

Snow, Rains Lash Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain, wind and snowstorms lashed wide areas of the country today, with Southern and Western sections hit hardest by the late winter storms.

A belt of rain or snow extended from Florida west, northwestward through the central Rockies.

Heavy snow fell from northern Arkansas and southwestern Missouri westward to the Continental Divide. Falls in some parts of Missouri measured 6 inches, with 4 to 5 inches general in Kansas and Oklahoma. Snow on the ground at Russell, Kan., was more than a foot deep.

The heavy, wet snow, with fog in some areas, cut visibility to less than half a mile. The snow was expected to spread into western and central Nebraska and western South Dakota.

The heaviest snowfall since 1906 blanketed El Paso, on the Texas-Mexico border, with a covering of 7½ inches on the usually balmy Texas city.

Thunderstorms and winds whipped the Florida peninsula during the night.

A violent windstorm hit the Miami area. Heaviest damage was at Pompano Beach, 30 miles north of Miami, where four persons were injured, one seriously. Seven house trailers were overturned as winds of 30 m.p.h. pounded the area.

Weather Table

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Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	38	31	.01
Atlanta	65	49	.67
Bakersfield	59	41	.05
Boston	30	34	
Brownsville	38	49	
Chicago	42	33	
Denver	25	11	.04
Detroit	43	29	
El Centro	64	51	
Fairbanks	38	7	.10
Fort Worth	41	33	.26
Fresno	56	29	.19
Helena	26	13	
Kansas city	41	25	
Los Angeles	60	46	
Miami	77	73	
Minneapolis	37	25	
New Orleans	63	53	.24
New York	44	35	
Oakland	53	44	.06
Oklahoma City	34	30	.52
Phoenix	35	26	
Red Bluff	53	40	.37
Reno	41	23	.02
Salt Lake City	43	32	
Sacramento	38	29	.52
San Diego	62	48	.03
San Francisco	56	44	.06
Seattle	52	37	
Spokane	43	28	
Thermal	63	45	
Tucson	52	39	.21
Washington	48	32	

Emergency U.S. Housing Bill Passed By Senate

WASHINGTON — The Senate has passed its first major anti-recession measure of the 1958 session—an emergency housing bill.

The bill's Democratic sponsors hope would give jobs to more than half a million workers.

The \$1,850,000,000 bill now goes to the House. Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) has said he will give housing legislation priority.

Many Democratic senators expressed the hope that the House would knock out of the bill its most disputed feature — authority for President Eisenhower to raise the interest rate on GI home mortgages from the present 4½ to 4¾ per cent.

The House last year refused to go along with the President's recommendation that this rate be boosted to 5 per cent to attract more private funds into the veterans housing market.

The Senate passed the bill 86-0 after a day of debate.

On the only controversial issue

—higher interest rates—the Senate divided evenly in two dramatic tie votes. Vice President Nixon broke the second one to settle the issue in favor of the administration.

In addition to permitting the interest boost on GI loans, the bill would make large amounts of new government funds available to buy mortgages for which no private lenders can be found. It would extend the VA guarantee and direct home loan programs for two years for World War II veterans and lower the down payment on FHA mortgages.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala), chief sponsor of the bill, said it could make possible 200,000 additional homes in 1958.

Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) said such a step

up in construction "could put more than 10 per cent of our unemployed back on the job."

The additional money authorized by the bill would permit the Federal National Mortgage Assn. to buy a billion dollars worth of FHA and VA mortgages for which private funds are not available and give Eisenhower a 500-million-dollar fund he could direct FNMA to use to buy other mortgages if the recession worsened.

Also included are an extra 300 million dollars for direct loans to veterans and 50 million for military housing mortgages.

FHA down payments would be lowered so that 3 per cent of the first \$13,500 of the mortgage would be the minimum requirement. Now it is 3 per cent on the first \$10,000, with higher charges above \$10,000.

The top rate on military housing mortgages would be increased

from 4 to 4½ per cent as the administration asked.

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SOVIET PRODUCTION UP

MOSCOW (UP) — Russia's central statistical board reported today that industrial production during January and February exceeded output during the same period in 1957 by 11 per cent.

ROCKEFELLER SUIT OPENS

NEW YORK (UP) — Trial of a \$100,000 suit by Boston attorney Joseph Sax against Winthrop Rockefeller and his former wife, Bobo, was scheduled to open this afternoon in Manhattan Supreme Court.

Sax contends the Rockefellers owe him \$100,000 in legal fees for work done for Bobo before her 5-million-dollar divorce settlement was reached in 1954.

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Adlai Backs Summit Talk

NEW YORK (UP)—Adlai Stevenson voiced support last night for an East-West summit conference on world armament control, but agreed with the Eisenhower administration that the conference should be preceded by lower-level talks.

Stevenson, former Democratic presidential candidate, took part in a transatlantic radio discussion with Hugh Gaitskell, British Labor party leader, and Pierre Mendes-France, former French premier. The transcribed program was aired via CBS' Radio Beat network show.

Stevenson said an East-West agreement on one point alone—discontinuing hydrogen weapons test with suitable inspection provisions—would relieve "the most terrifying aspect of our contemporary scene."

While he favors a summit meeting, he said, the Western nations should get together beforehand and decide on their joint position in order to present a solid front against the Soviet Union at such a meeting.

Both Mendes-France and Gaitskell agreed that a summit conference is advisable.

Hecklers Halt Minister's Talk

LONDON — Three hecklers burst from under the platform and interrupted Prime Minister Harold Macmillan last night as he spoke to a conservative party meeting.

The hecklers, a girl and two young men, poked through the boards and began shouting such slogans as "NATO makes Britain a satellite of the Yankees" and "Keep Britain free."

One told the Prime Minister that "you are a lot of traitors." Macmillan stood silently until ushers ejected the trio.

The hecklers said they were members of the League of Empire Loyalists, a right-wing group which contends that Britain's ties with the North Atlantic Treaty alliance are an unwarranted surrender of sovereignty. They said they hid under the platform for three hours before the meeting began.

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