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Nationalists Say 15 Red Junks Destroyed

ROCKY MTN. STORM HEADS TOWARD EAST

Blizzard Leaves 5 Dead, 17 Injured In Three States

DENVER (AP) — Snow still fell in parts of three Rocky Mountain states but the winter's worst blizzard was edging eastward early today, leaving five known dead and 17 injured.

Snowplows broke through, however, to release the last 25 persons who had been reported missing as the bitter blow all but halted highway travel in Wyoming.

Rescued in the same vicinity, near the top of the continental divide on U. S. Highway 30 in southern Wyoming were a Greyhound bus stalled with 19 passengers and the driver, and six Craig, Colo., men in a station wagon.

Sub-zero cold hung on, however, as many communities were isolated by waist-deep drifts.

MOTOR RUNNING

The last bus to be set free was found with its motor still running t ooperate the heaters. Driver Glen Andrews, about 50, of Cheyenne, Wyo., reported he had nearly 100 gallons of gasoline left to keep his passengers warm when they stalled yesterday.

A state highway patrol accompanying a snow plow radioed word the six Craig men had been found unharmed. They had taken shelter from the storm while trying to drive 175 miles home from Rock Springs, Wyo.

In addition to the deaths resulting directly from the blizzard, a 2-year-old child perished in a fire at Wolf Point, Mont., and another blaze left a Riverton, Wyo., family of seven homeless.

Highway patrols of the three states said there were uncounted minor traffic accidents. A school bus skidded off a highway near Denver and slightly injured seven children. A Colorado patrolman, investigating a two-car accident near Denver, was struck and seriously injured by a third vehicle as it tried to stop.

Seven persons were injured in Denver in a two-car collision, the same accident that accounted for Colorado's lone fatality.

Between Durango and Grand Junction in southwest Colorado, six passengers and a Continental Trailways bus driver miraculously escaped injury when a snowslide struck their vehicle broadside and carried it 100 yards off the road.

There it halted, upright. The party walked three miles to shelter at Silverton, Colo.

30 INCHES OF SNOW

The storm left more than 30 inches of new snow in some mountain areas. Despite the destructive intensity, it relieved a long dry spell for many areas.

Most air lines in Denver, air center for the region, reported their flights on schedule.

Buses operating north from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyo., were halted at 7 p.m. (MST) yesterday. Although most of Colorado's high mountain passes were reported open, the state patrol warned visibility was near zero and roads were treacherous.

After two days of stormy weather, snow finally ended in northern New England late last night. The new snowfall at Caribou, Maine, was 18 inches, with 47 inches on the ground. New Hampshire and Vermont also were hit by heavy snow.

East of the blizzard weather, from Illinois southwestward into Missouri, rain fell during the night.

Rain changed to snow in Wisconsin and in some areas there was freezing rain or sleet.

It was fairly mild winter weather and partly cloudy eastward to the Atlantic Coast. It was 33 in New York, 47 in Atlanta and 61 in Miami.

The country's warmest city was Brownsville, Tex., with 71.

Mother Of Burned Infant Ruled Insane

BELVIDERE, N.J. (AP)—A county judge yesterday found Mrs. Bernice Makatura insane and a murder indictment against her—charging her with setting a fire which killed her infant son—was dropped.

Her 8-month-old son, Stephen Jr., was fatally burned Feb. 7 in a crib fire which police say the mother admitted starting. Psychiatrists said she did not know right from wrong.

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Site Of Sea Battle

Chiang's Planes Continue Attacks

By FRED HAMPSON

TAIPEI, Formosa — (AP) — Chinese Nationalist pilots reported sinking 15 motorized, armed Communist junks and damaging five others today in the second day of heavy air and surface strikes against the Reds.

The Air Force said its planes caught the Communist craft near the Taishan Islands, 120 miles northwest of Formosa which the Reds apparently are trying to build up. Twenty-three of the ships were sighted.

This was in the same area where the Nationalist air force and navy claimed to have sunk 21 Red ships and a submarine yesterday.

Tonight's communique said all planes returned safely. There was no mention of any opposition by Chinese Communist planes.

Another communique reported Nationalist planes heavily bombed installations on the Taishans last night and possibly destroyed one warship. It apparently was the same claim made in a late communique yesterday.

RED BUILDUP NOTED

The Reds appeared to be making an intensive effort to build up on the Taishans which are within striking range of Nationalist positions on Nanchishan Island.

Newspapers reported earlier that Chinese Communist troops and supply ships sunk yesterday in Nationalist China's biggest naval victory radioed for air cover, but no Red planes appeared.

The Nationalists exulted in a victory which lifted morale from the low caused by last week's withdrawal from the Tachen Islands.

Nationalist intelligence knew a day in advance that a 14-ship convoy would move troops and supplies southward from Wenchow Bay on Friday.

That gave Chiang Kai-shek's Navy time to move its northern fleet based at Keelung into position to pounce on the Red Chinese flotilla. Normally this fleet would include a half dozen destroyers along with destroyer escorts and converted minesweepers.

IN POSITION

At dawn Friday the Nationalist warships were cruising the choppy East China Sea out of sight of the mainland but in position to intercept the Red flotilla.

The eight Communist landing ships, guarded by two destroyer escorts and four gunboats, moved into sight and the action began about 8 a.m.

By 9 a.m., the Nationalist navy said it had sunk at least seven landing ships and possibly three gunboats.

The surviving Red craft fled toward nearby harbors with the Nationalist warships in pursuit. Nationalist fighter-bombers roared out from Formosa to join in the action. Adm. Lee Yu-hai, who brought his victorious fleet back to Keelung today, estimated Red casualties were in excess of 1,000 dead.

Plane Carrying 16 Overdue In New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — TWA today reported one of its planes—a Martin 404 with 16 aboard—an hour and a half overdue on a flight to Santa Fe, N.M., 70 miles away.

R. B. Riordan, district sales superintendent for the airline, said the plane carried 13 passengers and a crew of three.

It left Albuquerque at 7 a.m. (MST) and was due in Santa Fe at 7:25 a.m.

The flight originated in Albuquerque and was to travel from there to Amarillo, Tex., and Topeka, Kan.

"It may have landed somewhere, but I don't know where it could be," Riordan said. "We are still looking for it."

The U.S. Weather Bureau said a rugged mountain range—the Sangre de Cristos—which stand along the plane's route—were obscured from the base to the summit.

Scattered snow flurries were lashing the peaks under the clouds, the Weather Bureau said.

New Mexico State Police said they had been alerted to search for the craft.

Illinois Plane Crash Kills 4

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)— The Sangamon County sheriff's police reported a twin-engined private plane crashed in a muddy farm field today, killing three men and a woman.

The plane bore the identification number N67265—the number of a ship piloted by R. O. Brezeale of Jefferson City, Mo., which left Terre Haute today en route to St Louis from New River, Tenn.

Chief Dep. Sheriff Thomas O'Brien said his men were unable to approach the wrecked plane in automobile because "the field is a sea of mud."

"They saw three men and a woman inside, all dead," O'Brien said.

Slight Hope Held For Missing Plane

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Hope was slight today as scores of search planes continued to seek a Navaj patrol bomber and the 11 men it carried when it disappeared only a few miles from here Thursday night.

The aerial hunt was concentrated on surrounding mountains and the icy waters of Cook Inlet where a day-long check by 55 search planes had failed to disclose any trace of the twin-engined P2V5 Neptune yesterday.

Moving Evidence Brought Into Court

DENVER (AP)—Earl E. Lippert had some convincing evidence when he contended in Superior Court that fellow motorist George J. Karch, 33, left the scene after their cars collided.

While Judge Mitchel B. Johns looked on, Lippert showed movie film he had taken immediately after the accident. It showed Karch standing beside the damaged vehicles, shaking his head and walking away from the scene.

Johns fined Karch $150.

Not To Tip Hand

Ervin Backs Ike On Asian Strategy

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sen. Ervin (D-NC) said today he supports President Eisenhower's decision not to tip the Chinese Communists in advance whether the United States intends to defend Quemoy and the Matsus.

But Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala), a Senate Foreign Relations Committee member, said that "if the administration really intends to defend Quemoy and the Matsus, then we should make it very clear to the Chinese Communists."

The two Democrats spoke out in interviews after Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) told the Senate yesterday continued free world control of these Nationalist - held islands close to the Chinese mainland is part of "a very clear and necessary deterrent to any aggressions by Moscow-supported China."

Smith said subsequently he wished Secretary of State Dulles had been "more specific" in spelling out the same sort of belief in a New York speech last Wednesday. Dulles said then the United States would not defend the Chinese coastal islands "as such." But the secretary implied this country would fight if the Communists should try to grab those islands as a jumping off point for conquest of Formosa.

KNOWLAND SATISFIED

Dulles' stand apparently satisfied Sen. Knowland (R-Calif), who told a San Francisco news conference yesterday the secretary had taken a "firm position" on defending Formosa, the nearby Pescadores Islands and "such other areas" as might be considered vital in this defense. Knowland said he thought it now is clear the United States will resist any Red attempt to overrun Quemoy and the Matsus.

SEN. ERVIN

Ervin said he supports the administration's stand on Formosa because it follows closely his own view that "you can't satisfy the appetite of a blackmailer by paying him more blackmail."

"I don't have any sympathy with those who want us to say in advance what we would or would

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Bad Weather Delays Second Atomic Blast

By BILL BECKER

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A nuclear detonation scheduled at dawn was postponed early today by scientists because of continuing high winds. Strong gusts caused a three-day delay in opening the spring atomic test series.

A weather briefing at 2 a.m. PST disclosed that a straight north wind was blowing 30 to 35 m.p.h., with gusts up to 40 m.p.h.

A detonation under those wind conditions, the test chiefs said, would have forced the evacuation of the test control point, of Camp Mercury, the AEC support camp, and of Camp Desert Rock, the Army headquarters, because of the danger of radioactive contamination.

Another weather huddle was scheduled, probably about 1 a.m. PST to discuss a Sunday shot. But meteorologists said the weather outlook is not good.

Today's shot was to have been the 500-foot tower explosion originally scheduled to open the series last Tuesday. About 450 troops were scheduled to carry out maneuvers after taking the impact of the blast in trenches 4,000 yards from the tower. Including observers, perhaps 1,100 men were to have taken up trench positions.

The same group watched yesterday's show from News Nob, eight miles from a burst beautifully placed above Yucca Flat by a B36 crew of the 4925th Test Group, special weapons center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

After two bombing runs were backed by the layer of clouds hanging over the site, Maj. Fain H. Pool of Lawton, Okla., the pilot, brought the plane over the only hole in the blanket at perhaps 28,000 feet, and a perfect shot dropped out of the blue. It was right on target, test officials said. The crew commander was Lt. Col. Eugene W. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.

Height of the burst was estimated at 1,500 feet. It was heard in smaller communities to the north and west of the test site, but was not heard or felt in Las Vegas, 75 miles southeast.

Observers classed it with previous small test blasts in the 15-kiloton order or less. The original A-bomb was 20 kilotons. A kiloton is the power equivalent of 1,000 tons of TNT.

The delayed tower shot is believed to be greater than nominal A-bomb strength.

One of the interested on-site observers yesterday was Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission. He also planned to see today's blast. He declined comment on the opener.

THESE ARE THE WEAPONS police say were found in the home of Herman Scholz, New York City chauffeur who told police he once planned to kidnap Serge Rubinstein. He's held on $25,000 bail. The guns are (top) .45 caliber Thompson sub-machine gun; (right) .45 caliber automatic; (lower left) .38 caliber snub-nosed revolver; and (lower center) .25 caliber pocket revolver. (AP Wirephoto).

Ike's Tariff Program Goes To Senate

Approved By House After Bitter Fight

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's request for new tariff bargaining powers, approved without change by the House after a bitter fight, moved today toward quick consideration in the Senate.

Chairman Byrd (D-Va) said he would call the Senate Finance Committee next Wednesday to consider the measure. He said hearings probably will start soon afterwards.

The House passed the bill 295-110 yesterday after beating back 206 - 199 an amendment which would have curbed the President's powers, and which its opponents said would have had a "crippling" and "devastating" effect.

House Democrats led by Speaker Rayburn (Tex), who made a personal appeal in a floor speech at a crucial point in the debate, supplied by far the biggest bloc of votes for the administration.

They voted 140-80 against the restrictive amendment, while Republicans favored it 119-66. Final passage saw Democrats voting 186-35 and Republicans 109-75 for the measure.

WOULD EXTEND LAW

The bill would extend the 20-year-old reciprocal trade law three more years, and give the President additional power to reduce tariffs 5 per cent a year during that period, in return for concessions on U.S. shipments abroad. In addition, he could lower all duties above 50 per cent of the value of the goods down to that level, and could slash by 50 per cent duties on articles imported in negligible quantities.

Senate Democratic leaders expressed hope they can roll up a big vote for the measure, to show strong support for the President on one of his key, controversial proposals.

However, one veteran Democratic member who supports the bill told a reporter "there may be some trouble" in the Senate on the bill. Unlike the House, Senate rules permit unlimited introduction of amendments so that industries such as coal and pottery desiring further tariff protection can concentrate their efforts in that branch.

BYRD NOT COMMITTED

Byrd said he was not committing himself completely on the bill. But he recalled that he had supported the reciprocal trade program in the past.

THERE WAS THIS BOY, see, Edward Otis, 8, of Long Beach, Calif. He had a toothache and was sent to the dentist. Just before the dentist went to work, young Otis headed for the washroom and didn't come back. They thought he'd been kidnaped, but he turned up hours later, tooth and feet hurting. Six miles had brought the ache to his feet. (AP Wirephoto).

Big Center Found

Pair Arrested In Wiretap Case

NEW YORK—(AP)—Two telephone company workers, already suspended from their jobs, were arrested today after a district attorney's investigation of an undercover wiretap center.

The eavesdropping setup, discovered hidden in a Manhattan apartment, was believed to have many important telephones within its range and to afford opportunities for widespread blackmail and security leaks.

After lengthy questioning that ran far into early morning hours, District Atty. Frank S. Hogan ordered the arrest of Carl E. Ruh, 30 of the Bronx, and Walter Asmann, 29, of South Jamaica, Queens. They later were booked on wiretapping charges.

Ruh, a telephone employe seven years, was a phone tester and Asmann made connections between subscribers' phones and central exchanges. Both men are married.

The district attorney's office, in announcing the arrest orders, gave no details on the wiretap setup or the role the two men played in it.

LOCAL OPERATION

Earlier Hogan said he had determined the operation was local and only a few phones within its range had been tapped. He said he would present the facts Monday to a grand jury which "will ascertain whether there was any violation of the law."

From persons questioned thus far, Hogan said, "we have ascertained . . . that the operation was local in nature."

"Our information is that only one telephone exchange is involved—the Plaza exchange—and that over a period of five months interceptions were made on about 15 telephone numbers, six at a time," he continued.

Earlier Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams said the center was capable of tuning in on all the phones of six exchanges. These covered the midtown Eastside section of Manhattan—including the U.N., many foreign consulates, important business offices and a fashionable and rich residential area.

RAID KEPT SECRET

Police raided the elaborate telephone setup Feb. 11 but its existence remained a secret until disclosed by the New York City anticrime committee, a private agency. The committee revealed the operation in a memorandum to state legislative leaders urging new laws to curb wiretapping.

The disclosure yesterday brought immediate demands for investigation by federal agencies.

Sen. Irving M. Ives (R-NY) said "a grave danger of security leaks" was indicated. He urged a congressional investigation and said reports he had received suggested there was a chance of eavesdropping on interstate conversations.

Later Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark) announced his Senate investigations subcommittee was already checking reports that phones of government officials in Washington were being tapped. The in-

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Policeman Badly Hurt When Struck By Auto

A city policeman is in serious condition today after his three-wheel motorcycle was struck by a car at 8 a.m.

Attendants at Memorial Hospital listed injuries of Patrolman W. Frank Kerr as concussion and possible skull fracture, abrasions on both legs, a cut on the nose and shock.

Officer Kerr, 34, of Rt. 11, was struck at the corner of College and E. 4th Sts. while on the way to direct traffic during moving operations at Union National Bank.

FELTS IS CHARGED

Driver of the car involved, James R. Felts of 1701 Dilworth Rd. West, was charged with reckless driving in the case. Police said a witness told them Felts crashed a red light when the accident occurred.

According to investigating officer A. W. Wallace, Kenneth Miller and Sgt. J. A. Horton, Officer Kerr was going west on E. 4th St. and entered the intersection in the right lane.

Mr. Felts, they said, was going north on College St. and was in the center lane of traffic. They said Mr. Felts skidded 24 feet before the impact, and Officer Kerr about five feet.

Police quoted the witness, Bobby Benton, of 613 Logie Ave., as saying he was in the center lane of E. 4th St., traveling beside Officer Kerr. They reported that Mr. Benton told them he slammed on brakes when he saw Mr. Felts was not going to stop and missed him only by inches. They said he added that both he and Officer Kerr had the green light.

EVENING PRAYER

Our kind, heavenly Father, Thy mercies are ever toward us. This day give us courage and faith and love. Let no difficulty conquer us, no discouragement cause us to lose heart, for we are alive to Thee through the sacrifice of Thy Son. Amen.

Bill Of Rights Controversial

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Were this nation's Bill of Rights to be voted on today, it would be ratified, but not without provoking great controversy, Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, said today.

He told an audience at the keynote session of Washington University's second century convocation that controversy over teaching in and conduct of our colleges and schools has shown an effort to curb freedom of speech.

Other symptoms, Warren said in a prepared speech, have been suspicions attached to lawyers representing unpopular defendants, doubts about the rights of individuals to invoke their constitutional privileges against self-incrimination, and invasions of the freedom of the press.

Warren blamed the situation on no one group or person, but "to the entire body politic; to the suspicion, hatred, intolerance and irresponsibility that stalk the world today."

OUR WEATHER

Sunny and mild today. Increasing cloudiness with rain beginning tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy and rainy and becoming colder tomorrow night.

Low this morning—29.
Low tonight—50.
High yesterday—58.
High today—62.
High tomorrow—58.
Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.; sunset, 6:09 p.m.

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