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Floods Still Plague The Midwest

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Floods continued to plague areas in the Midwest today as fresh overflows from streams swollen by spring rains and melting snow forced more families from their homes.

In New England the flood situation appeared easing considerably after damaging overflows yesterday.

Some 1,700 persons were temporarily homeless in flood-stricken communities in the Rockford-Freepoint area in northern Illinois as the Rock and Pecatonica rivers appeared surging toward record levels.

Flood waters from the Milwaukee river spilled into Saukville and several other communities north of Milwaukee. More than 100 persons had to evacuate their homes and thousands of acres of lowlands were inundated. More than half the village of Saukville, a town of 700, was inundated as the river backed up behind ice jams. The ice jams were dynamited last night to relieve the pressure. Flooded rivers and streams also menaced areas in other parts of Wisconsin.

The danger of widespread flooding in New England, weather experts said, had ended, at least temporarily after overflows caused damage throughout the region yesterday. The most serious threat appeared to be a mile-long ice jam on the White River near its junction with the Connecticut.

Dry weather prevailed in the Midwest flood zones but showers sprinkled the Atlantic coastal areas and in some northern sections of the country. Heaviest rainfall was in parts of Virginia and Maryland. The shower belt along the Atlantic coast spread into eastern parts of the Upper Great Lakes region and Ohio Valley. Snow flurries mixed with rain fell in the Upper Great Lakes region.

A cold front moving southward from Canada into the Washington triggered light rains in northwest Washington.

Skies were clear in the plains, the Mississippi Valley and the Midwest and mostly partly cloudy to cloudy in other sections of the country. Warmer air headed into the mid-continent but a little cooler weather was indicated in the northern Rockies and from northern Florida to Louisiana northeastward through most of the Atlantic coastal states.

Mercury Dip To 37 Will Bring Frost

Scattered frost in low areas of Charlotte is predicted for tonight by the Weatherman who sees the mercury dropping to a chilly 37 degrees by dawn tomorrow.

The frost which was to have left Charlotte with a warm morning reading of 54 degrees this morning "passed through here quicker than expected," by the Weather Bureau and Charlotteans this morning awoke to find the temperature a cold 39 degrees.

Yesterday's rainfall of 1.4 of an inch appears to have left with clear and cooler skies seen today, and fair and warmer predicted for tomorrow.

Average date for the last killing frost of the spring is March 24, but this year's winter is extending as long as the cold days of 1958, although the temperatures have been warmer.

In the first three months of last year the temperature ran a total of 48 degrees below normal. For the same period this year, the mercury has been 45 degrees below normal.

Yesterday's high reading was 76 degrees. Today's high is an expected 67 and tomorrow is seen as a 72 degree high. In case you wondered, the winds reached a high of 36 miles per hour at 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

And the winter chills should leave by the middle of April. They did last year. After April 13 the low temperature readings jumped into the 40s, then the 50s for the rest of the month.

Our Weather

Clear and cooler today, clear with scattered frost tonight. Tomorrow fair and warmer.

Low this morning — 39
Low tomorrow morning — 37
High today — 76
High yesterday — 78
High tomorrow — 72
Sunrise today 6:06 a.m.; sunset today 6:47 p.m.

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Can You Top This?

Mrs. Ronald Hays of Wichita, Kan., holds her 10-month-old son Freddie as he sports an impressive bear gear stuck on him by his sister. It's the stainless steel top of a coffee maker. Firemen, using tin snippers, freed Freddie in 30 minutes.

(AP Photos)

One Wins, One Loses

Familiar Issues Argued in Raleigh

By BRYAN HANLIP
RALEIGH (AP)—Reapportionment and minimum wage, two scarred veterans of the legislative wars, met big tests in the General Assembly this week.

Reapportionment suffered a narrow defeat. By a 61-59 roll call vote, the House refused again to change its membership to reflect population shifts shown by the 1950 census.

Minimum wage was a preliminary victory. With the chairman breaking a tie vote, a bill for a 75-cent hourly minimum came out of a House committee and headed for a showdown on the floor.

These two events highlighted one of the busiest weeks yet in the two-month old session. Typically, much of the activity came in committee meetings.

Arguments that raged over religion, medicine, and social problems were set off before the House and Senate Health committees at a public hearing on a bill to permit sterilization of mothers of as many as two illegitimate children. Voting was postponed on the measure, sponsored by Sen. Wilbur Jolly of Franklin and Rep. Rachel Darden Davis of Lenoir as an approach to the problem of illegitimates on welfare rolls.

The Joint Appropriations Committee entertained the biggest crowd of the week. Nearly 4,000 persons appeared to support the United Forces for Education in pleading for public school budget requests made by the State Board of Education.

"The crowd rose to its feet when a legislator asked if they were willing to pay higher taxes to raise the nearly 44 million dollars which would be needed to carry out the school program."

Each day brought fresh arguments.

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Park's 'Ghost' Turns Out A Wounded Vet

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Purple Heart veteran of World War II, bearded and in tatters, told police he was an infantryman in five years ago to live alone in the wilds of Griffith Park.

Dennis Scott Farrell, 32, was questioned by officers who found him while searching for a prowler suspect on N. Vermont ave. at the fringe of the park.

Officers said Farrell trembled at his first contact with humans in five years. Finally, he related that he was an infantryman in the war and was shot through the lungs on Okinawa.

Then he tried to explain his reluctance to the life of a hermit.

"At first I just wanted to die because I saw no future in anything. I tried starving to death."

NATO Meet Ends On Firm Note

WASHINGTON (AP)—NATO foreign ministers conclude their Berlin crisis conference today with a new solid-front warning to the Soviet Union against trying to force the Western powers out of West Berlin.

In three days of meetings here the 15-nation NATO Council was reported to have endorsed fully the determination of the Western Big Three to hold on in Berlin in the face of Soviet threats and pressures.

Just how the Western powers propose to resolve the Berlin dispute in negotiations with the Soviet Union beginning at Geneva May 11 remains undecided, however. The North Atlantic Treaty was signed here ten years ago today.

FAVOR U. N. ROLE

Settlement within the NATO Council appeared to be growing in favor of assigning a prominent role in any arrangement to the United Nations.

Canadian Defense Minister George Peckham proposed Friday that in preparing for negotiations with the Soviets the Allies consider advocating that U.N. personnel stand watch along the access roads between West Berlin and West Germany.

Both the United States and France were reported cool to the idea in the theory it might weaken their wartime rights in Berlin and Germany.

However, Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella said the possibility of U.N. help should not be ruled out and Halvard M. Lange of Norway backed up the Canadian initiative.

WOULD KEEP RIGHT

Peckham said any new Berlin arrangement worked out with the Soviets should be based upon the presently existing right of the United States, Britain and France to keep troops in West Berlin as a result of their victory over Germany in World War II.

Soviet forces are in East Berlin on the same basis but the Soviet Union has proposed to end its occupation responsibilities and turn full authority to the East German Communist regime.

Since the Soviets have a veto in the United Nations, any plan such as that proposed by Canada would have to have Soviet approval to go into effect.

Diplomatic officials reported that in Friday's closed-door meeting of the Council, several points were stressed by various spokesmen.

But everyone who spoke, one informant said, used the word "firmness" to describe what he thought the basic Western attitude toward the Soviet Union should be. And the point was made repeatedly that any concessions given to the Soviets must be met by equal concessions from them and must not upset the balance of power in Europe.

He said earlier all tests had shown the Princess was in "perfect condition."

Saxton Tries Suicide In Jail

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Johnny Saxton, former world welterweight champion, tried to hang himself today in the police jail where he is being held for burglary.

The 28-year-old Negro boxer, using his socks for a rope, was found hanging by Patrolman Harvey Filmore during a routine inspection.

The officer cut Saxton down and took him to Atlantic City Hospital. Doctors said there was no sign that asphyxiation had set in. Saxton was returned to the jail where he was placed early today on burglary charges.

Filmore said the fighter looped the makeshift rope around a bar over the cell door. The officer spotted him at 4:28 a.m.

Saxton, twice the welterweight champion of the world, was accused of robbing a store and was spotted by park visitors at a gunpoint on the roof of the building.



Mourning A Friend

Timmy Brindus (left), 5, is comforted by his brother Johnny, 11, after the Anderson, Ind., boys put a cross on the grave of their three-year-old dog. The pet was shot and killed by teenagers shooting sheep on a neighboring farm.

(AP Photos)

Seeks Re-Election

Foard In Contest For Council Again

By DICK YOUNG
News Staff Writer
Ernest C. Foard, a member of the City Council for the last two years, announced today he will seek re-election in the forthcoming municipal election.

Mr. Foard, who has been prominently identified with local civic, church and veterans organizations for many years, was elected to the council in 1957 in his first bid for public office.

He says his support of projects and measures for Charlotte will be a record on which to stand as he seeks reelection.

His announcement statement: "As I see it Charlotte's need at this time is in the realm of street widening and improvement."

KEEP IT ALIVE

"Money from recent bond issues has been allocated and some of that money is being used with some of the work actually completed. This program must be kept alive with the next big money to be spent in smoothing the downtown area."

"All experts agree that cities must save their downtown sections or all will be lost. Detroit is turning out thousands of automobiles every day and more and more of them are finding their way into Charlotte streets."

"Our nineteenth century streets are not able to cope with twentieth century traffic so it seems to me the most important item on the list is to improve the downtown area."

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—THE LIGHTER SIDE—

Mystic Snafu Costs Plenty

(From AP Reports)
A self-styled "Hindu reader" is out of business after thinking two important tests.

First, Eye Taylor, 31, of Glendale, Calif., slipped a fortune-telling advertisement, illegal under the state's laws, to police Sgt. Don Wingate.

Her next test came in court when Judge Martin Katz asked her "What will my ruling be?"

"My mind is a complete blank," said the mystic.

"A fine of \$25," said the judge.

Says That Course The Most Perilous

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower cautioned today against any appeasement of Russia in the Berlin crisis. He said it would be a dishonorable course and "the most dangerous one we could pursue."

Appeasement, said Eisenhower, only would embolden the Reds to step up their world domination drive.

But the President emphasized anew that the Western powers want to avoid war over Berlin and negotiate a settlement. In keeping open the possibility of a summit conference with the Soviets, Eisenhower said of the United States and its allies:

"They seek to substitute the rule of law for the rule of force, the conference table for the battlefield."

ONE RED GOAL

In a major address prepared for Gettysburg College spring convocation, Eisenhower called the Soviet move to drive the allies out of West Berlin "a part of the continuing effort of the Communist conspiracy to attain one overriding goal: world domination."

The college, a small liberal arts school located not far from Eisenhower's country estate, awarded the President a plaque for "service to the nation."

In his speech, Eisenhower underscored what he called the need for Americans to understand the U. S. role in "strengthening the free world's nations which, with us, see our concepts of freedom and human dignity threatened by atheistic dictatorship."

Eisenhower coupled his appeal for firmness on Berlin with a new plea for the administration's \$3,500,000,000 foreign aid program.

He singled out the free part of Vietnam in Asia as an example of a country in urgent need of such aid to stave off the threat of Communist conquest.

He also spoke of Japan's economic problems as grave and called on western nations to liberalize trade relations with that country—or risk bed domination of "the free world stake in the Pacific."

As for critics who want to cut the foreign aid program, Eisenhower referred to them as "uninformed Americans" who believe the United States should turn its back on its friends.

PART OF PLOT

Eisenhower dealt at some length with the Berlin crisis. After calling it a part of a Soviet plot to win world domination, he added:

"Against this background we understand that the mere handing over of a single city could not possibly satisfy the Communists, even though they would particularly like to eliminate what has been called the 'free world's show case behind the Iron Curtain.'"

"Indeed, even if we should acquiesce in the unthinkable sacrifice of two million free Germans, such a confession of weakness would dismay our friends and embolden the Communists to step up their campaign of domination."

The course of appeasement is not only dishonorable, it is the most dangerous one we could pursue."

Allying then to the 1958 agreement from which Hitler went on to conquest, the President said:

"The world paid a high price for the lesson of Munich—but it learned it well."

been sending their efforts to William Byler, Alan Shavzin and Lewis Lipsitz who have been making 200 duplicates of each poem.

Monday all the poems will be exhibited, face down, in a local bookstore and sold for a penny each on the provision the buyer can't read the poem until after the sale. No profit involved, they just want to help poets get their work published.

Rainy Run
The Long Island Railroad's "Rainbow Run" has survived the first rainy day.

An employee of the railroad thought up the tank. He collected umbrellas left on trains and put them in containers for commuters to borrow on rainy days, on their honor to return them.

It drizzled Thursday. There was a run on the bank, with all 85 umbrellas put into circulation. By noon Friday 46 were back in place.

The future of the bank will depend on the honesty of borrowers, the number of absent-minded people who leave umbrellas on trains, and the number of rainy days.

Grass Gone
The grass must have looked greener on the other side of the fence.

Somebody dug up the newly planted sod in Edwin Keller's back yard Louisville, Ky., and carried it off.



Capped and gowned like applicants at Gettysburg convocation opens

More Blasts Hit Henderson

HENDERSON (AP)—Two dynamite blasts Friday night, one of which blew a hole in the roof of a small mill building, marked the outbreak of new violence in Henderson's long, strife-marred textile strike.

The police department reported that the first dynamite blast went off around midnight and blew a "pretty good sized hole" in the roof of the first mill building at the South Henderson plant of the Harrier-Henderson cotton mills.

An officer said indications were that someone had blown the explosion from Alexander Avenue—outside the mill fence—to the roof of the small brick structure which is located about 30 feet inside the fence.

The other explosion, described as a "right loud" blast, went off around 4 a.m. in the southern section of the strike—now nearly five months old. The scene of this blast had not been located and it apparently did no damage.

The dynamites followed the breakdown Tuesday of negotiations conducted in Raleigh by Gov. Hodges in an effort to end the strike—now nearly five months old. The governor said in admitting failure that although agreement had been reached on many points, differences were still serious.

The breakdown in negotiations was accompanied by announcement that citizens of Henderson in an effort to curb night time violence such as the dynamites.

About 400 or 500 strikers listened to the speaker at a committee for study. But vocal opposition grew and finally Payton withdrew his suggestion.

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