

RUSSIA FORMOSA



THE BODY OF ONE of four children of the James Stewart family that was burned to death is carried out of the ruins by Fire Chief William McFadden (left) and Fireman Joe Duffy. The Wheeling, W. Va. fire also gave Mrs. Stewart first degree burns. Her husband was at work and another son in school when the house went up in smoke. (AP Wirephoto)

Cold Retains Icy Grip On Large Areas Immediate Relief Appears Unlikely

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The most widespread cold wave of the winter season clung tight over the Eastern two-thirds of the nation today. Little immediate relief was in prospect.

The arctic air sent temperatures tumbling from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rockies to the Atlantic Coast. At least 28 deaths were attributed to the cold and snow and to accidents on icy or snow-covered roads.

Deaths attributed to overtaking while shoveling snow and to accidents on icy or snow-covered roads were reported in Indiana; Michigan; in Kentucky; three each in New York and Illinois; two in New Jersey and one in Ohio.

Another three persons died on snow-crusted and icy roads in Pennsylvania. The sudden return of winter weather was blamed for at least three deaths in New York State and two in New Jersey.

RAIN TO SNOW Only about two inches of snow fell in the New York City area but some nearby counties measured eight inches.

A traffic jam six miles long was reported at Suffern, near the New State border and at Tuxedo.

A big storm was centered in northeastern Maine and heavy rain and ice pellets fell much of the Northeast.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE DOUBLEDEALINGS and intrigue leading up to the Kremlin shake-up, as pieced together by the Central Intelligence Agency, are reported today by Drew Pearson. Turn to the editorial page, 4A.

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INVITING DISASTER are these three boys and their pet dog afloat on a cake of ice in Jamaica Bay, N. Y., after bright sunshine broke up the ice pack in the bay. (AP Wirephoto)

Minus 15 On Mt. Mitchell

14 Mark Here Low For Year As Winter Hits South Hard

The weather dumped Granddaddy's winter of 1899 on Charlotte last night and threatened to let the rain-gauged roared hounding the frigid blasts around another 24 hours today.

Trains Wreck in Maine, Minnesota

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)—A Boston to Bangor passenger train plunged off a rain-gauged roadbed here today, derailing six to 10 inches for Vermont and the higher parts of New Hampshire.

SAUK CENTRE, Minn. (AP)—All 12 cars of the Western Star, Seattle-Chicago passenger train were derailed last night in subzero cold, derailing 10 to 150 passengers.

There were no hysterics, said Ray J. Peters, Minneapolis, railroad ticket agent who was among the passengers. Peters said the night soldiers "fit matches, told everybody not to get excited, and started to see what was needed."

Opposition Only Slight

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Judiciary Committee aides said today they have received "only a trickle" of responses from persons who had asked to testify in opposition to the nomination of Judge John Marshall Harlan to the Supreme Court.

Malone Hits Hard At State Dept. Senator Says Allies Dictating Policy For U.S.

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY CHICAGO (AP)—Sen. Malone (R-Nev.) today said a rally of conservative Republicans that "our foreign policies are largely dictated by so-called allies."

China Or India Choice Of Site

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio announced today Russia had called for a conference in either Shanghai or New Delhi on the question of Formosa.

The broadcast, recorded here said the Russian proposal called for the participation of these countries: China (presumably Communist China), the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain, France and nations of Southeast Asia.

Britain is believed to have already rejected the idea of a Formosa conference without the participation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalists.

The United Nations Security Council will meet Monday to take up again the question of a cease-fire in Formosa Strait. Red China has rejected an invitation from the U. S. to send a representative to Formosa discussions before that body.

The Moscow broadcast began with a review of the exchanges between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Minister M. Molotov conducted through diplomatic missions.

It said both the Russian and British governments "are perturbed by the dangerous situation which has arisen in the area of Taiwan (Formosa) and other islands situated near the Chinese coast."

Cotton Bill Passage Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to hike 1955 cotton acreage by 3 per cent to ease severe individual cuts should win speedy House approval, House Agriculture Committee said today.

The measure, drafted only this week and whipped through an Agriculture subcommittee yesterday, would add 243,000 acres to the national limit of 16,183,000 set by the Department of Agriculture.

The six-year adjustment—8.5 per cent—of 3,187,000 from the acreage allowed in 1954—was accepted by cotton growers in a referendum where high level Federal price support was at stake. But many complaints have been coming in that some individual farm allotments are too small or too sharply cut to provide an economic operation.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and very cold today, tonight and tomorrow. Low this morning—14. High expected today—12. High yesterday—57.

Evening Prayer

God of all creation, owner of our lives, forgive us when we forget the high destiny Thou dost intend for us. Show us anew this day where we should be on life's way. Lead us in the total interdependence of the name of Him Who is Thy Way, Amen.

70th Anniversary

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Antonio Bonaventura and his wife, Rosina, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary today. He is 93 and she 89.

Patent Pair Notes

"We've never had a quarrel," Bing Crosby, a favorite singer, has been a patient man. "If things didn't go right, I was patient."

21 In Chicago Blaze

Thirty-one persons lost their apartments. Two families escaped in fires during the past 24 hours, including 21 men who perished as flames raged through a crowded Skid Row hotel in Chicago.

31 Persons Lose Lives In Fires

top two floors plus two stores and 150 apartments. The fire spread unharmed into a peeling rainstorm. A flash fire in a little Kennebec cottage last night cost the lives of three children and seriously injured their father.

CAT PATTING HARD WAY TO LIGHT ROOM

NEW YORK (AP)—When you pat a cat on a cold day, it makes electricity.

Consolidated Edison Co. reported today it assigned an engineer to measure the power of a cat patting a minute would take 9, 200,000,000 cat pats.

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two Democratic administrations—has destroyed the independence of these enterprises by its foreign trade and foreign aid policies." He said the United States is the only nation "that fights other people's wars and pays for them, too."

DEFENSE USE

The Lincoln Day program was under the aegis of six organizations.

Nationalist Outpost Faces Fleet Threat

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Red China massed a fleet of armed motorized junk off the Nationalist outpost island of Matsui today, the Defense Ministry said, in an ominous new threat right on the heels of Chiang Kai-shek's peaceful evacuation of the Tachews with U. S. help.

The appearance of more than 70 armed junks along the China coast near Foochow posed a possible new crisis in the Formosa Strait.

The last landing ship carrying a U. S. naval beach party and a few Nationalist soldiers pulled off a mad flat with high tide today, AP correspondent Jim Becker reported from the U. S. amphibious fleet base, which had been stuck almost nine hours.

During that tense time, the madly U. S. 7th Fleet armada of 75 warships and circling planes remained in the area, guarding against any premature attempt by Red Chinese to take over the empty islands.

The windup completed six days of frenzied activity during which 40,000 or more civilians, guerrillas and Nationalist troops were removed from the Tachews, the Yulsans, 35 miles northeast and Pishan, 32 miles southwest.

The evacuation was climaxed by a tremendous pyrotechnic display last night as demolition teams touched off piles of ammunition. The explosion of rocket ships off the Yulsans shot balls of fire high in the sky.

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There are gaping holes where Nationalist soldiers blasted their elaborate fortifications into uselessness."

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