

# EUROPE BAKED BY GALES, COLD

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is written in Laguna Beach. It isn't raining at the moment. But it rained all night, and it looks like it could start raining again at the slightest provocation. And—

The weather bureau says two more storms are rolling in from the Pacific.

The motel at which this job of writing is being done has a pleasant custom. It serves coffee and doughnuts to its guests in the morning hours. There is quite a little gathering this morning in the cheerful recreation room where the serving takes place.

The weather is the chief topic of conversation—as it is all over California in this year of our Lord when the rains are coming down. If there is ANYTHING that California—especially Southern California—needs more than anything else, it is RAIN. Up to the time the precipitation (I think that would be a better word) started, Southern California was just about ready to dry up and blow away. But is the copious rainfall of the past week popular?

It is about as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party. People almost cry when they mention it.

Down here along this far southern coast of California, there is of course a reason why rain isn't looked upon with enthusiasm. This beautiful little city of Laguna Beach is a good example. It lives almost entirely on what for want of a better word is called the tourist trade.

It has no agriculture. It has no industry. The skies are unsullied by factory smoke. Smog isn't one of its worries, because it has none of the modern conditions that create smog.

It lives exclusively on the visitors who come here to enjoy its fabulously pleasant climate and its exotically lovely coastal scenery, which when the sun is shining closely resembles the Mediterranean Riviera.

But when the sun doesn't shine—Well, that's another story. And the sun hasn't been doing a very good job of shining in recent weeks. So the visitors are getting out their maps and picking out the quickest routes to Arizona, and some of them are reaching for the phone to make reservations in Phoenix and Tucson and way out there such as Palm Springs and Indio.

That isn't so good for when people pull out en masse from places that live exclusively on the tourist trade the inhabitants there are left with nothing more productive than washing each other's shirts and shining each other's shoes.

That soon gets tiresome. This morning's coffee session, however, wasn't wholly gloomy. Present thereat was a couple from Seattle. Seattle has been having a rugged winter. And they had just picked up in the papers the story AND THE PICTURES of Portland's foot of snow.

They were positively gleeful. When you live in the northern latitudes and have pulled out—at the cost of a considerable chunk of what in Mexico is called dinero—for the sunny Southland, nothing makes you happier than to learn that the weather you are missing at home is bad.

And—On the contrary—Nothing upsets you like learning that the weather at home turned BEAUTIFUL right after you left. You're inclined to regard that as a personal insult.

Anyway, this Seattle couple could look through the windows into the drizzle outside and simply GLOAT. But—

They had reservations already for Palm Springs and as soon as they finished their coffee they were going to begin packing up to leave this wet spot.

I reckon NOBODY loves rain.

House Group Probes Slums

WASHINGTON (AP) — Red tape, official timidity and federal interference at local levels were blamed in part by House investigators Saturday for "exasperating" delays in the nation's slum clearance housing programs.

At the same time, investigators recommended larger and more "realistic" goals for slum clearance projects, and proposed easier mortgage terms to enable displaced slum dwellers to relocate in other homes.

# Here and Now

Price Ten Cents—34 Pages

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1956

Telephone 3111

No. 3382

## Snow Blocks Texas Highways

### Traffic Paralyzed By Worst Storm To Hit In Fifty Years

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (AP) — The worst blizzard in 50 years, with stiff winds piling snow drifts as deep as nine feet, paralyzed much of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains Saturday.

Most inter-city buses quit running after a number were stranded and passengers had to be rescued by tractor.

Many stores closed and some main streets were blocked in Plainview, Hereford, Amarillo, Canyon and Borger. Amarillo and Lubbock City buses had quit running Friday.

The snow piled up in broad areas where farmers had been receiving federal drought aid because of prolonged drought. The heavy snow held out promise of restoring long-depleted sub-soil moisture.

PRAYERS  
The storm also came as Texas Baptists, in accordance with plans made last month, prepared to pray together next Saturday and Sunday for an end to the drought. The prayers will be offered up on scheduled.

### Brown To Lead Pops Orchestra

HARRY JOHN BROWN will conduct the Boston Pops Orchestra in its first Klamath Falls concert at the Pelican Theater Wednesday, February 15, at 8 p.m.

Ruth Slenczynska — pronounced Slen-chin-ska — pianist, will play Mendelssohn's "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25" to open the second half of the program.

A native Californian and the daughter of musical parents, Miss Slenczynska made her first professional appearance at the age of four. At six she began playing for European audiences and at seven performed with symphony orchestras. Her first American tour took place at the age of eight.

She studied with Rachmaninoff and Cortot before the outbreak of World War II.

Brown, the assistant conductor at 29 years of age, for the past five years worked with the Tri-City Symphony Orchestra in Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. During his army service he conducted the world famous G.I. Symphony Orchestra as well as organizing a special choir group which performed all over the front lines.

Most recently Brown triumphed as guest conductor of the Chicago Symphony.

The Boston Pops Orchestra will present its concert at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is by membership ticket only.

### GOP To Hear Dan Thornton

Former Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado, is slated to touch off the 1956 Republican campaign in the Klamath Basin Monday at 8:15 p.m. when he addresses a GOP dinner meeting in the Willard Hotel.

Thornton, now administrative as-



DAN THORNTON

stant to President Eisenhower, is recognized as one of the top Republican speakers in the country. Attorney George Proctor, chairman of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee, said Saturday that a capacity crowd from all sections of Southern Oregon is expected.

Thornton's talk will be preceded by a social hour at 6:15 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7:15 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at Proctor's office in the Melrose Building, Republican Headquarters, 211 Underwood Building and from Mrs. Mary Juckeland.

ule. Much of Texas still needs moisture and one blizzard won't end the drought.

Plainview, and Hereford, both with two feet or more of snowfall, were hardest hit by the blizzard which blew through the Panhandle. The snow continued falling Saturday.

The new snow, possibly the tag-end of a storm that has spread snow, sleet and freezing rain over most of Texas since Wednesday, was heaviest in the area from the Canadian River, which cuts across the Panhandle, and south into the Lubbock area.

SCHOOLS CLOSED  
Most Panhandle and Plains schools closed Thursday and Friday for the weekend and it now appeared likely some would be unable to reopen Monday.

National guardsmen in heavy trucks broke a path to rescue occupants of about 30 cars and one bus stalled in drifts south of Plainview. Tractors reached loaded buses stranded in drifts between Hereford and Bovina in the Panhandle and highway patrol cars evacuated occupants of a stalled bus near Vega on U.S. Highway 66.

The storm caused near blizzard conditions and drifting snow in Eastern New Mexico.

FREEZING RAIN  
Snow and freezing rain fell in Oklahoma and sleet glazed highways in northern Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Rain pelted an area from the Gulf to Southeastern Ohio.

Fair weather prevailed in most other sections. Afternoon temperatures in the 20s and 30s were the rule in the Southern Rockies, the Great Plains and New England. Readings were in the 40s and 50s in California and in the 20s and 30s in Washington and Oregon. Light rain sprinkled the Washington and Oregon coasts.

### Seven Killed Friday Night

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Accidents claimed seven lives in Oregon Friday night. Highway crashes accounted for five deaths and two died in a fire.

An automobile plunged off a road into the Siuslaw River, and the four teenage occupants were drowned.

Dead were John White, 19; Janet May Garrett, 17; Danny Poppe, 19, and Sharon Singer, 18, all of Eugene.

George Johnson, a rancher who lives across the river, noticed headlights shining through trees of hill water and this led to discovery of the tragedy. One girl's wrist watch had stopped at 10:45 p.m., and police believe that is when the accident happened.

W. T. Moon, Florence police chief, said the automobile veered into a ditch, hit a power pole, then hurtled across the highway into the river.

The burning headlights helped in recovery of the car and bodies at the accident scene near the town of Mapleton, 60 miles west of Eugene. Moon said the four were traveling toward Florence after attending a dance north of Eugene.

Portland recorded its sixth traffic death of the year when Mrs. Jessyca Moore Bryant was killed in the crash of a car into a traffic light station on Harbor Drive. Her husband, James R. Bryant, 60, who was driving, was hospitalized with injuries.

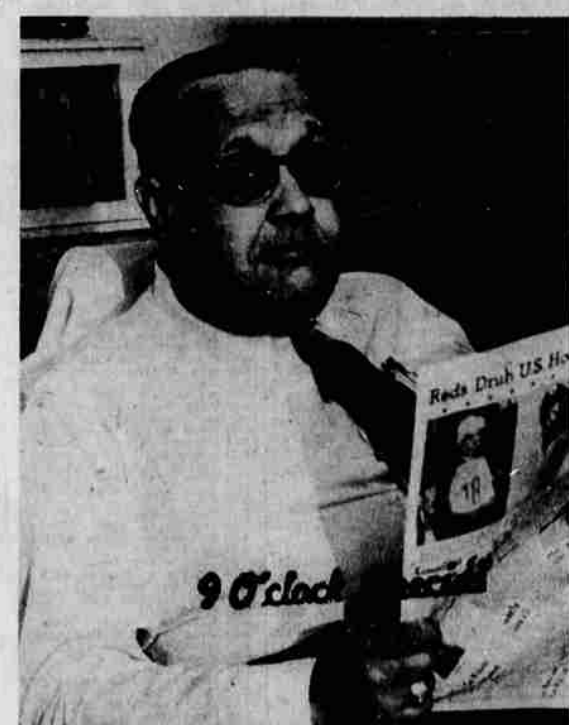
A man and his wife, both of whom had been ill, died in a fire which swept through their small house south of Roseburg. The victims were Forrest M. Ream, 62, and Marie Ream, 63.

Coroner L. L. Powers said Ream apparently tried to help his wife escape, but both were overcome by smoke. The bodies were on the charred floor of the bedroom when a neighbor and a passing truck driver discovered the fire. Cause was not determined immediately.

Truman told newsmen in New York Friday that Nixon had called him a traitor and even the thought of it made him "not only want to

swear but to punch somebody."

He said that "to be called a traitor by a vice president of the United States is hard to take."



ROY H. WILLIAMSON, 310 South Fifth Street, lolled in his barber chair at a shop on Main Street before the Saturday rush started yesterday when the 9 o'clock photographer came in for a trim.

### National Park Service Asks Funds To Expand Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service disclosed Friday night it wants Congress to provide 36 million dollars for work in the first year of "Mission 66" — a 10-year expansion program for America's park system.

The aim of the program is a system staffed and equipped to handle 80 million visitors annually by 1968, the golden anniversary of the service. President Eisenhower endorsed the program in a message to Congress this week.

The service says the parks had 50 million visitors last year but, as now developed, are designed for a maximum of about 25 million annual tourists.

The 10-year program would cost nearly 125 million dollars, in addition to the regular annual Park Service budgets. This would mean a total park expenditure of about 78½ million over the 10 years.

The projects disclosed Friday night would be built in the 12 months starting July 1. Included is a 12½ million dollar outlay for buildings and utilities, 12½ million for roads and trails and 11 million for parkways.

Those in the Pacific Northwest include:

Buildings and Utilities  
Crater Lake Park, Ore. — Camp ground development, Annie Springs, \$72,000; employee housing and utilities, headquarters, \$220,000.

Craters of the Moon Park, Idaho — Employee housing, \$38,700; public use building, \$126,800; utility building, \$112,200; utilities, \$49,500. (This will complete the development of this area.)

General Roads and Trails  
Mt. Rainier Park, Wash. — Construction of road and parking area, Marmot Point to Barn Flat, \$350,000.

Minor Roads and Trails  
Crater Lake Park, Ore. — \$58,800.  
Craters of the Moon Monument, Idaho — \$52,500.  
Mt. Rainier Park, Wash. — \$106,100.

### Pilot Escapes Jet Accident

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — An F-84 jet plane crashed west of here Saturday, but the pilot bailed out to safety.

He was identified at the Portland Air Force Base as Capt. Dudley B. Irish.

The base said the plane was one of two F-84s on a routine training flight from Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz., to Portland. The other plane and pilot, Lt. James Shattuck, 30, landed at Portland.

### US, Britain Eye Middle East Move

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Britain are considering making a classic "show of force" in the Eastern Mediterranean to dissuade Israeli and Arab states from going to war.

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden are reported to have agreed at their conferences here last week that they simply can not tolerate an outbreak of war in the Middle East. They are said to have decided to prevent or suppress any such hostilities.

The powerful U. S. 6th Fleet, built around two carriers and including cruisers, destroyers and submarines, may be put on maneuvers in the area as part of the "show of force" plan under study.

STRENGTH  
British forces on the island of Cyprus and U. S. air units based in the Mediterranean area could also be used in a display of strength.

These and other measures will be discussed in detail at three-power talks beginning here in a few days among U. S., British and French officials. France accepted Eisenhower-Eden bid to participate and is expected to share their views.

Intensive diplomatic activity to prevent an outbreak of war and provide the basis for a settlement of Arab-Israeli differences is underway, paralleling the military planning here and in London.

### EGYPT TALKS

U. S. Ambassador Henry Byrnes is flying back to Cairo to talk with Egyptian Premier Gamel Abdul Nasser after several weeks of conferences in Washington. Byrnes succeeded in modifying Western Bank financial help for the proposed Aswan Dam in Egypt. Diplomats now believe that Nasser and the Western powers can strike a deal which will exclude Russia from that ambitious undertaking.

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban has made an appointment for Monday with Asst. Sec. of State George Allen to press for approval of Israel's arms request.

### ACTION DEFERRED

The State Department has deferred action on an Israeli bid to buy \$50 million dollars worth of U. S. military equipment. Diplomatic sources reported that Egypt has received from Communist Czechoslovakia 40 Russian-built Ilyushin bombers and some are already flying.

Authorities here are moderately hopeful that the preventive part of the Eisenhower-Eden program will be sufficient.

### Final Polio Funds Given

The Mother's March of Dimes event "Porchlight Night" netted \$700 for the anti-polio fund drive, announced Jay Krohn, campaign chairman, Saturday.

Krohn urged any householders in Klamath Falls who were not contacted during the porchlight campaign to mail their contributions to the March of Dimes, Klamath Falls.

The Teens Against Polio division of the drive conducted by the high school students of the county collected over \$2,000 for the fund, said Tom Perkins, county chairman of the National Polio Foundation. The students staged several events during January to aid the drive for funds to combat polio.

Perkins said that sometime in February the total amount collected in the drive will be announced. It will be a few weeks before all the funds from polio boards and cards are collected and tabulated, he said.

### Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: A few snow flurries Sunday with occasional sunny periods. Partly cloudy Sunday night and Monday. High both days 36-45; low Sunday night 15-25.

High Saturday — 30

Low at midnight Saturday — 18

## Freeze-Up Called Worst Of Century

LONDON (AP) — A possible break in Europe's worst cold spell of the 20th Century depended on the outcome of a gusty battle of two rival winds over the Atlantic Saturday night.

At least 128 persons were known dead in a giant freeze-up stretching even into the normally sun-shine spots of Southern Italy and the French Riviera.

Water was at a premium for hundreds of thousands of British householders whose pipes froze. Fuel shortages threatened bitter hardship in the satellite countries of Poland and Hungary.

Knife-like gales scattered coastal shipping, ice and snow made roads perilous and snarled rail transport. Shopgirls skated to work on Holland's canals.

### BITTER WINDS

Blister east winds from Siberia which brought on the cold spell five days ago, have now run head on into warmer air streams spreading from the west over the Atlantic.

The British meteorologist office predicted the winner would dominate Europe's weather for the next three weeks.

Cuts in gas supplies forced coal meals for many people in Heese, West Germany. In Frankfurt, deliveries of bottled milk were stopped because the milk froze and burst the bottles. Bonn and other cities had streetlamp blackouts from gas failures.

Temperatures generally were slightly above Friday's levels, though North Italy reported 22 below zero.

### LONDON FOG

London climbed to 33 degrees briefly during the afternoon and some fog developed. But reports of a light morning snowfall with the temperature at 24. Geneva and other towns in lowland Switzerland reported an average of 12 degrees.

Death tolls from exposure, fire, storm and crashes attributable to the weather by country: France 35; Britain 26; Italy 16; Denmark 11; Germany the Saar and Turkey 10 each; Austria 5; Holland and Switzerland 4 each; Yugoslavia 2; Spain 2 and Belgium 1.

Peasant families in Southern Italy shivered in houses with no means for heating because their winter normally is mild. Snow spread over the sunshine playground of the French Riviera and frost blackened fields of spring flowers worth millions of dollars.

### SPAIN COLD

Sunny Spain had its worst cold wave since 1891. Rome's spectacular fountains froze over. The canals of Venice kept free of ice—but only because 78-mile-an-hour gales lashed them into waves.

Holland called off Saturday school sessions—so the kids could go skating on the ice canals. Dutch children can skate as soon as they can walk and the prospect of the big cash prizes made the weekend a bonanza.

West Berlin, with colder weather

### Skating Rink Plans Operation

The Moore Park skating rink will operate over the weekend if the weather continues cold, announced City Recreation Director Bob Bonney, Saturday.

The Conser Hill sled tow also will operate over the weekend, Bonney said.

### Truman Challenged By GOP Leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall Saturday challenged former President Truman to show when or where Vice President Nixon ever called Truman a traitor.

Hall released a series of excerpts from Nixon's 1952 and 1954 political campaign speeches which he said did not disclose "any instance whatever in which the vice president ever called Mr. Truman a traitor or referred to the Democratic Party as the party of treason."

Truman told newsmen in New York Friday that Nixon had called him a traitor and even the thought of it made him "not only want to

swear but to punch somebody."

He said that "to be called a traitor by a vice president of the United States is hard to take."

Nixon said on his return Saturday from a trip to Brazil that "I have no comment on anything Mr. Truman said."

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), the 1952 Democratic vice presidential nominee, said Hall may be technically correct in claiming Nixon never actually labeled Truman as a "traitor."

"A lot can be said by implication that may not actually be put into words," Sparkman told a newsmen. "The clear implication of Nixon, (former Gov. Thomas E.)

er forecast, issued hot tea and rum to cops and mallmen.

Vienna had scores of people laid up with broken bones suffered in falls on icy streets.

In the Soviet Union, where the whole thing started, the cold wave continued with no sign of a let-up. Moscow Radio reported sub-freezing temperatures right across the country and the capital itself shivering at nine degrees below zero.

## FBI Enters Furore Over Gas Funds

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI stepped into the gas bill furore Saturday to determine whether federal laws were violated by a reported \$2,500 offer to Sen. Francis Case (R-SD). Senate leaders meanwhile announced plans for a formal Senate probe.

Case, who implied in the Senate Friday the campaign contribution was offered for his vote in favor of the natural gas bill, said he would "welcome" the Senate inquiry.

Case indicated he had given the name of the person or persons involved to two FBI agents he said had called on him.

### AGENCY

"They are a responsible agency, and I said I'd give them to any responsible agency," Case told newsmen.

But despite demands that he give senators the name of the man who made the offer, he said "I see no good to be accomplished by my giving the name" in a case of any authorized investigation.

The limited FBI investigation was announced by Asst. Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers. He said he had asked the FBI to interview Case and "to conduct such other investigations which may be necessary" to determine whether federal laws have been violated.

### CONFERENCE

Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas announced after a conference with GOP chiefs that unless there are further developments he will move in the Senate Monday to set up a select committee to inquire into Case's charge.

In the balance hung the fate of the bitterly contested bill to exempt producers of natural gas from direct federal regulation. A final vote on the measure has been scheduled for Monday. Johnson said he has no plans to delay the vote.

### OPPOSITION

But Sen. Hennings (D-Mo), an opponent of the bill, said the measure should be sent back to committee Monday pending "a thorough investigation of the oil cartel." He said he did not think it should be considered again until the Senate has passed an election reform measure.

From what he knows, Hennings said, "it appears to me that no bribe was intended." But he contended the entire problem of campaign contributions by wealthy special interest groups need study.



THREE KLAMATH FALLS boys, brothers in scouting, will meet Governor Elmo Smith and will make a trip through Oregon's state capital in Salem on Wednesday, February 8 in recognition of National Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12. The trio, (left to right) rear, Larry an Explorer Scout and Neil, a Boy Scout with Marvin, seated, a Cub Scout, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Alexander, 2833 Summers Lane. Their father is scoutmaster for Troop 8, sponsored by Peace Memorial Church. Mrs. Alexander is den mother of Pack 8. The brothers will be accompanied by Jack Smith, district executive of Bend.