

TEMPEST STAGGERS NORTH-EAST

In The
Day's News

As this is written, the wires are buzzing with reports that the communist party chief, Krushchev, has denounced Stalin as a blundering murderer.

The dispatches report that Soviet representatives in London—including Malenkov, who is visiting there—appear to be badly shaken by the news. Malenkov was two hours late in showing up for an appointment. Soviet Ambassador to London Jakob Malik postponed a conference with the Japanese envoy at the last minute.

What cooks? I wouldn't know. I doubt if anyone outside the inner and secret circles of the Kremlin knows what is in the wind.

But—History tells us that when an absolute dictator dies, he leaves behind him a legacy of a crew of his loyal henchmen. These henchmen are intent on protecting their jobs—and their necks. They want to see things go on just as they have been going on—and they are historically inclined to be suspicious and fearful of the new crew that takes over at the top.

There may be too many of these Stalin henchmen in the lower ranks of the present Soviet structure, and the present dictators may be denouncing Stalin as a preliminary to liquidating the Stalinists who remain in the outfit.

I don't guarantee that guess, but at least it sounds like a reasonable one.

More on the U.S. senate and the farm bill (I hate to go on harping on this string, but the handling of the 1956 farm bill in the congress is so typical of the politics of this particular campaign year that it deserves thoughtful attention on the part of all of us mere voters.)

Just before recessing on Friday night for the week-end, the senate approved an amendment to the farm bill providing a half billion dollars for federal purchase of beef, pork and other perishable farm products not presently eligible for price support.

The obvious reason for the amendment is that there is a sizeable number of voters among the producers of beef, pork and other perishable farm products not presently eligible for price support. The senators figured it wouldn't be good politics to leave ANYBODY out.

One can't help being sympathetic with the farmers, whose prices are going down while more or less everybody else's prices are going up. But let's take a critical look at the situation.

Our agricultural trouble tracks back to the fact that we have been producing more than the markets will absorb. As a result, staggering surpluses are accumulating. As long as it remains profitable because of government subsidies—to over-produce the markets we'll go on over-producing, and the surpluses will go on accumulating.

Beef and pork have hitherto been consumed about as fast as they have been produced. No staggering surplus of them hangs over the market. But if the government starts to subsidize them—that is to say, if it starts buying up the surplus beef and pork with taxpayer money to keep the price from dropping—it will become profitable to produce more beef and pork than the markets will absorb.

Election Law Rules Defined

The result of that will be:

1. A steadily accumulating surplus of beef and pork to hang over the markets of the future.
2. The building of expensive cold storage warehouses to hold the accumulating surpluses.

I don't think any intelligent cattleman or hogman wants to see that happen.

Alturas Center To Be Dedicated

ALTURAS—Elaborate plans for the dedication of the new Alturas Youth Center March 31 were announced Saturday by J. Walker, secretary of the adult board of directors which will supervise the project.

"A lot of hard work has been done by the students and the adults of this community on the project," Walker said. "The center, known as 'The Teepee,' will be officially opened at noon Saturday, March 31. There will be a parade through downtown Alturas."

The youth center will have recreational facilities and is designed as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency. Leading citizens are sponsoring the center.

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Sailors Battle Atlantic Gale

Ships Driven Aground, Three Navy Men Killed

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Rescue and salvage crews struggled to restore order to the storm-lashed Atlantic seaboard Saturday, after a raging northeaster drove six large ships aground, damaged hundreds of others and claimed the lives of three Navy men.

Accompanied by snow, sleet, ice

and winds packing gale and hurricane force gusts, the storm swept the East Coast from Virginia to Maine. Mountainous waves and low visibility hampered rescue operations, adding to the woes of the over-worked Coast Guard.

When the storm finally subsided, the jagged Northeast coastline was strewn with its victims.

AGROUND

Off Newport, R. I., where three destroyers and a frigate burst their moorings and went aground, a small open Navy launch was washed ashore. In it were the lifeless bodies of three sailors from the destroyer Preston, apparent victims of over exposure in the wintering tempest.

Tugs from the Newport Naval Station managed to nudge the three destroyers off the beach, but the frigate William A. Lee held fast on the Jamestown shore.

Off the New England coast at Scituate, Mass., the 7,000-ton Italian freighter Etrusco was dashed against the rocks by a furious blizzard that caught her when she rode high in the water without cargo.

RESCUED

After 10 harrowing hours aboard the foundering 441-foot freighter, her 30-man crew was taken ashore by breeches buoy in a daring Coast Guard rescue, performed at the height of the storm. When the wind abated, Capt. Gaetano Traini and three crew members returned to the stricken vessel, then over its side and shipping water—to offset any question of possession under maritime abandonment rules.

Farther south, near the eastern tip of Long Island, a tug took in low the rudderless tanker Sylvia, which managed to keep from foundering while adrift in a raging snow storm off Montauk Point.

A sudden shift in the 60-mile an hour wind kept the gasoline-laden tanker from piling up on the rocks. The Sylvia and her 13-man crew was headed for Providence, R. I., by the tugboat Margaret Moran. The Moran had finally reached her after several storm-caused delays.

ESCORTED

Two cutters escorted a 96-foot fishing trawler to safety in heavy seas off Atlantic City, N. J. Virginia reported two ship collisions.

The Italian freighter Laura, knocked off course by heavy wind gusts and seven-foot tides, clipped two destroyers at a Navy pier in Norfolk. Both Navy ships were damaged, but no injuries were reported.

With winds at gale strength, the Swedish vessel S. S. Nyland plowed into an anchored Liberty ship, the E. Kirby Smith, at the junction of Norfolk and the Elizabeth River Channel.

The bow of the Swedish ship was imbedded 15 feet into the starboard side of the Liberty ship. The Smith, which suffered most of the damage, removed its six-man crew to the mainland.

McKay To Launch Oregon Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Interior McKay will come to Oregon next weekend to get his campaign for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate underway.

He is expected to resign from the Cabinet in just over a month from now, Alaska Phillips, his secretary, said he will leave "around May 1."

Earlier at Salem, his campaign manager, William L. Phillips Sr., said he expected the secretary to begin his active campaign here about April 20.

In the May 18 election he will be opposed by Philip Hitchcock, State Rep. Elmer Deets and George Altwater.



LOELLA KUCERA, 3951 Summers Lane, a saleslady in the hardware department at J. W. Kerns equipment firm, was stopped at her work yesterday morning by the 9 o'clock photographer.

Lebanon Area Hit By Quake

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Troops and rescue workers searched for bodies among the ruins of houses in 25 Lebanese earthquake-stricken towns and villages Saturday.

Altogether 127 people were believed dead and more than 200 were injured in the worst earthquakes in Lebanon's memory.

Three tremors at five minute intervals struck Friday night. They sent people rushing panic-stricken from their tottering homes into the fields and onto the beaches.

The worst hit community was the little mountain village of Shiheem in South Lebanon. Thirty-two bodies were brought out from the rubble Saturday morning while fresh tremors rocked the village and mourning women wailed in the streets.

The dead were carried in open coffins to a burial ground, situated between ruins that looked like the aftermath of an air raid.

Villagers crouched with their belongings in the open spaces. They were afraid to return to the remains of their houses.

The first quake shook the houses and weakened the structures. It awakened most of the occupants and sent them out into the streets.

There, shivering in rain and cold, they saw their homes collapse under the second tremor.

But not all got out in time. One family of six slipped through the first tremor and was wiped out by the second.

Roads leading to the village were strewn with boulders, loosened by landslides.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: variable high cloudiness Sunday and Monday. Little change in temperature. High both days 55-65, Low Sunday night 28-38, High Saturday 55-65, Low Saturday night 28-38.

Search Planned

A widespread search for Alvin Decker, 10, who has been missing from his home since March 1, will be staged Sunday by friends of the family. Persons who are willing to join the hunt for the boy are asked to assemble at the Klamath County Fairgrounds at 1:30 p.m. Persons who have saddle horses are also asked to join the search party.

School Funds Under Study

PORTLAND (AP)—The old question of how schools should be financed came up at the annual meeting of the Oregon Education Assn. Friday.

A panel of administrators agreed that the most important problem is getting the state to put up half the costs of school support. The discussion then turned to where the money should come from.

State Sen. Warren McMinn, Tillamook Republican, suggested a sales tax. State Rep. Pat Dooley, Portland Democrat, said that was not necessary.

Walter P. Snyder, Salem school superintendent, said schools should not give in to "pressure on every side for things that can be done equally well by agencies other than the schools."

He said he questions, for one thing, "whether driver education for all children is rightfully a function of the public schools."

Gardner Knapp, Salem, president of the Oregon School Boards Assn., was a member of the panel.

The association installed Wilfred Burgess, principal of Prineville High School, as president. He succeeds Mrs. Antonia Grater, Newsberg.

The educators meeting continued through Saturday.

U.S. Solons Plan Navy Inspection

WASHINGTON (AP)—A hundred members of Congress are slated for a trip to Cuba next week in one of the first congressional tours of the season.

The lawmakers are flying to Guantanamo Bay, at the Navy's invitation, to take a look at two of the service's proudest possessions—the giant supercarrier Forrestal and the guided missile cruiser Boston.

Next month more congressmen are heading south to ride the atomic sub Nautilus, while others plan to work out at sunny Daytona Beach, Fla., in "practice" for an exhibition baseball game.

Whether the list of "junkies," as congressmen themselves often call them, will be as long this election year as in 1955 remains to be seen.

Capital oldtimers regard 1955 as an all-time high to date. More than 200 representatives and senators went abroad last year.

Some "junkies" are paid for out of congressional committee funds. In other cases, like the Quantum, no trip, another arm of government picks up the tab for travel, food and lodging.

Sometimes the legislators pay all or part of their own way.

EXCURSION The Guantanamo excursion began Wednesday afternoon, according to congressional and administration informants, when three big Navy planes took off from Washington. At least 90 House members and 10 senators were expected to be aboard, plus several newsmen. The total comes to about half the planes' passenger capacity.

In Cuba the group is slated for air operations show from aboard the Forrestal and missile demonstration from the Boston. Most of the travelers are expected to return late Friday.

The Nautilus expedition, with the Navy again expected to provide transportation, is ticketed for April 13-15.

ATOMIC SUB Twenty members of the House Merchant Marine Committee are expected to fly to Key West, ride the atomic submarine from Key West to Miami, then return to Washington.

The "spring training" at Daytona Beach is an annual affair, scheduled for April 2-7 during Congress' Easter recess. Transportation costs come out of the lawmakers' own pockets. After arrival, the visitors become "guests" of the local Chamber of Commerce.

So far 24 congressmen are signed up for the affair. With their families, the total comes to 75 to 100. More are expected.

Sewer System Survey Asked

The Klamath County Court went on record Friday as being in favor of approving a preliminary survey to determine the cost of a sewerage system for the Klamath Falls south suburban area.

Harry Wiard, representing a group of residents of the area, and a member of the county health department will present a request for funds needed for the survey to the county budget committee in the near future.

The drive for a sewerage system cost survey of the area has been sparked by the Shasta View Grange. Harry Wiard is chairman with Hal Cline, worthy master of the grange, Fred Lewis, Mrs. Ada Barjeen and Carl Yuley also serving on the committee.

Mountainous Drifts Halt Transportation

NEW YORK (AP)—The storm-battered Northeast Saturday dug slowly out of a mountain of snow heaped upon it by a violent winter's-end tempest, which cost 86 lives, staggered transportation and smashed several ocean-going vessels ashore.

Five other persons died in a Maine fire at the height of the storm.

There was no immediate estimate of property damage but the fury of the blow—with winds of 70 miles an hour creating blizzards at some points—made it one of the worst ever recorded so late in the season.

Spring is due to arrive in only four days.

RAVAGED The snow, rain, sleet and gales which began early Friday ravaged a vast region stretching from Virginia to Ohio and into Canada for nearly 24 hours.

The storm, spawned on a low pressure area early Friday over Tennessee, faded in West Virginia. But a new storm sprang up in Georgia, then streaked northward.

The wind whipped up thunderous waves that pounded coastal areas, drove many residents inland and battered shipping both in port and at sea.

Deaths by states were: Massachusetts 16, New York 12, Rhode Island 8, Connecticut 6, New Jersey 4, Ohio 6, Maine 2, Maryland 1 and New Hampshire 1.

Most of the storm deaths were attributed to automobile mishaps or over-exertion while shoveling or battling through giant snowdrifts.

Air and automobile travel was all but brought to a standstill. Many trains were delayed.

Thousands of automobiles were abandoned along city streets and country highways alike as angry skies deluged numerous areas with nearly two feet of snow. Wind swept it into mountainous drifts.

SNOWFALL Some points in New York State and Maine recorded total snowfall of nearly two feet. Wind whipped this into mountainous drifts. Hundreds of places got more than a foot of snow.

Nine or more ocean-going ships suffered violent effects from the storm.

Air travel in and out of Boston was halted completely Saturday. Championship boxing bouts were cancelled at Boston Arena.

The St. Patrick's parade in South Boston was postponed until next Saturday. New York's Irish had better luck, however. The sun came out at dawn, and by the noon parade time crews working overnight had Fifth Avenue virtually clear of the 4.6-inch city snowfall.

Heavy snow ranged as far south as Maryland. Some parts of that state got six inches.

Light snow fell Saturday from North Dakota eastward through most of the Great Lakes and into portions of Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

Showers sprinkled parts of the Ohio Valley.

Except for Florida where temperatures were lower, most of the nation had warmer weather than on Friday, including the Far West.

Iran, U.S. Agents Stop Dope Ring

ROME (AP)—A grandmotherly gang queen was in an Iranian jail Saturday—her place smashed to smudge two million dollars a week of illegal heroin to American dope addicts.

A heroin laboratory capable of producing 110 pounds weekly and \$20,000 worth of heroin and morphine were seized with her in raids by Iranian police and U.S. Bureau of Narcotics agents in Tehran.

The action was announced Saturday by Charles Strassburg, U.S. Bureau of Narcotics district supervisor for Europe and the Middle East.

STORY Strassburg told this story from police records:

For 40 years police around the world have dued with two clever international narcotics traffickers—Michael Kalyopi and his wife, Kalyopi. The couple served prison terms in Greece and Turkey but returned to crime. Michael was a skilled chemist.

Three months ago he died. Kalyopi was widowed—and broke. Their savings had been used up during the illness.

Then word slipped around the Mediterranean underworld that Kalyopi, at 66, was back in business.

A rich Iranian drug merchant financed her. A two-story villa was rented at Tehran because Istanbul and Beirut were too hot.

PIPELINES Unbeknown to Kalyopi, U.S. narcotics agents and Iranian police had pipelines into the underworld and knew of her activity. Three weeks ago, the Tehran laboratory began work. The drug queen kept the villa unheated so no smoking chimney would disclose it was occupied. She slept on a cot by the laboratory.

This week Iranian police and U.S. agents struck. Three accomplices, all Iranian, were arrested. Their female leader was caught with drugs. Police say a long sentence is certain.

Missing Pair Found At Lake

LAKEVIEW (AP)—A 60-year-old woman and an 11-year-old girl were found Friday at Summer Lake near Paisley, north of here, after having been lost overnight.

Mrs. Clyde Bramlette, Paisley, apparently suffered no ill effects. The child, Judy Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owen of Paisley, had frostbitten hands and feet.

The two left Paisley at noon Thursday in a pickup truck to go prospecting for uranium. The truck bogged down in a marsh east of Summer Lake. They started walking toward Game Commission headquarters but, tired, fell asleep on a trail before reaching there.

The Owen girl resumed the trip alone after Mrs. Bramlette said she was too exhausted to continue. Boyd Claggett, a State Game Commission employee from Lakeview, met the girl and took her to Lakeview.

A search for Mrs. Bramlette was launched and she was spotted from the air by Myron Buswell of the Buswell Flying Service, Lakeview. The ground party reached her later.

Forest Safety Meet Slated

Robert M. Evenden, safety manager of the Guy P. Atkinson Company of San Francisco and its subsidiary, the North Fir Lumber Company of Humboldt County, will be one of the featured speakers at the Forest Products Safety Conference in Klamath Falls next month.

He will speak on April 6, the second day of the three-day meeting. His topic will be "Management's Acceptance of Responsibility."

Evenden has a broad background in the field of safety. In 1943, he became the first director of the Accident Prevention Division of the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission. He served in that capacity until he left in 1950 to take over the Atkinson safety program.

The 22nd annual Forest Products Safety Conference will be held April 5, 6 and 7, with headquarters at the Willard Hotel. More than 250 delegates from the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Northern California are expected to attend.

More than 150 firms are represented in the conference, which originated in 1935 as the Western States Safety Conference. In 1936, it became a separate entity as the Logging and Lumbering section of the Western States Safety Conference. When the parent organization ceased meeting during World War II, the Logging and Lumbering Section continued meeting as the Forest Products Safety Conference.

STATEMENT HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman said Saturday he is not a candidate for the office he held and would not accept a draft in the event of a deadlock at the Democratic national convention.

Anti-Stalin Campaign Triggers Riots

LONDON (AP)—Stories seeping through the Iron Curtain of riots in Soviet Georgia and of denunciation of Stalin as a murdering, blundering psychopath apparently upset the Kremlin's top lieutenants here Saturday.

New dispatches from Western capitals and official diplomatic advices here and in Washington told a shadowy story of attempts by Russia's new leaders to blacken Stalin's memory. These were reported to have triggered disorders in Georgia, the dead dictator's birthplace. Nine persons were reported killed on March 7 while protesting the anti-Stalin campaign.

Details differed but all reports agreed that Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist party's Presumably Malenkov knew all about it.

However, some of the reports said Malenkov was mentioned by Khrushchev in the attack as the man who had kept him from reaching the dictator when he wanted to get more guns for the Ukraine during the war. Khrushchev presumably was primarily responsible for dropping Malenkov from the premier's job a year ago.

Lights were burning past midnight in Malenkov's room at the Soviet embassy Saturday, and a Soviet official said he was poring over translations of the stories in the British press.

During the morning secretaries scurried in and out of the embassy in London's "millionaires' row."

Malenkov finally showed up two hours late for an appointment to visit a British power plant. He

gave no explanation. Soviet officials nearly always make a point of being punctual.

Soviet Ambassador Jakob Malik, who was reported poring over the reports with Malenkov, cancelled at the last minute another of his conferences with Shuichi Matsumoto, the Japanese envoy, on a Soviet-Japanese peace treaty. Malik said his duties in escorting Malenkov kept him too busy.

The British Foreign Office and officials in Washington confirmed that they were studying diplomatic reports of the "rumors" circulating in Moscow concerning the Khrushchev speech.

British officials here and in Washington also admitted they had heard the rumors of the disorders in Tbilisi (Tiflis), Georgia.