

Damage Heavy As Dam Breaks In L.A.

Gerald and News

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview: Variable cloudiness through Monday with a chance of showers or snow flurries Monday. Highs today and Monday 40 to 47. Lows tonight 25 to 28. Variable winds five to 13 miles per hour.
High Friday 46
Low Saturday morning 31
High year ago 48
Low year ago 42
Precip. past 24 hours .00

Weather

LONG RANGE OUTLOOK
Continued cool with chance for showers or snow flurries Monday. Highs 37 to 47 and lows 17 to 27 next few days.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As this is written, the FBI, working swiftly and secretly, has just broken the Sinatra kidnap case—six days after it happened. Three men have been arrested and most of the \$240,000 of ransom money has been recovered.

That's quick work.
Who did it?
Well, the arrested ones are a 42-year-old house painter with a long record of minor offenses, including drunk and disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

A 23-year-old salesman and former high school classmate of young Frank Sinatra's sister Nancy.
A former boxer with three previous arrests, one including trespassing and a minor alcohol case.

How did they come to do it?
As this is written, it hasn't been told.

But it seems to be another case of mispent lives—fooling around with evil or good-fortuning characters instead of traveling the straight and narrow road and eventually getting somewhere worth getting to.

It didn't pay off. Under the Lindbergh kidnaping act, they face life imprisonment if they had harmed their victim, they could have faced the death penalty, which a jury may recommend if the victim of a kidnaping is harmed.

The moral of it?
Well, if all criminals could be caught that quickly, there would be less crime. For two reasons. The number of evildoers would be rapidly reduced and new recruits would be prevented from entering the crime business.

It's pretty well agreed that CERTAINTY OF PUNISHMENT is the most dependable crime deterrent.

What of the FBI?
How did it get started?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is one of the branches of the U.S. Department of Justice. Its agents track down violators of all federal laws except those which are enforced by other departments, such as the Treasury and the Post Office.

The Bureau searches for enemy agents and others who threaten the nation's security. It also tracks down kidnapers, automobile thieves and other criminals who violate federal laws. Its agents are given courses in law enforcement, crime detection and similar matters when they enter the department.

The FBI has a laboratory in Washington with complete modern equipment for analyzing clues scientifically. It also has a fingerprint files that contain more than 100 million sets of fingerprints. Its work is carried on through 52 field divisions in the U.S.

It has a dedicated leader—J. Edgar Hoover, who was named its director in 1924—four decades ago. He has developed the FBI into one of the world's most efficient law enforcement agencies. When he came on the job, he replaced untrained men

Kidnapers Caught; Ransom Recovered

FBI Wraps Up Case With Arrest Of Trio

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The kidnaping of singer Frank Sinatra Jr., was solved Saturday with the arrest of three men, apparently amateurs at major crime, and recovery of most of the \$240,000 ransom.

The FBI, suddenly breaking its five-day silence, announced the arrests shortly after midnight PST (3 a.m. EST) and within three hours the suspects were arraigned, waived preliminary hearing and jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Three suspects in the Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnaping were arraigned Saturday and were advised that they face life imprisonment under federal law, if convicted.

Bail was set at \$50,000 by U.S. commissioners before whom they were arraigned.
Joseph Clyde Amsler and Barry Worthington Keenan, both 23, were arraigned here before U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke.

The third suspect, John W. Irwin, 42, was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Betty M. Graydon in San Diego.

None of the suspects showed any emotion when arraigned.

Agents in three Southern California cities broke the baffling

Youth Hurt Seriously In Accident

Walter Killian, 20, of 5776 Harlan Drive, was transferred to a Medford hospital Saturday afternoon in critical condition following a motorcycle-train accident near Klamath Falls.

Oregon State Police said the young man was riding his 1963 Honda southbound on the Home-dale Road Saturday at about 1:45 p.m. Approaching the railroad crossing, he was unable to stop in time and hit the side of a Great Northern locomotive which was eastbound on the OC&E tracks.

The impact threw the rider 72 feet, seriously injuring him. He was rushed to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance and later transferred to Medford.

Grady Sanders, 2011 Manzanita, was engineer of the train.

Parking Ticket Finally 'Fixed'

LONDON (UPI)—The Automobile Association said Saturday it has finally managed to get a \$3.60 (two-pound) fine waived that was levied against a stranger in London who got a parking ticket while he got out of his car to ask a policeman directions.

case with one of the most intensive manhunt in FBI history, seizing a painter, a one-time professional boxer and a former high school classmate of Nancy Sinatra, the victim's sister.

The arrests came five days after Frank Jr. was spirited at gun point from a motel room as he was about to go on stage with the Tommy Dorsey orchestra at a Lake Tahoe gambling spa.

All but \$24,000 of the ransom paid by his singer-actor father, Frank Sinatra Sr., for his release unharmed early Wednesday was recovered.

The arrests apparently completed the roundup of the gang. At one time, as many as seven or nine suspects were believed involved in the abduction of the young singing star last Sunday.

"We do not anticipate filing any additional complaints to obtain warrants of arrest in this matter," said Thomas Sheridan, the chief of criminal complaints for the U.S. attorney's office here.

The suspects were identified as:
—John William Irwin, 42, Hollywood, Calif., painter, who has a long arrest record for minor offenses, arrested at 9 a.m. Friday.

—Barry Worthington Keenan, 23, of Los Angeles, apprehended shortly before 11 p.m. Friday. Keenan, a vacuum cleaner salesman, is the son of wealthy Flintridge, Calif., stockbroker John J. Keenan, who lives in a \$100,000 home.

—Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23, Playa Del Rey, abalone diver and former professional boxer, seized shortly after midnight at a Culver City, Calif., apartment.

Amsler and Keenan were arraigned before a U.S. commissioner in Los Angeles before dawn Saturday, and ordered held in lieu of \$50,000 bail each. Irwin was arraigned and jailed in San Diego, also in lieu of \$50,000 bond, but the FBI said he also would be brought here this weekend.

Keenan's family hired an attorney immediately and began proceedings to have the suspect released. Bail can be posted with any licensed bondsman and presented to U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke at his home or office for approval and automatic release of the prisoner, Sheridan said.

Although the FBI did not comment, Irwin was suspected as the ringleader of the plot to whisk Frank Sinatra Jr. Sunday night from Lake Tahoe, Calif., where he was making an appearance at Harrah's Club. But physical descriptions given by Sinatra and his roommate, trumpet player John Foss, showed two men answering the descriptions of Keenan and Amsler carried out the abduction.

The younger Sinatra was released for \$240,000 ransom, dropped by an FBI agent, early Wednesday. He was not harmed.



RANSOM RECOVERED — Chief FBI agent William G. Simons of Los Angeles (left) and FBI Assistant Director Joseph Casper (second from left) show newsmen the money recovered with the capture of three men in connection with the Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnaping. All but a fraction of the \$240,000 ransom money was recovered. —UPI Telephoto

Russians Announce Plans To Reduce Armed Forces

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev in a speech published Saturday announced plans to reduce Soviet military expenditures and cut Soviet armed forces in what appeared to be the first shot of a new offensive for general and complete disarmament.

The 17 nation disarmament talks resumed next month in Geneva.

The military cuts appeared to be caused by his \$46.2 billion

seven year crash plan to revolutionize the Soviet chemical industry and free Russia of the possibility of new crop failures. This year's agricultural failures led Russia to buy nearly \$1 billion of western wheat.

Khrushchev's announcement Friday to the closing session of a meeting of the full Communist Party Central Committee reflected the Kremlin's confidence the Johnson administration would continue the Kennedy policy of easing international tensions.

Khrushchev urged the Western powers to follow suit in cutting arms and said the boast of an actual numerical superiority of arms and armed forces over the Soviet bloc countries. Western estimates put the Soviet

armed forces between 2 and 2.5 million and the United States at 2.7 million. NATO has 5.8 million men and the Warsaw pact 4.3 million.

Actually Khrushchev began to cut the Soviet Union's military burden after his meeting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower at Camp David in 1959 but the U2 incident led him to discontinue the process.

Saturday's announced decision was linked with other proposals:
—General reduction of armed forces of NATO and the Warsaw pact powers.

—Reduction of troops in West and East Germany.

—Recall of all foreign troops in their national frontiers.

Khrushchev notably made no mention in the text published by Ivestia Saturday night of the Berlin or German problems. However Ivestia appeared on the streets five hours late and it was believed some references to international problems were pruned out.

His speech said Khrushchev was making the defense cuts as an outgrowth of the relaxation of tensions following signing of the partial nuclear test ban agreement. But he warned Soviet defenses remain as strong as ever and that any aggressor could be crushed.

Khrushchev said the government was "considering the possibility of reducing somewhat the numerical strength of the armed forces of the U.S.S.R." Tass said.

It was not disclosed whether the message reiterated Johnson's invitation to De Gaulle to visit Washington. French officials have indicated De Gaulle probably would not make such a trip during 1964.

Rusk told Western Allied leaders in Paris Saturday that President Johnson favors a diplomatic "pause" in the immediate future and has no plans for summit talks with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev in 1964.

American sources said Rusk brought up the idea of a pause in a Western Big Three meeting with British Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville at the French Foreign Ministry.

The Big Three foreign ministers conferred in an effort to find a solid front for any renewed cold war talks with the Russians and on their policies in turbulent Southeast Asia.

Many Homes And Cars Swept Away But Early Evacuation Saves Lives

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Millions of gallons of water roared into a heavily populated residential area Saturday when a reservoir dam burst, tossing houses and automobiles like toys onto the crest of an unstoppable flood tide.

At least 50 homes were reported destroyed in the first few minutes after the dam broke. Hundreds of autos were seen floating in the churning waters.

Police said at least four persons were killed.

A massive search was under way under the glare of spotlights Saturday night for partly submerged cars caught when water rushed through a 75-foot gap in the 700-foot earthen wall. A warning was issued three hours before the dam burst at about 3:45 p.m. PST, saving countless lives by evacuation.

Authorities feared there would be others trapped in those cars, but confirmed only one woman's body was taken from a submerged auto. Another death was blamed on a heart attack suffered by a resident.

Some residents ignored the warning and after flood waters churned into their houses were left waiting helplessly for helicopters to rescue them.

Helicopters from the police and fire departments and from the Coast Guard Air-Sea Rescue Service flew shuttle flights picking up stranded residents and taking them to safety.

Joseph Quinn, city civil defense administrator, said that Mayor Samuel Yorty declared a "major disaster" and ordered police on emergency duty.

"This thing really looks bad," "We did everything we could," Quinn added. "We notified them as soon as we discovered the threat but I am afraid it might not have been soon enough for everybody. We just did the best we could."

Police reserves were called out and Chief William H. Parker took personal charge, setting up maps on walls to indicate where help was needed most.

Surging waters from the 900-acre-foot Baldwin Reservoir in the southwestern section of the city crumpled homes and swept automobiles and trees in its path.

The concrete dam showed a three-foot wide break in mid-afternoon and in five minutes the entire barrier crumbled.

At least 30 homes were reported destroyed as the waters flooded the entire area containing about 1,000 homes.

Most of the residents had been evacuated by police when the leak was discovered about noon.

Outlet pipes were opened into flood control channels and the water level went down about two feet but this was not sufficient to relieve pressure on the dam.

Department of water and power officials asked police to order the evacuation because the leak was at the base of the dam where it was subject to most pressure.

Department officials said it would take 24 hours to empty the reservoir by normal means. Water from the dam rolled in waves as high as 50 feet when the entire 75-foot barricade burst.

The dam, built 29 years ago, was earthen-filled concrete shell

designed to store water for drinking purposes.

When full, it held approximately 292,500,000 gallons of water.

The danger of fire was minimized because of the water, but there were some hazards from sparks as high power lines dropped on telephone lines. Persons as a precaution in the spe-

cific area were asked to avoid touching the telephone for fear of electrocution.

At one time the water and mud was eight to ten feet deep. Swimming pools were filled with mud, and some broken open.

Some of the homes were on terraced lots climbing the hill. Even foundations were swept away.

Eyewitnesses Recall Suddenness Of It All

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—For persons trapped in the path of the torrent unleashed when the reservoir dam collapsed Saturday, the deluge swept down with unbelievable speed.

Mrs. Eileen Stockton was rescued by helicopter after she was caught by water four feet deep.

"I know it happened in a hurry," she said. "I was just getting in my car to leave my house. The water came rushing down the driveway, and then it was too late. I tried to run around the garage and get away from the water but it just engulfed me."

She said she grabbed a patio fence and hung onto it until the helicopter picked her up. She said the water swirling about her was four feet deep.

The copter brought the muddled woman to the home of Sam Belknap on a hill near and slightly above the reservoir.

Belknap had seen the dam give way: "It started at the bottom and kept getting larger and larger eroding away toward the top. Then the blacktop road surrounding the reservoir gave way. Then the reservoir itself collapsed."

Assistant Fire Chief Forrest W. Moore of the Los Angeles Fire Department said the roaring water cut "a swath of destruction 100 to 200 feet wide, below the reservoir."

Autos are piled on top of each other and we believe as many as several hundred homes have been destroyed," Moore said. "We started through into the area where the water was highest, but before we got there

people were screaming for help.

"So we came back and sent the helicopters in to get them out," Moore said.

Police Inspector Ed Walker said, "It would have been a real serious tragedy if there hadn't been any warning."

Tin Miners To Release 21 Hostages

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI)—Leftist Vice President Juan Lechin, spokesman and leader of pro-Communist miners who have held 21 hostages including four Americans for a week, bowed to the threat of federal force Saturday and announced the hostages will be freed "to avoid a bloodbath."

Federal troops early Saturday encircled Catavi, where the hostages are held, and the accompanying mine site of Siglo Veinte. The hostages have been held as pawns for the release of two Communist labor leaders.

Lechin announced the miners have accepted the demands of President Victor Paz Estenssoro to free the hostages from their dynamite-mined improvised prison.

Lechin did not say when the hostages will be freed.

Falcon Heights 6th Grade Claims Christmas Contest

(More pictures on Page 4A)
Falcon Heights Elementary School sixth grade, taught by Mrs. Elnor Anderson, took first prize in the 1963 Christmas window contest, sponsored by the merchants of Town and Country Shopping Center. Grades fourth through sixth competed at Falcon Heights.

One hundred dollars in cash prizes were awarded to several schools with winning windows.

Second place in the fourth through sixth division, Linda Peterson, teacher, also went to a Falcon Heights sixth grade; third went to Peterson School, Ruth Graham, teacher. Honor-

able mentions went to Altamont, fourth grade, Mrs. A. C. Olson, teacher and Altamont, sixth grade, John Heilbroner, teacher.

In division one through three, first place was a tie between third grades of Altamont and Falcon Heights.

Peterson School took all places in independent posters as follows: First, Teresa Schmidt and Dixie Backa, sixth grade; Ellen Lynn Heaton, Wayne Heaton, fourth grade; third, Mr. Peterson's fifth grade class. Honorable mention went to Kerri Johnson, second grade, Fairhaven eighth grade and Peterson seventh grade.



FIRST PRIZE — Falcon Heights Elementary School sixth grade students took first place in the Christmas window painting contest, sponsored by the merchants of the Town and Country Shopping Center this year. Mrs. Elnor Anderson is the teacher.



JAILED BY FBI — These three men have been arrested by the FBI and charged with the kidnaping of Frank Sinatra Jr. They are (left to right) Barry Worthington Keenan, 23, John W. Irwin, 42, and Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23. All three are being held in Los Angeles on \$50,000 bail. —UPI Telephoto

Shooting Hours

OREGON
December 16
Open 6:55 a.m. Close 4:35 p.m.

CALIFORNIA
December 16
Open 6:57 a.m. Close 4:35 p.m.