

A young New Yorker named J. D. Salinger has written a novel called "The Catcher in the Rye," the story of a sixteen-year-old in the throes of growing up. Book Editor Bob Sala reviews it on Page 3-A.

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Flood Action Is Expected On Monday

Follows Truman's Plea For Succor

WASHINGTON.—A House appropriations subcommittee voted approval today of a \$15,000,000 federal grant for disaster relief in the flood-stricken Middle West.

Committee action came shortly after Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, reported to President Truman from Kansas City that the Kaw River flood in Kansas was "much the worst flood in the history of the area."

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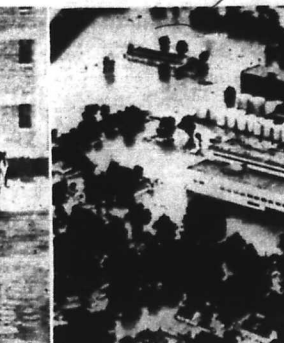
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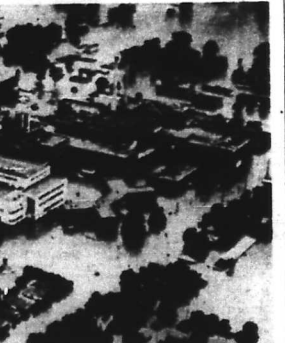
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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(AP)—Officials closed all but essential businesses today as flood and fire threatened this metropolitan area of 300,000 population.

All were hopeful that the worst of the great flood had passed as the Kansas, although slowly, reached their highest crests in history, but there still was a chance that fires spreading two more vital industrial districts might explode.

This would add untold millions to the damage that Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of the Army Engineers has estimated already amounts to \$500,000,000 in the flooded areas of Kansas and Kansas City, Mo.

Firemen still were fighting a blaze that has swept a two-block area at Roanoke Road and South Blvd. in Kansas City, Mo., after a series of explosions in oil storage tanks nearly 24 hours ago. They were working in waist-deep water and for hours had a losing fight but believed they could prevent further spread of the blaze.

Among the buildings destroyed by the fire was the Last Chance Tavern, the last spot where the late Charles Binagge, political leader of the Kansas and Missouri River flood in Kansas was "much the worst flood in the history of the area."

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Arkansas River Valley where a new flood hit Great Bend, Kan., today.

BUSINESSES CLOSED

Only drug stores, food establishments, clinics, public utilities and similar establishments were permitted to operate under the state of emergency proclaimed for both Kansas cities and all their suburbs.

Three major industrial districts in the Kansas City area were inundated.

The surging waters of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers threatened two other heavily industrialized sections—North Kansas City and Fairfax. Both districts were evacuated.

All non-essential businesses not in the flooded areas were ordered closed.

Flooded New Kansas and Missouri during the past week have caused at least 13 deaths. Many persons were impossible to rescue because of the thousands of refugees close checks were impossible.

Maj. Gen. Lewis Pick, chief of the Army Engineers, who made a hurried trip here from Washington, said that the city's water supply and to clear disaster areas for rescue work.

Highway and rail traffic halted.

Because of flood waters, the food for furnishing water to Kansas City, Mo., fell on a single station under the way and only one-third of the normal city requirements.

The city garbage disposal unit was under water, and officials were seeking new means of disposal.

The low water pressure in city mains brought serious fire problems and extra precautions were being taken.

FIRE PROBLEMS

Firemen fought a fuel tank farm fire throughout the night in a flooded two-block area. The fire began yesterday.

The firemen were injured, seven buildings were destroyed and two others damaged.

About 20 tanks containing a total of 500,000 gallons of gasoline, diesel oil and naphtha exploded at intervals.

The firemen struggled in shoulder-deep water, in boats and from rooftops to keep the flames from reaching their nearby tank farms.

The fire was touched off by a floating 6,000-gallon oil tank that struck an electric power line.

Cities and towns in Eastern and Central Kansas were hard hit by floodwaters.

Towns under water or partially flooded included Topeka, Lawrence, Manhattan, Great Bend, Jolo, Salina, Norton, Ottawa, Olathe, Junction City, Chanute and Perry, Strong City, Florence and Marion.

SEUL, Korea (Sunday).—(AP)—The Reds agreed today to remove armed guards from Kaesong and admit twenty allied correspondents, but want to talk over the rest of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's demands for resuming cease-fire talks.

There was no immediate comment from allied headquarters as to when the talks, broken off since Wednesday, might be resumed.

The Peiping radio, mildly chastised the Allies in today's broadcast of the Communist message.

The text of the reply to Ridgway's demands of Friday said the concessions were made "to eliminate misunderstanding and arguments over some side questions."

It called the issue of admitting allied correspondents "no trifling" to break up talks which so far have "not yet achieved any result."

SOME UNSETTLED

Issues raised by Ridgway which the Reds would leave to settlement by mutual discussions included the area of the Kaesong neutral zone, methods of facilitating free movements in and out, and the number of personnel to be admitted.

The test was first broadcast Saturday by the North Korean Pyongyang radio in Korean, and then by Peiping today in English under Pyongyang dateline and received from "our correspondent."

The English-language text of the reply by General Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh-hsiang to General Ridgway.

General Ridgway:

"Your letter dated July thirteenth has been received. In order to eliminate misunderstanding and arguments over some side questions, we agree to the proposed terms of the Kaesong area as a neutral zone during the period of the meeting, and that both parties do not carry out hostile acts of any kind within this area, and will refrain from any acts of violence in the area of the meeting place and from the routes through which your delegates and our travel to the area of the meeting place. As to the size of the area of the meeting place and other related questions, we propose that these be left to the delegations of both parties to settle in a spirit of mutual understanding."

"With regard to the question of news reporters, which gave rise to charges that Democrats were 'playing politics' with controls, and asserted the House has yet to adopt 'one single amendment which affects wage or price controls.'"

Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo.), another committee member, said the dividing line between the two sides is the House provides for "free trade."

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Dewey Gets Cordial Formosa Welcome

TAIPEH, Formosa.—(AP)—New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey arrived at this Chinese Nationalist base today on another lap of the Orient as a private U. S. citizen.

Dewey said he would study land reform on Formosa and confer with Nationalist leaders on the Pacific situation.

His arrival was a gala occasion for the Nationalists.

Gov. K. C. Wu of Formosa and a group of Nationalist legislators met him at the plane. A record number of photographers were on hand.

Manila Rejects Japanese Treaty

MANILA.—(AP)—A Presidential committee last night unanimously rejected the American draft of a Japanese peace treaty as unacceptable to the Philippines.

The fifteen-man Peace Treaty Committee said it would have an official reply to the United States ready by Monday.

The draft "filled the Filipino people with disillusionment and dismay," said Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo, former president of the United Nations Assembly.

"The Japanese have been betrayed by the United States," charged Sen. Vincente J. Francisco, leader of the opposition to the Liberal Party.

Former Supreme Court Justice Claro Recto, leading candidate for the Nationalista Party nomination for president, urged the Philippines to sever all ties with the U. S. He was foreign minister of the Japanese puppet government during the war.

Recto said the treaty was the result of a "delusion that the Japanese will fight America's battles in Asia" and "an oppressive guilt complex engendered by the massacres at Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Recto bitterly criticized General MacArthur, with whom John Foster Dulles consulted before the draft was written.

Rain?—They Ain't Even Had Any Clouds

By The Associated Press

"We not only ain't had any rain, we ain't even had a cloud."

Just like that, a Utah stockman tells why you'll find it harder to get beef steak, mutton chops, and rice pudding.

Drought plagues over two sections of the Southwest.

In an area as big as the Atlantic seaboard, hot, dry days are burning cattle and sheep country in Arizona, most of New Mexico, Southern Utah and Southern Colorado.

Skipping a belt in the high plains of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, the drought dips into the

rice and cotton country of Texas and Louisiana.

There are disputes over water, too, on an interstate scale.

Gov. Howard Pyle says Arizona has reached its water limit unless it can get a larger share from the Colorado River. Texas has threatened suit in U. S. Supreme Court to force complete draining of El Vado reservoir in Northern New Mexico.

Stockmen talk of ruin if they must sell their animals for lack of range feed.

Across most of the Southwest, Texas, the drought dips into the

Corp. has contracted to increase rainfall in the face of continuing dry days, its head, Dr. Irving P. Krick, declares that rains this month will break the drought.

Arizona alone places its loss thus far at \$25 million. The Soil Conservation Service calls the Arizona drought the worst in the nation.

The impact is so great in other states, officials haven't tried to make loss estimates.

On the eastern edge of the Navajo Reservation Indian families can get only one pair of water a day for both drinking and washing. Their springs are drying up.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy, continued hot. In the night and tomorrow evening, with scattered showers or evening thunderstorms to clear tomorrow.

High yesterday, 86 degrees. Lowest this morning, 71 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:19 A. M.; sunset, 7:38 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 12-A.

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Administration Is Waging Last-Ditch Controls Fight

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The battle over economic controls continued today with the administration fighting a rear guard action against a rampaging House coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

Although Congress was in recess until Monday, there was no letup in the administration's drive to stave off defeat.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said in his last night broadcast a warning that inflation would be the nation's great harm "unless we keep controls."

The Senate passed the bill to extend wage-price-rent controls in expected to be completed by next Thursday. The bill then will go to a House-Senate conference committee for ironing out differences between it and a Senate-passed bill.

The Senate measure, which President Truman's present powers over the nation's economy and gives him none of the new authority he asked. The House bill appears certain to be enough—not too rough—on the administration.

Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) told the House yesterday that it "is not controlled by Democrats; it is controlled by an unwholy alliance of Republicans and Democrats."

Truman To Visit Detroit July 28

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman plans to visit Detroit July 28 to participate in the city's 250th anniversary celebration.

The White House announced the President's plan yesterday. Mr. Truman probably will fly to Detroit and back to Washington in one day.

Four Strangers To Study Social Life On Raft Trip

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa.—(AP)—These two are Milton Borden, 30, of New Bedford, Mass., an aeronautical engineer who graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is now studying forestry, and Don Brown of Detroit, a sociology student.

The fourth member of the crew is Geraldine Frederica (Gerry) Garcia, a 22-year-old Boston artist, who heard of the plan from a friend and wrote to Mary Ellen, a volunteer.

Each of the four tossed \$50 into the kitty for the trip. Already \$150 of the money has been spent.

"We don't have to worry about starving," said Mary Ellen. "The merchants of New Kensington are stocking the raft with all the food it can carry."

"Of all the 'living in small' the adventure," said Mary Ellen.

Woman Free After Serving 2 Years Of Long Sentence

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(AP)—G. Earl Warren ordered Jim J. Tress Madge Meredith freed from prison today.

She had commuted her five-year-to-life sentence to time served. Miss Meredith will be freed at once.

The former starlet was convicted in 1947 of complicity in the kidnapping and beating of her ex-love, business manager, Nick Gianacis, and his bodyguard, Verne Davis. Miss Meredith has been at Tehachapi State Prison for Women since May 9, 1949.

120 Additional Casualties Noted

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Defense Department today identified 120 additional U. S. casualties of the Korean war. No. 353 included 19 killed, 78 wounded, 14 missing, seven injured and two who died of wounds.

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