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4 Die As Midwest Lashed By Series Of Tornadoes

HUNDREDS HURT IN BERLIN STRIKE CLASH

Oklahoma And Kansas Hardest Hit

Floods And Hail Cause Damage

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tornadoes whiplashed four states across the nation's mid-section last night.

Four persons were killed. Nearly a score were injured. Property damage was unestimated.

Hardest hit was Oklahoma. But twisters flicked out at scattered communities in Colorado, Kansas and, far across the Mississippi Valley, caught two small Eastern Tennessee communities.

The Kansas City weather bureau blamed the mad May disturbances on a "cold air mass" fourth straight night of twisters—on a deep low pressure "trough" rumbling up through northwestern Oklahoma to Nebraska.

In addition to the tornadoes that struck, perhaps a dozen others seen whirling just above the land in the sparsely settled plains country.

Most of the communities hit were small. In Oklahoma there was damage reported at Balko, Beaver, Cadiz, Cherokee, Gage, Jet, Nash, Shattuck, Waynoka, Woodward and Yewed.

Blows in Kansas were reported at Chase, Gorham, Rossel, Wilmore and in the countryside near Garden City, Scott, and Salina.

The Colorado tornado whirled up Black Wolf Canyon near Wray in the northeastern corner of the state and vanished in Nebraska.

Far away in Tennessee, an isolated storm injured three persons in two small communities of Goin and Sara Creek.

Two persons were injured at Rosenberg, near Houston, Tex. In Rosel, a community of 450 population, ten or twelve houses were blown down and nearly all other houses damaged. Three of 15 business buildings were destroyed and the others damaged.

Sheriff Ernest Fraser said it was impossible to make an accurate estimate of the Rosel damage. Some unofficial estimates ranged as high as $500,000.

KILLED IN AUTO

Harold King, about 17, of Solomon, Kan., was killed and his brother, William, about 16, was injured seriously when their automobile was demolished in a tornado near Kipp, four miles east of Salina. Three other youths were injured when their car turned over near New Cambria.

M. W. Hanna was killed by touching a high power line blown down in an electrical and windstorm near Petrolia, Kan.

The small number of casualties apparently was explained by the fact that folks in the Western Oklahoma and Kansas regions felt hardest are tornado-wise. Most of them sheltered safely in storm cellars.

Charles Sykes, 55, was caught on the highway near Yewed, Okla., however, and died of fatigue in an old wheat elevator.

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Workman Buried Under Penn. Rock Slide

PEN ARGYL, Pa. — (AP) — A huge rock slide buried one man at a slate quarry near this eastern Pennsylvania town today. Four other men working in the 475-foot deep pit were injured, two critically.

Six workmen scrambled to safety as tons of fine rock and slate tumbled suddenly from the side of the long, narrow quarry in this slate belt about 20 miles from Bethlehem.

There was no indication of whether the buried man is alive. Witnesses said there is little likelihood he escaped.

Shanghai Is Nearly Isolated By Attack

By FRED HAMPSON

SHANGHAI — (AP) — Shanghai today was cut off by air, her sea lanes menaced, and great fires blazed across the river to the east and north where Red besiegers are on the attack.

One of the fires burned at the Standard Vacuum depot on Gough Island, eight miles north of downtown Shanghai. At least one tank was ablaze at this biggest oil installation in East China.

Lunghua airport, five miles to the north, suspended operations. The menace of nearby Red artillery was too great. Officials said, however, flights might be resumed later in the day.

Despite the suspension, a Chinese National Aviation Corp. plane from Tokyo made a two-minute landing to the crackle of small arms fire nearby.

It hastily discharged A. S. Brown, Peekskill, N. Y., new fiscal officer for the U. S. consulate. John Stutesman, Mendham, N. J., the vice-consul, then got aboard and the plane roared off for Hong Kong. Stutesman is headed for home on leave.

Three Chinese civilian planes at the airport were commandeered by the military. They were standing by to take out biggies (high Chinese officials in Shanghai.)

The garrison commander ordered all but military traffic off the Whangpoo — Shanghai's sea lane — during afternoon hours. Red small arms fire has been hitting junks and sampans on the river.

The fighting ebbed and flowed around Pootung, the industrial district across the Whangpoo from Shanghai. It raged through the night. It continued under soggy skies this morning.

At one time last night, 27 fires could be counted in and beyond the Pootung district.

It was feared the Standard Vacuum fire might spread to other tanks there and to the neighboring Texaco Co. installations.

Communist troops were reported to have infiltrated Gough Island and were engaged by Nationalist troops. The fire resulted.

Brazil-U. S. Program To Draw Countries Closer

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The White House announced today that the Presidents of the United States and Brazil have agreed on a new five-point program designed to draw the two nations even closer together.

The program mainly involves U. S. economic, financial and technical help to Brazil joint efforts to eliminate double taxation, and Brazilian measures to stimulate American private investment in that republic.

It also was decided to negotiate a treaty to expand the present cultural exchange between the two nations.

Details of the program will be worked out later.

Announcement of the agreements was made a few hours before President Enrico Gaspar Dutra of Brazil was scheduled to leave here for New York where he will spend part of a ten-day visit to this country.

Dutra arrived here Wednesday afternoon.

He is returning a visit President Truman made to Rio de Janiero two years ago.

The White House statement said Mr. Truman assured Dutra that the Brazilian loan requests to the world bank and the export-import bank will "in the future, as in the past, receive the most attentive consideration of the United States Government."

Two separate but similar statements issued by the two presidents indicated that they discussed the report of a joint technical mission known as the "Abbik Report."

This group of Brazilian and American experts after a six-month study unanimously agreed that Brazil's economic development should be "accelerated" by new governmental spending, balanced development of Brazil's resources by private enterprise, and efforts to control inflation.

The White House said Mr. Truman assured Dutra that the United States is ready to help Brazilian development through implementation of the Abbink report or "in other fields of related endeavor."

Move To Save Ford-UAW Talks

DETROIT — (AP) — Government men strove today to save the Ford strike negotiations from collapse.

In a developing emergency Federal mediators worked to keep the company and the striking CIO United Auto Workers at the peace table.

The strike's eleventh negotiation session was scheduled today.

A union ultimatum to walk out unless Ford agreed to start 1949 contract negotiations on Monday forced the parties back on the UAW "speed - up" strike's seventeenth day.

Ford, all of whose 106,000 production workers are idle, bluntly refused.

The union and management, in exchange of sharp words, laid the blame for each other on any possible washout of the peace talks.

Federal Mediators Arthur C. Vlat and Sylvester Petr were hopeful. The two formally entered the negotiations yesterday.

Vlat conceded "it's tough" but said, "We are doing our best to keep the parties together."

"There is a lot of time between now and Monday," he added.

Mrs. FDR Jr. Gets Nevada Divorce

MINDEN, Nev. — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. today divorced the son of former President Roosevelt.

The decree was granted by District Judge Harry Watson on Mrs. Roosevelt's charge of extreme mental cruelty. The court approved an agreement, dated March 19, determining custody and support of two children and property rights.

Mrs. Roosevelt, the former Ethel du Pont, had no comment whatever.

Her attorney brought the case to this town, 50 miles south of Reno, to avoid publicity.

WAR DEAD DUE

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Army transport John L. McCarley is scheduled to dock here Monday, bearing the bodies of 2,554 American war dead from temporary cemeteries in North Africa and Italy.

Memorial services will be held at 9 A. M. (EST) at the Brooklyn Army Base.

3 Western Ministers Hold Parley

Set Policies For Big 4 Conference

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

PARIS — (AP) — The foreign ministers of Britain, France and the United States met here today to forge a common front in preparation for Monday's big four conference on the future of Germany.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson of the U. S. and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain met in French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman's office in company with their top experts on German problems.

They had before them a detailed plan for German policy drafted by their deputies, during the week.

The deputies' recommendation are secret and probably will remain so until after the big four conference starts. Well-informed officials, however, predict that the ministers will approve it quickly. It was worked out under guidance of the ministers themselves.

Well-informed French soufces said the report embraces a project for a provisional, semi - unified German regime, which would maintain some liaison between a newly-formed west German state and a regime in process of formation in the Soviet occupation zone.

The plan also is said to contain provisions for exchanging west marks and Soviet zone currency, and arrangements to stimulate trade between the two sections of Germany.

The Western powers are expected to urge extension of the West German Constitution to all of Germany, but will oppose unification if Russia refuses to put the Soviet zone under the Constitution.

The foreign ministers conference will open Monday afternoon at an hour dependent upon the arrival of Russia's Foreign Minister Vyshinsky.

AUSTRIAN DEMAND

Foreign Minister Karl Gruber of Austria said in Vienna yesterday his country will demand United Nations recognition as a sovereign state and the withdrawal of occupation troops if the big powers do not agree at Paris on an Austrian independence treaty.

There was no indication, however, that the Big Four foreign ministers would consider Austria's status in the conference, which was called to discuss only the future of Germany.

Two Jet Planes Missing On Flight

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. —(AP)— Search is under way today for two F-80 jet fighter planes, missing while on a routine training flight between Florence and Tucson, Ariz.

Pilots returning to base here reported seeing a flash in the sky at 9:21 P. M. last night. Base officials fear the two single-seated aircraft may have collided. There were six planes in the formation.

State Highway Patrol cars are searching the rugged desert country 35 miles southeast of the base. Officers said one of the missing planes was piloted by an instructor and the other by a student. Their names were withheld. The formation was returning from Tucson to its base here.

O'MAHONEY LAYS DOWN LAW TO LILIENTHAL

Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (center), Democrat of Wyoming, tells Atomic Energy Commission Chairman David E. Lilienthal (right) that none of the commission's money is to be spent on the education of Communists. Senator Homer Ferguson (left), Republican of Michigan, listens in on the conversation after a stormy session of O'Mahoney's Senate Appropriations subcommittee in Washington. The incident sprang from the disclosure that the commission had given a $1,600 fellowship for study of physics to Klaus Freistadt, Communist student at the University of North Carolina. (AP Wirephoto.)

Say Atom Security Weak

Senators Critical Of Lilienthal

By OLIVER W. DE WOLF

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Two Republican Senators, voicing grave fears over atomic security, today blasted the administration of the atomic energy program under Chairman David E. Lilienthal.

They spoke out in the latest of a long series of developments centering around the commission's multi-million dollar scientific educational program and the loss of a small quantity of uranium-235 from the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago.

"The whole lack of security is shocking," asserted Senator Bridges (R-NH).

Senator Wherry (R-Neb), GOP floor leader, said in a separate interview that "I'm still apprehensive" of leaving the atomic energy secrets in the hands they are now in."

OPPOSED APPOINTMENT

Both Senators are members of a Senate appropriations subcommittee investigating the commission's fellowship program. Both opposed Lilienthal when the Senate confirmed him for the chairmanship on April 9, 1947.

"I believe the evidence vindicates right up to this minute my vote against Mr. Lilienthal," Wherry said.

The Congressional criticism of the commission's security practices didn't keep the Senate from confirming Dr. Henry De Wolf Smyth, Princeton University physics professor, and Gordon Dean, Vista, Calif., teacher and attorney, as members of the atomic agency yesterday.

But while the two nominations went through with scarcely a murmur of opposition, Wherry set off a flurry of criticism of the commission when he disclosed that Dr. Isador Edelman, was awarded a $3,750 fellowship to carry on medical research at Harvard University, after being denied atomic security clearance.

Lilienthal, testifying before the appropriations group at the time, said the young doctor is not a Communist, but failed to get clearance because of certain "derogatory information" about him in the FBI's files. Lilienthal refused to say what that "information" was.

Dr. Shields Warren, the commission's director of medicine and biology, said Edelman was named by the National Research Council to do non-secret atomic research because it felt he showed "extraordinary promise." The council administers the fellowship program for the atomic agency.

In Cambridge, Mass., Edelman accepted invitations to appear next week before both the appropriations group and the Senate-House atomic energy committee.

ATTENDED RED MEETINGS

The 29-year-old scientist said that in 1943 he and his wife became interested in "finding out what the Communist Party had to say" and attended a couple of meetings. He said his wife "may have been given a party card," while he himself received an application blank, but doesn't recall whether he signed it.

He said neither of them has had anything to do with the party since. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm a loyal American citizen," Edelman said.

Lilienthal and Dr. Detlev Bronk, head of the National Research Council, said that in the future the council will ask applicants for fellowships to sign a non-Communist affidavit.

Senator McMahon (D-Conn), chairman of the Senate-House atomic group, suggested that an "oath of loyalty check might be a better idea. "Personally, I do not have the distaste for an FBI in-

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Five Wounded As Bullets Fly At Rural Night Spot

By RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Shotgun blasts and pistol reports filled the air early this morning at Bidgood's place on the Dixie Road in two separate shooting scrapes only a few minutes apart.

Five Negroes were injured in the frays, one of whom shot his own toe off with a pistol in the excitement.

County Police reported that three men were wounded with shotgun pellets when, Lt. Swearingen said, Sadie Withers, Negro woman, shoved a shotgun through a window and opened fire, warning "There's gonna be some shooting here."

Wounded were John Morrison who was beating a retreat through the front door; Joe C. Woolridge, who was following Morrison, and Roosevelt Withers, third in line. Buster Alexander was showing a companion a pistol when the shooting began and the gun discharged, taking the big toe from his right foot.

Only a few minutes before, Robert Otis Davis was wounded in the right thigh with a shot from what officers believe was a small caliber pistol. According to police, Davis was shot by John Andrew Dulin when Davis made overtures to his daughter.

Dulin was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. No charges were filed against Sadie Withers.

Investigating the shootings were Lt. F. A. Swearingen and Patrolmen W. B. Jetton, W. P. Hunter, and W. R. Woods.

Economy, Tax Hike Choices

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Lucas said today there will have to be either a tax increase or a cut in Federal spending—preferably the latter.

But he made it clear he still is against the Republican-led drive—so far unsuccessful—to trim each appropriation bill by at least five per cent.

That economy move was blocked for the fourth straight time late yesterday when the Senate, by voice vote, passed and shipped back to the House a bill carrying $751,000,000—nearly all of it for flood control and river and harbor projects.

The Senate total is $158,000,000 more than the House voted and $21,000,000 less than President Truman wanted.

The Senate batted down a proposed five per cent cut in its figure by a vote of 44 to 33. It killed a 10 per cent reduction amendment, 48 to 29. And it swamped, 59 to 15, a proposal by Democratic Senator Douglas (D-Ill) to slash the fund 40 per cent—by $300,000,000.

The five per cent cut proposal was sponsored by Senator Wherry (Neb.), the Republican leader. Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) proposed the 10 per cent reduction.

Lucas, opposing what he called "piece meal" cuts, told reporters the Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee "have indicated to me they will work out some formula for economy." He added:

"The Republicans have no monopoly on economy. There is a great opportunity to work out something before we are finished. I would hope that some way can be found so we can stay within the budget."

3'Hurt As Explosion Lifts Manhole Covers

INDIANAPOLIS —(AP)— An underground explosion blew the covers from two manholes in downtown Indianapolis today, causing slight injury to two pedestrians and a city patrolman. They were singed about the face.

Hundreds of persons on their way to work gathered at the scene as firemen fought choking yellow smoke that poured up from beneath the street.

Steel Firm Agrees To Wage Talks

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. today agreed to meet June 16 with the CIO-United Steelworkers to negotiate a new wage agreement but indicated it would not consider a discussion of pensions.

A letter from Carnegie-Illinois President C. R. Cox to President Philip Murray of the CIO expressed "regret that the union has exercised its right to open the agreements on these subjects, in light of the downward trend in cost of living and present uncertainties in the general business condition."

One Of 6 Escaped Georgia Convicts Is Recaptured

MACON, Ga.—(AP)—One of the six heavily armed convicts who shot their way to freedom was recaptured without a struggle near Madison today.

Sheriff G. P. Saye said life termer Ed Parker was arrested after he had been spotted hiding in a ditch by a railroad work gang. Parker was sentenced for murder.

Meanwhile, the search for the remaining five centered in a dense swamp 15 miles from Macon.

The six fled from the Milledgeville State Hospital farm yesterday with four shotguns and three pistols, seized from guards. In their break, they dashed hot coffee into the face of one guard and fired a load of buckshot into the shoulder of another.

Aiding in the manhunt, led by Sheriffs Earl Hamrick of Twiggs County and L. D. Stancill of Baldwin were at least 100 volunteers and officers.

All the prison-breakers were described as hardened longtimers, brought from Tattnall State Prison at Reidsville for a construction job at the hospital.

Reds Fight With Rail Workers

Outbreak Cuts Off Shipments

By DANIEL DE LUCE

BERLIN — (AP) — Twelve thousand striking railway workers fought young Communists cast in the role of strike breakers today in nearly a dozen stations of Berlin's elevated railway.

Hundreds were injured during the fighting, which raged through the morning. The outbreak shut off rail shipments to Western Berlin and threatened to force the city back to the austerity of the blockade period.

An elevated passenger train was set ablaze during one melee. Clothing was torn from women who got into the fight.

Western Berlin police said Maj. Gen. Pavel Kvashnin, transport chief of the Soviet zone, was insulted and threatened by a group of strikers at the Tempelhof elevated station in the American sector.

PROTECTED BY POLICE

The police said they gave Kvashnin protection from the strikers and he was able to drive away in his staff automobile without special injury. Another Soviet transport officer of junior rank was chased by strikers at the Hermannstrasse station in the British sector, police said. He was reported not seriously injured.

This is the area of Communism. The Soviet-appointed Berlin city government is Communist-dominated. Nearly all the striking workers went out on strike early today to enforce their demand for a reduction in wages in West marks instead of East marks. West marks are four times as valuable as the Soviet zone currency. East marks are banned in the West.

Fighting broke out when the Russian-controlled transport-guard squads of militant young Communists, including teen age girls, into the Western sectors of the city to "recapture" rolling stock they seized by the anti-Communist strikers.

The strikers outnumbered the Communist strike breakers. Both sides fought with clubs, showers of stones and their fists.

Western Berlin police fought side by side with the strikers against the Communists and Soviet-controlled railway police. In breaking up one fight, Western policemen fired their pistols into the air. That was the only shooting.

Western Allied officials maintained a hands-off attitude in connection with the walkout but were sympathetic toward the strikers. However, one British source said: "This strike can't be allowed to go on too long."

TRUCKS BUSY

British and American planes of the airlift and trucks continued to supply western Berlin. Although the anti-Communist railway unions which called the strike had pledged itself to operate Western Allied and German inter-sonal trains, switches and signals in west Berlin yards were left unmanned.

The blocked all incoming supply trains from western Germany. A British military passenger train slipped through by running against untended red signals. It was the only train that moved.

The Russian military command

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3 Army Officers Killed In Auto Crash, One Hurt

FORT BRAGG —(AP)— Three Army officers en route from Ft. Benning, Ga., to Ft. Bragg died in a crash today when their car hit a tree.

Highway Patrolman J. C. Tyson identified the victims as Capt. Benjamin H. McElhinney Jr., 32, First Lt. Lawrence D. Raymond Jr., 28, and Warrant Officer Merle G. McKenzie, Hoke County, whose first name was not immediately announced. The car, bearing a Ft. Benning license plate, smashed against a big pine tree after it left a highway north of Raeford.

Recruit Johnny D. Cherry, seventeen, was seriously injured.

'So Hot He Could Not Sleep . . .'

Crazed Man Slays Father, Slashes 3

GREENSBORO —(AP)— A crazed man of 35 who slew his father with a stove lid and slashed three men with a knife was tied to his bed at a hospital here today, facing a first degree murder charge, officers said.

The Guilford County sheriff's office said it would charge Giles Bailey, who ran amok last night, with first degree murder for the death of his father, W. M. Bailey, who died when the younger Bailey bashed in his head with a stove lid.

Neighbors, wielding sticks of firewood, subdued the young man only after he had cut Don Cox, 40, and Paul Tyson, about 45, who tried to help his father. Cox and Tyson were "doing a lot better than expected," said a spokesman at a local hospital. Cox, slashed in the abdomen, was reported in serious condition and there was fear that his injuries would become critical. Tyson sustained painful back wounds.

Another man, identified only by the name of Langford, was cut on the hands and arms, Sheriff's deputy Roy Apple said today, but his wounds were sewed up and he was able to return home. Langford is a neighbor of the Baileys.

Apple said members of the family told him this story: The younger Bailey had appeared to be all right earlier in the evening, when a brother had dropped in to see their father, who was ill. Around midnight, Giles came into his parents' room and said it was so hot he could not sleep. He was wearing only his shorts. During a conversation with his mother, Bailey looked at his father, and said, "Who is that fellow?" The fatal assault followed.

Details of the rampage were lacking today, as deputies continued their investigation. Officers quoted neighbors as saying Bailey had spent some time in a psychiatric hospital, and that he was a "heavy drinker."

Deputy Apple said Bailey showed no indication of having had a drink last night. He said the veteran had recently returned home from serving a term on the county roads.

Today lay handcuffed in his hospital bed this morning with two deputies guarding him. He tugged at his restraints and mumbled incoherently, witnesses said. City police records showed Bailey had a record that went back to 1940, when he was arrested on charges of assault; other charges included: beating taxi fare (two counts), drunk and disorderly, and drunkenness (four counts).

Mrs. Don Cox, wife of one of the injured men, said Stanford Bailey, a nephew of the ailing man, made the call for help. Both her husband and her brother, Tyson, responded to the call.

Bailey was cornered by neighbors who struck him in the head with stovewood and other objects during a battle. He was cornered when officers arrived. Deputy Hubert Riley, who was with Apple, reported Bailey looked at the officers and said, "I give up."

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SCHNITZLER

Gave my wife some face creams for her birthday, made a mistake though, one of them was for wrinkles. Some people think that helps on the job is all that is necessary.

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness through Sunday, with chances of scattered thundershowers this evening. Scattered thundershowers Sunday.

Temperature for 24 hrs. M. today 67
High and low for past 24 hours 76-55
Sun sets today ..... 7:24 P. M.
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 5:15 A. M.

More Weather Data on page 11-A.