

# FLOODS HIT EASTERN STATES

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

On the west coast of Mexico above Mazatlan there are two outstanding resorts. One of them, at Guaymas, has been described in these pages. The other is at Los Alamos. Both are in the state of Sonora.

Guaymas has glamor. But Los Alamos has more of it. There was a time, some three centuries ago, when Los Alamos was the greatest silver producer in the Spanish world. It had wealth. It had power. And it had builders. Its architecture was as beautiful as any in Spanish America. What remains of it is still so beautiful that it makes you catch your breath.

Knights in armor trod its cobbled streets. Great Spanish ladies looked out from the arched windows of its entrancingly lovely homes—and perhaps tossed a red rose to the caballero of their choice. Over El Camino Real—the highway of the King—on which Los Alamos was the most important place north of Mexico City—passed at one time or another all the dignitaries of New Spain.

That was in the centuries that are past.

In the plaza of Los Alamos, in the shadow of its gravely beautiful old church whose bells still peal softly night and day, burros graze. Chickens and sometimes pigs forage for food. And brown-skinned children play—and wave and shout "hallo!" to American tourists.

And in fiesta week the people of the town, from grandfathers down to tots, gather for a happy, carefree time. They don't do so as a snow for the tourists, for Los Alamos is 30 graveled miles from the paved tourist highway. They do it for their own pleasure—as their grandparents and their great-grandparents and their great-great-grandparents did.

Therein lies the charm of Los Alamos. It is still natural. It is still just itself. It sleeps in the sun and lives each day as it comes and enjoys life after the manner of simple people whose wants are few.

In Los Alamos there is an inn—La Casa de los Tesoros. It has been remodeled from an ancient convent. Its guest rooms, with their 20-foot-high ceilings, wear the nuns' cells. Its dining room was the convent's refectory. Its patios were the patios where in other centuries the nuns strolled.

It has been done over in excellent taste by a smart California couple who kept all its romantic charm but bulk in modern conveniences, such as fireplaces and tiled showers in the rooms and a swimming pool in one of the patios. They didn't spoil a thing. They just made the place charmingly habitable in these modern days.

Its rates are slightly lower than at Guaymas—about \$20 a day for two people—American plan, which means meals included in the price.

So much for the luxury places.

In the BEST Mexican commercial hotels in the towns and cities from Guadalajara north, room rates are apt to be around \$5 a day for two people. Seldom more than that. Often much less. In Tepic, a city of 40-odd thousand people, dinner, 1.00 g i n g and breakfast for two at the city's best hotel runs a little under \$5 for the whole shbang. And in the morning a gang of wholly lovable little Mexican rascals ranging up to seven years of age, will have your car—which you left in the street—all shined up like a plain glass window. If you shell out a handful of 20-centavo pieces (20 centavos are worth one-fifth of eight American cents) everybody, including you, will be as happy as a lord.

If you watch your pesos and your centavos, you can travel in Mexico for about all what it will cost on our side of the line. You won't, of course, live in marble palaces. But the places will be clean and attractive. And if you like Mexican food (ham and eggs are as standard in Mexico as in the U.S.A.) the food will be good.

All in all, an automobile trip along the west coast of Mexico is a pleasant and inexpensive and rewarding experience. Among its rewards are the PEOPLE of Mexico, who are kindly and friendly and courteous and thoughtful. They provide considerably more than half of the charm of such a trip.

## Sig Unander Files For Post

SALEM (AP)—State Treasurer Sig Unander filed for Republican renomination Thursday, with indications that he won't have opposition in the May 18 primary election.

The only Democratic candidate for the position is Al Richardson, former food manager at the penitentiary, whose charges of food mismanagement in state institutions have brought a grand jury investigation.

The deadline for filing in the primary is Friday, when more than 800 candidates probably will enter the many races for statewide, legislative, judicial and party offices.

Other filings:

E. Otis Smith, Ontario, for circuit judge.

Lloyd V. Arant, Roseburg Democrat, for state senator.

Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls Republican, for state senator.

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**IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES** marked the conferring of United States citizenship on 14 persons Wednesday in Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's courtroom. The oath of the allegiance was administered by County Clerk Charles Delap. The new citizens in the upper picture are: front row, left to right, Lina Lowell, Canada; Constance Brazeele, Canada; Trinidad Contreras, Mexico; Richard Birlhelsdorf, Germany; Michael James Baxter, Ireland; Suzanne Southwell, Canada; back row, John Zupan, Yugoslavia; Avino Zupan, Yugoslavia; Ruby Uglum, England; Kjell Stardehn, Norway; Ara Kisiss, Latvia, and Christopher McAuliffe, Ireland. Standing Michael Foley, left, Ireland, and Lorne Max Allen, Canada. The petitions of the new citizens were presented to the court by Naturalization Examiner M. C. Walker, Portland. In the picture at left Mrs. Irene Poteet, commander of Dewey Powell Unit No. 12 Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, pins a flower on new citizen Richard Birlhelsdorf, from Germany. The DAV auxiliary sponsored the ceremonies.

## Solon Proposes Compromise On Election Year Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Case (R-SD) proposed Thursday what he termed a "compromise" in the hot Senate argument over rigid vs flexible farm price supports.

Case's proposal was one of more than 20 amendments offered to the controversial farm bill.

The administration wants a system of flexible, not rigid, price supports. The administration argues that rigid price supports are doing everything possible to get a good bill. We are doing all we can and I am confident that we will win.

## Union Rejects Strike Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Thursday pronounced "unacceptable" a government-proposed plan for settling the Westinghouse strike, now in its 144th day.

The IUE governing Conference Board called for immediate new negotiations "in order to conclude an agreement that will be fair, honorable and workable."

James B. Carey IUE president, said the decision by the 75-member union Conference Board was unanimous.

## J-M Purchases Indian Land

PORTLAND (AP)—The Johns-Manville Corp. has bought 131 acres of land on the Klamath Indian Reservation to get access to a site where it may build a softboard plant.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced that here Thursday.

The land was bought for \$25,000 from Nicholas Rosset, an Indian who bought the tract allotment several years ago.

Officials of the Interior Department said Johns-Manville was planning a plant which would produce softboard from lodgepole pine, which is abundant in the area.

## Ellsworth Asks Rogue Tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) Thursday asked Congress to authorize Army engineers to undertake a preliminary examination and survey of the Rogue River and its tributaries in Oregon.

The study would be designed to develop plans for flood control, reclamation and irrigation, and other beneficial development, and utilization of water resources including recreational uses.

Ellsworth told the House it would be necessary also to consider the conservation and protection of soil, forest, fish and wildlife resources. Pointing to recent floods which caused damage in excess of three million dollars in the valley, Ellsworth said the study is "desperately needed."

## Eisenhower To Keep Full Duties

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Thursday President Eisenhower has reduced none of his constitutional duties and has no intention of doing so.

Asst. Press Secretary Murray Snyder made the statement to newsmen in comment on an assertion by Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) that Eisenhower intends to "shrink" the chief executive's office as the result of his heart attack.

"Any such contraction of the presidency as is contemplated in the Eisenhower proposal," Sparkman said Wednesday night, "cannot but upset the balances set up in our Constitution for the preservation of popular government."

Snyder, replying to newsmen's requests for comment on Sparkman's remarks, said: "I think the President very clearly stated (at news conferences) last Wednesday and again this Wednesday the distinction between his constitutional duties and his hospitalities duties, the latter being in the department in which he has reduced his activities or intends to do so, Snyder said: "I certainly don't think he has reduced his constitutional duties."

## Deadline For Filing Nears

Friday at 5 p.m. marks the deadline for candidates planning to file for county offices with the Klamath County clerk's office. The filings must be made by that time in order for the candidates to appear on the May 18 primary ballot.

At press time Thursday no additional candidates had filed for the various county posts but several prospective office seekers had indicated that they might file Friday.

It was reported Thursday that Walter E. Wiesendanger, Klamath Falls food products broker, might file for county commissioner on the Republican ticket before the deadline.

Wiesendanger, a resident of Klamath Falls for 29 years, served four years in the Klamath Falls City Council from 1940 to 1944. He was in the grocery business for 20 years and has been an independent food products broker for the past nine years. He resides at 2042 Erie Street with his wife Peggy.

## Two Drowning Deaths Reported In New York

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raging rivers, fed by days of rain and snow, drove thousands of persons from their homes in New York and Pennsylvania Thursday.

Two drowning deaths were reported, both in New York.

Warren, a northwestern Pennsylvania community of 15,000, was isolated by rising waters of the Allegheny River.

All highways into the city were closed and the first floor of the Warren Hospital was reported under water. It is only 40 yards from the river bank.

Hospital authorities immediately began evacuating patients by boat from the west wing. The flood-besieged hospital reported it had 110 patients in all, including seven new-born babies.

## Semon Plans To Throw Hat In Ring

Henry Semon, veteran Klamath County legislator, announced Thursday he is entering the race for representative from this district on the Independent ticket.

Semon, a Henley potato grower, has been a member of the legislature since 1933. Previously he campaigned as a Democrat, although in his first campaign he also ran as an Independent. While in Salem he served on many important law-making committees.

When he announced he had filed his candidacy with Secretary of State Earl Newberry, Semon issued the following statement:



HENRY SEMON

"After careful consideration I have decided to enter my name as an Independent candidate for the state legislature from Klamath County at the general election in November. I sincerely believe that I will be better able to represent all the people of Klamath County as an independent candidate."

"For the past 22 years it has been my privilege to represent the voters of Klamath County in the legislature at Salem. During that time my record in the legislature will show that I have been an independent thinker and voted for those things that were to the best interest of all the people of Oregon. And by so doing, I have made a lot of friends in the state and in the legislature in particular, and have become familiar with the needs of the people of the state of Oregon."

"In asking the voters of Klamath County for their support again I can assure them that I will do as I have in the past and work for every worthwhile project that will benefit our own area and our state."

"There are many extremely important problems that must come before the next session of the legislature such as a new appraisal of our present tax laws and many others."

"With the experience of the past 12 sessions and as a member of many of the more important committees that have handled these problems, I sincerely believe I can represent all of Klamath County in a fair and honest manner. As an independent candidate to represent Klamath County and the state of Oregon in the state legislature, I will again ask the support of all the voters at the general election this fall."

## Heavy River Runoff Predicted

PORTLAND (AP)—The Willamette River runoff this spring and summer will be one of the heaviest on record, W. T. Frost, snow survey expert, reported Wednesday.

Frost said the April-September flow of the river at Salem will be 6,200,000 acre feet, compared with an average 4,255,000.

Whether there will be any flooding, will depend on melting conditions and precipitation, Frost said. Any Willamette flooding normally is in the winter.

Frost said the Willamette flow at Salem will be 142 per cent of average. The North Santiam flow will be 137 per cent of average and the South Santiam 136 per cent.

He said there has been this much stored water in the Willamette Basin since records were started in 1910.



BILL BLAKESLEY, left, mechanic, and J. R. Powers, nightwatchman, were snapped by the 9 o'clock photographer this morning. Both men are employees of M and M Diesel Company.

## STAND URGED

TOKYO (AP)—William Randolph Hearst Jr. said Thursday the United States must make it clear to the remaining free nations of Asia that America will fight to prevent further Communist conquest of this area. The editor in chief of the Hearst newspapers spoke to the Foreign Correspondents Club of Tokyo.