

Heavy Rains Soak State; Floods Low

By FRANK JENKINS
The latest scare: Brigadier General Homer Boushey, deputy director of Air Force research and development, tells a luncheon group in Washington the moon will inevitably become a military base for launching space attacks on the earth.

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Heavy winds raked the Oregon coast Wednesday in the wake of heavy rains that sent Western Oregon rivers surging upward.

A bit of advice: Don't jump in the lake yet. So many, many people know so many things that ain't so. This may be one of 'em.

Teletype chatter: Authorities are in sharp disagreement over what to do about the current wave of juvenile delinquency.

One expert says commuting fathers (who live in the country and work in the Big Town) should spend more time at home.

Another expert advises "psycho-drama" in which delinquents act out their "aggressions" for psychologists to analyze.

Others say TEAR DOWN THE SLUMS.

Timely question: Has anybody given any thought to a few old-fashioned sessions in the wood shed?

That's too practical for this modern age.

Walter Reuther tells a congressional committee in Washington this morning that today's wage levels have nothing to do with inflation—that the economy is in trouble only because purchasing power hasn't kept up with increased ability to produce.

His idea is that all we need to do to keep prosperity rolling in high gear is to raise wages and cut prices.

Cynical thought: I wonder if he ever tried to run a hamburger stand and make a living at it.

Let's close on a note of common sense.

Education Secretary Marion Folsom says this morning the United States is at a serious disadvantage because practically all its citizens speak only English.

He adds that Americans are weaker in the foreign language field than any other major people in the world.

What he means is this: How are we going to run the world if we can't tell the people in foreign countries how we want to run it?

Gwinn Attacks Education Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Gwinn of New York, top Republican on the House Education Committee, today denounced President Eisenhower's education bill as a political scheme to get votes.

"The audacity of this bill is dumbfounding," Gwinn said. "Its real title should be the 'teacher pay bill of 1953, and its vote-getting possibilities.'"

Gwinn's statement, prepared for House delivery, gave added impact to predictions by Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) and Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, the GOP leader, that a school bill will have trouble getting through the House this year.

Gwinn, a long-time foe of federal aid to education, last year helped kill a 14-billion-dollar school construction bill.

Eisenhower asked Congress Tuesday for a Sputnik-age schooling program aimed largely at stepping up science education. He requested a four-year, billion-dollar program of federal support in such items as scholarships, teachers' salaries, fellowships and language training. Matching funds by the states would come to about 600 million dollars.

DOUBLE JEOPARDY

TOKYO (UPI)—Dr. Masakata Kono reported to police today an antique, 90-year-old pistol had been stolen from his house. Police promptly charged him with suspicion of possessing firearms illegally.

High Winds May Postpone Army Moon Launching Try

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane-force winds in upper altitudes made uncertain Wednesday the time when the Army will fire its Jupiter-C satellite launching vehicle.

The Air Force weather central station reported high-level winds of 140 miles an hour. Winds of such velocity could topple the rocket.

The new siege of bad weather, after several pleasant days, hit Florida at a time when the Army was believed to be approaching the zero hour of its effort to hurl a 30-pound "moon" into orbit.

Attention shifted momentarily away from the Jupiter-C yesterday when the Air Force took the stage with a successful firing of its Thor intermediate range ballistic missile.

The spectacular shot on a sunny day was witnessed by thousands of persons in this area. The fiery Thor, with which the Air Force plans to put a satellite into orbit and to hit the moon, was visible for four minutes after its blastoff.

In standard language used to report a successful shot, the Air Force said the Thor "flew its prescribed course and landed in the preselected impact area."

Five of the nine Thors flown from here have performed well. Maj. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, head of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, told a Senate committee recently the Thor will be used as the first stage of a two-stage vehicle being prepared to put a recoverable satellite by spring.

By addition of a third stage, he said, unmanned reconnaissance of the moon would be possible at what he called a relatively early date.

Hitchcock Enters Race For House

OSWEGO (AP)—Phil Hitchcock, who gave Douglas McKay a tussle for the Republican nomination for United States senator two years ago, said Wednesday he will try for Walter Norblad's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

It was not an unexpected announcement. Hitchcock, whose home is in this Clackamas County town at the south edge of Portland, said he feared the Republican Party would lose the First District unless it has a candidate "who can vitalize the party into successful activity."

Norblad now is Oregon's only Republican member of Congress. Hitchcock said Republicans lost the Second and Fourth districts in 1956 after several years of slipping majorities and said the same pattern was evident in the First District. But, he said, he was convinced that he could carry the election against any Democratic opponent.

Thus far there has been talk that Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton may seek the Democratic nomination. Other probable Democratic aspirants are Jason Lee of Salem and Don Matheny of Brooks.

Norblad was first elected in Jan. 1946, at a special election and has been reelected consistently since. His home was Astoria at the time of first election but now is Stayton, in Marion County.

Hitchcock, in a statement, implied Norblad had not been on the job enough. He said the campaign issues included need for greater attention to affairs of the district and "the importance of every congressman's being consistently on the job." He said he would seek a committee assignment, if elected, which would deal with problems common to his district.

Norblad's major committee post is Military Affairs, on which he is senior Republican member and which has taken him on a number of trips abroad.

Last fall when Norblad returned from Washington, there already were rumors that Hitchcock might run against him. Through the fall Norblad traveled extensively in his district and devoted considerable time to advocacy of governmental economies.

Hitchcock, a one-time state senator from Clackamas Falls, now is on the staff of Lewis and Clark College as director of church relations and foreign student advisor.

He was in the race for the Republican U. S. senatorial nomination to oppose Democrat Wayne Morse in 1956 and refused to withdraw when Douglas McKay resigned as secretary of the Interior to make the same race.

Indian Timber Cutting Listed

TACOMA (AP)—Nearly six million dollars worth of timber was cut on Pacific Northwest Indian reservations in 1957, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reports.

Don Foster, Portland area director, told the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee here Tuesday that a total of 257,466,000 board feet valued at \$5,939,737 was cut under contract on seven reservations.

Foster said that despite the depressed market 64 new contracts were negotiated. These provide for a cut of 102,168,000 board feet with an estimated value of three million dollars.

The bureau report showed that 133 forest and range fires were controlled, with total damage estimated at \$24,792.

Here is a breakdown of the timber yield by value on the reservations: Colville, \$1,644,826; Klamath, \$351,414; Northern Idaho, \$38,797; Umatilla, \$172,451; Warm Springs, \$962,167; Western Washington, \$1,016,494; and Yakima, \$1,733,587.

Food Prices Hold Steady

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices, as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet food index, held steady this week after a four-week upsurge.

The index remained at 56.52, unchanged from a week ago and 3.8 per cent higher than the 56.16 figure in the year-ago week. The index is at its highest level since a similar 56.52 figure during the week of April 19, 1955.

Aerial Target Hits Building

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. (AP)—"Thank God I had gotten up to go into the bedroom."

Mrs. John Redden, 51, described her feelings after an Air Force aerial gunfire target crashed into the two-story Redden apartment building, showering plaster on the kitchen table where she had been having coffee yesterday.

No one was injured. Also in the building were her husband, 50, and daughter, Mrs. John Bassick Jr., 26, and Mrs. Bassick's son Steven, 2.

Six feet long and weighing 15 pounds, the target struck with a noise that sounded like a "bomb" to Mrs. Redden. It punched through the roof and knocked two holes, one 18 inches in diameter, in the kitchen ceiling.

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SHERIFF MURRAY BRITTON, left, deputizes members of the Klamath Falls Moose Lodge No. 1106 in readiness for the big time the Moose plan Saturday night, February 1, at the bowlers banquet and taxi dance to be held in the Moose Hall. Guests will be "tapped" during the evening as "jailbirds" and a Dutch auction will put them in or out of the pokie. Funds from all this hilarity will go to the March of Dimes. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Moose orchestra. Members of the Moose committee; Jack Inley, Klamath County March of Dimes chairman; Linda Carver, 6, a recovered polio victim, George Paris, chef of the Blue Ox Restaurant and others will appear at 8:45 tonight on KOTI-TV to further the drive. Left to right, other than the sheriff, are Fred Hawks, chairman of the Moose party, Dave Thomas, Mitch Mitchell and Dean Barker, on the Moose committee.

Probers Hear FCC Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman John C. Doerfer of the Federal Communications Commission described his agency Wednesday as "independent" of the executive branch of government.

He testified before a House investigating committee looking into six federal regulatory agencies to see if they are carrying out the intent of Congress.

Doerfer made no reference in prepared testimony to a committee staff memorandum saying FCC members have accepted improper broadcast industry favors.

Outside of the hearing Doerfer has criticized the report as misleading. Chairman Moulder (D-Mo) of the special inquiry group said in advance of the hearing that he did not expect the matter to come up "at this stage" unless Doerfer himself raised it.

The FCC head told the committee there are areas of relationship with the executive department. But he and other commission members denied there is dictation from that source. They took the stand it is rather a matter of negotiation.

After Doerfer finished his statement, Rep. Mack (D-Ill) wanted to know about the division of broadcast channels between government and other use.

Commissioner T. A. M. Craven said he is the liaison man with the Office of Defense Mobilization on the allocation.

Mack asked if Craven feels there is any dictation from the secretary of defense to set aside certain frequencies.

Craven replied there has never been any directive, that there has been, generally speaking, a statement of needs.

Ike Arrives For Funeral

OLATHE, Kan. (AP)—President Eisenhower, forced to skip fog-bound Kansas City, landed at the Naval air station here Wednesday en route to his brother's funeral.

The President's plane, Columbine III, touched down in clear weather at 11:27 a.m. (CST) after circling for 27 minutes over Kansas City, Grandview, Mo., and Olathe.

An emergency motor caravan, composed largely of Navy automobiles, was assembled to drive Eisenhower into Kansas City where funeral services were to be held in the afternoon for his elder brother, Arthur.

The press plane, which normally lands an hour ahead of the President, was forced to circle the Kansas City area for an hour and 20 minutes while officials were deciding where the President would land.

Earlier, at Washington, the President had flown by helicopter from the White House to National Airport for his trip west. It was his first use of the new service for such a short hop.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Rainy periods through Thursday with some partial clearing. High Thursday 42-48; low Wednesday night 30-36.

High yesterday 33 Low last night 29 Precip. last 24 hours 1.01 Since Oct. 1 9.91 Same period last year 7.05 Normal for period 6.72

CRATER LAKE High yesterday 32 Low last night 27 8 a.m. today 32 New snow 20 1/2 Snow depth 145 Last year 72 Precipitation at the park during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today was 2.19 inches. Highway 62 is open, but in bad shape and chains are advised. Chains are required for travel from Annie Springs to park headquarters and the road from headquarters to the rim is closed today. It was snowing heavily in the park this morning and travel to the park for pleasure was not advised.

Housing Unit Bids Opened

Gresham Construction Company of Santa Clara submitted a basic bid of \$1,135,470 for construction of an additional 70 housing units to be built for Kingsley Field military personnel at the 10 a.m. bid opening today.

Two bids were opened by George Meyers, purchasing and contracting officer, 48th Fighter Group, Kingsley Field. The other basic bid came from Baldwin Contractors, Marysville, California, and was in the amount of \$1,156,000.

Accompanying the basic bids were seven additive alternates for fireplaces, lavatories, television, ceramic tile, hardwood floors, lath and plaster and washers and driers.

The bids will be reviewed by the Air Force headquarters before an award is made.

Howard R. Perrin was architect for the original 220 housing units and for the 70 additional units for military personnel.

Auto Crashes Parked Bus

A series of mishaps resulted in a chain reaction of events which put Billy T. Smith, 21, of Eugene, in Klamath Valley Hospital.

Shortly before midnight, Tuesday, a Garibaldi Brothers cattle truck approached an intersection on Highway 97 just above Chiloquin. The pavement was slick with ice and snow and when the driver of the truck, Robert C. Smales, saw a snowplow ahead he carefully applied his brakes. Despite his caution the truck and trailer went into a skid and flipped over blocking the highway. Smales was not injured, but traffic was blocked by the wreck.

A bus headed north with 14 passengers aboard stopped to wait for the truck to be righted. Smith, who had intended to take Highway 99 north but had missed the turn-off, hit the back end of the bus with his 1956 coupe. He struck with such impact that the bus was shoved 10 feet up the pavement. Smith's car was totally demolished and he was taken to the hospital by the Peace Ambulance Service where he is being treated for lacerations about his head. He is described as being in good condition.

Court Denies Nunn Appeal

SALEM (AP)—Billy Junior Nunn, sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the sex-murder of 14-year-old Alvin William Eacret in Jackson County, failed Wednesday in his appeal to the state Supreme Court.

He committed a perverted sex act on the boy, choked him with his hands, and then used the boy's own belt to strangle him to death.

The murder was committed April 19, 1956, and Nunn was arrested two weeks later in Alturas, Calif.

Nunn, after the high court decision becomes effective three weeks from now, will be taken back to Medford where the circuit court will fix a new execution date.

Then he can appeal to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, who so far in the year he has held office, has commuted all death sentences to life imprisonment.

The governor opposes capital punishment.

Nunn's appeal was the first under a 1955 law providing for automatic Supreme Court appeals for all persons who are sentenced to death.

The court also ordered the Klamath County Circuit Court to try the personal injury damage suit of Nathan J. Newell against Claude E. Taylor, Dean V. Johnson and J. I. Schlegel. Newell was injured in an automobile collision, and Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg had dismissed the case.

Board Halts Milk Giveaway

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—The State Milk Control Commission says it's sorry, but it must prevent milk dealers from giving free milk to babies.

The commission yesterday fined two Sunbury area dealers \$50 each because they had donated milk for a period to the first babies born in that area in 1958.

"Our hands are tied by law," commented Commissioner Simon K. Uhl.

The law limits a dealer to distribution of only one free quart of milk to a prospective customer in a six-month period.

"Technically new babies don't drink fluid cow's milk anyway," Uhl commented.

Yugo Army Drafts 'Girl'

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—A peasant girl who changed sex is going to serve in the Yugoslav army.

Marija Djolan, 20, an unmarried girl from the village of Rumboci, in Bosnia province, recently underwent a sex-change operation. Marija became Marjan—the male form of the name, came home in trousers and took a man's job.

That wasn't enough for the villagers of Rumboci, who didn't believe the sex change story. Not until Marjan was drafted for regular service in the army and accepted did the neighbors believe that she is he.

Racketeer Tells Solons Of 'Gifts'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Labor racketeer Joey Fay acknowledged Wednesday he and his wife have received more than \$100,000 from his Newark union local since the day he went to prison as an extortionist in 1947.

The precise amount was not immediately pinned down in hearings by the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee. Real estate deals Fay had with the union were involved as well as direct payments.

Fay said his parole officers have approved the share he received after getting his 1956 parole from Sing Sing (N.Y.) Prison.

In indignant tones, Fay rejected a suggestion that the money he received from the union seemed an unusual reward for a man who had gone to prison denounced as a betrayer of unionists and a "ruthless, grasping thief."

That description came from committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy, questioning Fay in the Senate committee's investigation of the International Operating Engineers Union.

Fay had risen to power and wealth in the union when convicted of shaking down contractors on a New York City water project for some \$360,000.

In response to questions, Fay told the senators his wife received \$67,800 in salary and Christmas bonuses of \$500 a year from the Newark Local 825 while he was in prison. She also was given an automobile the committee valued at \$2,272.

Fay denied this was because, as Kennedy suggested, members of the local would have feared "for their lives and livelihood" if they had dared to protest. Kennedy said those were the words used by N.Y. District Atty. Frank Hogan in the trial in which Fay was convicted of extortion.

Terms of Fay's parole forbid him to engage in union affairs.

Mine Cave-In Claims Four

ROUNDUP, Mont. (AP)—A mine cave-in crushed four men to death beneath an estimated 15 tons of rock late yesterday. Six others escaped injury.

The tragedy occurred inside the horizontal tunnel of the Mountain Queen coal mine about 32 miles east of here. It is leased to the Atomic Energy Commission plant at Hanford, Wash.

An investigation was started immediately by federal, state and union officials.

One of those narrowly missed by the thundering rockfall was Jack Boyle of Roundup, president of the Mountain States Mining Co. which owns the mine.

He was one of 10 men working to clear rock from a slide Sunday or early Monday. Nearly 30 other coal miners were near the mouth of the tunnel when its roof of sandstone and other rock began to fall.

"Look out," cried Adolph Paulus, He, Mike Golop, George Metzker, Len Miller, Dwight Harmon and Boyle dashed for the tunnel entrance.

They made it, although flying rock broke Boyle's head lamp. But the rock killed Martin Jemmarich, 54; Frank Nose, 45; Jim Molnar, 48; and George Larson, about 50, all of Roundup. It required five hours to recover their bodies.

Ed Nicholson, manager of the mining company, said it was the mine's first fatal accident since the firm took over in 1954.

Presidential Disability Bill Said Approved By Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP)—House leaders were reported Wednesday to have agreed upon a bill to permit a vice president to act as president in case of a chief executive's disability.

A special subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee was hurriedly called into session after the draft of the bill was prepared. It has been the subject of high level, closed-door conferences for about two weeks, following a two-year study by the subcommittee.

The bill would provide that the vice president "shall discharge those powers and duties (of the office of president) as acting president" under either of these circumstances.

If the President himself certifies in writing to Congress and the vice president that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.

If a commission on presidential inability determines that he is unable to discharge those powers and duties.

The legislation would create this commission of eight members, six of whom would have to agree on any determination for it to be effective.

Mouse Control Funds Okayed

The transfer of \$10,000 in county funds to the rodent control fund of the Klamath County Agent's Office was approved Wednesday morning by members of the Klamath County Court.

Agent Charley Henderson advised the court that the funds are needed at this time for the purchase of poisons to be used during the early spring baiting of the mice infested fields of the county.

He pointed out that the \$10,000 recently made available from the state emergency board will be used for reimbursing the mice infested counties at the rate of 40 cents per acre for land baited.

It was further explained that the county funds, as well as the state funds, will be employed on a percentage basis, and that the funds will be returned to the sources of origin if it is not necessary to poison to the extent anticipated.

Henderson said that it will probably be necessary to bait between 70,000 and 100,000 acres, and that between 500,000 and 600,000 pounds of bait will be required in Klamath County alone.

He pointed out that there is presently no indication that the mice will have died off by ground breaking time.

U.S. Mothers Leave China

HONG KONG (AP)—Three American mothers who spent three weeks in Red China with their prisoner sons left for the United States today.

The mothers are Mrs. Jessie Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers, N.Y. Accompanied by Mrs. Downey's son William, 25, they are flying home via Manila and Honolulu.

The mothers made no statement before leaving. Red China's Premier Chou En-lai turned down a plea to release their sons but a spokesman held out hope for clemency if the prisoners "behave well."

New Victims Of 'Mad Dog' Killer Found

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Lincoln police reported Wednesday afternoon three more persons have been found slain, bringing to nine the total killings uncovered in this area since Monday.

Police said the slayings of the three occurred at a residence in the south part of Lincoln.

They identified the dead as Mr. and Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, and their maid. The Wards were a prominent family.

Police said the three were killed by shotgun blasts.

Ward, a graduate of the University of Nebraska in the early 1930s, was president of the Capital Steel and Bridge Co.

Police urged all citizens to remain away from the Ward residence.

Fred Ward, a cousin, discovered the tragedy when he entered the home about 11:45 a.m. (CST).

Police intensified search for Charles Starkweather, charged with murder in connection with six previous deaths. He and a 14-year-old girl companion have been sought since the discovery of bodies of her mother, stepfather and baby sister Monday night.

The girl, Carl Fugate, a junior high school student, also is charged with murder.

Police reported a 1956 black Packard sedan apparently had been stolen from the Ward home. It carried 1957 Nebraska plates No. 2-17415.

Ward had been on the board of trustees of the Bankers Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska.

He was a member of the Nebraska Bar Assn.

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