary; and Andrew Bushman, accused of a sex crime.

Alderson has declined to comment on his action. He also has consistently refused to discuss his differences with Judge Vandenberg.

Judge Vandenberg contends that Alderson has failed to properly prosecute a large number of criminal cases. Nineteen criminal cases have been dismissed in circuit court because of faulty indictments and other irregularities.

Thursday Judge Vandenberg reiterated his statement that he will not try any more cases prosecuted by Alderson unless ordered to do so by the state supreme court.

"For two years I have tried to help the district attorney," the judge said, "My help to the district attorney has even been cited by

## Guatemalan Peace Talks Broken Up

By CARLOS R. ESCUDERO

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Guatemala's rival anti-Communist chieftains haggled until nearly dawn today in a vain effort to agree on a peace settlement which would give the war-split land its fourth government in a week.

The peace talks between rebel Col. Carlos Castillo Armas and Col. Elifeo Monzon, head of Guatemala's new governing junta, broke up at 3:35 a.m. Castillo Armas announced he was returning to his rebel headquarters at Chiquimula.

In a statement issued to newsmen, both leaders said they were extending until 9 a.m. tomorrow the cease-fire in effect between the rebels and the Guatemalan army.

El Salvador's President Oscar Osorio, acting as mediator, voiced optimism that a settlement could be reached.

But real peace seemed remote as Monzon's junta rushed troops to Communist strong points in Guatemala where vengeful Red leaders were reported trying to foment peasant uprisings. Red-infiltrated farm workers were said to be inciting revolt in Escuintla, Pinula and Concepcion, hotbeds of communism about 30 miles from Guatemala City.

Monzon declined to say whether he was returning to the Guatemalan capital, but it was believed generally he would.

The joint statement said the cease-fire had been extended in order to give both parties time to consider and study various proposals to reach an accord.

Neither side would disclose what proposals were involved nor what particular point caused disagreement.

## Merchants' Fun Week

FRIDAY—July 2, 2 p.m. burro relay race. Sam Neslin hazing. Race starts at Second Street, goes to the Baisinger Motor Company, Kangaroo Court and Tommy Odem's band will be in district No. 1 between Second and Fifth Streets. Pony rides will be at Fifth and Pine. Tickets to adults for pony rides at Dick Reeder's, Patterson's, Dunbar & Robinson's and Flowers, by Bill and Rita.

## Annexation Meet Slated

Friday, July 9, has been set for a mass meeting of all residents of the South suburban area and residents of Klamath Falls interested in the proposed annexation of a portion of the thickly settled district to the city for the purpose of eliminating the critical sewage problem that now exists.

The meeting will be called at 8 p.m. at Peterson School.

A panel of six men who are qualified to present all phases of the proposed annexation from the medical standpoint, the history of other attempts and failures to form a sanitary district, past surveys, the Cunningham report which would augment the present usable sewage system within the city limits, and other pertinent information, will be presented.

The legality of petitions which will be necessary to lay the groundwork for the annexation, comparative costs in taxes to the city and rural taxpayer and the need for approval of the city of Klamath Falls before the annexation can be completed, will also be comprehensively explained.

Petitions which have been drawn up by a committee appointed at a well-attended meeting in April will be presented at the July 9 meeting for signatures.

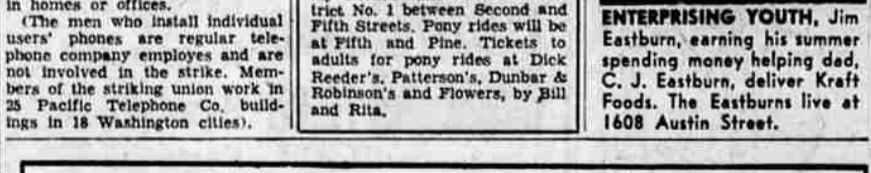
Members of the petition committee are Walter (Bud) Franklin, chairman, Carl Woods, George Proctor, John Hayden and Harold Ashley.

This committee with Cal Peyton, resident of the area under consideration, met June 29 to complete plans for the July 9 public meeting.

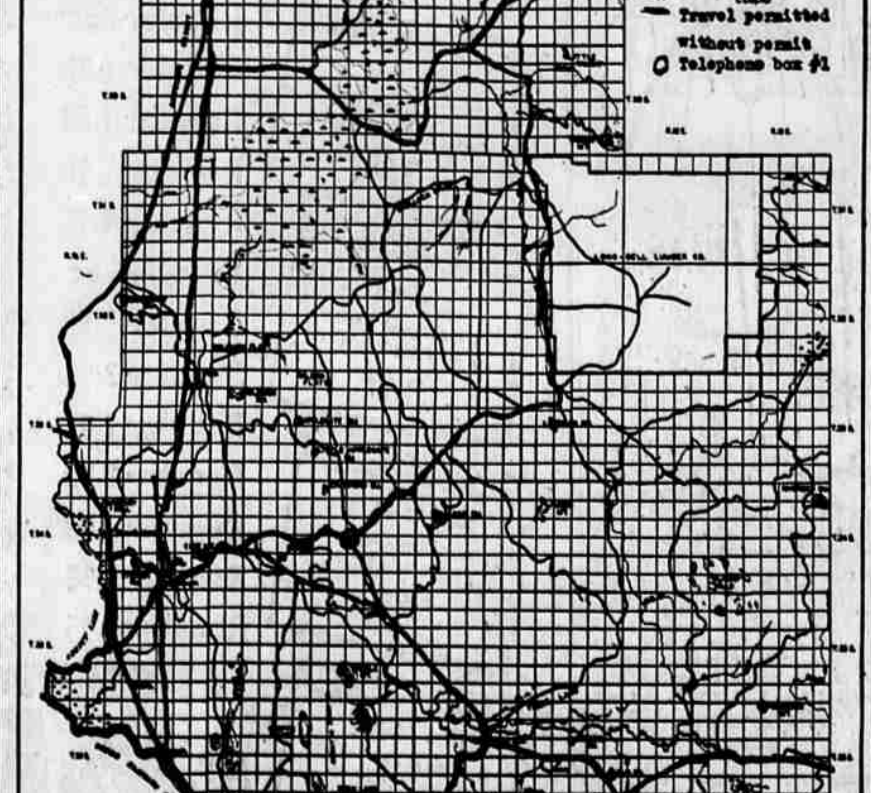
The boundaries as currently proposed are from Washburn Way, down Shasta Way to the USBR canal then down South Sixth Street, to Hope Street, down Hope Street to Harlan Drive to Homedale Road to Bristol Street, across to Crest Street and back to the OCE Railroad right-of-way. Perimeter property, one lot deep will be included in the proposed district if it is not to be confused with the proposed annexation of the Sunnyland district in the south suburbs, the 48.9 acres including the federal housing units, the school district adjacent and Sunnyland.

(See map on page 3.)

## 9 O'clock Special



ENTERPRISING YOUTH, Jim Eastburn, earning his summer spending money helping dad, C. J. Eastburn, deliver Kraft Foods. The Eastburns live at 1608 Austin Street.



## Lake Judge To Hear KF Case

SALEM (AP) — Assignment of Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster, Lewiston, to Klamath County to hear the case of Babcock vs Babcock and to Jackson County commencing July 6 to assist with the docket, was announced Wednesday by Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette.

Judge pro tempore appointments were also made by the chief justice including:

David M. Spiege, Portland, to Lane County for two days commencing July 1; Paul Geddes, Roseburg, to Lane County for 11 days commencing July 6; Douglas County for 11 days commencing July 8; John L. Foote, St. Helens, to Douglas County for 13 days commencing July 10.

## Heat Spreads Over South

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most of the South was in line for more hot weather Thursday but a fairly pleasant day was the outlook in other parts of the country.

Cooler air dropped temperatures in the upper Mississippi and Missouri Valley regions from Missouri into North Dakota and eastward to the Western Great Lakes region.

The hot belt extended over the Southern and South Central states with temperatures again Wednesday in the high 90s and a few 100 degrees or higher. It was an even 100 in Birmingham, Ala., New Orleans and Fort Worth, while it was 101 in Jackson, Miss., and 102 in Montgomery, Ala. The 99 at Lake Charles, La. equaled a June record.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. High Friday 74; low Thursday night 58. High yesterday 78. Low last night 41. Precip. last 24 hours .11. Since Oct. 1 14.45. Same period last year 14.57. Normal for period 12.14.

**FUND DRIVE**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — War Minister Abdollah Hedayat told the Majlis Thursday that 386 men, women and children were locked up on Tuesday night in a drive on Communist fund-raising gatherings posing as "wedding parties."

**AGENTS**

VIENNA (AP) — The Vienna newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung says dozens of suspected international Communist agents are being smuggled back and forth across the Iron Curtain, over Austria's frontiers with Hungary and Czechoslovakia.