

By FRANK JENKINS

Shipping off the British Isles is taking a terrible beating this morning from a storm with hurricane-force winds. Ashore, southern and central England are threatened by the worst floods in 30 years.

Fog and smog in Southern California. People coughing and wiping their eyes — and probably uttering some bad words.

In Los Angeles last night, a man got lost in the fog while taking his wife to the maternity hospital and this morning — while still lost in the fog — their baby was born in the car!

As these words are written the sun is shining bright and warm and the weather bureau promises sunny weather for Southern Oregon over the week-end.

(Hold your applause, please. Nothing is riskier at this time of the year than bragging about the good weather one is enjoying at the moment.)

Bouncing from the weather to politics, Democratic Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma pulls in his belt, takes a deep breath and says he expects the new Democratic administration to repeal the Eisenhower administration flexible farm support bill, restore rigid high-level farm price supports AND SET UP A FOOD STAMP PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE SURPLUS FARM CROPS AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED AND NEEDY.

Let's leave it at that.

If the people of our country want a farm economy like that, I suppose that's what we'll have. But I'm not going to believe that's what we want until I see it happen.

In Geneva, a Swiss jury convicted Whitley Dahl, an American flier and soldier of fortune, of stealing \$33,000 in gold bars from a Swiss plane he was piloting from Paris to Geneva.

He was accused of carrying the gold off the plane when he went off shift at the end of his run. The prosecution charged during the trial that he used a part of it to finance a fling at Monte Carlo. (He is alleged to have lost heavily in his gambling binge.) Witnesses testified they saw him carrying a bundle when he left the plane. He says the bundle wasn't gold — it was two bottles of cognac.

The Swiss jury declined to accept his cognac story.

At any rate, they convicted him and sentenced him to two years in the Swiss equivalent of the clinic. Also (suspecting, perhaps, that he still has some of the stuff hid out) they ordered him to pay the costs of the trial.

These Swiss taxpayers are frugal.

Dahl claims he is innocent and has been done dirt. ("No thief ever felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law.")

That brings up Alger Hiss, who was released this morning from the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

He was met by his wife, his son, two lawyers and ALMOST 100 NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. He told the newsmen there was no truth to the charges on which he was convicted.

He added:

"I shall renew my efforts to dispel the deception that has been foisted on the American people."

Istanbul Raked By Huge Fire

ISTANBUL, Turkey, (AP) — Fire gutted Istanbul's famous covered bazaar today, destroying thousands of small shops. Damage was estimated at 300 million dollars.

The big market, picturesque trading center for everything from electrical appliances to antiques, was one of the city's chief tourist attractions.



"WHADDA YA MEAN, I'M LUCKY? Christmas is coming, and turkey for Thanksgiving means my goose is cooked for Christmas!" (The dubious sentiments were expressed by this fine feathered friend found wandering aimlessly at 9 o'clock this morning on lower Eldorado. Keep wandering — and wondering — you may beat the holiday hatchet yet!)

STORMS RAKE BRITISH ISLES



Shipping Wrecked; Midlands Flooded

LONDON (AP) — Ten seamen were feared dead in wrecked ships and hundreds of others fought for their lives Saturday in hurricane-force winds that tossed vessels like corks in churning waters from the Irish Sea to the coast of Holland.

SOG signals crackled out and dramatic rescuers were under way. Among these were the saving of 35 men off a tanker split in two off the coast of South Wales and the rescue by U.S. helicopter of an English bird watcher from an upended lightship in the English Channel.

Seven men still were aboard the forward section of the tanker and efforts were being made to rescue them. A similar number were trapped inside the lightship. And, while rescue operations were under way, it was feared they already were dead.

Rescue teams halted their efforts to free the entombed men in the lightship as darkness fell and the force of the gales increased. Work will be resumed at dawn, weather permitting.

The 20,135-ton Liberian oil tanker, World Concord, carrying 42 Greek crewmen, broke apart off the coast of South Wales. Eight hours later a lifeboat rescued 35 men off the stern, then headed toward the forward section, which was several miles away with seven sailors aboard. Coast guards said the seven were in "great peril."

A U.S. Air Force helicopter from a base at Ramsgate, England, snatched the one man off the English lightship South Goodwin, upended and half sunk on the treacherous Goodwin sands in the English Channel.

The man saved was Ronald Murton, 22, an English scientist who was aboard to observe bird migration.

Trouble ashore There also was plenty of trouble ashore where England was threatened by its worst floods in 30 years. Thousands of acres were under water in the Midlands as wind and rain whipped the countryside.

Mesmerized hundreds of ships scurried toward port for shelter. One unidentified ship of around 1,000 tons was feared lost without a trace off the Southeast England coast. The Liberian tanker Casino reported seeing it go down.

On the continental side of the North Sea, the 56-ton German trawler Wellendorf flamed in SOG 10 miles off the Dutch Island of Terschelling. Dirkswagers Shipping Agency in Amsterdam said the trawler struck a mine and a tug and lifeboat were speeding to its aid. No further details were immediately available.

Crewmen of the new 498-ton Dutch coaster Gramsbergen radioed they were abandoning ship after the vessel smashed against a rock in Fishguard Harbor, Wales.

The Polish trawler Penguin ran aground on Shipwash Sands 15 miles from Harwich, and a lifeboat went to her aid.

Sinking fast The Norwegian steamer Granfoss, which was "sinking fast" off the northern tip of Britain, A salvage tug put out to take her in tow to Lerwick, Scotland.

A Dutch destroyer, the Everseen, escorted the Danish schooner Svaerdrakken toward Norway from Scotland after the schooner suffered serious damage.

An urgent call for help was sent by the 6,900-ton Swedish freighter Lof, which was stranded in her battle against the heavy seas by a fire in her hold.

In the English Channel, the Danish coaster Vega, 193 tons, had

her hull smashed and engine room flooded. The Dutch tug Humber and a British destroyer stood by for rescue work.

The storm held the \$1,000-ton liner Queen Mary in her berth at Southampton, her scheduled sailing delayed.

A heavy damage toll was reported from West England where small boats and pleasure craft were smashed and cast adrift in harbors and swollen rivers.

High water stalled road and rail traffic in many parts of Britain.

Hiss Released From Prison

Knowland Urges China Blockade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) proposed Saturday the United States slap a tight blockade on Communist China if the Reds refuse demands for the immediate release of 13 American airmen jailed as spies.

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, told a news conference he would hope that American Allies would join in such a blockade through United Nations action, but he said the United States should undertake the blockade alone if its friends dragged their feet.

Knowland praised the administration's action in sending a strong note to the Peiping government, but said he fears the Chinese will pay no more attention to it than they have to similar protest notes in the past.

CAMPAIGN

The government was reported to have decided to press a vigorous campaign for release of the 13 by rallying opinion in the free world against the Red "outrage." Knowland said the time has come "to use more than words to protect Americans abroad."

It is his belief, he said, that a blockade could be made effective without any grave risks of American involvement in war in Asia. "If the Chinese Communists don't respond and continue to hold our uniformed men in prison in direct violation of the Korea truce, with or without the support of the United Nations we would be justified in clapping a tight blockade on China," Knowland declared.

SERVE NOTICE

"We should serve notice to them that no vessel can get in or out of China until these Americans are released. I believe we can make it so expensive to them that our men will be released."

"We have the power to do this and the moral obligation to do it. Those associated with us in the free world should cooperate but I don't think we should give them a veto on our action."

Knowland said that while he had discussed with the State and Defense Departments the problem of Americans being held prisoner in Iron Curtain countries, he had not talked with administration officials about his proposal for a blockade.

EXPLOSION

MANILA (AP) — Ten persons were killed and two seriously injured Saturday when explosives used to manufacture fireworks blew up in a house at Imus, a town 15 miles south of Manila.

Nine persons, including two small children, were killed outright. One died later at a hospital.



ICING CHRISTMAS TREES is new business this year for City Ice and Supply Company. This load of evergreens was brought in by a driver for Tommy Lyon, Buena Park, California, and was being sprayed with pulverized ice by Bill Vannice (holding the blower pipe) for its long trek to California for the Christmas trade. More than a ton and a half of ice was sprayed on this load in about 20 minutes. Theory is that the ice will melt as the load is transported, the moisture running down through the branches of the trees, keeping them fresh for the long haul.

Local Firm Ices Christmas Trees On Way To Markets

Evergreen trees from Oregon are cut by the thousands each year to gladden the Christmas hearts of families miles and miles from the mountain slopes on which the trees grew.

The problem of keeping them fresh and green while they are being hauled by truck, semi-trailer or box car to their destinations has been solved by the City Ice and Supply Company, 665 Spring Street.

The loads are iced down like a shipment of produce. A patented grinder for ice, equipped with a

motor-driven blower and pipe, has been used at the plant since 1947. This is a regular icing stop for loads of lettuce, celery and other perishable fresh vegetables being transported from the San Fernando and Imperial valleys to British Columbia and as far away as Montana.

The new owners, Bill Vannice and Chet Hamaker, who purchased the plant from Frank Plett on October 1 of this year, have extended the icing service this year to Christmas trees.

First trucker to avail himself of this service was Tommy Lyon of Buena Park, California. Staff Photographer Don Kettler got a picture of his first semi-trailer load of trees being iced Friday. A second big load was treated Saturday and Lyon indicated to Hamaker that he has three loads coming from the Sisters area and has negotiated for evergreen trees all over Oregon and as far north as Washington for this year's holiday sale in California.

Actual icing requires only 15 to 20 minutes. Big chunks of ice are dropped into the grinder where they are pulverized. The chopped ice, resembling granulated snow, comes out of the pipe attached to the blower. The blower can throw the fine ice a distance of about 100 feet. The pipe has a telescopic section which can be extended to about 15 feet in length with the end section being flexible.

A big load of trees requires from 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of ice. Unfortunately for statistics, no count was made of the trees as they were loaded.

Robert C. Nelson, Lee C. Stidd, the Rev. John M. Wheeler, R. L. Clark, Gale Livingston, John Y. Lansing, Frank Dressler and Walker Trees, all of Portland.

Roy Webster, Hood River; Giles French, More; Robert Lester, Astoria; H. S. Merriam, Prineville; Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls; J. W. Forrester, Pendleton; Tony Brandenholler, Baker; John L. Caldwell, Jr., Ontario.

Ted Gamble, E. C. Sammons, Morris L. Sharp, Jim Mount, Thomas Delsell, Jack Flischer, Joseph W. Smith, Harold J. Turner, T. Ray Conway, Thomas Guerin, E. V. Burns and Clyde Crosby, all of Portland.

Chicago Stock Show Opens

CHICAGO (AP) — Judging of livestock and grain entries started Saturday at the International Livestock exposition with cattlemen and farmers from 37 states and Canada competing for more than \$100,000 in awards.

More than 5,000 head of blooded cattle, horses, sheep and swine are ensconced in stalls and pens throughout the vast international amphitheatre for the big farm show's 53rd annual eight-day run.

As in the past, farm boys and girls took over the show Saturday, proudly showing cattle and swine in quest of coveted ribbons and cash prizes.

The high point of the show will be on Tuesday when Dr. A. D. Weber, dean of agriculture at Kansas State College, Manhattan, selects this year's grand champion steer from among hundreds of Herefords, Aberdeens and Angus and Shorthorns competing for the coveted award.

Also to be named Monday or Tuesday are the grand champion hog and grand champion pen of wether lambs.

Sickness Strikes Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Reliable Vatican sources said Saturday Pope Pius XII has suffered a recurrence of the blood attacks that afflicted him last winter. The pontiff reportedly also has been vomiting.

The sources said the Pope will return to Rome later Saturday from his summer home at Castel Gandolfo as originally planned but will cancel a scheduled visit to Rome's Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere.

The 78-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church has been suffering from a serious gastric ailment for some time. Last January, the stomach disorder, complicated by hiccups, so weakened him that he had to be fed intravenously.

The sources said the Pope's physicians had warned him recently that his strenuous schedule of audiences, appearances and church duties on which he has insisted would cause trouble.

Former High US Official Denies Guilt

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Alger Hiss, convicted of lying when he denied giving government secrets to a Communist spy ring, was released from federal prison Saturday. He immediately proclaimed he was innocent, asserting the charges against him were "untrue."

Hiss, dressed in a business-type hat and well-worn grey topcoat brought to the penitentiary by his wife, told newsmen at the prison gate:

"I shall renew my efforts to dispel the deception that has been foisted on the American people."

Hiss spent 3½ years of a 5-year sentence in the penitentiary at Lewisburg. Specifically he was convicted of lying to a federal grand jury after a congressional investigation which looked into charges by Whittaker Chambers, admitted Soviet spy courier, that he had obtained government documents from Hiss, a former State Department official.

HISS ACCUSED

Chambers, a former senior editor of Time Magazine now living in retirement on a farm in Westminster, Md., where he is recovering from a heart attack, accused Hiss of being a member of a Communist party group.

Hiss termed this a lie, said he never saw Chambers after Jan. 1, 1937. Chambers then produced microfilm copies of the allegedly stolen documents—film concealed in a pumpkin on his farm. This clinched the case against Hiss.

Chambers and his wife refused to answer their telephone Saturday, but consented to give a statement to a reporter who went to their Maryland farm home near Westminster.

The saddest angle fact about the Hiss case is that nobody can change the facts as they are known. Neither Alger Hiss nor I, however much we might wish to do so, can change these facts.

"They are there forever. That is the inherent tragedy of this case," Chambers said.

STATEMENT

He typed the statement carefully on a yellow piece of paper while Mrs. Chambers sat with the reporter in the kitchen before the fireplace.

Chambers said that was all he would have to say about Hiss' release and the statement Hiss made Saturday. The former Communist



ALGER HISS

courier has been ill for the past two years with a heart ailment.

At the prison, Hiss was met by his wife, Priscilla; his 13-year-old son, Tony, and two attorney friends, Chester Lane and Robert M. Benjamin. As he walked through the big double-gated door of the huge brick-walled prison the former prisoner No. 19137 was surrounded by nearly 100 reporters and photographers.

The drone of a helicopter over head almost drowned out Hiss' words as he shouted:

"I'm very glad to be out but I want to reassert my complete innocence."

FALSEHOODS

He said that in his years in jail he did not have the opportunity to answer "falsehoods" made by "politicians and the press" about his career.

Hiss, appearing somewhat haggard but smiling with his son at his side, said he hoped to tell the story behind his conviction and "to dispel the doubts" about his position.

Hiss shrugged off all questions concerning the slaying of William W. Remington in the prison earlier this week except to say "All

Nationalists Blast Reds

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Chinese Nationalist warplanes, ranging out over the China Sea following the reported smashing of a Red Chinese invasion attempt, Saturday blasted Tumen Island, Red outpost 13 miles north of the Nationalists' strategic Tachen Islands.

Tumen is some 200 miles north of Formosa and tiny Wuchiu Island, where the Nationalists claim they hurled back a Communist attack Friday.

SHOOTING HOURS



Oregon			
November 28			
OPEN		CLOSE	
6:43		4:20	
November 29			
OPEN		CLOSE	
6:44		4:20	
California			
SEASON CLOSED			
Open December 6			

Smog Cover Blankets Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the fourth successive day, Southern California was in the grip today of traffic-paralyzing, eyesmartening smog and fog that the weather man says will continue over the weekend.

Indicative of the blinding effect of the fog, which rolled 10 miles inland from the Pacific, was a traffic report of 1,470 crashes since the dense, ground-hugging mist started last Wednesday. However, only two deaths were attributed directly to traffic.

For closed Los Angeles International and Long Beach Airports again last night, Lockheed Airport at inland Burbank, usually free of fog, was closed for an hour and then reopened.

GAMES POSTPONED

Football games scheduled for last night were postponed. At Long Beach, a rugby game between teams representing New Zealand and Australia was halted because the spectators couldn't see what was going on.

Visibility in Los Angeles Harbor was three quarters of a mile. The fog slowed but did not stop the movement of ships. Fog horns in the harbor at Santa Monica had wailed steadily 48 hours.

Even Santa Claus was grounded by fog in Santa Monica. Retail stores here had arranged for him to arrive by helicopter. The children's fire on hand, despite the gloom and the mist, but old Santa just couldn't fly through the fog. The merchants changed signals and Santa finally showed up late, riding in a slow-moving bus. The kids weren't impressed.

BURNING REQUEST

Cities in the metropolitan Los Angeles area were asked to refrain from burning trash until the smog and fog seige is ended.

Dr. Frederick D. Newbarr, Los Angeles County's chief autopsy surgeon, said microscopic studies will be made of three infants who died of respiratory ailments and added "but we have no test to determine definitely that smog in any way contributed to their deaths." Autopsies indicated yesterday two of the infants succumbed to pneumonia.

Los Angeles police arranged for extra duty officers to handle the anticipated weekend traffic.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Sunday. High Sunday 50; low Saturday night 28.

High yesterday 48

low last night 25



ELTON H. THOMPSON

Former Klamath Banker Honored

Elton H. Thompson, former manager of the United States National Bank of Portland, Klamath Falls Branch has been elected president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Thompson served as president of the Klamath Falls chamber in 1950.

Thompson, now vice president of the U.S. National Bank of Portland and manager of its Ladd and Bush Salem branch left here in 1952.

His election to his new post took place during the annual meeting of the chamber, November 23. The new slate of officers takes over December 1.

