

Helicopter Pilot Saves 14 Seamen

TOKYO (AP) — Towering seas broke up a Japanese freighter off northeast Japan Tuesday and a helicopter pilot from Kansas plucked 14 seamen from the water. Three sailors from another ship were rescued by the U.S. destroyer Osborn.

Six other Japanese fishing boats, one with 18 crewmen, were reported missing in the violent storms that have lashed the area for two days.

The 1,339 ton freighter Handa Maru broke up after running aground near Hachinone City in 65-mile-an-hour winds and 40-foot waves.

The Maritime Safety Board said 7 crewmen managed to swim to shore, 150 yards away, and 13 others of the crew of 34 are still missing.

Lt. Herbert G. Gates, of Kansas City, Kan., a helicopter pilot, picked up one sailor from the water, 5 from the bridge of the ship and 8 from the fantail.

The rescues were made in several trips from sea to shore. Japanese fishermen and villagers cheered as they watched the Air Force team bring the sailors to safety.

Gates' crew included Capt. Harry T. Hedges, Tulsa, Okla., and T. Sgt. William J. Tanski, Worcester, Mass.

The 'copter flew back and forth for more than an hour, fighting winds of more than 30 knots. The Air Force said rescue helicopters seldom work in winds stronger than 15 knots.

The Navy destroyer Osborn radioed it had picked up three men clinging to a lifeboat about 70 miles off the Choshi Peninsula, north of Tokyo. It found no trace of 21 other crew members of the captured No. 2 Shinya Maru.

The three survivors reported the other crewmen were lost in the heavy seas.

There also was no trace of the Chiyoda Maru No. 12, missing with a crew of 18 in the violent storm.

J. Stevenson Gets Operation

CHICAGO (AP)—John Fell Stevenson whose shattered right kneecap was removed yesterday, must remain in Passavant Hospital 10 days to two weeks.

Stevenson, 19, youngest son of Adlai E. Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, has been told he can enjoy his normal activities, including tennis and skiing, after his recuperation.

Young Stevenson's kneecap was shattered and some teeth knocked out in an auto-truck collision Wednesday near Goshen, Ind. Two schoolmates at Harvard University were killed.

Dr. James K. Stack repaired damaged tendons during yesterday's 2 1/2 hour operation. At first Stevenson will use some kind of temporary support for his injured leg. Then he will begin physical therapy and exercise to restore the knee's function.



WILLARD THURMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thurman, Rt. 3, Box 1086, Klamath Falls, in training in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, is home for the holidays. He attended Klamath Union High School.

National Output In 1956 Said To Top 400 Billion

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP)—The momentum of an unprecedented boom in production, pay and profits indicates that the new year may see national output topping 400 billion dollars annually—another peak of prosperity.

Administration aides who make this forecast find today's dizzy economic heights disturbing as well as exhilarating. They have ridden out a recession, redeemed a pledge of good times, but — seemingly unstoppable consumer demand, fed by record-breaking use of credit, is crowding industry close to the limits of plant capacity. Prices have risen a bit; inflation is an admitted hazard.

Therefore, the expected 1956 tax reduction, half-promised by President Eisenhower a year ago, may be omitted from his recommendations at the opening of the new session of Congress.

One top-ranking White House adviser predicts privately that Eisenhower will delay specific tax-relief proposals for a few months, until it becomes clear whether such an addition to consumer buying power would aggravate a going inflation.

But Congress must be reckoned with. Both political parties will be eager to please the voters in an election year. So it seems certain that income tax cuts—perhaps delayed to July 1—will put another prop under prosperity in 1956.

By no means, however, do government economists consider inflation inevitable. They expect prices to inch up, perhaps, while the rising production curve flattens somewhat in the months ahead.

They point out some potential deflators, too. Farm income, it is predicted officially, will continue its long slide. Housing is off. Autos may sag after 1955's sensational sales.

The high, uneasy balance prompted Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, to warn recently that in a situation of such delicate poise "neither the threat of inflation nor of recession can ever be very distant."

Burns reported the country is on the threshold of a 400-billion-dollar economy. "In the near future," he predicted, we will "cross this line and go well beyond it."

Virtually all other administration officials and economists agreed that 1956 should average out at a level of prosperity unmatched in history.

They disagree as to the pattern of the year. Some believe the boom has almost reached its height; they look for a decline in the spring and a leveling-out in the second half. Others foresee gradually rising activity until about mid-year, then a tapering-off.

Some officials contend that political developments may influence the economy through their effect on business confidence.

Though business hesitated only briefly after President Eisenhower's heart attack on Sept. 24, administration officials consider that confidence in the Eisenhower government has contributed much to the current prosperity—and that a political reverse for the Republicans might alter the economic outlook.

Colorado Patrol Chief To Direct By Airplane

DENVER (AP)—State patrolmen will be out in force on Colorado highways during the New Year's weekend, but patrol chief Gilbert Carrel won't be among them.

He'll be above the expected heavy traffic, directing operations from a patrol plane over the Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver and Greeley areas.

"It's a lot safer up there," Carrel commented wryly, referring to an all-time record of 418 traffic deaths in the state this year.

IKE SECOND

TORONTO (AP)—President Eisenhower was second to Princess Margaret as the leading news personality in Canada this year.

A vote taken among telegraph editors of Canadian newspapers by the Canadian Press gave the Princess a 2-1 margin over the President.

Lester B. Pearson, foreign secretary, was voted the most noteworthy Canadian.

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