Polish strikers claim

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Strike leaders claimed Wednesday that government negotiators agreed in preliminary talks to meet their main demand of independent trade unions, But Poland's deputy premier indicated later that bargaining was not over on the point.

Such an agreement would hasten the end of Poland's worst labor crisis in a decade and give workers in a Soviet-bloc state their own unions for the first time ever.

"There is general agreement between strikers and the government on forming free and independent trade unions," Andrzej Gwiazda, one of the workers' negotiators, told reporters after emerging from closed-door preliminary talks with government officials.

But Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski said on Gdansk radio and television Wednesday night that "these demands have to be discussed within the present trade union," which is run by the state.

He said negotiations would resume Thursday.

At the same time, in Moscow the official Soviet news agency issued a tough commentary attacking "anti-socialist" elements within Poland that it said were striving to push the Soviet ally "off the socialist road."

There was no overt sign, however, that Moscow was planning to intervene in the Polish crisis.

Little detail was available on the reported agreement, and it was not clear what further approval was needed at higher levels of the government.

The strike leaders had said earlier they would be willing to back off on many of their other demands if the government would concede on the issue of free trade unions.

If unions independent of the government are established, analysts said, it could mean a loss of power for the Communist Party unprecedented in the Soviet bloc.

The strikes have already advanced beyond a level many thought possible in the East bloc, and have prompted Poland's shaken leadership to warn of "events that could lead to a national catastrophe."

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Storm whips sea

MIAMI (AP) — A strong system of disturbed weather churned through the Atlantic east of the northern Windward Islands Wednesday and forecasters said there was "a good chance" it would develop into Tropical Storm Danielle.

But the tropical depression, with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph and centered roughly 550 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, did not have the same characteristics as Hurricane Allen when it formed in the same area earlier this month, Paul Hebert, forecaster at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said.

Allen killed more than 200 people during a rampage through the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico.

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Earthquake devastates

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An earthquake devastated the city of Al Asnam and its surrounding rural areas Friday and the government reported "thousands of victims." The first tremor was far stronger than a quake that killed 1,657 people in the same city 26 years ago.

A spokesman for the Information Ministry said late Friday that it was too early to give a death toll, saying rescue workers were still searching shattered buildings and homes.

The quake struck the city, 150 miles west of Algiers, at 1:30 p.m. (5:30 a.m. PDT) and was followed by a second tremor two hours later lasting more than a minute. Al Asnam has 125,000 inhabitants.

The official Algerian news agency APS described the quake as "a catastrophe" but did not give a precise number of how many people were killed or injured.

The government mobilized army, air force, police and civil defense units for an emergency relief operation to help the injured and homeless and search for bodies in ruined buildings.

Civil and military workers evacuated many injured people, APS said.

The government reported whole apartment buildings had collapsed. Old and prefabricated buildings on the outskirts of the city also shuddered and fell, causing more casualties, the officials said.

"Large fissures, some deep, run across the countryside and in some places the road has collapsed," APS said. "Whole families are gathered at the roadside, having fled their ruined homes."

Officials closed roads leading into the city for safety reasons and security services turned back "the curious," APS reported. Communications with the market and manufacturing town were cut.

There was no immediate estimate of the number of victims, but the official radio said first reports indicated the quake damaged 80 percent of Al Asnam's buildings.

APS said the earthquake destroyed the city's main hospital, central mosque and courthouse and leveled the civil defense headquarters, main department store, a girls' high school, two large housing complexes and many other buildings.

The quake affected a number of surrounding towns, including Ain Defla, Beni Haoua, El Abdia and Sendjaf, APS said, adding that about 10 percent of the houses and some larger buildings such as mosques and factories were destroyed there.

In 1954, an earthquake measured at 6.4 on the Richter scale leveled Al Asnam, then called Orleansville. Friday's quake was measured at 7.5 on the scale at a seismological station in France. The U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake information center said the quake was followed three hours later by an aftershock that registered 6.2.

"Power" + Rain Attack

Twisters, rain rip Midwest

United Press International

A hand of late summer tornadoes and thunderstorms swept through the upper Missippi Valley, downing power lines and damaging homes. At least eight persons were treated for minor injuries.

Three tornadoes touched down near St. Cloud in south-central Minnesota late Wednesday. Eight residents of the Bel Claire Acres mobile home park were treated and released from a St. Cloud hospital after the tornado ripped through the park.

Police restricted all travel into and out of the area to residents while rescue squads helped injured persons. Damage estimates were not immediately available.

Another twister downed trees and felled power lines in Stearns County. A spokesman for the sheriff's office there said several gas lines also were broken during the storm.

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"Power" + Rain Attack

Short kills power to Florida homes

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP) — A loose test lead triggered a short-circuit which shut down the Florida Power Corp. nuclear plant at Crystal River and cut off power to thousands of homes around the state, a company spokesman says.

Service was restored soon after the Tuesday outage, said Florida Power spokesman Bill Johnson. The 825-megawatt unit was at full load when the mishap occurred around 1 p.m.

Johnson said about 60,000 customers of Jacksonville Electric and Miami-based Florida Power & Light were affected. Florida Power Corp., based in St. Petersburg, serves some 750,000 customers in 32 counties along the Florida Gulf Coast.

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Floods sweep India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Six people were missing Sunday after floodwaters swept away a car near Jabalpur, central India, the United News of India reported.

In Uttar Pradesh state, northern India, officials and army troops used boats to evacuate thousands of marooned villagers in Banda district where rain-swollen rivers flooded large areas.

UNI said that at least 500 villages in Banda, 300 miles southeast of New Delhi, were hit by floods from the Ken and Yamuna rivers.

It did not report any casualties.

More than 1,000 deaths have been reported nationwide since the annual floods began in June. About 800 have died in Uttar Pradesh.

Seattle Times 9-24-80

Pacific tropical storm acts more like a hurricane

MIAMI — (UPI) — Tropical Storm Hermine, intensifying rapidly over the Gulf of Mexico after lashing Belize and the Yucatan Peninsula, built up to near hurricane strength yesterday and headed for the Northeast Mexican coast.

The National Hurricane Center said that at 6 p.m. Hermine was centered near latitude 19.6 north, longitude 94.6 west, about 100 miles east-northeast of Veracruz, Mexico.

The storm's top winds, which were down to 45 miles an hour when it emerged into the Southwest Gulf of Mexico early in the day, had intensified to 65 m.p.h., and Hermine was headed west-northwest at 15 m.p.h.

Officials at Mexico's Meteorological Service said the storm was headed toward offshore oil rigs in the Gulf.

Hermine, just 10 m.p.h. shy of becoming a hurricane, was expected to reach that status late last night.

A forecaster, Miles Lawrence, said the storm was expected to remain on a west-northwest course through today.

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Violent Storms In Tulsa Area

Tulsa, Okla.

Thunderstorms brought as much as six inches of rain to the Tulsa area yesterday, and two teenagers were injured by lightning during the downpour, authorities said.

Streets in some areas were flooded, and thousands of homes and businesses were without power in the eastern section of the city and nearby Bixby.

Rainfall averages of one and two inches were common throughout the northeast section of the state, weather officials said.

Fourteen-year-old Charles Arthur of Bixby said he was helping pump gasoline at the convenience store where his father works when he was stunned by a bolt of lightning.

"I thought I'd been electrocuted at first. It knocked me to my knees, but I got up and started running for cover," he said. "It turned my arms blue and red and purple all at the same time."

The youngster was treated for minor burns, and released from St. Francis Hospital.

Sixteen-year-old Tammy Ryan, also of Bixby, was struck by lightning on the way to school. Officials at St. Francis said she was admitted for observation, and was in good condition.

Associated Press

By HAYNES JOHNSON

WASHINGTON — In this tail end of summer, when millions of Americans are on vacation and the pace of national life slows, ominous sounds fill the airwaves. The talk is of weapons and war, strength and survival.

The Republican presidential candidate evokes Vietnam as a "noble cause" and warns darkly of the precedent of Korea, "our first 'no-win war,' a portent of much that has happened since."

The Democratic administration, countering charges of national military weakness, responds with rhetoric of its own and lets it be known we have developed a wondrous new weapon, an "invisible plane" code-named "stealth" whose configuration defies enemy radar. The radio reports the rumor that five American hostages have been executed in Iran, stirring further forebodings.

It is as if somehow, in this lazy season of drift at the beginning of a new decade, we are stumbling into an abyss with no one capable of checking the fall. The analogy with the summer of 1939 just before war began, when an American living in Paris wrote in his diary that "everyone's daily life seems to be saturated with these feelings of apprehension," is, one hopes, false.

But as an indication of the kind of discourse we will be hearing in the next two months of the presidential campaign, last week's words hardly in-

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Dam Bursts Above Town — 12 Die

Arandas, Mexico

At least 12 persons drowned and up to 50 are missing in a flash flood triggered by the rupture of an aging dam high above the town of Arandas, rescue officials said yesterday.

They said Red Cross workers and rural policemen were wading into waist-high mud along the banks of the Colorado River in search of more victims. The wall of water swept away at least 50 homes

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Tropical storm brings rain, flooding to Texas

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — This Texas port and its neighboring cities were awash in floodwaters Saturday, drenched by up to 17 inches of rain as newborn Tropical Storm Danielle splashed inland and collapsed.

One woman was known to have drowned and police were searching for two more people who might have been in a car with her when it plunged into 20 feet of water in a flooded Beaumont underpass, according to Police Sgt. Martin Goldbeck.

Almost every street and highway was flooded in this city of 116,000 people Saturday morning, and the scene was much the same in nearby Port Arthur. While there were no big evacuations, numerous residents were forced to flee as the water rose during the night.

Many residents in the area chose to remain in their homes, barricading their property with sandbags.

"We've got flooding all over the city," Goldbeck said.

At Port Arthur, a police spokesman who declined to be identified said 60 to 80 percent of all the streets in the city were flooded.

City dump trucks were used to patrol the streets of Port Arthur, an industrial community of 60,000 near the Texas-Louisiana border.

"Our regular police cars just won't make it in the deep water," the spokesman said.

Tornado warnings and flash flood watches were issued for most of southeastern Texas.

Danielle — the fourth named storm of the 1980 hurricane season — also spawned a tornado northeast of the Texas community of Alvin.

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— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Thunderstorm rakes Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Violent thunderstorms dumped as much as 6 inches of rain on the Tulsa area Tuesday, and two teen-agers were injured by lightning during the downpour, authorities said.

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Etna Ends Eruption

Catania, Sicily

Mount Etna ended a one-day eruption yesterday but volcano experts kept away from the mountain for fear it would begin blasting lava and boulders into the sky again.

United Press

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Metro notes

Waste bill gains ballot

An initiative designed to prohibit transportation of non-medical radioactive waste into Washington for storage will be put to voters in that state in the upcoming Nov. 4 balloting.

The sponsors of Initiative 383, the Don't Waste Washington Committee, reported they have 124,888 valid signatures, and needed only 123,711.

The committee is attempting to prevent Washington from being the site of a national storage area for spent nuclear fuels.

Initiative 383 would not affect any radioactive waste generated within Washington, according to committee statements.

The Seattle-based group is concerned about the safety of nuclear waste transportation.

Power restored

Power was restored early Sunday morning to West Portland and Gresham after separate power outages that lasted less than two hours, a Portland General Electric Co. spokesman said.

Spokesman Bruce Landrey said unidentified persons threw steel barricades off the Southwest Vista Avenue bridge over Canyon Road, hitting a 13,000 volt power line and causing an outage from 2:38 a.m. to 3:42 a.m.

Area of the outage was from Northwest Overton Street to Southwest Market Street, and from Southwest 21st Avenue to Washington Park, Landrey said.

A car struck a power pole at Southeast 223rd Avenue and Stark Street at 12:22 a.m., causing outages in the Gresham area, Landrey said. Power was restored in different areas at 1:37 a.m. and 2:21 a.m., he said.

Volcano stays quiet

The Mount St. Helens volcano was "extremely quiet" overnight Saturday, a spokeswoman for the University of Washington Geophysics Program, which monitors the mountain, said Sunday.

She said a few rockfalls and small avalanches near the crater were measured, but there was no major seismic activity.

Closure scheduled

Beginning Sept. 1, Northeast 96th Avenue south of Lombard Street will be closed to traffic for three weeks during working hours.

Robert E. Johnson, Multnomah County traffic engineer, said the closure is necessary because contractors for the Port of Portland will be moving large amounts of fill material across the road.

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"Power" & Rain Attack

Rain spreads across nation

United Press International

Showers and thunderstorms dotted the nation from the Gulf of Mexico through the middle and northern Atlantic Coast and from Texas to the Rockies.

In New England, Rumford, Maine, received nearly an inch of rain and the communities of Bridgeport, Conn., and Washington, N.H., both received nearly three-quarters of an inch late Tuesday.

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The nation

— "Power" and Rain Attack —

Poison found in residents

AJO, Ariz. (AP) — People living near a Phelps Dodge Corp. smelter have absorbed high levels of arsenic and copper, according to a recent federal study.

But the report, prepared by the Research Triangle Institute for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control, does not say what concentrations might jeopardize the health of residents here or in other test sites in New Jersey, Oklahoma and Montana. The report was released last week.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has said the death rate from lung cancer increases consistently with an increased degree and duration of exposure to arsenic.

Winds cut power

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — Electrical service was back by Monday morning after a fierce thunderstorm with high winds that had uprooted trees and telephones and knocked out power to about half the city's 18,000 residents, authorities said.

No injuries were reported in the storm, which hit shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday as scattered thundershowers swept through Maine and other parts of New England.

Wedding costs job

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A teacher who is married to a divorced man has won a delay of her dismissal from a Catholic high school here, but she says she's been told to find a new job for the 1981-82 school year.

The Evansville diocese prohibits employment in the schools of divorced Catholics who remarry. Although Debra Willis does not directly violate that rule, church and school officials say it still applies because of the divorce and remarriage of her husband, Gary, a Baptist.

Pliers win standoff

DALLAS (AP) — Police say a man who allegedly accosted another man with a screwdriver but was fended off with a pair of pliers has been arrested for investigation of aggravated robbery.

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Mollusks close nuclear plant

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Unit Two of Arkanas Nuclear One near Russellville is jammed up with clams and Arkansas Power and Light Co. officials don't know when they will get it back in operation.

The power plant unit was not put back on line as expected Monday, primarily because the reactor was still infested with thousands of Asian clams.

Last week, AP&L officials discovered the pesky mollusks were slowing the flow of water through a backup cooling system of the reactor. They worked all weekend to flush them out of the water supply, spokesman Gene Harrington said, but enough remained Monday to keep the reactor shut down.

Harrington said the problems began when larvae slipped through water filters, lodged in flow tubes and matured into large clams. A similar problem has plagued nuclear reactors all over the country, he said.

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Crew escapes unharmed as gas well explodes

MANSFIELD, La. (AP) — Flames shot 200 feet above parched woodlands near this northern Louisiana city Monday after a nearly completed natural gas well blew wild, authorities said.

The four men working on the rig got off just before it caught fire and were unhurt, said Larry Oswald, general manager of the C.L. Morris Drilling Co., which owns the well.

"All I know is we just hit a pocket of gas and the well come to see us," said an unidentified C.L. Morris employee.

Oswald said the blaze started within seconds of the blowout.

He said Boots and Coots, a Houston company which specializes in fighting oil and gas fires, was called to the well, which exploded between 4 and 5 a.m. as the crew was getting ready to drill.

About $350,000 to $450,000 worth of equipment was destroyed, Oswald said. "There's no telling what damage it may cause by the time it's gotten under control," he said.

DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Deputy Kenny Roberts said that in addition to engulfing the rig, the blaze melted a fuel line and 500 gallons of diesel fuel poured onto the ground, where it caught fire.

"It didn't explode. It's just burning," he said.

The fire spread to a nearby forest, extremely dry after a summer of high temperatures and little rain, but the fire was quickly controlled, Roberts said.

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Pigeons Black Out Bay Homes

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Seven thousand Oakland residents lost electrical service yesterday when pigeons on a 12,000-volt line took off in unison, causing two wires to touch and short circuit, a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesman said.

Power was restored to all but 600 customers within 90 minutes of the 9:17 a.m. incident at Staten Avenue and Van Buren Street near Lake Merritt.

The spokesman said restoration of power to the remaining customers was expected by late yesterday.

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Tropical storm Hermine blamed for eight deaths

VERA CRUZ, Mexico — (UPI) — The tropical storm Hermine bore down on the heart of Mexico's Gulf Coast yesterday with winds gusting up to 74 miles an hour and claimed its first eight victims — far to the south in Guatemala.

"There are strong and violent winds from the north, and Hermine is very close," said Dr. Cesar Luna of the Mexican Meteorological Service in Vera Cruz.

The storm was lashing the city with heavy rain, and Luna said it could come ashore between Santecomapan and Punta Roca, towns 16 miles apart about 75 miles north of Vera Cruz.

Guatemalan police said a mudslide triggered by Hermine's rains buried a bus late Tuesday 45 miles west of Guatemala City, killing eight people, four of them children.

Other mudslides closed the Pan American Highway that runs through the heart of Guatemala.

Two killed by quake in Japan

TOKYO — (UPI) — A powerful earthquake, the second in two days, jolted Tokyo and surrounding towns early today, killing at least two people and injuring 59, police said.

The quake, registering 6.4 on the Richter scale, was the most powerful to hit Tokyo in six years and was followed by four minor tremors, the Japanese Meteorological Agency said.

Two elderly persons, one in Tokyo and the other in neighboring Kawasaki City, died of heart attacks attributed to the quake shaking the area, police said.

At least 59 people were injured from falling objects, authorities said.

The temblor yesterday registered 6 on the Richter scale.

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Thunderstorms rip Midwest, kill flier

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By United Press International

Violent thunderstorms from Oklahoma to the Ohio Valley killed at least one man and injured several others.

The storms, with 65 mph winds and large-size hail, turned afternoon skies black Monday and brought torrents of rain.

A line of violent thunderstorms moved into southern Illinois late Monday, leaving at least one man dead. John Riddle, 27, of Orient, Ill., was killed when his Cessna 150 plowed into a wooded area during a violent thunderstorm shortly after takeoff from a Benton, Ill., airport.

In Michigan, at least three persons were injured as the storms tore through the state.

Detroit Edison Co. spokesmen said about 25,000 customers were without service in southeastern Michigan because of the storms, which struck the southwestern part of the state at midafternoon and then rolled eastward, hitting hard in extreme southeastern lower Michigan.

Monroe County sheriff's deputies said the storms caused extensive damage north of Monroe, Mich., ripping up dozens of trees, power lines and telephone poles.

"We've really got a mess down here. I don't know if it was a tornado or what, but it just went through and tore up everything," Sgt. George Hill said.

There were scattered reports of street and highway flooding, as well as downed trees, power and telephone lines throughout the tri-county Detroit metropolitan area.

Heavy thunderstorms in southern Indiana produced several reports of funnel clouds. Trees were uprooted by what authorities called "straight line" winds in some areas.

The showers were produced by a cold front that sent temperatures plummeting from the 80s, before the storms hit, to the 60s.

Few takers Vietnam env

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

By PETER ARNETT

NEW YORK (AP) — Olive branch extended, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach moved purposefully along the corridors of this year's United Nations General Assembly.

His country was in its 35th year of continuing war, at odds with weather that has buffeted rich rice lands with two devastating typhoons in a recent month, and isolated politically from much of the world.

He had come on an annual mission to seek accord with former enemies, and peace with the present ones.

But there were few takers.

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Typhoon hits isle, China

PEKING (AP) — Typhoon Norris killed three people and dumped about a foot of rain on Taiwan and then hit China's largest city of Shanghai, causing at least two deaths and numerous injuries, flooding, power failure and damage to grain crops, according to reports reaching here Friday.

The typhoon struck Thursday in Shanghai, where the ground had already been saturated by about 20 days of rain, reports said.

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Winds rake town

ADA, Okla. (AP) — Two persons were injured — one critically — and thousands of dollars in damage was caused by high winds that roared through this southern Oklahoma town.

The wind storm Thursday evening collapsed the roof of a bank's covered parking lot onto several cars, ripped the roof off a lumber yard, knocked down power poles and shattered numerous windows, said Gene Smith, Ada civil defense director.

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Temblors' toll 13

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Strong earthquakes that rocked the northern Indian state of Kashmir early Sunday killed at least 13 people and injured at least 40 others, the United News of India reported Monday.

Three of the injured were reported in critical condition.

The news agency said at least 80 houses were destroyed in the two tremors, which measured 5.5 on the Richter scale. More than 500 homes were damaged.

UNI said the casualties could climb higher because the government was awaiting reports from inaccessible parts of the state. First reports Sunday said only three had died.

The report said many cattle also perished in the quake, whose epicenter was near Dharamsala, 240 miles north of New Delhi.

Reports from Pakistan said the tremors were felt in Lahore, Peshawar and Rawalpindi, but no damage or casualties were reported.

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Television crews cry over lost juice

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Television crews said they were disappointed Friday when they arrived in Vancouver for a weekly Mount St. Helens news briefing.

The briefing was held at the Bonneville Power Administration's J.D. Ross Complex, which has been without power for several days. As a result, film crews faced the prospect of being unable to use their lighting equipment.

"What do you mean there's no power?" asked a KATU cameraman after Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman Joyce Routson informed him an auxiliary power system would have to be set up.

There was reason to complain: The Ross complex is located adjacent to a Bonneville power substation.

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Storms rip two states

United Press International

Thunderstorms driven by high winds ripped through Kansas and Missouri, tearing the roof off of an apartment building in Kansas City, Kan., and causing power outages throughout the two-state area.

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4 dead, many lost in Mexico flood

ARANDAS, Mexico (UPI) — A rain-swollen river spilled over its banks and washed away dozens of homes, killing four persons, injuring three others and leaving scores missing and perhaps dead, authorities said Tuesday.

"It was panic," said Maria Ramirez, a nurse at the Social Security Hospital in Arandas, a town of about 30,000 about 200 miles northwest of Mexico City in the state of Jalisco.

"Near the river it looked like a hurricane."

"The authorities said there are only four dead, but there are a lot of missing," she said.

Most homes within a block of the Colorado River that flanks the town were washed away by the swirling waters, she said.

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The world

Etna erupts; lava reported

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Mount Etna, Europe's tallest volcano, rumbled and spewed molten rock Tuesday, but authorities said the eruption posed no immediate threat to the island's residents.

A northeastern crater at an altitude of 8,400 feet opened up with a violent explosion, hurling rocks into the sky. The blast opened two more craters — one at the top and the other at the base of the 10,958-foot summit.

Clouds of smoke and ashes covered the area, but by late afternoon they began to drift toward the sea, authorities reported.

Two lava flows were reported to have emerged from the craters, but authorities, after studying their speed and the route, said there appears to be no danger to nearby villages.

Ganges floods city

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's largest river, the Ganges, flooded much of Benares, a holy Hindu city, and 19 more people drowned in flood waters in northern India, reports said Tuesday.

Several areas of Benares, 500 miles southeast of New Delhi, were under knee-deep water and hundreds of people were evacuated to safer places, the United News of India reported.

Almost 1,150 flood-related deaths have been reported in India since monsoon rains began in late June.

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"Our plan is to completely this weekend," Lini told repo on his arrival for a six-day of Asian and Pacific Com government leaders.

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Disabled ship heads to Miami

By DAN SEWELL

MIAMI (AP) — The SS Norway, the world's largest cruise ship, began steaming slowly back home Wednesday after a power failure that had left the luxury vessel's 1,600 passengers without running water or air conditioning and the ship motionless for a day.

The ship was moving at 13 mph (usual cruising speed is 16 mph) and was about 533 miles east-southeast of Miami by Wednesday afternoon, said officials of Norwegian Caribbean Lines, the ship's owner. It was expected back in Miami on Friday, a day ahead of schedule.

The ship's bars would remain open until it gets back to Miami, and passengers, who paid from $630 to $1,415 per ticket, will receive 100 percent refunds in Miami, plus a 50 percent discount on a future seven-day cruise, said Ric Widmer, NCL vice president of marketing.

"The ship is cool and fully air conditioned, the plumbing is working properly and the kitchen facilities are functioning normally. All scheduled meals are being served with regular menus," he added.

NCL at first only canceled Wednesday's scheduled stop in the Virgin Islands and added a Friday stop in Nassau to the Norway's seven-day cruise schedule.

But after several hours of delay in getting the ship moving Wednesday, NCL scuttled the alternate route and ordered the Norway back to Miami. In addition to the passengers, the ship carried 800 crew members.

"Most of the passengers really wanted to go to St. Thomas and they weren't satisfied with the change," Widmer said.

"The captain of the Norway and the management of NCL have decided that in the best interest of the passengers on board and to assure adherence with the scheduled departure (of next week's cruise) this Sunday, the Norway would return directly to Miami," Widmer said.

A breakdown in the 1,035-foot ship's electrical switching system was blamed for the power failures that left the ship dark and hot Tuesday. Beer and soft drinks were passed out and cold meals were served in place of the usual chef-prepared dinners.

The generator was restored late Tuesday night, and engines were restarted early Wednesday. But the ship had fallen a day and a half behind schedule while adrift about 150 miles north of the Caicos Islands in the southern Bahamas.

— "Power & Rain Attack"

(Note: This is the ship that was the S.S. France ... which the family and I once sailed on to France!

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Drenched Wisconsin fights floods

— "Power & Rain Attack" —

By United Press International

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High water carried away rural Wisconsin bridges and threatened dams along the Mississippi River, prompting the National Weather Service to issue flash flood watches on the first day of fall.

Five inches of rain hit Trempealeau and Jackson counties, Wis., Sunday, with more possible Monday.

No deaths or injuries were reported Sunday, but 40 persons were evacuated from their homes.

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Flash flood watches also were in effect for extreme southeastern Minnesota, where the Root River was nearing flood stage.

Wisconsin officials said weekend rain caused an estimated $500,000 damage to roads in Jackson County, and the Black River Falls business district incurred thousands of dollars of damage when the Black River overflowed its banks at noon Sunday.

At one point, two La Crosse County sheriff's deputies had to abandon their squad car because of high water. "We need a barge, not a squad car," one officer told his dispatcher by radio.

Wisconsin 53 was closed Sunday north of Galesville because of mud slides. Washouts and mud slides also caused heavy damage in southwest Jackson County near Melrose, officials said.

In Windsor, Conn., 90-degree heat was blamed for sending 16 persons to hospitals.

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Flood toll rises

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — New rain storms hit the southern Philippines Monday, and flood waters inundated seven more towns in a region where relief workers have reported 198 deaths from month-long flooding.

A Red Cross spokesman said the floods, triggered by downpours that began Dec. 19, had left several thousand people homeless.

The official Philippine News Agency said at least 16 people were missing.

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Record cold grips eastern U.S.

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By United Press International

Three men fell to their deaths in a series of accidents on a fog-shrouded bridge on the Ohio Turnpike and temperatures dropped to record lows Friday as arctic cold chilled the Midwest and Northeast for the second consecutive day.

A thick fog hovering over an Ohio Turnpike bridge in Fremont, Ohio, led to the deaths of three men — Richard Hill, 36, Seaford, Del.; Earl T. Gregory, 37, Uniontown, Ohio; and Roy Rogers, 28, Mosherville, Mich.

Ohio Highway Patrol Sgt. Michael Porter said the series of accidents involved 11 vehicles late Thursday.

He said a tractor-trailer rig driven by Hill slammed into the rear of another truck at the bridge, throwing Hill out of the cab and over the bridge guard rail to his death on the ice-covered river 60 feet below.

Porter said Gregory and Rogers both died a few minutes apart when each man, stopped by accidents on the bridge, stepped over the guard rail and fell to his death on the ice.

Witnesses said the fog was so thick the victims apparently were not aware there was no ground on the other side of the guard rail.

Record low temperatures iced the eastern third of the nation.

The mecury dropped to 8 below Friday in Providence, R.I., breaking a 13-year record of minus 5. Subzero temperatures were recorded throughout Ohio, Findlay had a record 10 below, Youngstown 7 below, Toledo 11 below and Cleveland 5 below.

Pennsylvania also had its share of subzero readings, with Tobyanna checking in at minus 15, Philipsburg at 6 below and Bradford had a minus 4 reading.

The temperature nosedived to 18 below zero in Watertown, N.Y., early Friday and snow also fell early Friday in portions of New York State and West Virginia.

Skies were clear along the Eastern Seaboard through the eastern gulf states and from the southern Rockies into the nation's midsection. Isolated showers and clouds dotted the Pacific Northwest and fog lingered over the valleys of central California.

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Subzero temperatures in New York City forced at least 107 elderly and poor residents, some without heat or hot water for weeks, into a heated shelter provided by authorities.

"We all sleep together in our clothes," said Deborah Harvey, who took her four children to the public shelter in search of a warm place to sleep.

"It's so cold. For us there was no Christmas or New Year's. The kids complain but they know mommy can't help it."

A 53-year-old Boston man, Henry Humbrick, was found frozen to death Thursday after he apparently fell down his front steps.

Scattered snow wafted lightly across the Plains and into the Great Lakes region from North Dakota to Michigan, Light

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Worst Eastern snow in 25 years kills 30

-Power "+Rain Attack-

By United Press International

A wind-driven snowstorm that buried northwestern Pennsylvania under 2 feet of snow — the worst in 25 years — unleashed its fury on the Northeast again Wednesday, including parts of New York state, where snow already was "waist-deep."

Travel advisories were issued Wednesday for the eastern Great Lakes. Forecasters said the area could get another 4 inches of snow before the storm abates.

Snow squalls buried Erie, Pa., with 12 inches of snow Monday and up to a foot more on Tuesday. Erie Mayor Louis Tullio said it was the worst storm since 1956.

Schools closed, more than 100 travelers abandoned their cars on Interstate 90 and Pennsylvania officials declared a snow emergency.

Western New York was deluged with more than 3 inches of snow. Up to 5 inches of snow blanketed Connecticut.

The storms that brought winter back to much of the nation this week were blamed for at least 30 deaths.

Strong wind whipped across the northern Plains to the Northeast, dropping temperatures to single digits and below zero. The cold front prompted freeze warnings in Florida, where Tallahassee had a low of 21 Wednesday. Tampa recorded a high Tuesday of 50 degrees, the coldest ever for Feb. 3.

Red Oak, Iowa, notched a record 16-below. Shenandoah, Iowa, plunged to 19 degrees below zero. Both readings broke records set in 1956. The temperature at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., which had a record 26 below Tuesday, was 11 below Wednesday.

In Pennsylvania, four brothers trapped overnight on Presque Isle Bay near Erie, where they were ice-fishing when the snowstorm hit, found their way to safety Tuesday. To keep warm during the night, they had to burn their fishing poles.

Five members of a Milltown, Ind., family — including four youngsters — died Tuesday when a fire apparently caused by a wood-burning stove swept their two-story frame house on one of the coldest nights of the year.

Three persons drowned in Minnesota — a man when his car plunged through the ice of the Mississippi River and two teen-age boys when their snowmobiles went through thin ice on George Lake.

A Vermont man died in a fall on ice and a New York truck driver was killed in a collision during a blinding snowstorm.

Sixteen other persons died earlier in highway accidents blamed on icy roads, three died in a North Carolina fire Sunday and a cross-country skier was killed in an avalanche in Utah.

Wind up to 30 mph raked the storm along the eastern shore of Lake Erie in New York. The Chautauqua County community of Cassadaga reported "waist-deep" snow.

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HELPING HAND — Good neighbors pitch in to help uncover a car buried under 24-inch snowfall in Erie, Pa. A wind-driven snowstorm has buried western Pennsylvania, and more is expected.

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Radioactive leaks prompt shutdown at Trojan plant

By DON BUNDY
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The Trojan nuclear power plant near Rainier will be shut down next Friday to repair leaks in tubes that contain radioactive reactor cooling water, allowing radioactive gases to escape into the atmosphere.

Bill Babcock, a spokesman for Portland General Electric Co., which operates Trojan, said the leaks are well within limits established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and would have no significant impact on the environment.

The leaking tubes are within four steam generators housed in Trojan's reactor containment building.

The steam generators serve as giant heat exchangers where reactor cooling water travels under high temperatures and pressures through a network of tubes surrounded by water. The water turns into steam when it comes into contact with the hot pipes.

Leaks in the tubes allow the radioactive reactor cooling water to contaminate the steam, which is piped to the generating turbines and then to a condenser, where it cools and changes from vapor back into water.

Babcock said the problem was that radioactive gases contained in the steam would not condense into liquids. The turbines and condensers operate in a vacuum to reduce friction and increase power production, but since gases in the system will not condense, those gases must be drawn out to maintain the vacuum and prevent pressure from building up.

Babcock said the gases drawn out pass through a filter and past radiation monitors before they are discharged into the atmosphere.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission permits Trojan to emit five millirems of radioactivity each year. If the gases being emitted now were to continue to escape for a full year, they would represent less than 1 percent of the NRC limit, Babcock said. He added that Trojan has never exceeded the limit.

Millirems measure the health effects of radiation exposure, and five millirems are equivalent to radiation exposure a person would receive on a round-trip coast-to-coast jet flight because of his relative closeness to the sun.

Presently, 300 gallons of water a day from Trojan's reactor cooling system are leaking into the steam system, Babcock said, while the NRC allows 1,440 gallons of leakage per day for all four of Trojan's steam generators.

Babcock said each steam generator contains more than 3,000 reactor cooling tubes.

He said the leaks were detected in July, but by August had produced only two to five gallons of leakage per day. Subsequently, power production at Trojan was reduced to 40 percent of the plant's 1,100-megawatt capacity. When it was brought back up to full capacity, the leakage began to increase, Babcock said.

"The holes are so small that they are self-plugging," he said. "If you don't disturb the system and there are no temperature changes, then little particles will lodge in the holes and plug them." However, when the system is disturbed, the particles plugging the holes are dislodged, causing the leakage to increase.

Babcock said Trojan would be shut down for about two weeks starting Jan. 30 and the steam generators would be drained and the leaks located. The leaking pipes then would be blocked off and no longer used, he said.

Babcock said that when the leaks were first detected, PGE officials expected they would not increase significantly before April and could be repaired during Trojan's scheduled 45-day refueling shutdown.

However, when the leakage increased, it was decided to go ahead and repair the system before the NRC limit was reached.

Babcock said PGE officials expect no problems replacing the electricity normally generated by the plant. Replacement power will be obtained by increasing production at the Boardman coal plant and through power purchases from Oregon utilities, Babcock said.

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Rain adds to quake woes

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI) — At least 1,700 people are trapped on mountain slopes in rugged Irian Jaya province, where a major earthquake last week killed 261 persons, officials said Monday. Bad weather has prevented rescue helicopters from reaching 1,700 villagers who face starvation in the Jaya Wijaya mountains, officials said. The quake, measuring 6.2 on the open-ended Richter scale, jolted the province, 2,200 miles east of Jakarta, Tuesday, triggering massive landslides that swept away village huts, roads and cut off communications in the area.

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"Power" Attack

Iran claims its oil exports continue, while Iraq's stop

By The Associated Press

Iran is exporting oil without difficulty through the Persian Gulf and selling it to its allies despite its 90-day-old war with Iraq, Iran's deputy minister of oil said Saturday. He said Iraqi oil production had ceased.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources in Damascus, the Syrian capital, reported a series of explosions last week in Iraq's oil center of Kirkuk had brought Iraqi crude oil supplies — exported via Syria — to a total halt. There was no immediate comment from Iraq.

Hasan Sadat, who headed Iran's delegation to last week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Indonesia, told a news conference in Tehran that Iran's first priority in resuming oil exports was to look after its friends "who have helped us during the war."

Sadat said the second priority was to supply countries who did not participate in the U.S.-sponsored economic embargo against Iran following the seizure of the 52 U.S. hostages 413 days ago.

"We will sell to countries that helped us during the U.S. sanctions," said Sadat. He has directed Iranian oil affairs since Oil Minister Mohammed Jawad Bequir Tunguyen was taken prisoner in late September by Iraqi troops near Iran's oil refining city of Abadan.

Sadat mentioned no countries by name and refused to disclose how much oil Iran was exporting, saying the matter was considered a military secret.

"The Iraqis are ready to spend a lot of money to know the amount of oil we are exporting," he said. Asked about Iraqi exports, Sadat said Iran had learned through intelligence reports that Iraq was not producing oil at this time.

Sadat also indicated negotiations had resumed with the Soviet Union over the resumption of exports of natural gas. Gas exports were cut off nearly a year ago when the Soviets balked at stiff price increases imposed by Iran.

Mideast analysts in Beirut have said Iran was getting out some exports through the Persian Gulf oil terminals on the islands of Kharg, 120 miles southeast of the embattled Shatt al-Arab estuary, and Levan, 400 miles south of the waterway.

The analysts said there were no firm estimates of Iranian exports, but they were believed to be in the vicinity of 100,000 barrels daily compared with pre-war figures of 700,000 to 900,000 barrels a day.

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Note: Oil is one form of "power." Divers

"Power" + Rain Attack

Powerful storm leaves 5 dead

By United Press International

A powerful storm that paralyzed New Mexico and West Texas with 3-foot snowdrifts and left five persons dead edged into the Texas Gulf Coast region Wednesday with heavy rains and high winds.

The snowstorm, which dumped up to 16 inches of snow from the southern Rocky Mountains to West Texas Monday and Tuesday, lost intensity as it moved southward.

Gale warnings were issued for the southern Gulf Coast of Texas from Brownsville to Port Arthur. More than an inch of rain doused Corpus Christi and Alice.

Light snow dusted the already snow-laden northern and western portions of Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The storm reached as far north as the Oklahoma panhandle, with 6 inches of snow recorded in Boise City and Guynan, Okla., before it turned to rain.

Five deaths were blamed on the storm — three in New Mexico and one each in Oklahoma and Wyoming.

A 10-inch blanket of snow covered West Texas and piled up in 3-foot drifts, bringing schools and businesses to a close and creating nightmarish conditions on snow-packed highways.

Lubbock was buried under nearly 10 inches of snow, bringing the city's snowfall for the month to more than 21 inches, and breaking a 24-year-old record for the most snowfall in one month.

Frigid temperatures and blustery 25 mph winds from the northeast iced roads, which became littered with abandoned vehicles.

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Growers blame volcano for causing heavy rains

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Fruit growers in Benton County claim ash eruptions from Mount St. Helens helped trigger unusually heavy rain that caused $27 million in damage to their crops.

Bumper cherry crops were forecast until June 13, when 18 hours of steady rain caused the fruit to split. Damage problems were later compounded when cherries became soft during shipment because of water they had absorbed.

Members of the Benton County Emergency Board agreed Thursday to forward the $27 million disaster damage assessment to the state, after meeting with several orchardists from Benton and Yakima counties.

William Zabel, a Benton County cherry grower, told the county board National Weather Service officials in Portland "are quite sure the particles that were emitted acted as a seeding process. There was rain forecast but the particles caused it to rain longer or more intensely. We wouldn't have been hurt if it hadn't rained for 24 hours straight."

The volcano had major eruptions on May 18, May 27 and June 12.

Will Gerlitz, a Benton County extension agent, said statistics show there 1.49 inches of rain in May and .84 inches in June recorded at Prosser.

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Winds close Egyptian port

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) — Hurricane-force winds whipped 20-foot seas along Egypt's Mediterranean coast Thursday, pounding more than 50 ships anchored outside this port which was closed for the second day by foul weather.

Cairo radio reported 58 vessels waiting at anchor beyond the harbor at Alexandria, Egypt's largest port.

Wind gusts were measured at about 80 mph, the broadcast said.

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Wind shift helps firefighters; area declared disaster

By RICHARD DE ATLEY

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Winds shifted favorably for firefighters Friday, turning the Panorama fire away from the edge of a small town as President Carter declared three California counties disaster areas because of five days of flaming destruction.

The office of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. estimated fire damage in Southern California since Nov. 15 at $64,795,200, including $50,812,500 damage to private property. An estimated 106,275 acres of watershed have been destroyed, the governor's office said.

Two fires were contained Friday as 6,000 firefighters, aided by aerial tankers, managed to whittle to five the 10 major fires that have burned 82,750 acres of brush and timber, destroyed or damaged 310 homes and claimed four lives since Monday.

The Panorama fire had threatened Devore for the third straight day, burning four sheds on the outskirts of town Friday morning. But then northeasterly Santa Ana winds turned southwesterly, reversing the flames, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Evan Griffith.

"I think this is the break we've been looking for," Griffith said.

But the fire did not completely reverse itself and was burning brush untouched during its threatening descent toward Devore.

"It's all watershed being burned now," Griffith said. While the mostly evacuated town seemed out of danger, residents were being advised against returning immediately.

The arson-caused 21,800-acre Panorama fire destroyed 280 homes, damaged 47 and destroyed or damaged 53 other structures. Devore was threatened again Friday after the fire jumped a containment line.

In the Panorama fire alone, property damage was estimated at $28.8 million and watershed worth an estimated $6.5 million had been lost. The fire had taken four lives and caused 2,194 injuries, all but 36 classified as minor.

tinued to wane Friday, but isolated gusts of up to 50 mph were reported. Monday, the winds gusted at 100 mph, sending white-hot flames from the Panorama fire onto hundreds of homes in the northern San Bernardino suburb of Northpark.

Aerial tankers, some capable of dropping 3,000 gallons of fire retardant, went aloft Friday despite gusts through Cajon Pass — always one of the windiest spots in Southern California. Devore is in the middle of the pass.

"There's no immediate danger to people right now," said a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy.

Interstate 15 through Devore was closed to traffic Friday after the blaze jumped the freeway.

Elsewhere, winds abated. The 2,355-acre Sycamore fire, five miles east of the Panorama blaze, was contained Friday as was the 6,800-acre Lakeland fire in Riverside County southwest of Lake Elsinore. At the lake, some homes and roads still lie under water from last winter's floods.

Three other fires in San Diego, Riverside and Los Angeles counties were controlled Wednesday and Thursday.

Residents and firefighters have made three straight days of back-porch stands at several homes in Devore, where one $40,000 house was the only home known to have burned. It caught fire Wednesday.

"I haven't slept or seen a shower or bath since Monday," said Devore resident Jim Leslie as he cleared brush from his home. "This fire cost a week's work for my father and myself."

Carter's declaration covers San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange counties, making fire victims eligible for low-interest federal loans. Brown requested the declaration Thursday.

"It's devastating," Brown said of the destruction after touring the fire area and eating Thanksgiving dinner with firefighters. "It's like some kind of a war zone."

Northeasterly Santa Ana winds con-

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The Lake That Vanished Away

Lake Peigneur in southern Louisiana is only 3 or 4 feet deep, but it's a good spot for shrimping and catching catfish. Leonce Viator Jr. and his nephew, Timmy Doré, were out fishing one afternoon last week when, suddenly, a giant whirlpool formed alongside Jefferson Island, a 640-acre rise near the southeast shore, and the lake began draining under them like an unplugged bathtub. "The lake started to dry up. It seemed to me the world was coming to an end," Viator said. "I told Timmy we better get out of there." The two managed to struggle safely back to dry land. But within an hour, a yawning crater had emptied the shallow 1,300-acre lake and swallowed up almost everything on or near it—including five houses, nine barges, eight tugboats, two oil rigs, a mobile home, most of the Live Oak botanical gardens entirely, authorities ordered it evacuated.

Total Loss: By the weekend, the situation appeared to have stabilized—though water continued pouring in from neighboring bayous and marshes, through the drained lake and down the crater. Although no one was hurt in the spectacular collapse, property damage was enormous. The ill-starred Texaco drilling rig alone was worth $5 million—and Diamond Crystal Salt Co., which owns the Jefferson Island mines, declared its operations there a total loss. The company would not say how much the Jefferson mines were worth, but it promptly slapped Texaco, Inc., with a lawsuit asking for "many millions of dollars" in damages. Texaco officials claimed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with Diamond Crystal's knowledge, had given them permission to drill off Jefferson Island. "We don't know what shafts are down there," said Texaco spokesman Max Hebert. "If someone had come to us and told us not to drill that well, we would not have drilled."

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'It's raining fire' in California

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — (UPI) — Screaming winds gusting to 100 miles an hour fanned several fires out of control yesterday, charring more than 13,000 acres of brush and timber and destroying at least 240 homes and other buildings. Thousands of residents were forced to evacuate.

Six fire fighters were hospitalized for smoke inhalation and eye irritation. Police reported scattered looting in this area 60 miles east of Los Angeles, and National Guard units were dispatched to the scene to patrol.

Officials said two of the fires were "man-caused" and all were raging out of control.

A 4,000-acre blaze that erupted shortly before noon in Waterman Canyon north of San Bernardino was pushed by high winds down toward a housing tract at the base of the mountains.

LaVae Martinez, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry, said 240 structures had been destroyed and a minimum of 150 of those were homes.

"It's probably much higher than that," she said.

Fire officials said later at least six separate fires were burning in San Bernardino.

"It looked like it was raining fire," one resident said.

A 1,500-acre fire that broke out in San Bernardino yesterday afternoon less than 4 miles east of the first blaze was burning an undetermined number of homes on Route 330, leading to Big Bear Lake, and threatening the huge Shadow Mountain Trailer Park, officials said.

A spokeswoman said the fire was about 5 miles north of Patton State Hospital, but the 1,200-patient institution was not yet threatened.

Officials said several buildings on the campus of Cal State San Bernardino were burning and several structures at Arrowhead Springs, a former resort that now serves as international headquarters of the Campus Crusade for Christ organization, were engulfed.

Authorities closed Highway 18, the main route to the San Bernardino Mountain resorts, because of the raging flames.

Miss Martinez said the Waterman Canyon fire was started by an arsonist and was being driven by 45-mile-an-hour winds — gusting to 95 miles an hour.

Authorities ordered the evacuation of hundreds of families from a large residential area on the northern edge of San Bernardino and established a relief center at the National Orange Show Grounds.

In the Angeles National Forest, about 20 miles west of the Waterman Canyon blaze, a third fire, fanned by winds gusting to 100 miles an hour, charred more than 8,000 acres on the slopes of Mount Baldy, a popular ski resort.

About 800 year-round residents of Mount Baldy Village were urged to evacuate, but fire fighters managed to protect the village and no homes were reported destroyed.

Brush fires in five Southern California counties earlier this month charred more than 50,000 acres, destroyed more than 60 expensive homes and resulted in one death. Seattle T. 11/25/80

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MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — The worst floods to hit the southern Philippines in two decades sent more than 300,000 people fleeing to high ground and claimed at least 71 lives, authorities said Monday.

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Heavy rains during the past 26 days caused rivers to swell and inundate six provinces 450 to 600 miles south of Manila. In some low-lying areas, only television aerials could be seen poking through a sea of brown water, authorities said.

The Ministry of Social Services said 331,000 people were evacuated. About 165,000 of them were left homeless.

Eleven more deaths were reported Monday, bringing the overall death toll to 71, mostly by drowning. Some of the deaths were caused by intestinal and respiratory ailments.

The Manila Weather Bureau said heavy rains were reported pelting the area Monday. But in Manila, the weather has been fine the past month, with the sun occasionally breaking out of generally cloudy skies. Oreg. D. 1/19/81

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Cutter's skipper faces court-martial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saying it would allow "a fine officer to defend his actions," a Coast Guard official Monday ordered a court-martial for the captain of the cutter Blackthorn, which collided with another ship in Tampa Bay and capsized, killing 23 guardsmen.

Admiral Paul A. Yost, commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, said the panel of officers will determine whether Lt. Cmdr. George J. Sepel was negligent in the Jan. 28, 1980, accident on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Yost said the Blackthorn's officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. James R. Ryan, would face non-judicial punishment, a less serious proceeding.

"There is no presumption of guilt," Yost said. "This is the opportunity for a fine officer to defend his actions."

The accident occurred as the Blackthorn, based in Galveston, Texas, was leaving Tampa Bay and the 586-foot tanker Capricorn, loaded with 151,611 barrels of oil, was headed in.

The marine board that investigated the collision decided there was human error on both sides.

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Investigators swarm over site of fatal crash

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SPOKANE (AP) — A 13-member team from the National Transportation Safety Board began its investigation Wednesday into the crash of a Cascade Airways commuter plane that killed seven people and injured two others.

But it could be months before the federal investigators can decide what caused the Beechcraft 99 to crash on its approach to Spokane International Airport shortly before noon on Tuesday, said team spokesman Brad Dunbar.

Visibility was near the minimum safe limit when the twin-engine commuter plane clipped a hill, crashed and burst into flames four miles short of the runway. The pilot was landing with the aid of instruments because of fog, said Burleigh Stokes, deputy chief of air traffic controllers at the Spokane airport.

Meanwhile, a team of pathologists and forensic dentists at Sacred Heart Medical Center tried to positively identify the charred bodies of six men and one woman killed in the crash two miles west of Medical Lake.

That, too, could take a long time, said Dr. Lois Shanks, Spokane County coroner. Dental records of all the victims were sought from their families.

Cascade officials said the dead included Capt. David Weinberger of Seattle, the pilot, and First Officer Paul Davis of Walla Walla.

A Cascade official said a passenger manifest was used to tentatively identify the other victims. They were listed as Dr. Roger Hamstra, Denver; Carolyn A. Law, Yakima; Dan Dolan, who was employed in Yakima and has relatives in Casper, Wyo.; Ron Robertson, Crystal, Minn.; and Andrew Breland, Seattle.

The two survivors, thrown from the severed tail section, were James Eagle, 37, Yakima, co-owner of several Spokane restaurants, and Stephen Tarnoff, 30, Federal Way. Sacred Heart Hospital said Eagle was in critical condition.

The plane was en route to Spokane from Moses Lake. The flight originated in Seattle and stopped in Yakima. The flight's schedule called for a 10-minute stop in Moses Lake, but it remained on the ground for more than an hour.

Jim Abrams, a Jet Air Inc. employee who refuels Cascade planes in Moses Lake, said the plane did not refuel or require maintenance. He said he presumed it was waiting for fog to lift in Spokane.

Tarnoff, in stable condition at Deaconess Hospital with a fractured leg, told his wife by telephone there was no warning that the plane was going to crash.

"He told me he was sitting by the window, and the first thing he realized was looking out the window and seeing trees come flying by," said Schlinda Tarnoff, 27.

"He tried to say something, but couldn't. He put his head between his legs, and the next thing he remembers is being thrown out of the plane and the fire," she said.

Tarnoff was reluctant to take the flight, she said.

"My husband called me before he took off and said he was feeling really apprehensive about it. He hates to fly, especially in small airplanes," she said.

The crash of Flight 201 was the first that involved loss of passenger lives in the Spokane-based commuter airline's 12-year history, said spokeswoman Vicki Kellogg.

The plane blipped off radar screens at the airport at 11:28 a.m. After striking the hill, it traveled about a half-mile and plunged 300 feet to the ground.

The pilot "should have been approximately 1,000 feet higher, probably about 4,000 feet or a little higher," said Airport Director Floyd Creasman. "Why he was low, I don't know."

Elevation of the airport is 2,372 feet.

Did the pilot radio for help? "Not that I know of," Creasman said.

"There's no indication of any abnormalities," said Tim Komberece, Cascade's director of flight operations. "The whole thing doesn't make a damned bit of sense. Not one damned bit."

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AF crashes fatal to 10

HAMSTEIN, West Germany (AP) — Two U.S. Air Force planes crashed in Europe Wednesday at separate sites and at least 10 servicemen were killed, the U.S. Air Force and other sources said.

Eight crewmen were dead and one was missing after a C-130 transport crashed on take-off from this air base near the Franco-German border, the Air Force reported.

In Spain, a U.S. Phantom F-4D jet crashed 60 miles northeast of Guadalajara, killing its two occupants, Air Force sources said.

An Air Force statement said the German crash site was within the Weilerbach storage area just northeast of the Ramstein base. There was no damage to the ammunition storage site, and there were no injuries on the ground, a spokesman said.

He declined to identify the victims pending notification of next of kin.

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Snowstorm shocks East

By The Associated Press

A heavy snowstorm forecasters didn't see coming until they "looked out the window" mired the cities of the Northeast in half a foot of snow Wednesday, boggling traffic and closing schools.

Two people killed on icy roads in Maryland brought to 19 the number of deaths blamed on the unusually harsh winter weather in the East in this first week of the new year.

Much of New England already has been coated with more snow than fell all of last winter.

The storm, which dumped up to a foot of snow in a sweep from the Michigan through the Ohio Valley into New England, left 5 to 7 inches in New York City and its suburbs where forecasters had predicted 1 to 3 inches.

Wilmington, Vt., got 8 inches in six hours. Accumulations ranged from 8 to 12 inches in northwest Pennsylvania.

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Nuclear plant fire baffles authorities

PARIS (AP) — French authorities say they have been unable to determine the cause of a fire at a nuclear reprocessing plant last week that resulted in the contamination of three people. A labor union at the plant contends as many as 400 people were affected.

French newspapers Saturday charged officials with attempting to cover up the severity of last Tuesday's incident at the plant in La Hague, near the coastal city of Cherbourg on the English Channel.

A fire that broke out in a silo containing nuclear waste was extinguished in a few hours, but not before three workers were contaminated by high-level radiation from the fumes, plant officials said. The labor union covering the plant's 2,500 workers contended that as many as 400 others were contaminated to a lesser degree.

"It was a very serious accident that officials have vainly tried to hide," the tabloid Le Quotidien said in a front page article Saturday.

The daily Le Matin reported that contamination traces had been found six miles from the plant.

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Doomsday clock advanced

The hands of the nuclear doomsday clock now stand at four minutes to midnight, reflecting international tensions that are pushing the world closer to nuclear disaster, a group of scientists said Wednesday.

Editors and advisers of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved the hands of their famous clock ahead three minutes because "hard-liners" have taken control in both the East and the West.

"People are actually discussing the possibility of winning a nuclear war," said Dr. Berard T. Feld, editor of the magazine. 1/15/81

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Quake jolts California (1)

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. (AP) — A widely felt earthquake struck San Benito County early Wednesday morning, sparking phone calls to officials from Monterey to Marin.

No damage or injuries were reported from the 3:42 a.m. quake. Its magnitude was put at 4.5 on the Richter scale by the University of California-Berkeley seismographic station.

The quake was centered just west of San Juan Bautista, about 80 miles southeast of San Francisco, seismologists said.

Doctors settle lawsuit

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A man who claimed he was permanently disabled after being prescribed too much medication has settled his malpractice suit out of court for $950,000, his attorney says.

The settlement came as the trial was about to begin.

Paul David Curl, 39, said in the suit that he suffered "permanent ... neurological deficits" after doctors prescribed too much Dilantin, a drug commonly used to treat seizures.

Four doctors and four insurance companies and malpractice funds were named as defendants in the suit. Their lawyers either declined comment or couldn't be reached.

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Meningitis hits Marin (2)

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Marin County health officials are baffled by an outbreak of bacterial meningitis that has killed one youngster and struck 11 others in the past two months.

Dr. Theodore Hiatt, the county's chief of public health, said Tuesday the outbreak apparently has been confined to Marin, where it has hit all parts of the county.

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Japan storm clears; rescue efforts begin

TOKYO (UPI) — Thousands of army troops and policemen began full-scale rescue work Friday, digging Japan out of its worst snow storm in 18 years, officials said.

National police officials said the storm that began Dec. 28 left 33 persons dead and 31 missing. Dozens of houses were destroyed or damaged and more than 100 persons were injured.

A government mission led by Kenzaburo Hara, director-general of the National Land Agency, flew to Toyama in northern Japan for to inspect damage in the region.

Weathermen said blue skies returned for the first time in nearly two weeks along Japan's coast, which received the brunt of the storm.

Police said 28 persons were reported dead in 11 provinces along the coast, the nation's least-developed area, which is marked by rugged mountains.

The dead included eight persons caught in an avalanche that crushed four houses in the small village of Sumon in Niigata province Wednesday.

Police said 17 mountain mishaps were reported in storm-lashed peaks in the Japan Alps, killing five mountaineers. A search was under way for 31 others who were missing. Nineteen others were injured, nine of them seriously, they said.

The storm, descending from a massive Siberian cold front, piled up 11 inches of snow, isolating remote towns and villages. It was the worst snowfall since 1963, weather forecasters said.

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4 Eastern states declare water emergency

By JOHN J. GOLDMAN
LA Times-Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Governors declared a water emergency Thursday for 21 million people in parts of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware as a prolonged drought caused levels in reservoirs to fall dangerously.

Mayor Edward I. Koch of New York City said a similar proclamation would be issued for the city in the next few days, and he called for extensive voluntary conservation until formal mandatory plans were announced.

Meeting in Trenton, N.J., the four governors, all members of the Delaware River Basin Commission, said they planned to limit water withdrawn from the Delaware by New York City and some municipalities in New Jersey. Rainfall in the Delaware River basin has been down 30 percent since May.

The basin commission controls water use for a 13,000-square-mile area of the four states.

"We are trying to make this a matter of consciousness-raising," Koch said. He attended the governors meeting in Trenton along with Mayor William Green of Philadelphia.

New York City and municipalities near it are facing the most serious water shortage in more than a decade. Little rain during the summer and a smaller-than-anticipated snowfall have left New York City's reservoirs at 32 percent of capacity — the lowest level in 15 years.

New York City takes 800 million gallons of water a day from the Delaware River. Under the new conservation measures, however, the city will receive 520 million gallons. Delaware River water, stored in three reservoirs, normally supplies half the city's daily needs. The rest of the city's water comes from reservoirs in the Catskill Mountains and in nearby Westchester County.

The emergency declaration was the first step — barring unexpected precipitation — in an escalating series of conservation measures.

Officials in New York City are considering banning the use of fire hydrants to clean streets and halting car washing except by businesses that recycle water.

More extreme plans also are being examined, including restricting the flow of water into apartment houses and office buildings. For the time being, however, the stress will be on voluntary conservation.

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Pauline Lubens—Trenton Times

Low water: Kelly leads his troops across the Delaware River, the depleted Lake Tappan Reservoir in New Jersey

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Drought in the Northeast

On Christmas morning former Philadelphia City Councilman John B. Kelly Jr. led his detachment of Revolutionary War soldiers down to the Delaware River. What they saw was disheartening: the four boats that were to carry them across the river to New Jersey, in the annual re-enactment of Gen. George Washington's crossing of 1776, were locked in ice. Worse, Kelly saw that even if the boats could be freed, the river was too low—30 inches below normal—to land on the Trenton side. So for the first time since the pageant began in 1952, the disappointed band of Continentals marched into New Jersey on the bridge at Washington Crossing.

It was the coldest Christmas on record in much of the Northeast—the temperature fell to 29 below zero in Buffalo, N.Y.—and the cold snap has aggravated a drought that has plagued New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware for six months. Last month the Delaware River Basin Commission issued a "drought warning," calling on the 20 million people who get all or part of their water from the shrunken river to cut consumption. Just before Christmas the commission cut back New York City's allotment of Delaware River water from 800 million gallons a day to 560 million. Mandatory rationing, backed by fines, is in effect in six northern New Jersey counties and in eastern Pennsylvania. New York City's reservoirs, normally nearly full at this season, stand at 38.5 per cent—a fifteen-year low.

The shortage developed quickly, helped along by a lack of planning for a sunny day. New York's reservoirs were brimful after a wet spring, but the rains stopped in June, and July and August were hot and dry. By the end of September precipitation in the area was 10 inches below normal. The city, hearing the gurgle of danger grow louder, began a crash program to plug leaks in its ancient water mains. It was too late to begin metering residential water use, although the idea had been advanced since the droughts of the mid-1960s.

'At the Brink': In northern New Jersey the drought showed just how archaic the state's water-delivery system is. A patchwork of small private and municipal water companies compete with each other with little coordination. "New Jersey's water-supply system constantly stands at the brink of disaster," warns Darryl F. Caputo of the Upper Raritan Watershed Association. The long-range solution may be a state authority to consolidate water delivery. "We have more water companies in the state than we have municipalities," laments Environmental Protection Commissioner Jerry F. English, who is asking for the power to merge weak water companies, a pipeline network to share what water is available and funds to build two new reservoirs.

New York warning



Conservation efforts in the four-state region have cut water use, but not by enough. New Jersey and Pennsylvania officials had hoped to reduce consumption by 25 per cent; the actual cutback has been closer to 10 per cent. Unlike last summer, when drought struck the Southwest, there are no cattle bones whitening by the roadside as warnings to the citizens of Newark or Brooklyn. "People in major cities have a visceral view of water," observes Delaware Basin Commissioner Tim Weston. "If it comes out of the tap, everything is OK." In New York City water use has actually increased as the city's population has gone down. To raise water-consciousness, Mayor Edward Koch made a well-publicized appeal to restaurants to serve water only when the customer requests it. This week a television-and-poster campaign will make its appearance, intended to turn millions of city youngsters into volunteer drought-police, timing their parents' showers and taking soundings on their sisters' baths.

It is not likely that anyone will go thirsty in the Northeast soon, but restrictions on industrial water use—even plant closings—are a possibility by next summer. In a severe emergency New York would turn to the Hudson River—but could pump only about 70 million gallons a day, of questionable quality, compared to its 1.5 billion-gallon daily consumption. A happier solution would be plenty of rain, although by now the amount of rain needed would probably be enough to cause flooding. The problem is aggravated by the early freeze, which prevents moisture from soaking into the ground. Water officials, scanning the cold blue skies for signs of rain last week, took little comfort from the National Weather Service forecast for the rest of the winter: cold—and drier than normal.

JERRY ADLER with SUSAN AGREST in New York and bureau reports

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3 injured in Navy plane crash

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (AP) — Three Navy Reserve members were injured Sunday as they jumped from a P-3A aircraft after it crashed in a landing attempt at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, base officials said.

The P-3A, a four-engine turboprop plane used in anti-submarine warfare, crashed without prior indication of mechanical or other problems in clear, calm weather "right in the center of the runway, right in the center of the field," said Lt. Richard Chandler.

"As I understand it, they were in a landing configuration and then it just crashed," Chandler said. "It just happened right out of the blue."

He said the $22 million plane "turned on its (right) side," causing the wing to tear partly out of the fuselage. Leaking fuel caught fire, and all seven persons aboard leaped from the aircraft, he added.

"Evidently, everyone was strapped into their seats, anticipating a normal landing," Chandler said.

In bailing out, Chief Petty Officer William L. Beckey, 34, of Oak Harbor, suffered a back injury, while Chief Petty Officer James E. Stensland, 38, of Redmond, and Lt. Cmdr. Richard B. Hawley, 33, of Ellensburg, each suffered a broken leg, Chandler said.

He identified the others on the flight as the pilot, Lt. Cmdr. William L. Goodman, 34, of Auburn; the co-pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Ken Krull, 36, of Kennewick, and two other crew members, First Class Petty Officer Carter J. Tull, 33, of Preston, and Lt. John W. Hersch, 30, of Seattle.

Six of those on the plane were from Reserve Patrol Squadron VP-69 and the seventh was from Reserve Patrol Squadron VP-0122, Chandler said.

Damage to the plane was extensive, and investigators were summoned to determine the cause of the crash, he added.

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Arctic air numbs New England

By The Associated Press

A fresh blast of arctic air swirled into the already frozen Northeast on Sunday, snarling traffic on iceclogged waterways from New England to Maryland.

Foot-long ice blocks bobbed in Chesapeake Bay where the Coast Guard restricted navigation to steel-hulled boats.

Maryland State Police used a helicopter to rescue Robert Meredith late Saturday after his 41-foot boat was trapped in ice on the bay.

Meredith, an oysterman, shivered in near zero temperatures for 11 hours before being rescued.

"I had a stove, but the cold just overpowered it," he said. "It was 5 degrees when I got on the helicopter. They explained to me I wouldn't last until morning."

Traffic through the Cape Cod Canal was suspended Friday when large ice floes blocked the waterway, which permits ships to bypass the Massachusetts cape, saving 150 miles.

The canal's principal users are barges carrying petroleum products from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Rhode Island to Boston, Chelsea and Revere in Massachusetts; and Portland, Maine, and Newington, N.H.

The poor sea conditions also cut ferry service to Nantucket to one round trip a day, a spokesman for the service said.

The spokesman said the 5,000 year-round residents of Nantucket, an island 36 miles off the Massachusetts coast, are "pretty well stocked" with supplies. "It would take maybe two weeks of that (no ferry service) before they have real trouble," he said.

In Florida, citrus growers called a freeze watch Sunday after the National Weather Service predicted temperatures as low as 28 degrees. Florida Citrus Mutual in Bartow planned to monitor weather conditions throughout the night and issue an alert if heaters and smudge pots were needed.

Two gas companies in eastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod, serving 84,000 customers, declared a gas emergency Saturday as the continued cold weather depleted their supplies.

The Lowell Gas and the Cape Cod Gas companies asked schools and factories in the area to close Monday and Tuesday to help conserve the natural gas supply. Lowell Gas blamed the emergency on higher demand, the colder-than-normal winter and transmission problems.

The frigid Canadian air also dropped temperatures well below zero from the eastern Dakotas through the upper Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes, but no records were set.

Along the eastern seaboard, the temperature slipped to 2 in Atlantic City, N.J., and to 4 below zero in Providence, R.I., both records for the date. And the coldest spot in the nation was Watertown, N.Y., where the mercury hit 32 below zero on Sunday morning.

The temperatures dropped to 9 Sunday morning in New York City. High winds and bitter cold forced officials to cancel racing at Aqueduct. A spokesman said the track planned to reopen Monday.

City officials said that since the cold weather began Christmas Day, they have received nearly 400,000 calls from residents complaining about no

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190 drown as flood hits S. African town

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (UPI) — A wall of water ripped through the farming town of Laingsburg Monday, drowning nearly 200 people and leaving thousands homeless in the worst natural disaster in South Africa's history.

Police said as many as 190 people are feared drowned in flash floods, which burst dams, washed out bridges and stranded trains.

Police said the figure could go higher as reports trickle in from outlying villages.

The entire southern Karoo region, a normally arid region the size of Ohio, was declared a disaster area by Prime Minister Pieter Botha.

Police reservists from all over the country were flown in to help civil defense teams, and 14 helicopters from Oudtshoorn air base dropped medical teams and supplies.

Five persons who clung to a roof for almost 12 hours were rescued by a helicopter, but two others drowned when they slid off a roof as a helicopter maneuvered to pick them up.

Thousands of people were left homeless in Laingsburg, 170 miles northeast of Cape Town, when the usually sedate Buffalo River — fueled by three days of heavy rains — burst its bank in the predawn hours and roared through the main streets. Three dams burst, adding to the torrent.

All roads into the area were cut off by rockslides and water.

A bus loaded with at least 50 black commuters was swept off a bridge near Laingsburg, and 21 of 34 residents at an old age home drowned in their beds unable to escape the floodwaters.

"The town is gone, finished. Most of it is underwater," said police Col. Herman Morkel. "It looks like a battlefield. Cars are piled on each other and bodies are all over the place," he said.

A tent city housing victims has sprung up near the police station — one of the few buildings not under water.

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Train crash injures 76

NEW YORK (AP) — A rush-hour train jammed with 800 passengers slammed into a steel bumper guard at the Staten Island ferry terminal Monday morning, injuring 76 people. Eight were hospitalized.

Most of the injured were standing when the train slammed into the bumper and were hurt when they fell. The force of the crash knocked the bumper guard into a waiting room wall.

"There was broken glass. Everyone went flying on top of one another," said Julia Barbaccia of Staten Island, a passenger in the second car of the four-car train.

"I have no idea what happened," said William Chase, a conductor whose forehead was cut in the accident. "I was waiting for us to make our stop. We were going slow and normal like it is all the time and suddenly everyone was on the floor."

An electrician checking the train later said devices to protect its nine sets of brakes from ice and snow had not been activated. No reason was given for the failure.

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Salt Lake fog depresses city for 1½ months

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 1½-month-long siege of fog and smog is driving people nuts in Salt Lake, mental health officials say, while ski resort operators in the nearby mountains are going broke this snowless winter.

The National Weather Service offered hope Friday, saying the thick, clammy stick-in-the-throat murk should break by the weekend. Forecasters also said there was a good possibility of some snow for the nearly barren Wasatch Mountain ski resorts, which have lost millions of dollars.

Residents have gotten used to forecasts predicting an end to the fog, only to wake up to more, but this time, says weather service meteorologist Rich Douglas, there's a "strong chance" of getting cloudy and wet weather.

Since Dec. 6, Salt Lake has had just three fog-free days. The fog has contributed to hundreds of minor traffic accidents and closed Salt Lake's airport for days before the Christmas holidays.

Worse, says Kent Griffiths, director of Cottonwood Hospital's counseling center, some people are angry and frustrated about the weather in a way he's never seen before. He says the workload at his and other mental health centers has been heavier than usual, with many people complaining about the fog.

Rick Bangerter, assistant director of the Salt Lake County Crisis Intervention Center, says there was an 8 percent to 10 percent increase in calls over the holidays, with many callers saying the weather was making them depressed.

Griffiths conducted an informal survey among about 100 hospital staff members and center clients, asking, "How's the weather affecting you?"

"It was amazing," he said. "People had an immediate response. They hated it."

People said they were "more irritable, more grumpy, more snappish," Griffiths said.

"People were talking about it and expressing a lot of anger," he said. "Even on the (television) news now, they're joking that they're threatening to shoot the weather man if it doesn't change."

Salt Lake Valley is a natural bowl that traps temperature inversions. Fog and smog build when moist surface air is trapped by colder air at higher altitudes.

This year, unusually strong high pressure has kept out air-clearing wind and storms, Douglas says. The same high pressure mass that allowed arctic air to freeze the East earlier this month kept Salt Lake residents in the murk.

But he said high pressure over Utah has started to shift east, which could allow southwestern air to move in, possibly bringing showers and snow.

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Fog, snow, ice disrupt travelers

By The Associated Press greg: 12/30/80

A mantle of fog shrouded cities on both coasts Monday, disrupting travel by airplane or car, while much of the Midwest endured another assault of freezing rain and snow.

Airports were closed for a time in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, New York and Boston as dense fog settled over wide areas around the country. The fog spread from Southern California to Oregon on the West Coast and from Virginia to Maine in the East.

In the heartland, icy conditions on the highways caused numerous accidents.

In Wisconsin, where up to 5 inches of snow fell before the storm moved on Monday morning, at least three deaths were attributed to slick roads.

Maryland had dense fog as well as slippery roads, forcing authorities to close a four-mile stretch of Interstate 70 near Hancock for several hours during the night.

Snow and freezing rain fell from Wisconsin, across northern and central Illinois into Ohio and Michigan.

The thermometer took another dip in New York, glazing roads in the upstate areas. Icy conditions and fog were blamed for a 44-car pileup on Interstate 84 near Stormville Mountain late Sunday afternoon.

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Stuck truck, smashed dock snarl commuter ferry runs

SEATTLE (AP) — Ferry service on the Hood Canal and Vashon Island runs was disrupted by accidents Monday, snarling commuter traffic during the evening rush hour, Washington state ferry officials said.

Commuters were forced to drive some 100 miles around Hood Canal after a truck became stuck on the South Point loading dock, blocking access to the ferries at 1 p.m. through the night.

Earlier Monday, the trouble-plagued ferry Issaquah rammed the dock in West Seattle, knocking the Fauntleroy terminal out of service for three to four weeks. Ferries on the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth run were re-routed to the downtown ferry terminal at Pier 52.

"We're saying it's pilot error" in the Fauntleroy accident, said ferry system spokeswoman Karen Stern.

Capt. Bob Beaudry was relieved of command after the collision, and an investigation was ordered, she said.

"Contractors estimate it will take three to four weeks for repairs," she said, but an estimate of the damage and further details on the accident were unavailable.

"The ferry made a hard landing at Fauntleroy," said spokeswoman Alice Collingwood. "The boat apparently was not damaged and nobody was hurt."

The Coast Guard inspected the Issaquah after the collision and said it could return to service, she said. A steel gate on one end of the vessel was bent by the collision.

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The President Takes A Painful Ski Spill

face-to-face interviews with the finalists for Secretary of Agriculture; otherwise, Reagan did business by telephone and tapped several of his nominees without having met with them at all. He seemed rather to be clinging to his last weeks of private life at home with Nancy and, for Christmas, his four children. The President-elect confessed his sadness to a group of reporters admitted during the holidays for a peek at his tree. "At the same time, there's an eagerness on the part of both of us to get on with it," he said—but plainly not quite yet.

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PETER GOLDMAN with THOMAS M. DeFRANK, ELEANOR CLIFT, GLORIA BORGER and HOWARD FINEMAN in Washington

It seemed a perfect antidote for the President's post-election blues. Enough snow had finally fallen in the Catoctin Mountains for cross-country skiing, and nobody was looking forward to it more than Jimmy Carter. He spent 90 minutes on the trails of Camp David last Saturday morning, and headed out again after lunch with his wife, Rosalynn, White House physician William Lukash and several others. But on a nature trail behind Aspen Lodge, one of Carter's skis struck a rock and he pitched forward—smashing his left elbow and shoulder into the snow-covered ground and fracturing his left collarbone. (PYRCRE)

Despite "considerable pain," according to Lukash, Carter walked back to the lodge. The doctor fitted him with a sling and a figure-eight harness to immobilize his shoulders, then a helicopter flew them to Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington. There X-rays confirmed the break—near where the clavicle joins the breastbone—while Carter joked about it. The First Patient must take painkillers for several days and wear the harness up to eight weeks. But since Carter is right-handed, the injury was not expected to impede his official duties—or his plans to attend the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day.

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Freeze deepens in North, East

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
of The Associated Press

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Bitter arctic air remained frozen over much of the nation Sunday, keeping temperatures below zero from Minnesota into New England for the second day in a row. One death was attributed to the cold snap, and hundreds of patients were evacuated when a Cleveland hospital lost heat.

Meanwhile, citrus growers in north and central Florida began to brace for a freeze expected in their areas Monday morning. Forecasters said Sunday that even the Everglades in South Florida could have frost by Tuesday morning, which would mean trouble for winter vegetable growers.

The mercury dropped to 3 below zero in Cleveland early Sunday as 270 patients were transferred from Mount Sinai Hospital after a boiler explosion knocked out the hospital's heating system.

"We carried out the transfer on the grounds that we couldn't take any chances," an unidentified hospital official said.

"The hospital never did get cold. It had just started getting cool when the boilers were put back into operation," said hospital spokeswoman Ruth Jacobowitz, adding evacuated patients were returning to their rooms Sunday.

A maintenance worker suffered minor injuries in the Saturday blast, which snapped natural gas lines to the boilers. About five hours after the heat went off, Ms. Jacobowitz said, hospital workers began transferring patients to other medical facilities nearby.

First to be moved were those in intensive care units, mothers and their infants and pediatric patients. All but 90 were transferred before the boilers were restarted early Sunday.

The icy storm system swept into the Northeast Saturday from Canada, bringing snow squalls from the Great Lakes and Upper Ohio Valley into western New York.

The frigid blasts chilled already frozen areas even further Sunday.

Old Forge, N.Y., a village in the Adirondacks, recorded 42 below zero, while several cities along the Canadian border, Potsdam, Watertown and Plattsburgh, all shivered in readings of 30 below or colder.

"Nothing will start, nothing will move this morning," said state trooper Chris Judd in Herkimer County in eastern New York.

Hardly anything was moving in Portland, Maine, where the temperature sank to 18 below. The American Automobile Association said it received more than 70 calls an hour Sunday from motorists asking for help in reviving dead batteries.

"We just totally destroyed the record," said National Weather Service meteorologist Dean Gulezian, describing frigid conditions in Houlton, Maine, as the temperature plunged to 41 below.

In Wisconsin, where the mercury slipped to 12 below zero in Green Bay, 7 below in Milwaukee and 5 below in Madison, the Weather Service listed sky conditions in Madison as "ice crystals — when it's so cold that the precipitation just sort of freezes right out of the air."

Residents of Embarrass, Minn., were more than red when the temperature sank to 45 below Saturday night and temperatures across Minnesota were not much higher Sunday. International Falls reported 37 below and Bemidji recorded 35 below.

In New York City, where the temperature sank to 5 Sunday morning, the city's Heat Complaint Bureau added 13 extra people to its 35-member staff to handle calls from cold apartment dwellers.

Perry Lindsay Jr., the bureau's director, said complaints were expected to exceed the number received Christmas Day, when some 1,200 people telephoned the bureau in a single hour.

Several Northeastern cities experienced record low temperatures for Jan. 4, including Providence, R.I., 9 below; Worchester, Mass., 7 below; Windsor Locks, Conn., 7 below; Syracuse, N.Y., 18 below; and Binghamton, N.Y., 9 below.

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Arctic wind buries, chills U.S. east of Great Lakes

By United Press International

Arctic air blasted the East Saturday, leaving parts of Pennsylvania buried in 9-foot snowdrifts, confronting New Yorkers with flesh-freezing cold and battering the Carolinas with winds too strong to measure.

The onslaught of road-glazing snow and cold weather, in its third day, has been blamed for at least three traffic deaths — one in Michigan and two in Pennsylvania.

Weather station attendants at North Carolina's Grandfather Mountain estimated winds hit nearly 140 mph atop the 5,964-foot mountain Friday. Winston Church, manning the weather station, said the winds broke the wind meter, which only has a capacity to read winds of up to 100 miles per hour.

The mountain resort area is closed for the winter and the weathermen are the only people who remain on the mountain.

Winds of up to 60 mph howled across Pennsylvania. Snow already on the ground was whipped up into blinding clouds, then stacked in 9 foot drifts in parts of Somerset County.

The mountains of Maryland were buried in up to a foot of snow.

Ice and snow made the going slippery from Maryland to New Hampshire and snow squalls pestered the Great Lakes region.

The storm sent temperatures plummeting to zero and below as it thrust through the Northeast. Roads soaked by a runoff from snow melted by warm weather Thursday and early Friday froze, making travel hazardous.

Up to 5 inches of snow stacked up in sections Massachusetts south of Boston and other parts of the state got 2 inches or more.

Rhode Island got up to 4 inches of snow and southern New Hampshire got 3.

Classes were canceled Friday in Westerly, R.I., public schools, where classes had been scheduled to make up for a month-long teachers' strike in September.

"The cold will be accompanied by very strong winds and chill factors will be generally in the dangerous category," forecasters said.

In New York City, forecasters said zero temperatures would be made even more chilling by 30 mph winds, which would push the wind-chill to nearly 50 below — cold enough to freeze exposed flesh.

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Deadly nationwide flu epidemic looming

ATLANTA (UPI) — Traditional influenza indicators, including the number of deaths from flu and pneumonia in major cities, edged toward a nationwide epidemic Thursday, the national Center for Disease Control said.

Preliminary information indicates a fullblown flu epidemic is under way in New York state, with other states reporting regional or sporadic outbreaks.

Most of the cases were blamed on the virus A-Bangkok, a prototype of the A-Hong Kong microbe that touched off a worldwide influenza epidemic 12 years ago.

"There appears to be a lot of influenza activity out there," a CDC official said Wednesday, adding that one indicator — the number of deaths from flu and pneumonia in 121 major U.S. cities — pointed toward a growing health problem.

"Pneumonia and influenza deaths are again over the epidemic threshold for the fourth consecutive week," said John Brennen, a public health adviser with the CDC. He said the exact number would not be known until the CDC compiled its weekly report Thursday.

Brennan said the Pacific and mountain states as well as the New England area appear to be the principal contributors to excess mortality, but pointed out: "These data are not complete as yet and must be looked at in light of morbidity (the number of flu cases) and laboratory data."

Officials trying to gauge the severity of the outbreak said they still were studying information collected by the CDC's extensive influenza surveillance network, which includes state health departments, hospitals and "sentinel physicians."

Brennan, who said reporting of flu cases had been delayed by the holiday, noted that in addition to increased deaths, some states that had been reporting only sporadic flu activity now are having regional outbreaks.

People 65 or older are advised to get flu vaccinations, Brennan said. He described the vaccine "amantadine" as being 70-80 percent effective against three types of influenza — B-Singapore, A-Brazil and A-Bangkok.

A-Bangkok, the virus that is causing most of the recent illness, the CDC said, is a comparatively new virus against which most people have no natural immunity. Therefore, it is capable of spreading and causing extensive illness.

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NYC coldest in 108 years

NEW YORK (UPI) — The temperature in Central Park plunged to zero degrees Thursday, breaking New York's 108-year Christmas Day record, the National Weather Service reported. The record was set at 6:30 a.m., when the thermometer dropped to 3 degrees. It broke the previous record of 4 degrees, set in 1872. At 7 a.m., the temperature dropped to 2 degrees. And at 8 a.m., it fell further to zero.

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Fruit fly emergency declared

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A state of emergency declared by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. may help stave off more quarantines by foreign countries on California-grown fruit, says the head of the state's effort to combat the Mediterranean fruit fly.

"That, in many ways, may be the chief benefit of the declaration," said Jerry Scribner, a deputy director of the state Agriculture Department.

Brown's declaration Wednesday made Santa Clara and Alameda counties eligible for special state aid to combat the fly, which has been a problem since June.

Traditional eradication efforts, such as ground spraying of pesticides, have failed to stem the infestation, and agriculture officials fear the flies may spread to other prime agricultural areas, including the San Joaquin Valley.

About 500 square miles is under state quarantine, meaning fruit cannot be shipped out of the area unless it's fumigated. Several countries already ban the importation of unfumigated fruit, and others have threatened to slap on a quarantine of any California fruit because of the outbreak.

The emergency declaration plan calls for selective groundspraying, quarantine and removal and disposal of all fruit and vegetables that could be nesting places for the so-called medfly.

The state Office of Emergency Services was directed by Brown to coordinate mobilization of the California Conservation Corps, the state Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Fish and Game Department and the spraying crews of the state Transportation Department.

In addition, Brown ordered Frank Schober Jr., commander of the California National Guard, to makes plans in case it becomes necessary to call out the guard. San Jose officials had requested that the guard be mobilized.

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Dreaded Asian bug on loose

By DALE RUSSAKOFF
LA Times-Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A tiny Asian beetle hiding inside a burlap bag slipped into the United States this fall and traveled inconspicuously to a spice warehouse in Moonachie, N.J. Then, on Oct. 27, a government inspector found it.

Now, a federal agency, Congress, two Baltimore spice companies and a dozen other businesses in five states have mobilized in a massive, expensive scramble to search out and destroy the dreaded khapra beetle before it multiplies.

The beetle, one-eighth inch in length, is the world's most destructive pest for stored grain and food products, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It ruined millions of dollars of American grain in the 1950s and 1960s and was eliminated only after a $15 million, decade-long campaign.

Almost 15 years later, the khapra beetle is back. First sighted on Oct. 27 at the Mincing Spice Co. in New Jersey, it has since turned up in 13 other sites, including four in Baltimore. And the search for what one official calls "the fearsome invader" goes on.

U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors across the country expect to spend the next month tracking down every item that had contact with the contaminated spice bags. Then they will inspect all concerns that handle spices and used bagging, a USDA official said. So far, he stressed, no beetles have been found in grain supplies.

"The fear is not that we will have a major infestation in the Northeast," said USDA's Don Woodham, the nationwide coordinator of the khapra beetle project. "The fear is that with the normal movement of cargo, it will find its way into the grain industry."

The beetles came closest to grain in the port of Baltimore, one of the nation's main grain-exporting points and the site of three large grain elevators. Agriculture inspectors found the beetles in a little-used warehouse on a pier operated by the Chessie System, but not in grain supplies.

Baltimore inspectors also found the pests in three other locations — the historic McCormick Co. building, which emits scents of nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon that waft over the popular Inner Harbor; Baltimore Spice Co. in Garrison; and Premium Bag Co. in East Baltimore — making that city the leader so far in the number of khapra beetle sightings.

The discovery of the beetles generated tremendous publicity in the old port city, conjuring up images of "The Beetle That Ate Baltimore," and causing public relations traumas for the spice companies.

"We didn't find it funny at all," said Jack Felton, spokesman for McCormick. "We never had anything like this before. The rumor got out that the place would be closed for two weeks, that the place was infested." In fact, beetles were found only on the first floor and on the roof, not in areas where they could contaminate spices, Felton added.

"This company was founded in 1889 and there's never been any question of the integrity of our product," he said.

Once inspectors found the beetles, the search-and-destroy mission ran into a bureaucratic roadblock: there was no money left in the Agriculture Department budget to fumigate the contaminated plants. Congress had not appropriated money for khapra beetle fumigation since the mid-'60s, when the pest was eliminated in the United States, and virtually all of the $2.5 million in contingency funds were exhausted in a battle against the Mediterranean fruit fly.

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Floods force Canadians to evacuate

HOPE, British Columbia (AP) — Evacuations were under way here Friday as record rainfall and warm temperatures created massive flooding in southwest British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

In addition, washouts, mudslides and the threat of avalanches closed major highways, snarling holiday travel plans for thousands and leaving much of the province cut off from the rest of Canada except by air.

In Hope, located about 70 miles east of Vancouver in southern British Columbia, a new riverside subdivision of expensive homes was evacuated as a logjam holding back about 26 feet of water on the Coquihalla River showed signs of giving way.

About 2.8 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period and the forecast called for continued heavy rain Saturday.

Adding to the problems was warm weather which melted the snowpack and created avalanches and mudslides.

The Coquihalla, a tributary of the Fraser River, was blocked about four miles upstream from Hope. Royal Canadian Mounted Police said that if a barricade of debris piled up by a logjam at a narrow rock gorge collapsed, a sizable portion of the town would be under water about 20 minutes later.

In Princeton, 40 miles east of Hope, Mayor Sandra Henson said a trailer park was threatened by the Chilameen River.

Authorities could not say when the floodwaters would crest in either community.

The Trans-Canada Highway through the Fraser Canyon was closed by a washout 10 miles north of here.

Also severed were Canadian Pacific Rail's main line at Gordon Creek and the Canadian National main line at Hope. Oreg 12/27/80

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East, South freeze as S. California suns, NW soaks.

By DAVID L. LANGFORD
of The Associated Press

A Siberian deep freeze pushed the mercury to historic lows from New Orleans to New England and floods washed across the Pacific Northwest on Friday, while record December warmth lured thousands to the beaches of Southern California.

Temperatures dropped more than 100 degrees from the West Coast to the East Coast, like a frozen steak broiled only on one end.

More than 2 inches of rain in 24 hours in western Washington and Oregon swelled rivers over their banks, closing some highways and prompting evacuations of low-lying areas.

In the East, where the thermometer plummeted as low as 26 degrees below zero, cars refused to start, some trains quit running, and city officials were deluged with thousands of calls from tenants complaining of no heat.

"We're getting bombarded," said Frank Gesualaldo, chief of the city code enforcement office in Newark, N.J. "Some landlords don't provide enough heat, some buildings are old. Even the good homeowners, because of the economic pinch, are bringing the heat up slowly."

On Christmas Day in New York City, officials reported getting 1,200 complaints about no heat in just two hours.

At least six people were found dead of exposure on city streets in Washington, Boston, Chicago and Latrobe, Pa., and Philadelphia authorities said the cold contributed to the death of one man there.

Others died in dozens of fires as heaters were turned on full force.

Fire officials in Shirley, Mass., blamed the cold weather and a faulty wood stove for a fire that claimed the lives of a family of four.

"It's the only thing that could have caused it," said Rudy Kurtyka, deputy fire chief. "We found it stocked up with wood. I imagine they were really pushing it because it was so cold."

Boston authorities blamed the cold for the death of a man found unconscious by police. Two homeless residents of Washington, D.C., died of exposure Christmas Day. Another man was found dead in the doorway of a building in Philadelphia and authorities said that he appeared to have been ill, but the cold contributed to his death. The cold was also blamed for the deaths of a man found dead at the train s[illegible] and one found half-frozen into a snowbank Thursday in Chicago.

New Orleans reported a record 27 Friday morning. It was 26 below zero in Burlington, Vt., and 2 below in Atlantic City, N.J. Some other subzero records included:

Elkins, W.Va., -11; Portland, Maine, -20; Boston, -4; Concord, N.H., -13; Hartford, Conn., -14.

Forecasters blamed the cold on a high-pressure front that drifted in from Siberia.

By contrast, Los Angeles had its warmest Christmas Day on record, a balmy 85 that drew 300,000 to the beaches of Southern California, with more of the same on Friday. There were similar readings in Arizona, but in Miami, tourists who had fled to Florida found chilly weather in the 40s.

High-flying thief puzzles police

ISLIP, N.Y. (UPI) — A 727 jet was stolen from Hollywood-Burbank Airport and flown cross-country in a zigzag pattern, landing a day later at a Long Island airport, where the locked aircraft was surrounded Monday by puzzled police.

No suspects were in custody.

"We have no idea how to get into this thing," said Suffolk County Duty Officer George Hayes.

"The door's not open and the boarding gate isn't down. I don't see how you get down out of this thing and close it up again."

Burbank Police Sgt. Frank Miller said the Boeing airliner, owned by Bahamian-based Constance Leasing, was stolen Saturday night from the facilities of Tiger Air Services, Inc., where it was being refurbished.

Tiger employees contacted Federal Aviation Administration controllers at Palmdale, Calif., who traced the plane to over Las Vegas, where it descended, changed its course and headed toward Denver, Miller said.

Controllers said the plane, which normally requires three people to operate and had fuel for three hours, then backtracked to Tuba City, Ariz., changed its course again and headed for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where it landed in Fort Worth for several hours to refuel and then took off again, Miller said.

"An air controller in Memphis (who spoke with the pilot) indicated the pilot had a foreign accent," Miller said, but added nothing else was known about the plane thief or thieves.

Miller said traffic controllers in Washington, D.C., followed the plane to New York where it landed Sunday at MacArthur Airport in the Long Island community of Islip. Suffolk County police told Burbank police the plane had been recovered — more than 26 hours after the plane was stolen, Miller said.

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Ice glaze has East in snarl

By DAVID L. LANGFORD
of The Associated Press

Newborn winter on Tuesday spread a layer of ice from Georgia to New England that caused hundreds of traffic smashups and at least 10 deaths, while thousands of holiday travelers were stranded in fog-bound airports in the West.

Cars and trucks smacked into each other like shuffleboard pucks as freezing rain and snow turned roads and highways into "sheets of glass" from Atlanta to Atlantic City, N.J., and beyond.

"God knows how many accidents there have been," said one police officer in Richmond, Va., where authorities stopped counting at 230 and were only investigating collisions involving injuries or damage of more than $500.

Rush hour came to a crawl in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, where an inch of snow fell in one hour and then turned to rain that quickly froze. A bus turned over on Long Island as the treacherous combination reached New York City.

School children got an extra day of Christmas vacation in many communities.

Icy roads were blamed for accidents that killed four people in Virginia, two people in Maryland and South Carolina and one each in Georgia and Kentucky.

Up and down the Eastern seaboard, the story was much the same.

"We have so many accidents we can hardly tell one from another," said a state police dispatcher on the John F. Kennedy Highway in Maryland.

"It was like an ice rink," said police Lt. James Tynan in Brigantine, N.J., where a bridge was iced over. "The cars were getting halfway up and then slipping down into other cars."

"All shady spots and all bridges are solid sheets of ice," said Lt. W.H. Elroad of the South Carolina state police in Greenville. "We've had our share of wrecks."

"The best thing people could do would be just stay home," said a state police officer in Delaware, where the highways were strewn with jacknifed trucks and abandoned cars. "It's crazy to drive in this weather."

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Sneaky storm slows East to a crawl

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By United Press International

A surprise storm spread ice and snow across much of the East early Tuesday, snarling rush-hour traffic from Washington to New York and causing a flurry of minor traffic accidents.

Some schools not already closed for Christmas vacation called off classes.

Freezing rain surprised the nation's capital in the early morning, encasing Washington-area roads in ice and forcing many area schools to close.

More than 150 cars veered off ice-glazed roads in Richmond, Va.

The ice storm, which began around 4 a.m., prompted police to urge motorists to stay home and kept buses off the roads for several hours. Minor traffic accidents were reported across the Washington area.

Virginia and Maryland State Police reported many jackknifed tractor trailer trucks blocking traffic along Interstate 35 near Interstate 495.

Snow and ice swept through southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and northern Delaware, turning the morning rush hour into a nightmare.

About 35 schools in the Delaware Valley closed for the day and about 35 more postponed opening for one or two hours.

Rain began in Philadelphia about 3:30 a.m. and turned quickly to snow. Philadelphia reported an inch of snow and the accumulation was thicker in southern New Jersey.

Authorities said traffic slowed to 10 mph or less on Interstate 95 and the Schuylkill Expressway during rush hour. Police reported many fender-benders in the Philadelphia surburbs but no major accidents were reported.

Light snow pushed north and east into New York City, slowing rush-hour traffic.

The storm took the area by surprise, striking just hours after forecasters said the region's prospects for a White Christmas appeared dim.

Bone-chilling temperatures broke records Monday in New England and light snow fell in the upper Midwest. New England again appeared to be the cold spot of the nation with sub-zero temperatures reported in Maine early Tuesday.

Near-zero temperatures were reported in the northern Plains. Readings in the teens were common throughout the Great Lakes region.

Thick fog swirled across the runways of airports throughout California early Tuesday, causing intermittent closures of airports in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

The fog closed Los Angeles International Airport for the third straight day, forcing planes to divert to nearby facilities — when they were open. Heavy fog enveloped the airport about 1:45 a.m., forcing the cancellation of about 25 flights since midnight.

In the Bay Area, San Francisco International Airport shut down from 9 to 9:30 p.m. The dense fog moved in on Oakland International about an hour later, and both were closed off and on throughout the night.

Patrolman Cornelius Robinson of Richmond, Virginia's capital, said more than 150 accidents were reported late Monday and early Tuesday, including one 32-car pileup on I-64 near the Shockoe Valley Bridge.

"It's incredible outside," said one police dispatcher. "The cars are backed up and there are people stranded all over the place. There's just no traction."

Police cautioned that only those motorists who absolutely must go out should try to drive on the slippery streets, which sent many cars spinning like tops as they slid uncontrollably into one another.

Crash survivor believes pilot erred

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SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI) — One of two men who survived a commuter airline crash that killed seven persons Tuesday said from his hospital bed Wednesday he believes the pilot who died in the crash miscalculated his approach to Spokane International Airport.

Steven Tarnoff, 30, Federal Way, Wash., said that despite earlier reports of heavy fog, he could see the runway at Spokane International shortly before the plane scraped several trees and then slammed into a hilly slope Tuesday morning, 3 miles short of the runway.

"The next thing I knew (after the scraping sound), we were making a forced landing. It became more and more violent. We finally came to a dead stop. At that time I didn't believe it was happening. I thought I was having a dream. I looked around me and there was a lot of smoke. People were just lying in the aisles. I got up and didn't realize my ankles were broken.

"I drug myself out the emergency door and rolled about 10 feet away from the plane, only to see one other gentleman. I rolled back to the plane and begged the man to roll with me. I dragged him with his belt. I managed to get him down the hill. I then rolled another 10 feet and layed there. I didn't believe it had happened. It wasn't until the rescue team got there that I realized it had really happened."

The "other gentleman" apparently was the other survivor, James Eagle, 37, Spokane, who remains in critical condition with multiple injuries.

Initial reports said the plane burst into flames on impact, but Tarnoff said there was "black smoke" coming from the plane, which apparently was gutted by fire a few minutes later.

He said as far as he could tell, no one else was moving around after the crash.

He said he was not "blown" out of the tail section, but, rather, was sitting in the middle of the craft.

Tarnoff, an ex-Navy man who now works for a pharmaceutical firm, said he sensed they were about to crash when he heard the scraping sound beneath the plane. "It sounded like when you are driving your car near a tree or some bushes."

He said there was no sudden loss of power nor even any warning that something was amiss, other than sound.

"Someone said just before the crash that it felt like we were in in for a rough landing. I shot back that it was more than a rough landing and put my head between my legs. Nothing else was said, by the pilot or anyone.

"I'm only speculating, but I think he (pilot David Weinberger, Walla Walla) hit a small fog bank that he didn't realize was there. There's no question in my mind that he made a mistake. The visibility to the airport was clear. We could all see it. And we did get into a little fog, but not to the extent that you couldn't see it. I'm not knowledgeable enough to discuss equipment, but as a passenger, I could see the landing strip."

There also was a lot of lateral movement (by the plane), back and forth, before scraping and the crash, Tarnoff said.

Asked if he had heard from NTSB officials or Cascade Airways since the accident, Tarnoff said: "I've heard from no one and I'm extremely annoyed at that. Not so much as an apology from the airlines. I couldn't be angrier at this time about that."

Then, he added: "The only thing I feel right now is a great deal of relief. I'm very fortunate to be alive."

Tarnoff was traveling with one of the men who didn't survive, Dr. Roger Hamstra, Denver.

The two were to address a medical meeting Tuesday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

The other victims were the co-pilot, Paul Davis, Walla Walla; Caroline Law, Yakima; Hamstra, D. Dolan, R. Robertson and Andrew Breland. Hometowns of the last three were not immediately available.

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Nuclear lab truck righted

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Air Force personnel used a crane Saturday to right a Department of Energy truck that overturned while carrying classified material to a federal nuclear laboratory in New Mexico.

The 18-wheel truck overturned Friday on icy Interstate 25 about 10 miles north of Fort Collins, Colo. It was rerouted Saturday to Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, where its contents will be loaded onto another truck, a DOE spokesman said.

DOE officials declined to say what was in the truck.

The vehicle was en route from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash., to Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory in New Mexico when the accident occurred, said David Jackson, an Energy department spokesman in Albuquerque, N.M.

No one was injured in the accident, officials said.

Armed guards from the Air Force and the Department of Energy cordoned off the area for 19 hours, rerouting traffic onto a service road. I-25 was opened Saturday morning, the state patrol said.

"There is no hazard to the public as a result of this accident, other than what would have happened through any other truck accident," said Jackson.

Jackson said the truck's payload was classified information and that the truck was designed to "withstand any kind of accident."

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Ships collide in dense fog

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Two large merchant ships collided Saturday in dense fog 18 miles off the coast of Oceanside, and one sustained "pretty heavy damage" and began taking on water, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries in the 9:40 a.m. collision of the Philippine-registered Trans-Ocean Ram and the Claire A. Tsazliris, a Greek-registered ship.

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LA remains in fog's grip; air traffic halts for 6 hours

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Heavy fog shrouded Los Angeles for a second day Monday, disrupting the flights of hundreds of jetliners for six hours and jamming airports with stranded holiday travelers.

Visibility in some places was reduced to a few feet during the day, causing numerous traffic accidents.

Weather forecasters called for more of the same Tuesday.

"We'll still have extensive fog along the coast," said National Weather Service spokesman Al Dascomb. "It'll probably be as bad as it's been."

Late Monday, Dascomb said earlier predictions that low clouds would replace the fog Monday night and Tuesday morning proved premature. Instead, cold air was expected to continue moving from the ocean over the warm land, creating more fog.

The fog closed Los Angeles International Airport for six hours after dusk Sunday and blocked incoming flights until 10 a.m. Monday.

"The whole system is backed up," airport spokesman Alfred Dubiel said. "Our closure affects airports all over the country. They're delaying flights at Denver, Phoenix, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose — anybody that feeds airplanes into this system. I imagine hundreds of flights are affected."

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Sewage fouls beaches

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sunshine and temperatures approaching the 80s lured thousands of Southern California sunworshipers to the beaches during the weekend — despite the stench and health hazards from raw sewage polluting 7 miles of shoreline. Health officials closed the beach to swimmers indefinitely because of a ruptured sewer siphon that allowed millions of gallons of raw sewage to flow into the ocean. Authorities managed to plug the siphon Sunday, but said it will be midweek before the affected beaches are free of pollutants.

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'Round, 'round went the car — by itself

FOLSOM, Calif. (UPI) — A teen-ager who left his car idling in a parking lot while he visited a store was somewhat surprised when he returned to find the driverless vehicle zooming around in circles on the street.

The car, which had a gear defect, performed its circular self-drive for 20 minutes Saturday but fortunately avoided any pedestrians or other vehicles. Firefighters finally managed to stop the runaway car by dousing it with 250 gallons of water.

"It was the strangest sight," Folsom firefighter Russ Acker said. "At first we thought there was someone in it trying to hit the cops. It would spin into the street and then into the parking lot and then back into the street again, over and over. It looked like something out of the movies."

Although the car's door was open, police and spectators feared to enter it. They called the Fire Department to spray the runaway vehicle in hope of shorting out the electrical system. The torrent of water finally flooded the carburetor, officials said.

The unidentified driver, who had been trying to repair a defective gear shift, left the vehicle idling in the parking lot while paying a brief visit to the supermarket.

— Fla. PK —

Florida's red tide studied

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — Researchers planned more tests Tuesday in an investigation of the red tide that has caused irritation to the eyes, noses and throats of residents along the tourist beaches of Florida's east coast. Since Nov. 17 the red tide — caused by rapid growth of bacteria in seawater — has been moving steadily south from St. Augustine, sending windborne toxins shoreward.

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— Nevada PK —

Auto ignites jet fuel spill

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Thousands of gallons of jet fuel gushed from a ruptured pipeline west of the Las Vegas Strip Monday and at one point erupted in flames, sending up a fireball, authorities said.

The spill, which forced the closure of several major streets, apparently was ignited by a spark from a passing automobile, said Capt. Ralph Dinsman of the Clark County Fire Department. No injuries were reported.

The automobile "ignited the fumes, sending a ball of fire 40 to 50 feet into the air, burning telephone and electric lines," Dinsman said.

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Workers flee nuclear plant

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A false alarm warning of high radiation levels prompted evacuation of the Rancho Seco nuclear power plant for an hour Monday, the plant's operator reported.

Radiation monitoring instruments apparently were at fault, said Jeff Marx, spokesman for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

He said the instruments indicated high radiation levels outside the plant at 8:50 a.m.

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Canine disease level remains high

By JOAN LAATZ
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SALEM — Canine parvo virus, the highly contagious and often fatal disease that causes intestinal hemorrhaging in dogs, is continuing to take its toll in Oregon, according to state Department of Agriculture figures.

No one appears more surprised than Dr. Mike Daly, epidemiologist for the department, who said he had believed that the number of cases had significantly decreased since this summer when it was reported to have reached epidemic proportions in some areas.

However, a check this week of recent reports from veterinarians around the state revealed that the number of cases reported in November reached an all-time high of 2,061. Of that amount, 1,183 cases occurred in Multnomah County.

Daly said he hadn't checked the reports recently and had thought the disease peaked in September when 1,382 cases were reported in the state.

"I'm surprised by the figures. I guess we just weren't hearing much about it," Daly said. "I was talking to some veterinarians yesterday (in Salem) and they said they're still seeing it, but not in the numbers they were before."

He said he thought the disease had run its course and moved on to another area, which is characteristic of many diseases. Dogs are highly susceptible when a new disease strikes an area, but, after a while, they "become immune to an extent," Daly said.

Reports for October and November show that the number of cases of parvo virus have increased steadily since what was believed to be the peak in September. November showed the greatest jump, with an increase of more than 700 cases over the 1,354 reported in October.

Incomplete figures for 1980 (December reports are not yet available), show a total of 5,995 cases of parvo virus reported in the state. The majority of those occurred in the Portland area "because that's where the population is," Daly said, but the disease appears to have touched most parts of the state. Some areas, including Harney County in Eastern Oregon and Jefferson County in Central Oregon, "have been completely unscathed," he said.

Figures on deaths resulting from parvo virus are not available, but according to Daly, "There were quite a few."

Despite increasing figures, Daly was quick to caution against alarm. The increase in reported cases may be due to late arriving laboratory confirmations, he said. The reporting system "is never that accurate," he said, and reports frequently run at least one month behind. He said many of the cases reported in November actually may have occurred one or two months before.

Veterinarians are reluctant to report cases as parvo virus until lab confirmations are made, Daly said. The Agriculture Department sends cards to all veterinarians in the state each month asking them to report parvo cases. Daly said the cards are not always returned promptly.

An increase in awareness of the disease also could explain the rise in reported cases, according to Daly. He said recognition of parvo virus, a fairly new disease believed to be a mutation of feline distemper virus, "is not that easy of a diagnosis." He added that symptoms, including marked lethargy, accompanying fever, vomiting and diarrhea, are very similar to poisoning.

Dogs can be protected against parvo virus if they are vaccinated. Although the vaccine was in short supply last summer, Daly said, it now appears to be readily available. According to veterinarians, parvo virus is spread primarily through dog feces and vomit and can live on the ground for years. Although the virus is not known to affect humans or other animals, it can be transmitted by them. Humans can carry the virus on their shoes, skin or clothing.

Veterinarians suggest that persons who come into contact with an afflicted dog wash their clothes and bodies with a solution of one part bleach to 30 parts water.

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Misfortune on the trail

The accident along the cross-country trail he was skiing near his Camp David retreat is an unfortunate way for President Carter to conclude his presidency.

It may, however, have been symbolic of the woes that pursued his four-year stewardship.

Many a time the Carter administration set off on a course of action, only to have it end in shambles because of accident or events beyond its control.

It would fight inflation and find the nation plunged into recession. It would concentrate on recession only to see inflation heightened.

The president would negotiate a release of the hostages in Iran, only to learn the people on the other side lacked authority to carry out their commitments. So he would send in a commando raid to save the hostages, and then see it fail in helicopter breakdowns in a desert storm.

World peace would be pushed through detente with the Soviet Union, and then break down under the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

Even the more successful initiatives in an energy policy for the nation and peace in the Middle East had their unforeseen frustrations.

Such has been the plight of the presidency of Jimmy Carter. He did not need the broken collar bone as a final blow. But he got it honestly, continuing to be active to the end.

We wish you a speedy recovery, Mr. President, and a minimum of discomfort as you complete your duties.

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— Calif. PK —

Plane collision raises brushfire deaths to 7

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI) — Two air tankers used to bombard flames during the devastating Southern California brushfires collided during a picture-taking exercise on their way home, killing two men in a fiery desert crash.

Killed in the crash were pilot Clyde Alford, 50, and Ron Letness, about 30, also of Tucson. Pilot Ken White, 56, and co-pilot Gary Garrett, 41, both of Tucson, were uninjured.

The deaths raised the toll to seven killed in the nine-day siege of major brush and timber blazes that have destroyed 383 homes, blackened 80,000 acres and caused $72 million in property damages in Southern California.

The four-engine propeller-driven planes, under contract to the U.S. Forest Service to dump water and fire retardant on brushfires, hit one another Tuesday afternoon over Indio, Calif., on their way back to Arizona.

Officials said the air tankers made con- one plane passed over the other during a special photo exercise. The reason for the maneuver was not known.

One of the converted C-54 aircraft crashed to the barren desert floor and burst into flames, killing its two occupants and strewing debris over a 3-mile-wide area.

The other tanker made an emergency landing at nearby Palm Springs Airport, about 120 miles east of Los Angeles, without injuring either of the two men inside.

"It was the worst thing I've ever seen," said witness Dave Baldridge, a construction foreman with Southern California Edison. "It was just flat."

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— Navy vs. U.S. Govt. —

Driver accused of ramming sub

GROTON, Conn. (UPI) — A peace protester has been charged with comandeering a van and ramming it into a $1 billion Trident submarine during launching ceremonies for another Navy sub.

Peter J. Demott, 33, of Baltimore, was charged with criminal trespass and reckless endangerment and was held on $25,000 bond pending a hearing Monday in New London Superior Court.

The incident Saturday went largely unnoticed by about 4,500 people attending the launching of the USS Baltimore, a fast-attack submarine, at General Dynamics Corp.'s Electric Boat Division shipyard.

No one was injured in the incident and a shipyard spokesman said damage to the Trident "appeared to be negligible, but the van was badly wrecked."

The spokesman said the van's driver was unloading the vehicle in an area roped off from the public when DeMott commandeered it.

He backed it up to the unfinished, unnamed Trident, slamming into its rudder five times before stopping.

The behemoth, 900-foot, 18,750-ton vessel, the first of seven Tridents, moved to the side about one foot, witnesses said.

When asked why he did it, Demott replied, "For peace."

A second man from Baltimore was arrested several hours earlier when he laid down at the shipyard gates at the start of a local protest by about 25 anti-nuclear demonstrators.

The $450 million Baltimore is part of the Navy's new Los Angeles 688 Class fast-attack submarines.

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U.N. officials die in crash

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — A light aircraft crashed 70 miles northwest of this East African capital, killing 10 people, including eight United Nations officials, a U.N. spokesman said Saturday. One of the dead was identified as an American.

He said the crash occurred Friday night and that remains of the crash victims were being brought to Dar es Salaam.

The dead were identified as K.K. Apeadu of Ghana, the U.N. Development Program representative to Tanzania; H.M. Caspari, an American, the UNDP assistant representative; Caspari's British wife, Helen Lewis-Jones, Tanzanian coordinator for the United Nations food and population program; M. Poikolainen of Finland, a Tanzanian-based Food and Agricultural Organization program officer; J. Mfuru, a Tanzanian and UNDP program officer; D.C. Ea and K. Baldwin, both Rome-based British officials of the FAO, and H. Chen of China.

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— Navy vs. U.S. Govt. —

'Dead' satellite back on line

NEW YORK (AP) — An X-ray astronomy satellite that had been out of commission since an unexplained failure in August has inexplicably resumed operation, scientists announced Wednesday.

The resumption means the National Aeronautics and Space Administration satellite, known as the Einstein Observatory, should provide another four to six months of data on X-rays from space, said Harvey Tananbaum of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Launched in November 1978, the satellite has already outlived its design life of one year. But scientists had hoped to extend it to three years by a careful hoarding of its gas propellant.

The satellite has made the most detailed survey ever of X-ray emissions from stars, galaxies and the distant, mysterious objects known as quasars. X-rays reveal the presence of high-energy processes that cannot be detected with visible light or radio waves.

Its future was thrown in jeopardy when two of its four gyroscopes would not restart after they were shut down by an on-board computer error Aug. 27, Tananbaum said. At least three gyroscopes are needed to point the satellite's X-ray telescope.

Scientists were forced to use the remaining gas to keep its solar panels pointed toward the sun. Virtually all observing was halted.

But Saturday, after hundreds of attempts to restart the two gyros, one of them began working again. "It's sort of like hitting the side of your television set to try to stabilize the picture. Sometimes you succeed, sometimes you don't," Tananbaum said.

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Pine beetle epidemic surges through forests south of Bend

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By JIM KADERA — 4 Projects PK —
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After devastating more than 1 million acres in Northeast Oregon forests, mountain pine beetles have reached epidemic levels in the public and private forests south of Bend.

The outbreak in the Umatilla, Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman national forests killed more than 1 billion board feet of lodgepole pine in a decade.

The epidemic in the Deschutes, Winema and Fremont national forests and on adjoining lands will take about two decades to kill more than 500 million board feet of lodgepole, according to U.S. Forest Service estimates.

Just as happened in the northeastern forests, a variety of problems and opportunities await public and private timberland managers.

The problems include salvaging pine stands before commercial values are lost, the danger of fire in dead, unlogged stands, and local efforts to spray residential pines to delay losses.

Opportunities include reforesting and managing new stands to avoid some of the problems that lead to a beetle outbreak.

The epidemic south of Bend is not an expansion of the same beetle population from the other forests. It began because of the same type of conditions that en-[illegible] outbreak, according to Paul [illegible]



EPIDEMIC — Areas most affected by beetle outbreak are near Newberry Crater, Crane Prairie and Wickiup reservoirs and Wanoga Butte.

"wild fire" spread to the larger and more valuable Ponderosa pines, he in-

Some 147,000 infested lodgepoles and 11,000 Ponderosas were tallied on 60,000 acres in the Fremont forest. The losses were 103,000 lodgepoles and 3,000 Ponderosas on 58,000 acres in the Winema.

Recreationists will observe effects of the epidemic when they return to their favorite campgrounds in the next few years. Unless the outbreak can be slowed, once-scenic recreation sites will be stripped of pines in a short time.

The Deschutes forest expects to release a beetle management plan to the public in February, according to Greg McClarren, forest information officer.

A rough draft of the plan suggests that four approaches are available, depending on objective and amount of lai- timber infested.

"Logging will be the first line of defense on public and large private lands," the draft states. "This method would utilize the wood by cutting and milling the trees before the beetles have had a chance to spread.

"Cutting infested trees for firewood is another use. However, the material cannot be left in the forest or stored in wood piles where the beetle can emerge and spread to other trees. Infested wood can be treated to prevent beetle survival."

A second tactic would be to delay loss of most lodgepole stands by five to [illegible] by logging the dense overma-

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Rain, warmth trigger flash of Idaho floods

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By The Associated Press

Triggered by a week of steady rain and unseasonably warm temperatures, northern and western Idaho creeks and rivers began flooding Friday, washing over roads and bridges and threatening some homes.

"It doesn't appear that it's very serious as of yet," said Paul Massie of the state Disaster Services headquarters in Boise. "But there's always the potential."

After days of steady rain, plus temperatures in the high 50s that melted snow up to the 11,000-foot level, many northern Idaho streams were near flood stage.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings Friday for Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone counties in northern Idaho.

The agency said the Coeur d'Alene River at Enaville reached 74.1 feet by late afternoon, 2 feet above flood stage. The river was expected to rise to nearly 75 feet by early Saturday.

The St. Joe River at St. Maries was at 32.1 feet. Flood stage is 32.5 feet. The river was expected to peak at 38 feet Saturday.

The Coeur d'Alene River at Calder, which has a flood stage of 43 feet, was expected to reach 47 feet by daybreak Saturday.

Just west of Pinehurst, Shoshone County road crews were working to shore up a dike on Northbank Road to prevent the flooding of 24 homes. "We are in danger of losing the dike," said county spokesman Earl Howard.

Support beams on the Fourth Street Bridge in Pineurst were being washed away by logs and debris from the high waters, Howard said.

Stanley G. Witter Jr., spokesman for Washington Water Power Co., said rain and high temperatures were producing more water than hydroelectric stations could use for generation, so excess water was being spilled over dams.

"We don't like to see the snowpack disappearing in the mountains at this time of year, particularly when loads are down as they are now," said Witter.

Because of the mild weather, power loads have been running about 60 percent of normal the last couple of days, he said.

Massie said his reports from people in the area indicated little concern, with few homes threatened.

The weather service reported the Weiser River in western Idaho reached flood stage of 9 feet by 5:30 p.m. Friday.

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Flooding threatens towns, closes highways

By KATHY McCARTHY
of The Associated Press

Washington residents put away their Christmas presents and pulled on their hip boots Friday as balmy temperatures and drenching rains forced rivers over their banks, washing away houses and closing roads.

Also, temperatures in the high 50s and low 60s melted what was left of a light snowpack in the Cascades.

The National Weather Service in Seattle predicted heavy rains would not ease before Saturday.

The worst flooding has been reported in Snohomish County, where dozens were evacuated from the communities of Index, Darrington, Sultan and Verlot and officials worried about the strength of dikes.

"Right now, I'd say it's worse than it has ever been in 100 years," said Sultan Mayor Harold Love.

No major problems were reported in Southwest Washington's Cowlitz and Toutle river areas downstream from Mount St. Helens, where authorities had worried that silt deposits from the volcano's May 18 eruption would limit the rivers' carrying ability, despite dredging efforts.

However, high water forced closure of northbound lanes on the Interstate 5 bridge over the Toutle River in Cowlitz County. Traffic temporarily was reduced to one northbound lane after U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials became concerned that support structures for the bridge had been weakened by the heavy runoff, said Jim Addison, corps spokesman in Portland.

By midevening, northbound traffic was rerouted altogether.

Addison added that corps officials were concerned about sediment washing down the Toutle since a spillway failed Thursday on one of the river's containment dams north of Camp Baker on the north fork.

Chuck Bellinger, a corps engineer at Castle Rock, said information on the damage to the containment dam's spillway was sketchy. He said a similar dam on the south fork of the Toutle was working as designed.

Washington 504 was closed at Kid Valley on the Toutle, downstream from the volcano, after a bank washed out at the approach to a temporary pontoon bridge thrown up to replace a bridge destroyed in the mountain's May 18 eruption.

In 1975, floods considered the worst of the century in Washington caused an estimated $70 million in damage. Hundreds were evacuated and six died two years later, in December 1977 flooding.

In some places, the worst may be yet to come.

The Skagit River, predicted to crest late Saturday at 11 feet above flood stage, was expected to threaten downtown Mount Vernon, said county flood control engineer Don Nelson. He said the threat matched that of a 1951 flood. Skagit County officials planned feverish sandbagging efforts in Mount Vernon.

Nearly half an inch of rain fell Friday morning at Quillayute, Wash., on the Olympic Peninsula and Seattle reported 1½ inches in the past two days.

Forecasters said major flooding was in progress or predicted for several Western Washington rivers, including the Elwha, Skagit, Snohomish, Skykomish and Snoqualmie.

Several other major highways were closed by high water and numerous county roads were disabled.

Some residents were plucked from their homes by air and boat near Monroe, where an emergency center was set up. Authorities said at least seven houses were swept away in Index, seven in Sultan and two or three near Darrington. The main road leading to Index, a community of 500, was cut off.

Darrington's drinking water supply was knocked out when a pipe broke Tuesday, Lewis said.

Another 75 to 100 people were evacuated from Cape Horn in Skagit County.

McLaughlin said the Skykomish basin probably was experiencing flooding as severe as any in the last 20 years and added that residents between Monroe and Snohomish should leave the area.

In Pierce County, the Nisqually River crept within four feet of the McKenna Home for the elderly and handicapped, but it was then holding steady. Buses were readied to evacuate the 135 patients, if necessary.

Tacoma City Light was forced to release water periodically Friday from its Alder Dam, upstream on the Nisqually, but the river did not inundate McKenna.

Cranes were dispatched to break up a log jam that threatened an old U.S. 99 bridge over the Nisqually River on the Thurston-Pierce county line, said Lt. Chuck Graef of the Thurston County sheriff's office. A Red Cross shelter was set up to handle any lower Nisqually flood victims.

A few people also left their homes along the sparsely populated Elwha River on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Several families of the Lower Elwha band of the Clallam Indians left their low-lying reservation.

Major highways disrupted Friday included U.S. 12 over White Pass, closed between Morton and Packwood due to high water, and U.S. 2 over Stevens Pass, closed from Monroe to Baring because sightseers were hampering evacuation efforts.

High water, mudslides and fallen trees on U.S. 101 on the Olympic Peninsula cut that highway at several points Friday, forcing detours.

The rain was brought in by warm air flowing from near the Hawaiian Islands to the Pacific Northwest, forecasters said.

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Volcano erupts

MARION ISLAND, Indian Ocean (AP) — A long-silent volcano has erupted on this remote island 1,152 miles southeast of Cape Town causing no injuries or property damage, the South African transport affairs department said.

The island, one of the Prince Edward chain, is a South African possession. About 20 weather and research technicians are its only inhabitants.

The eruption scattered elephant seals that normally feed near the volcano, but attracted penguins who warmed themselves near the lava, officials said.

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Flooding extensive

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Police said rain-swollen rivers and melting snow caused extensive flooding Saturday in large areas of northern and central Spain, damaging crops and property but taking no lives.

Officials evacuated scores of people from small villages along the rivers and reported rail and telephone communications cut in portions of the Basque area including Santander, Leon and Burgos provinces.

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'Red tide' blamed for mist

By MATT BOKOR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Toxic "red tide" has been blamed as the culprit behind an irritating mist that has plagued hundreds of people on North Florida beaches and health officials say they are relieved to know it was nature's work all along.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Frank Landrove, environmental health director in Volusia County. "By a lot worse, I mean it could have been man-made."

Residents and tourists here had been complaining for almost two weeks of irritated throats, eyes and noses because of the mist that seemed to be rising off the sea.

It got so bad Wednesday that lifeguards in the Daytona Beach area were told to leave their towers. Some donned surgical masks to filter out impurities that were blamed on the red tide, a microorganism that in concentration can give seawater a reddish tint.

Officials said they had a hard time detecting red tide because it did not turn the sea red or cause a large fish kill.

Some dead fish were reported in the New Smyrna Beach area, and officials said more reports could come in.

Dr. Hubert King, Volusia County's health director, warned residents and beachgoers to use common sense and leave areas if they feel uncomfortable. Landgrove advised people with respiratory problems to remain indoors until the problem is resolved.

Red tide can cause paralytic shellfish poisoning. Earlier this year, PSP contamination forced Maine officials to ban shellfishing along the state's coast after several people were hospitalized.

Steps were being taken to ban shell fishing from Jacksonville south to Cocoa, but that probably would not go into effect until the state conducted more tests, King said.

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Nevada quake rattles Lake Tahoe, Reno

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP) — An earthquake registering 5.1 on the Richter scale shook the Sierra Nevada north of Lake Tahoe Friday but, aside from broken dishes, little damage was reported.

The tremor was felt most distinctly in Nevada, Sierra and Plumas counties, but people in Sacramento and Reno, Nev., also felt the jolt.

"It was quite strong here and we felt it all right," said Allene Wright at the Loyalton Sierra Booster, a biweekly newspaper in Sierra County. "At my daughter's across the street, things fell off the mantel."

The University of California Seismograph Station at Berkeley said the quake, which struck at 10:21 a.m. PST, was centered between Truckee and Reno, north of Lake Tahoe, a lightly populated mountainous area.

Sheriff's offices at South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Nevada City, Quincy and Grass Valley reported many telephone calls including a few reports of broken dishes.

The Nevada County sheriff's office said a woman near Cedar Ridge reported a cracked ceiling and a loosened chimney pipe.

A caller told the Grass Valley Union newspaper there were waves on Donner Lake, near Truckee.

In Reno, alarmed guests at Harrah's 26-story hotel said they felt the earthquake strongly on the upper floors. A security guard at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City said chandeliers in the lobby began to sway.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground movement as registered by seismographs. Every increase of one number, say from 4 to 5, indicates a 10-fold increase in magnitude. A quake registering 5 can cause considerable damage in a populated area.

The north Lake Tahoe area was shaken by two earthquakes 40 minutes apart Sept. 12, 1966. They were measured at 6.0 and 5.3, according to University of California records.

The earthquake that triggered the destruction of San Francisco in 1906 has been estimated at 8.3 on the Richter scale, although it occurred before the scale was devised.

Wind-whippe

— Calif. PK — "Power" attack

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By PAUL SIMON

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Winds up to 50 mph flung flames from one town to another Wednesday and forced the evacuation of a mountain hamlet as a flock of Southern California brush fires raged out of control for a third day.

Four people have died and more than 350 homes have gone up in smoke as 65,000 acres have been consumed by 10 separate fires fanned by the treacherous southerly airflow called the Santa Ana, or "devil winds," that sweeps down from the mountains.

Damage is estimated at $44 million and officials say the rash of fires, engaging about 2,000 firefighters, is one of the worst in California history.

An 11th blaze broke out Wednesday 100 miles to the northwest in the Los Padres National Forest and rapidly burned more than 2,000 acres in Ventura County. Officials said winds were light and no structures were in the path of the fire.

The most destructive blaze, the 13,000-acre Panorama Canyon fire, had moved north out of San Bernardino and into the rural town of Devore. But winds shifted and pushed the fire back uphill toward the mountain hamlets of Rim Forest and Twin Peaks.

The entire community of Rim Forest — about 50 homes 10 miles east of Devore — was evacuated.

Earlier, the flames played hopscotch

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San Bernardino invaded
California fires sear 100 homes

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By YARDENA ARAR

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Winds howling up to 95 mph sent three fires roaring through 13,500 tinder-dry acres of forest and brush Monday, setting 100 to 200 houses aflame and forcing hundreds of foothill residents to flee.

The most serious was the 8,000-acre Panorama fire that started about 75 miles east of Los Angeles in the Upper Waterman Canyon in the San Bernardino National Forest north of the city. Fanned by the high, northeasterly Santa Ana winds, that blaze swept down the hills and stormed through a 10-square-block area within San Bernardino city limits.

"There are fires reported all over the city," said San Bernardino fire spokesman Jimmy Jews. "We have one block that has been destroyed. We're talking $80,000, $90,000, $100,000 homes, four- to five-bedroom homes."

Debbie Ottoson, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry, said between 100 and 200 houses were destroyed or damaged in the Panorama fire. "We won't have a definite structure count until the fire is contained," she said.

U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Debbie Salow said the fire was believed arson-caused.

Jews said between 300 and 400 homes had been evacuated, with residents fleeing to centers in the National Orange Show grounds and Richardson Junior High.

But some stayed. Harold Willis said it took only about an hour and 15 minutes for his $350,000 home on a bluff commanding a 180-degree view of the San Bernardino Valley to go up in smoke.

"The fire came down in a huge ball (from the hill above)," Willis said. "It was just like a holocaust. Then the fire went over the house and started on down the hill below. We thought we had escaped.

"But apparently some sparks blew in under the garage door and started a fire inside the garage. By the time we discovered it, it was just too late to get any fire trucks up here. There were just not enough to go around. They had houses burning all over the place, so we just stood there and watched it burn."

No deaths and only minor injuries were reported.

Jews said the fire's advance appeared to have slowed down by early evening.

About three miles to the east, the Sycamore fire burned several structures and more than 500 acres of brush in the Cky Creek area. Ms. Ottoson, the state forestry spokeswoman, said that fire was moving southeast toward the Highland area, threatening more homes.

The third fire was in the Mount Baldy area of the Angeles National Forest, about 20 miles west of San Bernardino. At least one summer cabin and 5,000 acres of timber went up in flames that had advanced to within less than a few hundred yards of Mount Baldy Village and were still on the move. Officials feared the entire village might be destroyed.

"It's all around us," said Jean Adams, whose husband, Earl, owns the Snowcrest Lodge several miles north of Mount Baldy Village. "It's real close. Everyone was asked to evacuate, but we've decided to stay."

She said firefighters were making a stand at the Zen Center across the road from the lodge.

In the village, fire vehicles lined the main street and crews fought desperately to keep flames from racing down the western ridge and into the town.

Monday's fires came just 10 days after firefighters controlled a 6,600-acre Bradbury fire, which developed about 20 miles southwest of Mount Baldy and in six days destroyed 55 homes and damaged 27 others for a loss of $25 million. One man died of a heart attack when he fled the flames.

Angeles National Forest planning chief Art Smith said the Baldy fire apparently began "in an abandoned campfire in the Baldy Notch area near the top of the ski lift" and then was pushed southwest toward the village by the high winds.

Both national forests were closed to all public entry except for residents and persons with special permits.

The high winds, which were expected to last through Tuesday, precluded use of air tankers to fight the blaze. One light plane that did attempt a reconnaissance flight was unable to see the flames.

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Bombed casino to reopen in May

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — The Lake Tahoe hotel-casino shattered by an extortionist's bomb Aug. 27 is expected to be back in full operation by May.

Vice President Richard Kudrna said the 11-story Harvey's Resort Hotel would be rebuilt at a cost of $12 million, which would be borne by the resort's insurance company.

The repair will cover "everything that needs to be put back the way it was before the incident," Kudrna said.

The main casino and two restaurants were back in business two days after the bomb blast. The 196 hotel rooms, a restaurant on top of the hotel and a portion of the casino have been closed because of structural damage caused by the explosion.

The bomb went off shortly after an attempt to meet an extortionist's demand for $3 million in exchange for information on how to disarm the bomb went awry when the alleged extortionist failed to show at the drop site.

The FBI is continuing its search for the extortionists, but neither its investigation nor a $200,000 reward fund has succeeded in turning up any suspects in the case.

— UFOs vs U.S. Govt —

3 die in air crash

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — Three people were killed Saturday when two military aircraft collided during a test flight just offshore of Seacliff Park here, authorities said.

Wreckage of the Hughes YAH-64 helicopter and T-28 single-engine airplane fell about a half-mile off the Encinitas coastline and into the town as well. San Diego County lifeguard Sgt. Bill Hunt said debris was scattered throughout a wide area of the ocean.

The T-28 pilot parachuted to safety after the crash.

"We felt the impact, an explosion, and saw debris falling into the water," said Greg Villanueva, a 40-year-old architect from nearby Irvine, who saw the accident.

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Currents in the News

U.S. Will Feel Cold's Impact for Months

Unusual winter weather—too cold in the East and too dry nearly everywhere—is causing problems that will plague Americans for much of 1981.

Already evident are jumps in food and fuel costs—the result of temperatures that froze gardens and groves in Florida and forced shivering Easterners to turn up the heat.

Even after winter ends, its repercussions will linger. This year's grain crops may be short as a result of too little snow this winter. Water shortages are likely to worsen in much of the East and parts of the West.

Behind the nation's uncommon winter is a weather system rooted on the other side of the globe. Arctic air from ice floes off Siberia crossed Canada and caused record-low temperatures on the Eastern Seaboard. A persistent high-pressure zone over the Rocky Mountains—which funneled the Arctic air into the East—blocked arrival of moisture-bearing storms from the Pacific.

It all spelled trouble for millions of people. While hundreds of ski-resort workers were laid off in the Rockies, welfare recipients lined up outside the governor's office in Rhode Island to demand money for heating fuel.

Natural-gas supplies ran so low in Massachusetts that Governor Edward King ordered the closing of gas-heated schools. Many businesses in New England shut down for lack of heat.

Heating-oil bills topping $400 a month became a reality as refiners jacked up prices. The cold wave boosted utility bills in the Washington, D.C., area alone by 10 million dollars a week.

Waterways were frozen from the St. Lawrence River south to Chesapeake Bay. Prices of fish, lobsters and oysters nearly doubled as fishermen left nets and dredges on icebound boats.

Northerners who fled to Florida to escape the cold wound up walking on the beaches in overcoats.

Citrus growers watched helplessly as up to 20 percent of their orange crop froze on the trees. Wholesale prices jumped sharply.

Also wrecked by the Florida freeze were crops of lettuce, beans, tomatoes, peppers and squash. Within days, supermarkets across the U.S. boosted produce prices 25 percent or more.

Florida's vegetable growers quickly began preparing new crops that may help bring prices down by spring. But citrus prices are likely to remain high for many months if damage to the state's orange trees proves lasting.

In some areas, alarm over the winter's drought rivaled concern about the cold. The Delaware River Basin Commission—made up of the governors of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware—declared a drought emergency after a dry spell shriveled water supplies to the lowest level in 15 years. The order banned such activities as noncommercial car washing and routinely serving water in restaurants.

Western farmers, hit by drought last summer, feared they were not getting enough snow to provide moisture for a good 1981 grain harvest.

In South Dakota, snowfall is 75 percent below normal. Governor William Janklow warned: "We're looking at a disaster the likes of which we haven't seen since the '30s."

Still another problem: Barges ran aground on the Mississippi River, which fell to its lowest level in 111 years.

The National Weather Service, seeing little relief ahead, says the weather through mid-February is likely to stay unusually cold in the East and abnormally dry in the West. □

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

Quake rescue efforts chided

By CLARA HEMPHILL proj: 11/27/80

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — Rescue teams used trained dogs Wednesday to sniff out people buried alive in the rubble of the Italian earthquake, Europe's deadliest in 65 years. Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni resigned, apparently in response to charges of delay in aiding the victims.

The Italian military command said the death toll had reached 3,000, and 1,300 people were missing after the Sunday night quake. The Interior Ministry said more than 2,000 bodies had been recovered but gave no precise figure.

The Interior Ministry released the text of Rognoni's resignation letter to President Sandro Pertini. He said he was quitting "to relieve the government of tensions that would tend to frustrate its activities, which absolutely must be freely carried out at this time." Rognoni added, "I have a tranquil conscience."

The Cabinet fired the government's representative in Avellino, the hardest-hit province, and Pertini went on national television to criticize rescue operations. "Those who failed must be punished," he declared.

The reason for dismissing the Avellino official, Attilio Del Befalo, was not given, but local Communist Party officials and the press had criticized him for delays in getting aid to victims.

The military command said the quake injured 5,000 and made 200,000 homeless when it struck the poverty-stricken southern region.

The quake damaged the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii, Naples Archeological Superintendent Fausto Zevi said in a statement. He said the ruins, 14 miles southeast of Naples, suffered damage in about 100 places but provided no details. Pompeii was buried under volcanic ash when nearby Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79.

The quake also destroyed 1,000 objects and cracked walls in the Naples National Museum, Zevi said.

Rain fell in some parts of the disaster zone and the national weather bureau forecast heavy showers Wednesday night, turning to snow by the weekend in mountains where many villages were stricken.

"We need food and clothes but mainly we need arms to dig," said Raffaele Farese, an elderly man in Conza, a village east of Naples where hundreds are still missing. "It would be a miracle if anybody is still alive but that (digging) is the only way to save anybody."

In Lioni, a hill town east of Naples, Marta Enza stood vigil over a pile of concrete where her sister, Anna, and a 3-year-old niece still are buried. "The soldiers aren't coming here yet because only two are buried here," said Marta's fiance, Sergio Brux, staring at 30 soldiers pulling bodies from the rubble of an apartment building.

Military search teams rescued a woman alive nearly three days after the quake from the ruins of her home in Santomenna, near Salerno. They pulled out two others alive in Sant' Angelo dei Lombardi, north of Conza.

4 die in firestorm in San Bernardino

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By PAUL SIMON

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Four people died and about 400 were injured in a firestorm fed by erratic winds up to 60 mph that churned across the foothills of San Bernardino, charring 257 homes and forcing thousands to flee. Tuesday, officials called it the worst fire in the city's history.

Acting Gov. Mike Curb declared a state of emergency in San Bernardino County, citing property damage estimates of $44 million.

The fire was one of nine raging across 50,000 acres of brush and timberland in Southern California, damaging or destroying more than 300 homes and forcing the evacuation of an estimated 10,000 people.

In San Bernardino, an industrial city of 115,000, a fire believed caused by arson erupted Monday and swept across the northern edge of the city. Thousands of people abandoned their homes as the fire charred 12,000 acres in the city and in the San Bernardino National Forest to the north.

"We just thought it would stay up there for awhile. Then everyone started running," said Caroline Moseman, whose home in the North Park area of the city was destroyed.

About 1,900 firefighters battled the San Bernardino fire, the worst of the fires burning in five counties. But aircraft could not be enlisted in the fight because of the high winds.

Firefighters bulldozed swaths of brush or timberland to hold the fires in check. In some areas the firefighters sought to block the blazes by starting their own controlled fires, called "backfires."

The charred bodies of an elderly couple were found in their yard by sheriff's deputies after their children reported them missing, said city fire spokesman Jimmy Jews.

One San Bernardino man suffered a fatal heart attack while watering down his property to ward off the fire, and a woman died of a heart attack after being evacuated from her home, Jews said.

At least 257 homes were either damaged or destroyed in that blaze, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Joanna Guttman. Jews said at least 180 of the homes were in ruins.

"Without a doubt, it is unequivocally the worst fire we've ever had," he said.

Police said they arrested four looters in the city's fire-stricken North Park area. Except for California 15 and 138, all roads into the fire area were closed Tuesday.

Curb, speaking in Los Angeles for Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., who was in Washington, D.C., said his emergency declaration would make low-cost loans available to stricken residents. He said 400 people were injured. Few serious injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, seven homes were destroyed and another 56 damaged in the Indian Truck fire south of Lake Elsinore, and two cabins burned in a fire on Mount Baldy.

The fires came only 10 days after the 6,600-acre Bradbury fire, about 20 miles south of Mount Baldy, which caused $25 million damage and one death.

The 10,000-acre Indian Truck fire consumed seven homes and damaged 56 structures in the Holy Jim and Trabuco Canyon areas of Orange County. Firefighters were trying to keep the flames away from about 175 homes valued at $500,000 to $1 million in the exclusive Costa de Caza area.

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About 80 of Costa de Caza's 500 residents left voluntarily, and the Joplin Boys Camp also was evacuated. The fire flared up Monday in Riverside County, seven miles north of Lake Elsinore, and during the night jumped a ridge into Orange County.

The Mount Baldy fire, the first of the blazes to flare up, swept through 10,000 acres of timber in the Angeles National Forest and was heading southwest toward the more populated San Antonio Heights and Cucamonga Canyon areas.

It had destroyed two cabins, but firefighters managed to keep it from slipping into the canyon village, most of whose 1,000 residents had left.

Meantime, a fire in the hills above Rancho Cucamonga, about halfway between the San Bernardino and Mount Baldy fires, had burned between 150 and 200 acres. The Grand Fire three miles southwest of Lake Elsinore had blackened 5,000 acres and prompted evacuation of residents of Lakeland Village. A fire in the Prado Flood Control Basin about 15 miles northwest of the lake, near Corona, destroyed a dairy and 300 acres of brush and was almost fully contained and half controlled Tuesday morning.

Los Angeles County fire officials reported 40 percent containment, but five miles of open line remained on a brush fire that broke out early Tuesday and blackened 2,600 acres as it raced down Malibu and Stokes canyons toward the ocean.

Some residents in Malibu and Stokes canyon, about 30 miles west of Los Angeles, were being evacuated, and two major area roads were closed, the California Highway Patrol reported.

County fire spokesman Dick Friend said the fire burned parallel to a 1970 blaze that eventually burned all the way to the coast and destroyed 200 homes for a loss of $16 million.

About five miles east of the big fire in San Bernardino, a fire that had blackened about 3,000 acres of brush-covered hillside in the San Bernardino National Forest was reported 25 percent contained.

Some 490 U.S. Forest Service employees from 16 national forests in Oregon and Washington are helping to fight brush and forest fires in southern California this week.

The largest contingent from the Northwest is the 60 firefighters dispatched from the Roseburg-based Umpqua National Forest.

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U.S. experts deny volcano affects weather in Japan

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SEATTLE (AP) — U.S. weather experts deny claims by their Japanese counterparts who say the May 18, 1980, eruption of Mount St. Helens is responsible for an unusually severe winter in northern Japan.

"We can't rule out the possibility that the volcano had some effect," said Murray Mitchell, a senior climatologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration center at Silver Spring, Md. "But I, for one, am not convinced we can blame such things on any one factor such as a volcanic eruption."

In a telephone interview, Mitchell said the massive plume from the eruption contained too little sulfur dioxide to form sulfuric acid droplets that would linger for months in the upper atmosphere, screening sunlight from the Earth and altering climate conditions.

Two Japanese meteorologists began mentioning Mount St. Helens as a possible weather villain when northern Japan continued to experience the heaviest winter snows in two decades. The severe winter followed an unusually cool summer that caused severe crop damage.

Motokazu Hirono, a geophysicist at Kyushu University, said radar probes of the stratosphere over Japan detected ash-induced aerosol particles five to six times normal density.

"There seems to be some shielding effect from volcanic ash in the atmosphere," Hirono said.

"The dynamics of the atmosphere are very complex," he continued, "but the possibility that the volcano has changed Japan's weather is there."

The heavy snowfall in Japan has resulted in at least 89 deaths and almost 500 injured.

"I agree with the Japanese completely that the dynamics of the atmosphere are very complicated," Mitchell said. "I think the weather has been unusual in many parts of the world, both last summer and this winter both.

"I, for one, am not convinced we would not have most of this 'unusualness' coming at us even if there were no volcanic eruptions anywhere in the world, even if the sun were pouring radiation at us at exactly the same amount all the time."

Mitchell said U.S. climatologists, who concentrate on North America, explain cold weather in the East and cold and drought in the West by factors such as unusual temperature distributions in

— 4 Projecta PK —

N.J. water crisis deepens

By ROBERT HANLEY
New York Times News Service

TRENTON, N.J. — Mandatory water rationing was extended from 114 to 202 communities in New Jersey Saturday, and Gov. Brendan Byrne ordered all of them to begin drafting emergency preparation plans for "possible failure of water supply systems."

In a news conference permeated by an atmosphere of growing crisis, Byrne said that "maybe" a 40-day supply of water remained for about 3 million people in the northeastern part of the state, and his aides for the first time raised the possibility that firemen may be ordered to let buildings burn if reserves slump to a 10-day level.

The prospect of unextinguished residential or industrial fires was described by Col. Clinton L. Pagano, superintendent of state police, as a last-resort contingency to save the last remaining water for drinking.

"The drought situation is critical," the governor asserted, stressing again

fices, schools and factories.

Pagano disclosed during the conference that planning was nearly complete for a series of increasingly severe water-saving steps his emergency preparedness staff would propose to the governor as supplies dwindle.

The initial proposal, he said, would come at the 30-day reserve level and include shutdown of industries using the heaviest volumns of water. Those closings would continue to broaden as supplies diminish, and if the forced conservation does not prevent a final 10-day supply, firemen responding to alarms would be under orders only to save people from burning buildings and not use hydrants, Pagano said.

In the event that reservoirs and faucets do run dry, Pagano also disclosed that his staff is currently drawing plans to marshal tanker trucks and freight cars to haul water from vast and still bountiful groundwater acquifers in southern new Jersey, particularly in the Pine Barrens in Ocean County, to

— Texas PK —

Meningitis strikes throughout Texas

By SHARON HERBAUGH

HOUSTON (AP) — Health officials vaccinated students, teachers and staff members of a southside Houston elementary school Monday, hoping to curtail an unprecedented meningitis outbreak that has killed 10 people and afflicted at least 53 others statewide.

Dr. Robert A. MacLean, deputy city health director, said inability to pinpoint the source of meningococcal meningitis prompted the decision to vaccinate the 765 pupils, faculty and employees of Dodson Elementary School, where five pupils have been stricken by the disease and one has died.

Last week, health investigators took more than 1,500 throat cultures and 150 blood samples from Dodson teachers, pupils and their relatives in an effort to determine the source of outbreak at the predominantly black school in a poor section of downtown Houston.

Results of the throat cultures showed 10 percent of those sampled were carriers, people who are infected with the disease without becoming ill. Officials said the figure was no greater than expected.

Health officials said detailed investigations must be done on cultures of ill patients to determine whether the disease was transmitted by one person.

Houston Independent School District officials also sent more than 400 letters to parents of Fondren Elementary School students Monday, explaining that a 5-year-old kindergarten pupil had contracted the deadly and contagious disease.

However, MacLean said, no vaccinations are planned at Fondren, located in southwest Houston.

Ten Texans have died and 53 others have been stricken with meningococcal meningitis since Jan. 1, according to Jan Simons of the Texas Health Department in Austin. She said the figure will rise as reports, delayed in the mail, are received from city and county health departments.

Blazers tackle road 'chuckhole'

Note: When I pursue a team with psi force, below is what happens! 7 Games

By KEN WHEELER
Journal Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Dressing the transit system in fancy clothes was folly from the start, the native New Yorker smirked.

He pointed out to the Trail Blazers some new buses crawling the streets, nice looking buses in that sea of yellow cabs.

These buses had glass in the place of graffiti, big hunks of glass which ran all the way down from a rib at the top of the bus to halfway down its waist.

"Look nice," said the citizen, "but look at the glass. Nearly every pane is cracked. What they didn't think about was all the chuckholes in the streets. The bus hits one of those and a pane of glass breaks."

Maybe it didn't occur to the Blazers at the time, not when they were in New York last weekend for a game with the Knicks. But the message was obvious. Aren't the Trail Blazers lucky that the upper halves of their bodies aren't windows.

Talk about chuckholes. Now the Trail Blazers can tell you about chuckholes in the road. Here they are for a meeting with the San Diego Clippers tonight still looking for that first road win of the season.

And this is the 14th time they have searched.

On top of that, they've seen their luck grow increasingly sour even at home and they now tote a string of five losses in a row into this game, and have lost 16 of their last 20.

Talk about chuckholes. Let the Trail Blazers tell you about theirs.

Take it by the numbers.

In the first road game of the season the Blazers were at Utah. The Jazz opened the second quarter with a 12-2 run. The Blazers lost by 10.

Game No. 2 was at Golden State. Early in the third period, the Blazers were ahead by 19. By the end of the quarter it was tied. The Warriors won by three.

Game No. 3, at Seattle. The Blazers were down by 14 in the first period, down by 17 in the second. They lost by 13.

Game No. 4, at San Antonio. It was an even ball game most of the way until the Spurs ran six points in a row inside the last four minutes. The Blazers lost by eight.

Game No. 5, at Kansas City. The score was tied early in the third period before the Kings ran a string of 14 in a row. The Blazers lost by 17.

Game No. 6, at Los Angeles. The Lakers swaggered into a lead of 25 points in the third period, then had to hang on as Blazers missed three shots in the final seconds. Lakers won by one.

Game No. 7, at Dallas. No part of the game was good for the Blazers. Still they trailed by only five in the third period when the Mavericks went on a 15-4 tear. The Blazers lost by seven.

Game No. 8, at Denver. This one was close all of the way, the Blazers ahead by seven in the third period before losing by two.

Game No. 9, at Phoenix. In this game, the Suns went on a 13-4 spree, scored nine in a row, then scored eight in a row another time. Blazers lost by 12.

Game No. 10, at Atlanta. The Blazers fell behind by 17 in the first quarter, then tried to catch up. They lost by four.

Game No. 11, at Boston. Wipeout. Wipeout. Wipeout. This whole night was a chuckhole, the Celtics up by 23 in the first quarter, by 31 later and the Blazers losing by 25.

Game No. 12, at Philadelphia. The Blazers where ahead by four at the half, then opened the second half by shooting 1-for-17 from the field. In the midst of that, the 76ers outscored them 17-2. The Blazers lost by 13.

Game No. 13, at New York. The Blazers were down by 12 with the fourth quarter's start. They did come back for a lead, then lost it on a three-pointer at the buzzer. New York won by one.

How are those for chuckholes? In every Blazer game on the road, it seems, there has been a big one, a period when no shot

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★Blazers minus Kermit for 5th straight game

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will fall but all hope comes tumbling down.

Of course there have been some untidy matters at home, too. A person could cite the game in which the Blazers were ahead of Kansas City by 19 in the second quarter but lost the game by one point.

Or one could mention the game with Milwaukee when the Blazers were leading by eight at the end of the first period, then saw the Bucks run 18 in a row and eventually win by four.

There was a meeting in Portland, too, with tonight's foe, the Clippers, in which the score was even in the fourth period before San Diego scored eight in a row, then went on to win in overtime.

How about the home game with Utah? The Blazers were even at 75-75 in the fourth quarter, then saw the Jazz swing off on an 18-6 spree, finally winning by eight.

Chuckholes. Let the Trail Blazers tell you about chuckholes.

Missing for the Blazers tonight — for the fifth game in a row — will be Kermit Washington. He's still out with a pulled stomach muscle. But lucky the Trail Blazers are, lucky that their injuries haven't been more serious considering the size of the chuckholes they keep running into.

But, really, are they running into them or digging them?

- Bern. Δ Attack — Disorientating

Firefighters die as planes collide

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Two Arizona men helping fight Southern California brush fires were killed Tuesday when two C-54 air tankers collided during an aerial photography session.

The men who died, pilot Clyde Alford, about 50, and Ronald Letness, about 30, both from Tucson, were in a four-engine plane that crashed and burned in the desert after the collision, police said.

The pilot of the second firefighting plane, Kenneth White, 56, and his co-pilot, Gary Garrett, 31, managed to land safely at Palm Springs Airport, 10 miles away. White and Garrett, also of Tucson, were uninjured.

Sgt. Keith Stinson of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said Alford apparently misjudged the location of the second plane after flying under it. The tail section of Alford's plane was damaged and one of the other plane's left engines was clipped. The plane that made it back to the airport had visible damage to one wing flap, officials said.

Rescue crews had difficulty reaching the crash site in rugged terrain about 25 miles east of Palm Springs. The plane's wreckage was reported scattered over a three-mile area.

Stinson said all four men were believed to be employees of a Tucson firm that had a firefighting contract with the U.S. Forest Service.

Both planes had taken off from Hemet-Ryan Airport in Hemet and were returning to Tucson.

The last of the big brush fires that scorched six counties was contained Tuesday after 423 homes and cabins and more than 140 square miles of timber and brush were scorched.

— Calif. PK — 12/1/80 Orig. P.

Rats scurry from brush fires; flooding likely

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI) — All but one of Southern California's devastating brush fires was contained Monday, but authorities warned of two new dangers — disease-carrying wild rats and winter flooding.

The starving rats moved down the charred slopes around San Bernardino during the weekend to search the wreckage of fire-ravaged homes for food.

U.S. Forest Service officials said winter rain come could send floods rolling down the hills. That could prove as devastating as the fires, which killed four and caused over $70 million in damages.

Police shot dozens of the wild rats during the weekend. The hungry rodents had left 140 square miles of still-smoldering high desert brush and mountain timber in the San Bernardino National Forest.

"There's some real big ones up there," Sgt. Brad Hilder said. "We're concerned with two areas — disease and injury. These things are about 10 inches long and they carry all sorts of diseases."

Rats are known to carry bubonic plague, and police said that if the sudden rodent infestation continues, they will call in health authorities and pest control agencies to get rid of them.

More than 2,000 firefighters worked through the night battling the last of the seven major brush fires still not contained Monday — the week-old fire in the Cleveland National Forest, 15 miles southeast of Orange, Calif., where 29,000 acres had been charred.

Instead of encircling the blaze and letting it burn out within a fan-shaped perimeter, the firefighters worked along a 7-mile line that ran down slopes and dipped into canyons to save every acre possible, said John Corbett, a Forest Service spokesman.

Firefighters hoped to have that blaze fully contained Monday.

Another fire that burned 6,000 acres in the Los Padres National Forest, 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles, was fully contained in the rugged, remote mountains, but firefighters did not expect to get it fully under control until later Monday.

The brush fires destroyed a total of 320 homes and 49 sheds and garages, blackened about 80,000 acres, racked up $50 million in personal property damage and $22 million in damage to the watersheds, and created the possibility of serious winter flooding.

— Bizarre Attack —

Strange mist puzzles scientists in Florida

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — An "alien" substance in the misty sea air has nauseated beachgoers and residents and killed dozens of seagulls and other birds along a 45-mile stretch of Florida's east coast during the past week.

Scientists are puzzled by the source of the colorless, odorless substance, which causes stinging eyes, scratchy throats, coughing fits and nausea.

No one has been hospitalized as a result, but Volusia County Health Department Director Dr. Hubert King said that hundreds of people between Flagler Beach and New Smyrna Beach have experienced temporary discomfort since the problem was first reported Nov. 17.

King said Audubon Society members found "several dozen dead birds, primarily seagulls, a heron or two and some sandpipers" at New Smyrna Beach near where residents have complained of the hay-fever-like symptoms.

So far, scientists are baffled and say they have no idea what killed the birds or what the substance is except that it is some kind of "particulate or gaseous" matter.

"We are looking at air pollution per se — industrial, chemical or natural matter of some type," King said.

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— Bizarre Attack —

Fire on cutter kills man

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An engine room fire aboard the Coast Guard cutter Durable killed one man Thursday as the vessel moved through the Gulf of Mexico toward homeport in Brownsville, Texas, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

The spokesman at Coast Guard district headquarters in New Orleans said the Durable was dead in the water and the aircraft carrier Lexington was steaming to its aid. Orig P. 12/5/80

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Secret Service auto bumps Reagan car

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Secret Service vehicle carrying the usual weaponry to protect a president from attack bumped into the back of Ronald Reagan's limousine Monday. The president-elect was not injured.

"The governor is fine. He suffered no ill effects," said David Prosperi, a press spokesman for Reagan.

The accident occurred when Reagan's motorcade stopped abruptly for a red light. Larry Schief, a Secret Service spokesman in Los Angeles, said the accident resulted from a brake problem.

— Nevada PK —

Plane crash kills two

MARYSVILLE, Wash. (UPI) — A 41-year-old pilot and his unidentified woman passenger were killed Sunday in the flaming crash of a twin-engine plane into a brushy backyard, the Snohomish County Sheriff's office reported. Robert Ericksson of Redmond and the passenger died instantly in the crash of the Cessna 320 about six miles northwest of Marysville. The plane, based at Paine Field in Everett, was returning from Reno, Nev., when it went down and burst into flames on impact at 3 p.m., about 150 yards behind the home of Joe and Jeanne Bridges. Orig D 12/1/80

Bitter cold, snow snarl East Coast

By United Press International

A blustery snowstorm preceded a bitter cold drop in temperatures Wednesday in New York, creating hazardous driving conditions and making life miserable for morning rush hour commuters.

A cold blast of Canadian air dropped temperatures into the teens and below in the Great Lakes and New England. At least three weather-related deaths were reported.

Ohio residents woke up Wednesday to 2 to 6 inches of new snow. Up to 14 inches of snow covered some northern Ohio counties where strong winds were expected to cause blowing, drifting and hazardous driving conditions.

From 2 to 3 new inches of snow fell in southwestern Pennsylvania; Allentown and Erie reported 4 inches. Travel advisories were posted for the western portion of the state, where many schools were closed.

Roads were snow covered over all of Indiana Wednesday, making travel dangerous.

Indiana's northwest area was the hardest hit, with many schools closed and strong winds caused drifting. Another 4 inches or more was expected in the area near Lake Michigan.

Five inches of snow had fallen by morning rush hour and another 2 inches were expected before the storm ended Wednesday in New York, already reeling from a potential drought, a flu epidemic and thousands of unheated homes.

City officials called in 344 sanitation workers two hours early Wednesday to man snow plows and clear the way for commuters. No major traffic tieups or accidents were reported. Railroads and transit authority officials expected minor delays but no major problems.

New York public schools were open as usual, but several suburban school systems canceled classes because of the snow.

In sharp contrast to the bitter cold of the East are the relatively balmy temperatures in the Northwest.

But those enjoying the mild winter in the Pacific Northwest may not realize that the weather is so good it could bring on a power shortage next summer.

Power watchers — not to mention ski resort operators whose season is in financial ruins — are concerned over the dwindling snowpack in the Cascade Range brought on by mild temperatures and heavy rainfall during the past few weeks.

"What we've got so far is pretty sick," Bob Davis, a snow survey supervisor for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, said Tuesday.

"In the Yakima Basin, it looks like we're in the 40 percent-of-normal category. In the Wenatchee Basin, it's a little less, probably 35 percent."

The snowpack is currently at the same levels of 1977, when a severe drought ravaged the state. However, Davis said so far this year there is a higher water content in the snow, which means more power generation.

Davis said the prospect for more snow soon isn't too good.

"The 30-day outlook is for more of the same," he said. "If it doesn't improve, we're going to be hurting for water."

Tennessee school children in 14 counties and three cities got the day off Wednesday because of snow and ice. Schools in Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri had to cancel classes Tuesday.

Warm weather embraced the Southwest, with the mercury climbing to 80 degrees in Los Angeles Tuesday. But a band of bitter cold air — with temperatures ranging from below zero to the 20s — stretched across the Great Lakes into New England, making the day nearly unbearable for hundreds without heat in their homes.

New York Mayor Edward Koch opened an armory in Manhattan, complete with 700 cots and blankets, for the more than 2,000 poor and elderly residents who live in apartment buildings without heat and hot water.

With temperatures well below freezing, the city received 2,322 calls from heatless tenants. One caller who boiled water and kept her oven turned on for heat said it was "amazing people have to go through these things in this day and age."

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By DON DUNCAN Orig. 3/8/81

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington's "banana-belt" smugness has been severely jolted the past 10 months by volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, extensive flooding and tree-toppling winds.

The truth is, except for hurricanes, tornadoes and interminable heat waves, "God's Country" has tasted most of the heavy artillery in nature's varied arsenal.

Since last April, the natural-disaster box score reads: Sixty-five presumed dead, countless animals lost, tens of thousands of acres of timber toppled, scores of homes destroyed, millions of cubic yards of volcanic ash spread around the world, rivers choked with mud.

The eventual pricetag: over a billion

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Haywire robot destroys self

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — Researchers say a robot, undergoing testing for use in the nuclear industry, ran amok at the University of Florida's Center for Intelligent Machines and Robotics and destroyed itself.

No one was hurt in the accident last weekend, but the robot, a multi-jointed mechanical shoulder, arm and hand that appeared to develop a mind of its own, thrashed about to its own destruction, officials said Wednesday.

"We had a hardware failure," said graduate student Harvey Lipkin, the only person present during the incident.

"We believe the automatic control system went haywire, burned out a component and the arm was driven with force into its supporting stand. It ripped the shoulder off. It happened before I could hit the 'kill' switch."

Lipkin said he was safe behind the control desk out of reach of the robot's metal arm, but added, "If someone had been standing there they could have been hurt badly."

The young operator said the accident pointed up the need for better cut-off controls on the device, which is being developed under government and industry grants for industrial uses, including the maintenance of nuclear reactors, in environments considered hostile to humans.

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Bad weather closes roads, rail lines into B.C.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Freak weather has turned the Christmas holiday into a nightmare for thousands in British Columbia as washouts, mudslides, freezing rain and threats of avalanches closed all major highways and rail lines into the province.

Rain combined with melting snow from unseasonably high temperatures drastically raised river levels in many southern areas of the mainland, with Squamish, Princeton and Hope the main danger spots.

Rain also forced closure of highways on Vancouver Island, while in the north ice and snow combined to stall travel.

At least $3 million to $4 million damage has been done to highways, with damage reports still coming in, Highways Minister Alex Fraser said Saturday.

Two helicopters and a hovercraft were evacuating residents of Squamish and Brackendale, two communities about 30 miles north of Vancouver.

More than 500 people were evacuated from low-lying homes in the area Saturday and were being housed in schools at higher elevations.

Volunteers at Princeton, about 120 miles east of Vancouver, were piling sandbags along river banks Saturday as the Tulameen River began to rise again.

Emergency officials at Hope, about 80 miles east of Vancouver, said residents evacuated Friday because of flood danger could be returning home late Saturday.

About 60 residents of an expensive new subdivision were evacuated when RCMP and emergency personnel feared that collapse of a logjam in the flood-swollen Coquihalla River would release a 25-foot-high wall of water onto the community.

But police said later that water was making its way around the jam, diminishing the threat.

Billy Ray says 'This is ridiculous,' points 'don't m...

By KEN WHEELER
Journal Sports Writer

Billy Ray Bates and hard times have met before. Born the son of a Mississippi sharecropper who died when Bates was six, Billy Ray knows something about scratching it out.

And he knows something about battling, about hanging tough, something about not losing hope when there doesn't seem much reason to keep it.

It wasn't until last spring when the Trail Blazers, in their desperation of the moment, signed him out of basketball's minor league, a place where his star finally had shone after he had flunked NBA chances with Houston and Philadelphia, that things took an upturn.

And now Billy Ray, after that folk-hero spring of last season, sits in puzzlement along with the rest of the Trail Blazers and tries to figure out what's happening.

Tuesday night in Memorial Coliseum the Trail Blazers returned from a four-game string of defeats on the road to make it five losses in a row, getting knocked off by the poor-record New Jersey Nets 118-105.

Overall, the record now is 16 losses in the last 20 games as the Blazers continue to stumble and to tumble with only the expansion Dallas Mavericks owning a worse record than their own.

Billy Ray's thrust, the third-quarter work of rookie Kelvin Ransey and the second-half work of Calvin Natt were about the only things the Blazers could look back on and label as positive.

Vancouver flight – △ PK –

Search for plane foiled by bad weather

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Bad weather prevented an air search Wednesday for a single-engine plane that vanished Monday afternoon during an eight-mile flight over Vancouver, a spokesman for the Washington Division of Aeronautics said.

Ground search teams from the Civil Aeronautics Patrol, the Clark County sheriff's department and the Coast Guard checked a few leads Wednesday but found no trace of the plane or its pilot, Don Rudebaugh, 28, said sheriff's Sgt. Sid Larrabee.

Rudebaugh, a mechanic and pilot for Aircraft Specialties of Vancouver, left the Clark County Aerodrome about 1 p.m. for an eight-mile southwesterly flight to Pearson Airpark, where the plane was due for repairs, Larrabee said.

Two Coast Guard boats patrolled an area on the Columbia River near the Interstate 205 bridge, where an oil slick was sighted Wednesday morning, but found no trace of the plane, Larrabee said.

John Trudel of Troutdale, who is co-owner of the plane with Al McKenzie of Gladstone, Ore., said a plane was tracked by Portland International Airport personnel flying at a low altitude toward Vancouver Lake on what would have been a normal low-altitude approach to Pearson Airpark.

The plane vanished from the tracking screens shortly thereafter, Trudel said.

An Aircraft Specialties spokesman said Rudebaugh was "a well-qualified pilot," and Trudel said he was baffled that the plane would vanish "in the strangest set of circumstances I've ever heard of."

He said the weather at the time "was bad, but not what an instrument pilot would call bad weather."

Trudel discounted the theory that Rudebaugh flew somewhere else with the plane. "He is very conscientious and has a good reputation as a pilot," Trudel said. "And in the cold weather, he didn't even take his jacket with him."

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Europe struggles in heavy snow

LONDON (UPI) — Heavy snowfall, high wind and avalanches have swept across Europe, stranding a prime minister, grounding a princess and causing numerous deaths.

In Greece, a snowstorm and icy wind prevented Princess Margaret of Britain from taking a helicopter trip Thursday to the ancient theater of Epidavros. Instead she went shopping in Athens and toured the Benaki Museum.

Greeks shivered in freezing temperatures and snow blocked a national highway near Lamia and Larissa while gales delayed domestic flights. Four persons, including a 4-day-old infant and a 62-year-old pensioner, reportedly died of hypothermia.

Avalanches killed four German tourists in the Arlberg region of Austria during the week and 6,000 persons were stranded in ski resorts. Continual snowfall brought 10 feet of fresh snow, and skiers were warned not to leave their lodges.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who was vacationing at Lech, Austria, had to wait three days before he could be flown out in a helicopter Wednesday.

Palermo, Sicily, had its first snowfall since the winter of 1962. It knocked out electricity in the city for three hours Thursday, caused traffic jams and forced closure of the airport.

The storm began before dawn and by the time residents went to work their cars were covered with 4 inches of snow.

In central Tuscany, frigid temperatures iced the main highway linking northern and southern Italy. More than 50 vehicles were involved in a chain-reaction collision.

Six days of some of the worst snow since 1968 have blanketed Switzerland. Roads were closed, mountain passes blocked and villages cut off. A doctor and his wife escaped unhurt when an avalanche swept away their Alpine chalet in Evolene. Oreg 1/9/81

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Wind, snow bring misery to wide area

By The Associated Press

Deadly winds pushing heavy thunderstorms roared out of the Great Lakes Wednesday after dumping more snow on the Midwest. Winter's meanest storm caused flooding and power outages from Florida to New England but also brought welcome rain. The death toll rose to 27.

Fog snarled air traffic in New York City, and snowdrifts of up to 5 feet forced police to close highways in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where 14 inches of snow fell overnight, and some communities declared snow emergencies.

In the Carolinas, windstorms killed three people, damaged homes and businesses and brought down power lines. Power outages also were reported in Georgia, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania.

Records for low temperatures were set or matched in at least a dozen cities, including North Platte, Neb., where a minus-22 reading tied the mark established in 1899. Three men froze to death in Colorado, Idaho and Iowa.

Bitter cold froze natural gas wellheads and power-plant feeder lines in Texas, forcing utilities statewide to declare an emergency and ask residents to curb demand.

Two men burned to death in a Fort Worth apartment, and authorities said they had been using the kitchen range for heat. Temperatures along the western Gulf Coast were in the teens Wednesday after hitting highs in the 70s and 80s Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the deaths of seven people in Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin were blamed on the strain of shoveling snow.

Slick highways forced authorities to cancel school for youngsters from the plains of Oklahoma to the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts.

Oreg. 2/12/81

Are aliens just watching us or getting set for invasion?

ONE of our satellites has vanished in space, and scientists fear it was snatched out of its orbit by UFOs!

The 1-ton Satcom 3 communications satellite disappeared suddenly from radar screens — its fate remains a bizarre mystery.

"A few seconds earlier it was working beautifully and sending back all kinds of data. Then it simply vanished," said Robert Barry, head of the Twentieth Century UFO Bureau in Yoe, Pa.

"Someone out there is showing a lot of interest in our activities down here. We already know that UFOs have been scrutinizing our satellites, and this isn't the first time a satellite has vanished mysteriously," Barry told the Examiner.

The $20-million satellite may now be in the hands of curious aliens, examining it for information.

"I suppose they'd want the same thing from it as we would want from one of their spaceships," said Barry.

"But imagine if they had plucked a manned spacecraft from orbit! The implications would be tremendous," he added.

Satcom 3 is just another entry on a growing list of incidents between Earth spacecraft and UFOs.

"The Soviets have lost satellites of their own. Their Molniya satellite disappeared the same way, and we know that our Gemini missions and the Soviets' Salyut space lab were buzzed by UFOs," said Barry.

RCA, which owned the Satcom satellite, is puzzled as to its whereabouts.

"We've lost our satellite and we have no idea what happened to it," said RCA spokesman John Williamson.

"If the satellite had exploded, there would be at least one piece that would have shown up on radar. The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) can track an object no bigger than a basketball 23,000 miles up, so they would have certainly located something," said Williamson.

"If it had been pushed into a different orbit by a malfunction of its engine, NORAD would have located it when it reached its nearest point to Earth. But that hasn't happened either," said Williamson.

Barry thinks aliens may have been watching the Satcom 3 ever since its launch from Cape Canaveral.

"Cape Canaveral seems to be one of the favorite checkpoints for UFO activity. UFOs are usually reported in heavy concentrations around the Cape three days before a launch," he said.

The satellite should have stayed in its orbit for years, according to Jim Kukowski, a spokesman for NASA, which handled the satellite's launching.

"It was a communications source for television programs and telephone calls. Another Satcom satellite will be launched in June to replace it. But we just don't know what happened to the first one," he said.

— by NAOMI WADE

— NFOs vs. U.S. Govt —

Rapid deployment test undeterred by deaths

By LISETTE BALOUNY

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The fatal crash of a U.S. military transport plane marred Thursday's start of operation Bright Star, the first test of America's rapid deployment force to defend Western oil supplies in the Middle East. The 11 men and two women aboard the C-141 were killed, military authorities said.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the plane, one of several involved in the 1,400-person military exercise, was on its final approach to an Egyptian military airport when it crashed into the desert dunes "in a fireball that lit up the night sky."

The plane crashed two to five miles short of the runway at Cairo West Air Base during a banking turn under clear night skies just before midnight Wednesday, according to Maj. Gen. Jerry Curry, a Pentagon spokesman in Washington.

He said an investigation had begun but that the Air Force had no idea of the cause. The plane was attached to the 62nd Airlift Wing based at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, he said. The joint exercises of about 1,400 Army troops and airmen include units from the 101st Airborne Division of Fort Campbell, Ky.

An Egyptian Defense Ministry spokesman said Bright Star would continue.

Pentagon officials have stressed that the joint Egyptian-American operation was planned well before the outbreak of the Persian Gulf war between Iran and Iraq. They say the two-week exercise is to give the Americans the desert practice they need to live up to the U.S. commitment to defend the Western oil supplies pumped from Mideast oil fields.

The war has cut off oil production in Iran and Iraq, and the fighting threatens the Strait of Hormuz, through which sail tankers bearing much of the world's oil.

The charred debris of the giant transport plane, which was capable of carrying 154 people, was spread over more than half of a square mile northeast of the base.

A spokesman from McChord said, "It was carrying supplies for the rapid deployment exercise, and that's why there were so few on board."

Military police surrounding the site told reporters and photographers that they had orders to shoot anyone approaching the area.

In Washington, defense officials said reports indicated the plane was carrying some unspecified explosives, liquid oxygen equipment, trucks and spare parts.

An embassy spokesman in Cairo said the explosion may have been caused by the fuel but discounted the possibility that weapons on board were to blame.

American military officials, including the operation's commander, Marine Lt. Gen. Paul X. Kelly, were on the site investigating the debris, the guards said.

A similar crash three months ago killed two Americans. Their F-4E, one of 12 fighter bomber jets, was involved in operation Proud Phantom, a joint U.S.-Egyptian exercise that lasted 90 days. It was designed to give American pilots and crewmen experience in the fiercely hot Middle East deserts.

The cause of that crash is still under investigation.

In Washington, the Air Force said the dead included Airman 1st Class Karen L. Marti of Springfield, Mass.; Senior Airman Martha M. Misko of Chatsworth, Calif.; Capt. Patrick A. Welsh of Vancouver, Wash.; Capt. Bradford B. Hirschi, who was born in Cedar City, Utah; Senior Airman Raymond J. Bianchi of Buffalo, N.Y.; Senior Airman Geoffrey L. Galvin of Houston, Texas.

Also killed were Staff Sgt. David L. Harer of Cape May, N.J.; Tech. Sgt. Lonnie G. Hoye of Lewiston, Idaho; Staff Sgt. Gary T. Payne of Clear Lake, S.D.; Senior Master Sgt. Gerald J. Stryzak of Horsham, Pa.; Tech. Sgt. Robert S. Tuggle of Satellite Beach, Fla.; and Staff Sgt. Glenn R. Williams of Wheelersburg, Ohio.

The 13th victim's name and hometown were not released pending notification of next of kin.

The bodies were flown to the U.S. Air Force base at Ramstein, West Germany, then to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, military authorities said.

Gen. Mohsen Hamdi, an Egyptian Ministry of Defense spokesman, said at a news conference arranged before the crash that any such incident would not affect the military operation.

Hamdi said the joint exercises, scheduled to run until Nov. 25 when the last Americans leave Egypt, represent "continuing military cooperation between the United States and Egypt." But he reiterated that although the Egyptian government was allowing American forces to "use" base facilities, it was "not giving permanent bases."

— U.S. Rep. Adam Clayton —

Coast Guard ends search

NEW YORK (AP) — Terming the decision "regretful," the Coast Guard Monday ended the 10-day search for the missing freighter Poet and announced that a marine board will begin an inquiry into the mysterious disappearance.

Vice Admiral Robert Price called union leaders representing the vessel's 34 crew members to Governors Island to inform them of his decision, reached when aerial crews found no trace of the vessel.

The 500-foot ship disappeared after it left Philadelphia on Oct. 24, bound for Port Said, Egypt, with a cargo of 13,500 tons of corn.

— Bern. △ Attack? —

Oil workers evacuated; rare hurricane stalls

— "Power" + Rain Attack —

MIAMI (AP) — Oil companies began evacuating hundreds of workers from rigs and work barges in the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday as a rare November hurricane stalled 450 miles south-southeast of New Orleans.

Hurricane Jeanne reached minimal hurricane status at midmorning when its sustained winds hit 75 mph, 1 mph above the threshhold. It was expected to hold its position through Tuesday with little change in strength, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

"The steering currents in the vicinity are just about balanced," said forecaster Joe Pelissier. "There's no air flow tending to move it in any direction ... the large-scale atmospheric pattern has more or less stagnated. This could go on for the next two days."

At 5 p.m. EST, the storm hadn't moved in three hours and still was centered near latitude 24.0 north, longitude 87.5 west.

Gale-force winds extended outward 150 miles to the north and 100 miles to the south as Jeanne and a large high-pressure system over the eastern United States combined to cause rough seas over the north-central and northeast gulf, areas dotted by offshore oil rigs.

Small-craft operators along the Gulf Coast from Brownsville, Texas, to Tarpon Springs, Fla., were advised to remain in port, and marine interests elsewhere along the northern gulf were advised to be aware of the storm's movement.

Pelissier said the hurricane probably wouldn't strengthen and might weaken as it sat churning in the gulf.

"I'm rather surprised it became a hurricane at all," he said. "There's been a couple cold fronts through the gulf this fall and that makes the air a little cooler and drier than it is in September. As soon as some of this drier air penetrates the circulation it would have a weakening effect."

Forecaster Gil Clark said the stall was first indicated in reports from Air Force reconnaissance planes that flew through the storm Tuesday morning. Earlier reports indicated the storm was moving to the north-northwest at about 6 mph.

Clark also said that the new information prompted forecasters to relocate the estimate of the storm's center to a point south and west of the position the center reported earlier.

The last November hurricane to hit land struck Miami on Nov. 4, 1935, said public service forecaster Alvin Samet. One hit the Tampa Bay area on Nov. 30, 1925, and one swept across the Florida Keys on Nov. 15, 1916. All three were minimal hurricanes, Samet said. He said there have been other November hurricanes that did not reach land.

Jeanne achieved tropical-storm status with sustained winds of at least 39 mph on Sunday as it moved northward through the Yucutan Channel between Mexico and Cuba.

The 1980 Atlantic hurricane season officially ends Nov. 30.

Although local and state government in Louisiana took a Veterans Day holiday, some agencies called in workers Tuesday to monitor the storm.

Chevron USA Inc. said it probably would evacuate about 900 offshore workers and other oil companies — Gulf, Shell and Texaco — said they were closing down some operations and moving in everyone but those required to keep operations going.

"We don't fool around in these situations," said spokesman Newell Schindler of Chevron.

"About 9 a.m., we gave the order to secure and shut in as necessary," Schindler said. "We are now moving in all large, movable equipment like work barges and so forth."

The weather service said residents in the 16 Louisiana parishes should check supplies of canned food, bottled water, flashlight and radio batteries, and other emergency provisions.

Even if it doesn't hit New Orleans, Lamieux said his board expected the "effects of high winds, and combined with the high pressure system north of us, will give us higher tides."

"The high tides should affect the lake (Pontchartrain), the Industrial Canal, the Intracoastal Waterway and other connected waterways," Lamieux said.

The North Copter crash takes 3 lives

— Rem. △ Attack —

TALENT (AP) — Rescue teams removed the bodies of three crew members of an Army helicopter that crashed on a fog-shrouded butte in southwestern Oregon on Wednesday, the pilot, 2nd Officials at Fort Lewis, Wash., identified the victims as Warrant Officer Charles M. Falcone, 29, the pilot; 2nd Lt. Andrew W. Stocker, 24, the co-pilot, and Pfc. Gerald F. Court, the crew chief.

Searchers in an Army helicopter spotted the wreckage early Wednesday after noticing that several trees had been sheared off on Anderson Butte, about 20 miles south of Medford near the Oregon-California border.

The Huey helicopter, on a training mission from Fort Lewis, was with four others and about to return from the butte area late Tuesday, Fort Lewis spokesman Steve Stromvall said.

"The first four made it out in the fog with no problems," Stromvall said. The fifth was lost in the fog.

3 die in helicopter crash

— U.S. Rem. △ Attack —?

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Three servicemen died and one was seriously injured Sunday when a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter crashed and caught fire during a demonstration at an air show at Joliet Park District Airport, authorities said.

No one on the ground was injured.

"It hit the ground, it bounced up, flew in the air, and the tail section just kind of broke off and it nosed over sideways," said Dan M. Collins, 18, an airport employee who witnessed the crash. "Then the fuel caught fire."

Sgt. H.G. Washington, a Marine public affairs officer, said the helicopter was part of the Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 776 of the Marine Air Control Group 48 stationed at Glenview.

— Bermuda Attack —

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Storm's threat called minimal

MIAMI (AP) — Jeanne, the most powerful hurricane to work its way so far north in the Gulf of Mexico this late in the season, drifted slowly south of New Orleans Wednesday and forecasters said it may not reach land with any punch.

The chilly waters of the Gulf sapped the strength of the storm, the first November hurricane in 14 years.

At 5 p.m. EST Wednesday, the storm, with winds of 75 mph, was centered about 400 miles south of New Orleans, near latitude 24.0 north, longitude 90.0 west. Gale-force winds extended 150 miles north of the hurricane and 100 miles to the south. The storm was moving west at about 5 mph.

But foreasters said it was doubtful that Jeanne would reach land with any significant force.

"Everything's against it," said Gil Clark of the National Hurricane Center. "It probably won't make it to land."

Jeanne, the first Atlantic-area hurricane to form in November since 1966, was farther north and west than any tropical storm recorded so late in the season.

"We've had a few in the Gulf before, but never one that's made it this far north and west," Clark said. "Our records go back to 1886.

"We think it's going to weaken, because it's completely surrounded by dry air from a front that's pushed from behind, plus the water temperature is rather cool," he added.

Meanwhile, a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami reported Wednesday that a commercial barge sent from Key West, Fla., several days ago to pick up a disabled Coast Guard helicopter began taking on water in heavy seas south of the hurricane Tuesday and sank moments after its three crewmen were rescued.

The 85-foot motorized barge Acquarius sank 270 miles west-southwest of Key West, according to the spokesman, Greg Robinson.

The amphibious helicopter has been floating in the Gulf since last Thursday, when it lost power while on a routine patrol, Robinson said. He said the cutter Dependable, which has been standing by the helicopter since taking its crew aboard, rescued the barge crewmen. Orig. 11/13/80

— U.S. Bermuda Δ Attack —?

Helicopter crash kills three fliers

JOLIET, Ill. (UPI) — A Marine helicopter performing at an air show stalled for a split second, catapulted to the ground and burst into flames, killing three servicemen and seriously injuring another, police said.

Several thousand persons at the Joliet Park District Airport's 50th anniversary celebration Sunday witnessed the accident, but all were more than a half mile from the crash site.

The UH-1 "Huey" helicopter, stationed at Glenview Naval Air Station, stalled as it pulled up sharply from a low-level, high-speed pass, witnesses said. A rear rotor touched the ground and the copter flipped over and exploded on impact in a grassy field.

"It was on a maneuver at the east end of the airfield, going straight up when it seemed to stall," one witness recalled. "It came down and started skipping across the field and, in the process, started breaking apart."

Two of the four servicemen on board were dead at the scene, police said. The other two were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in critical condition, but one died 2½ hours later.

Marine Maj. Joseph Hutton said police and firefighters crawled underneath the twisted wreckage and cut a hole through the bottom of the craft to reach the victims because the doors were jammed. Charred pieces of metal were strewn about the field.

Military officials have not determined the cause of the crash, and pilot error has not been ruled out, Hutton said.

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— U.S. Bermuda Δ Attack —

Foul fumes fell diners

HAMDEN (Conn.) (AP) — Police and health officials tried to determine Saturday what triggered the release of noxious fumes that sickened 60 people at the Sleigh House Restaurant.

The restaurant was closed at least until Monday, but another restaurant about a mile down Dixwell Avenue, Jimmies, reopened Saturday following an apparently similar, but smaller, incident in which at least one person was sickened Friday night.

Police said they believed the two incidents, which occurred within half an hour of each other, were unrelated.

The first incident occurred at the Sleigh House Restaurant, where 60 people, many of them attending a wedding reception, were overcome by fumes, police said.

Initially, police said they believed the Sleigh House problem was caused by an exhaust leak from a gas-fired hot water heater. Police continued their investigation Saturday, joined by state health officials and arson experts, but no further information on the cause of the leak was available. Orig 9/21/80

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Smog warning issued in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elderly people, small children and people with breathing problems were told to stay indoors and avoid strenuous activity Friday as officials issued the second health warning in two days because of heavy smog in Southern California.

Air quality inspectors checked factories and power plants again to make sure they complied with strict air pollution rules, as the oxidant-sulfate smog stung people's eyes and lungs.

The same brown smog that had settled on Los Angeles on Wednesday remained in the air Friday.

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U.S. Bermuda △ Effect — Representation

Boys ride eight hours when driver gets lost

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Two hyperactive boys were back with their parents in Lowell Wednesday morning after their school bus driver got lost on the tangle of interstate highways outside Boston on her first day on the job and took the youths on an eight-hour ride.

They wound up 70 miles past their destination, on the opposite end of the state, with the bus out of gas, police said.

A police search had been under way for several hours in eastern Massachusetts when Jeffery Mason, 10, Ronald McGaunn, 11, and their bus driver, Shirley Allard, were discovered out of gas on Interstate 91 near Greenfield, about 70 miles west of their intended destination, late Tuesday afternoon.

The two boys, described by their parents as hyperactive, had been picked up from their homes about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday for the 20-mile ride to the Gaebler School in Waltham.

"I still don't believe it," said the bus driver, Mrs. Allard, 45, of Lowell. "I will turn in my resignation. It was just a wasted day. I just want to go back home.

"They thought I was kidnapping the children," she said. "For cripes sake, I have six grandchildren."

Greenfield police were called in on the case after the station wagon school bus, belonging to the S&S Transportation Co. of Lowell, was towed into a Greenfield service station. Mrs. Allard didn't have the cash to cover the $32 fee and couldn't contact anyone at the bus company.

When the three arrived at the police station, there was an all-points bulletin on the teletype for the missing boys, police said.

"After questioning her, we are satisfied she was just lost," said Greenfield police Sgt. Joseph Gagner. "As far as we are concerned there is nothing criminal."

Reg. Sept. 11, 1980

U.S. Bermuda △ Attack

Nevada nuclear test site leaking radioactive gases

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — "Small amounts" of radioactive gas leaked from the site of an underground nuclear test, but the gas was not expected to pose a health hazard, the Department of Energy said Friday.

The gas, which began seeping Thursday night after a test earlier in the day, had not left the confines of the 1,350-square-mile Nevada Test Site, said department spokesman Dave Jackson.

Jackson said the gas leak was detected as soon as it occurred by sensitive instruments and that radiation monitoring teams were immediately sent into the area, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"The weather conditions are such that we do not believe it will leave the test site," Jackson said. "There is no indication of a health hazard on the test site, and there have been no accidental exposures to radiation from the seepage."

He said the radioactive gas "has not been detected beyond the borders of the test site and is not expected to leave the Nevada Test Site."

The National Weather Service said there were light and variable northwest winds at the test site Friday morning. The winds were only about 5 mph, not strong enough to blow the radioactive gas from the the test site, said weather service spokesman Lester Dodd.

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U.S. Bermuda △ Attack

Cause of blast baffles officials

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) — About 2,000 people returned home Saturday while investigators puzzled over the cause of a chemical plant explosion that sent a cloud of poisonous chloride gas into the air.

Two plant workers were seriously hurt, and 16 other people were treated for smoke inhalation in the Friday night blast, which damaged several mixing chambers and a smokestack at the Great American Chemical Corp. plant.

City officials ordered an evacuation of nearby areas. About a half-mile of the area's major highway, Massachusetts 12, remained closed Saturday, and local freight traffic on the Boston & Maine Railroad was rerouted.

"Everybody was allowed to return to their homes at about 2 a.m., although some chose not to until things settle down more," police Lt. Edward Gallant said Saturday.

Firemen continued to pour water on one of the mixing chambers Saturday to keep it cool until the remaining vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride gas could be removed, fire department officials said. The fire marshal, meanwhile, was expected to spend several days trying to pinpoint the cause of the blast.

The plant, about a mile from downtown Fitchburg and 45 miles northwest of Boston, combines gases and water to make plastic pellets used in the manufacture of toys and other products.

The injured employees were working in the plant's processing center when the mixing chambers apparently overheated and exploded, knocking down one of the concrete walls of the building, authorities said. It was not immediately clear how many of the factory's 15 mixing chambers were involved.

The injured men were admitted to a hospital with burns and cuts.

Deputy Fire Chief James Keane said automatic sensing devices at the plant detected leaking gas shortly after 8 p.m. Friday. He and other firefighters responded and saw a "thick, heavy, white, dense cloud lying near the ground" when they arrived at the plant.

"I got out of my car and started ordering the men to take their positions when it exploded," Keane said.

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Military secretive

Titan II warhead 'lost' after blast

By STEVE BREWER

DAMASCUS, Ark. (AP) — Air Force rescue workers had to search through debris-strewn pastures for a nuclear warhead after a Titan II missile silo exploded in Arkansas, according to a sheriff and others who monitored military radio transmissions.

Conway County Sheriff Carl Stobaugh said he learned from the transmissions that the warhead atop the intercontinental ballistic missile was hurled several hundred feet in the predawn blast Friday that killed one Air Force sergeant and injured 21 other maintenance workers. He said he learned that the warhead had not been moved by Saturday night and that the Air Force was working on it at the site.

Neither the Pentagon nor the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, Neb., would comment on the location of the warhead or whether the missile was armed with a nuclear weapon.

The Washington Post quoted a government source as saying the Air Force was planning to truck the warhead from the Damascus site "as soon as possible" to the Little Rock Air Force Base and then to another site for study.

In an arrangement worked out between the Air Force and Arkansas state officials, the Air Force must notify state law enforcement authorities if it plans to move any nuclear weapons so the state can provide a convoy, the newspaper said. Bob Lyford, Gov. Bill Clinton's aide for emergency services, said no such request for police escort had come into the governor's office.

Transcripts of radio transmissions monitored by the Arkansas Gazette while rescue workers were searching for the injured indicate that the warhead was clearly lost for a time. At one point came this exchange:

"Air Force to Command One. Anybody that goes along that area now, have them look around to see if they can pinpoint the warhead."

"Roger, I understand. Is there any danger as far as approaching it and radiation?"

"At this particular point, it's unknown, but no one thinks so at this point."

According to Stobaugh, the transmissions said the warhead, which was eventually recovered intact, was catapulted 300 to 400 feet in the blast, which left a debris-strewn crater 250 feet wide.

Lt. Gen. Lloyd Leavitt, SAC vice commander, told reporters at a news conference Saturday at Little Rock Air Force Base that the missile was reduced to bits and pieces.

He flew to Arkansas Saturday morning and said he "looked in the hole where formerly the missile was."

"We have about the worst case we could have in terms of a Titan accident," he added, but he said it was important that there were no civilian injuries.

Leavitt referred to the incident as a "catastrophic failure of the Titan II." He also refused to discuss whether a warhead was on the missile, repeatedly turning the question aside.

Leavitt said the Air Force does not know which of several possibilities caused the explosion but that an investigation board has been empaneled and has begun its probe.

When questioned about the shattering of the 740-ton concrete and steel silo door, Leavitt said it was easier to destroy from the inside. The door had been publicized as being adequate to withstand all but a direct nuclear hit.

Leavitt said portable vapor detectors carried by Sgt. David Livingston and Sgt. Jeff Kennedy "pegged," or registered, the highest level possible on the equipment while the two were inside the silo early Friday.

The highest possible reading was still below explosion level, Leavitt said. The two were ordered out when the equipment "pegged" because the officials said conditions were not safe even with special suits.

Leavitt said the men did nothing to cause the explosion, to the best of his knowledge. "We don't know which of several elements caused the explosion," he said.

Air Force Secretary Hans Mark had said Friday that there was "absolutely no evidence of radioactive debris in the area" and that "the warhead is not in danger of being ignited because it was designed with fail-safe devices."

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Chemicals poison Caribbean

By MARLISE SIMONS
LA Times-Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY — A mysterious discharge of highly toxic chemicals into the Caribbean off the northern coast of Puerto Rico has caused two deaths in the Dominican Republic and poisoned millions of fish in one of the world's richest fishing grounds.

The Dominican government has banned all fishing until further notice, issued nationwide warnings against seafood consumption, and seized all fish in markets, shops and restaurants as waves of dead fish continue to wash ashore in that island nation.

Although the dangerous chemicals probably will be diluted over the next several days, there is rising concern that the poisoned waters will be carried northwest toward the Bahamas and the Florida coast, where American and other fleets work important fishing grounds.

Reached by telephone, Dominican authorities said they had already found several unmarked 55-gallon barrels in the area with liquids containing mercury, chlorine, sulfur and phosphates. Because there have been no reports of sea accidents, they said they believed the substances were dumped deliberately.

Navy Capt. Narciso Almonte, director of the Dominican Department of Fisheries, said that on the basis of the currents, the chemicals were believed to have entered the water near the northwestern tip of Puerto Rico.

First evidence of the disaster came Tuesday when Puerto Rican fishermen found thousands of dead fish floating in the water off their western coast. Vast blankets of dead fish then began to appear on the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic. The currents carried the poisoned waters and dead fish both to the north and the south coasts of the island of Hispaniola, which the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti.

Despite immediate government warnings on radio and television in the Dominican Republic, presidential spokesman Franklin Dominiguez said, at least two persons have died and some 90 have suffered ill effects.

To trace the cause of the disaster, Dominican officials said they were in touch with their counterparts in Puerto Rico, where fishing was also halted in certain areas. The officials said they had not discovered any hints of the origins of the chemicals because the barrels they found showed no writing or symbols of any kind.

Almonte said analysis of the chemicals in the barrels "coincided exactly with the analysis of the water, the dead fish and the seaweed."

Almonte said in a report that two types of liquid were discovered in the barrels: "One was very dark, one light. Both were very thick, with a strong smell."

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U.S. Barn. Attack

Explosion Rocks Oakland Rail Yard

A deafening explosion yesterday in the West Oakland Southern Pacific Railroad yard was heard 15 miles away and shattered windows in nearby structures, but it caused only minor injuries to two workmen.

Southern Pacific officials and the Oakland Fire Department are investigating the cause of the explosion, which occurred at 8:15 a.m. in a metal shed where tools and welding equipment, including acetelyne gas, were stored.

A Southern Pacific spokesman said workmen Anthony Ruiz, 25, of Oakland, and Glenn Cozzetti, 27, of Hayward, entered the garage shortly before the blast and boarded an uncovered work truck. When Cozzetti turned on the ignition the explosion occurred.

The metal walls of the shed were blown out, windows within a 100-foot radius were shattered, pipes in the building were bent and much of the equipment in the area was damaged, Southern Pacific spokesman Stan August said.

Ruiz and Cozzetti were taken to Providence Hospital with first and second degree burns on their faces and hands.

"It looks like we have a bad sunburn," Cozzetti joked on the phone from his hospital room. "We're lucky to be alive."

He said "everything happened real fast. The explosion was so loud my ears were ringing. We just ran out of there thinking there would be a fire."

Southern Pacific's August said a fire did not follow the blast, and there were no subsequent explosions.

"We're trying to find out how it happened. Right now it's still a mystery," he said.

Fire department officials said the explosion appeared to have been an accident.

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U.S. Bacteriological Attack

Deadly sheep virus in state

Seat. Times 9/25/80

YAKIMA — Blue tongue, a deadly sheep virus which has appeared in Washington three times in the past 10 years, is decimating a Wapato flock, authorities say.

The present outbreak of the virus, which is transmitted by a biting gnat, began in Pasco during the last week of August, says Dr. John Doherty, state veterinarian for the Department of Agriculture.

Blue tongue also has been reported in various other places in Eastern Washington.

"The number of deaths statewide has been very few, other than in the Yakima area," said Doherty. "The highest mortality has been in the flock at Wapato."

Les Weaver and his wife Janice, of Wapato, bought their entire

— U.S. Bom. & Attack —

Advice offered on tampon risk

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) —. U.S. Surgeon General Julius Richmond says women can avoid risk of toxic shock syndrome if they stop using tampons.

"If any woman has any questions about her use of tampons, she should get in touch with her physician," Richmond said in a speech Thursday night at the Upstate Medical Center. "There are other products that she can use if she doesn't wish to use tampons."

The disease, which has killed at least 29 women since 1975, has been linked to use of tampons, but researchers are trying to determine just what the link means.

The Center for Disease Control has received reports of 299 cases of toxic shock this year and the Food and Drug Administration has warned women to avoid using Procter & Gamble's Rely brand, which has been linked most often to the disease. Procter & Gamble earlier this week recalled the product from store shelves.

Doctors are confused by the relationship of the disease to tampons, Richmond said.

"In the process of improving them, they may have introduced a harmful agent," Richmond said.

Mort Lebow, a spokesman for Richmond in Washington, said the surgeon general's advice lays out the specifics of the problem but was not a flat-out recommendation that women stop using tampons. "It's a personal decision on their part," the spokesman said.

— Bermuda Effect —

Pair talk lost pilot to airport

Members of an airborne traffic reporting team from a Portland radio station were credited with an air rescue Friday morning when they led a 29-year-old pilot to a safe landing at Hillsboro Airport after she apparently became lost in low clouds.

Lynn Padgham, a graduate student at the University of Oregon, said she was on a flight from Daniels Field near Eugene to Pearson Airpark in Vancouver, Wash., when she ran into thick clouds near Portland International Airport.

"I was flying visual reference at about 3,500 feet," Ms. Padgham said, "and when I ran into thick clouds I dropped my altitude to about 2,500 and the clouds were still too low to see the ground.

"I turned around instead of into the clouds and was circling trying to decide what to do."

Traffic reporter George Rusk and pilot Mick Hickethler of KYXI radio had heard her radio calls for help and managed to make visual contact with her. They then lead her into the Hillsboro Airport.

"I was very grateful to the guys," Ms. Padgham said, "that they picked up the call and realized I was pretty scared."

The flight was one of the requirements in Ms. Padgham's study toward a private pilot's license.

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BIGGIN HILL, England (AP) — A British-piloted American World War II bomber crashed at an air show yesterday commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and killed its seven-man crew. Scotland Yard said two of the dead were American airmen stationed in England. A witness said the twin-engined A-26 Invader nose-dived into a grassy bank, narrowly missing a street of houses, and "disintegrated in a big ball of flame." Scotland Yard identified the Americans as Chief Master Sgt. Donald Thompson, whose wife was at the airfield when the plane crashed, and Sgt. Kevin Vince, 24, both based at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire. Neither Thompson's age nor either man's home town was available.

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— U.S. Bom. Attack? —

Copter Tragedy

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Seattle P.I. 9/2/80

JOLIET, Ill. (UPI) — A military helicopter demonstrating maneuvers

– Bern. △ Attack –

DAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1980

Amtrak on 100 inju

DOBBS FERRY, N.Y. (AP) — An Amtrak passenger train stopped on the tracks was struck head-on by a Conrail freight near the Dobbs Ferry station Friday afternoon, and police estimated that as many as 100 persons were injured.

A congressman said the Amtrak train was on the wrong track.

There was no initial report of fatalities, and a spokesman for one hospital where between 30 and 40 injured passengers were taken said most had cuts and bruises but did not require hospitalization.

Rep. Peter Peyser of New York, one of the first persons at the scene, said the freight train was supposed to be the only train on the track. "How this Amtrak train got on the same track is a mystery," he said.

Three of the Amtrak cars derailed and fire broke out in a food service car, apparently because of a short-circuit on the electrical third rail. Screaming passengers kicked open windows in order to escape, according to one reporter at the scene.

Hospitals reported treating a total of 88 persons and admitting 14, including at least two crewmen. Others were treated at the scene.

"We had just stopped. There was a crash. The other train ran into us," said Dr. Dennis Fabian of New York City, a passenger on the Amtrak train, which carried about 225 passengers.

"It wasn't as bad as it could have been. A few people were hysterical and there were some crying children," he said.

A witness, Mark Walter of Dobbs Ferry, said the Amtrak train passed him and stopped. "I saw this freight train coming around the bend. There was a big crash, a screeching for about 10 seconds. The Amtrak train moved backward."

Conrail spokesman Bob VanWagoner said it was the first head-on collision in 10 years involving Conrail trains. "It is Conrail's responsibility to know where the trains are," he said. He added that the Amtrak train passed a control tower in Tarrytown to the north of Dobbs Ferry.

The injured were taken to five area hospitals including Dobbs Ferry Hospital, St. John's Riverside in Yonkers, White Plains Hospital, Phelps Memorial Hospital in North Tarrytown and Westchester Community Medical Center in Grasslands.

"It sounded like an earthquake" when the two trains hit, said Bob LaColla, an employee at the Chart House restaurant near the station.

"The Amtrak train is still pretty much on the track and the freight just climbed right up on top of the engine. The bottom of the freight motor is sitting on top of the Amtrak train. It just kind of crushed it," he said.

"We have no guess even at this point about the cause," said Jung Lee, an Amtrak spokesman.

Amtrak officials said at about 4:30 p.m., Amtrak train 74, the Empire State Express, collided with the Conrail freight train that was bound for Albany from the Bronx.

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Rare red tide kills fish throughout Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — (UPI) — Scientists speculated yesterday that millions of dead fish found floating throughout the Caribbean recently may be victims of a rare area-wide outbreak of "red tide."

At least one person died in the Dominican Republic after eating a poisoned fish, authorities said.

Red tide, which recently forced authorities in Maine to close the state's coastline to most fishing, occurs when certain sea algae multiply at an unusually high rate, tinting the ocean red and consuming so much oxygen that fish literally smother.

Authorities have reported massive fish kills from the Bahamas, south to the Dutch island of Curacao just off the coast of South America, west to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and east to Puerto Rico.

Officials in Curacao urged local fishermen to stay in port and asked residents to stop eating fish until further notice because of this week's fish kill there.

"Apparently, it has been occurring in the whole Caribbean," said Omar Munoz, executive director of the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council in San Juan.

Several scientists contacted agreed that reported fish kills seemed to have been caused by red tide or a similar phenomenon, but said no one had proved this.

"Such a widespread outbreak would be unusual for the Caribbean," said Jack Dammann, head biologist for the Caribbean Fisheries Council.

Richard Hoogland, in charge of the National Institute of Marine Sciences' regional environmental office in Florida, said the recent passage of Hurricane Allen, coupled with water temperaturas several degrees higher than the usual high 80s, may have led to an outbreak.

Scientists said Allen and other storm conditions, combined with warm temperatures, would help such algae to flourish.

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Four airmen injured in missile accidents

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Air Force officials may be taken to task for their failure to swiftly report two chemical leak accidents that injured four servicemen working at Titan II missile sites near Tucson.

Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz, whose district includes the area encompassing 18 missile sites, will "certainly ask the Air Force why he and other members of the delegation weren't informed of this," an aide told UPI on Friday night.

Ken Burton, a press aide for Udall contacted in Washington, disputed Air Force official's contention the incidents this week were "minor."

"Coming on the heels of the accident in Arkansas, four people hospitalized . . . what can I say," Burton said. "Considering the history of this weapon and some of the problems that occurred elsewhere, I wonder if the public would agree this was just a minor incident."

The first accident occurred Tuesday when a small amount of oxidizer leaked from a pump in an equipment area adjacent to a missile silo near Benson, according to an Air Force statement released Friday.

In an unrelated accident Thursday at a missile silo near Oracle Junction, two crewmen working with testing equipment were exposed to "re-agent" — a chemical used to detect oxidizer vapors — when a small amount of that chemical leaked.

There are 18 Titan II missile sites surrounding Tucson. Arizona is one of three states, Kansas and Arkansas being the others, that contain the missiles.

"I want to stress in both cases that no evacuation was necesary and none was undertaken," Major John Alexander said. "At no time was there any danger to any civilians. It was not in a missile launch duct, both (incidents) were in equipment bays. The equipment that was involved was physically separate from the missile itself."

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'UFOs' on election night declared satellite pieces

Unidentified. Same

BEND (UPI) — The "unidentified flying objects" that lighted Northwest skies election night were parts of a satellite reentering the earth's atmosphere, Federal Aviation Administration officials said Wednesday.

The satellite, which was sighted as far north as Everett, Wash., and as far south as Eugene, is a "classified matter," an FAA spokesman said.

The satellite, Bend builder, described the sight as "glowing objects emitting some kind of vapor trail."

Central Oregon police agencies said scores of callers reported the UFOs about 7 p.m.

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Other Levees Are In Danger

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By Stephen Magagnini and Scott Blakey
Chronicle Correspondents

Holt, San Joaquin County

The aqueduct carrying drinking water for more than a million Bay Area residents was threatened yesterday after a section of a Santa Fe railroad embankment, holding back the flood of a September levee break, ruptured under the wheels of a lumbering freight train shortly after 2 a.m.

Millions of gallons of water crashed against the pipeline's support pylons and inundated the 5200-acre Upper Jones Tract on which they stand.

"There is a potential for damage — a potential for all kinds of things," said a clearly worried David Vossbrink, a spokesman for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which owns the water pipeline.

The flood also threatened a pipeline carrying jet fuel from the Port of Stockton to Travis Air Force Base.

The 275-foot break in the levee was expected to grow by another 20 or 30 feet, but the flow of water gradually lessened yesterday afternoon as the water level began to equalize on each side of the ruptured embankment.

A temporary telephone line running beside the Sante Fe roadbed — replacing lines destroyed in the September flood — was severed by the embankment's collapse, cutting service to nearly 100 families in the sparsely populated area, about 40 miles east of San Francisco.

Three farm families still living in the tract were evacuated in the pre-dawn hours as the floodwaters, at an estimated 11 million gallons a minute, poured through the breach and slid across the fields. Five other families who had lived on the tract had left after the first levee break.

No lives were lost, and no injuries were reported, but railroad locomotives were pitched into the

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Note: The below entries occurred soon after I informed Jeffrey that the SI's were modifying Abin attack to go after high officials in govt. (They took care of Carter + Co. too!!) — Gwen

— UFO's vs. Govt. —

Hospitalized Stennis due to remain 'few more days'

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Sen. John C. Stennis, admitted to Keesler Air Force Base hospital for observation after complaining of abdominal pain, will remain hospitalized for "another day or two," a base spokesman said Saturday.

Stennis, 79, spent a good night Friday night and his abdominal condition continued to improve, the base spokesman said.

Rex Buffington, a spokesman in the senator's Washington office, said Stennis took part in a series of recent Democratic Party gatherings to promote the re-election of President Carter and complained of stomach problems Thursday night after an address in McComb.

Stennis checked into the hospital about 3 a.m. Friday.

Eph Cresswell, a Stennis aide, said the senator was in good health and had few problems since a gallbladder operation several years ago.

Stennis was shot in the stomach and left leg when attacked outside his Washington home in 1973, but had fully recovered from those injuries.

Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a long-time member of the chamber's Select Committee on Standards and Conduct, was first elected to the Senate in 1947. He is an attorney and served 10 years as a state circuit judge before his election.

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Solon in critical condition after heart attack at mall

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — Rep. Gladys N. Spellman, D-Md., remained unconscious and in critical condition Saturday after suffering a heart attack while campaigning for re-election. Her opponent ceased campaign activity and said "our prayers are with her."

A spokeswoman at the Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital said Mrs. Spellman's heart rhythm stabilized Saturday morning, more than 12 hours after she had been brought to the hospital from a nearby shopping mall where she was judging a Halloween costume contest.

Lissa Vogt, the spokeswoman, said the next few days would be crucial in determining the 65-year-old third-term Democrat's recovery. Mrs. Spellman represents Maryland's 5th District.

"In any heart attack, the first 48 hours are crucial for the patient," said Ms. Vogt. "It can go either way." Mrs. Spellman "is just holding her own," she added.

Mrs. Spellman, who had suffered a heart attack once before, had been on the campaign trail since the May primary when she defeated her only Democratic opponent by a nearly 8-to-1 margin.

She has been considered the overwhelming favorite to beat Republican challenger Kevin R. Igoe, a former budget analyst in the Treasury Department.

Igoe, who has never held elective office, could not be reached for comment.

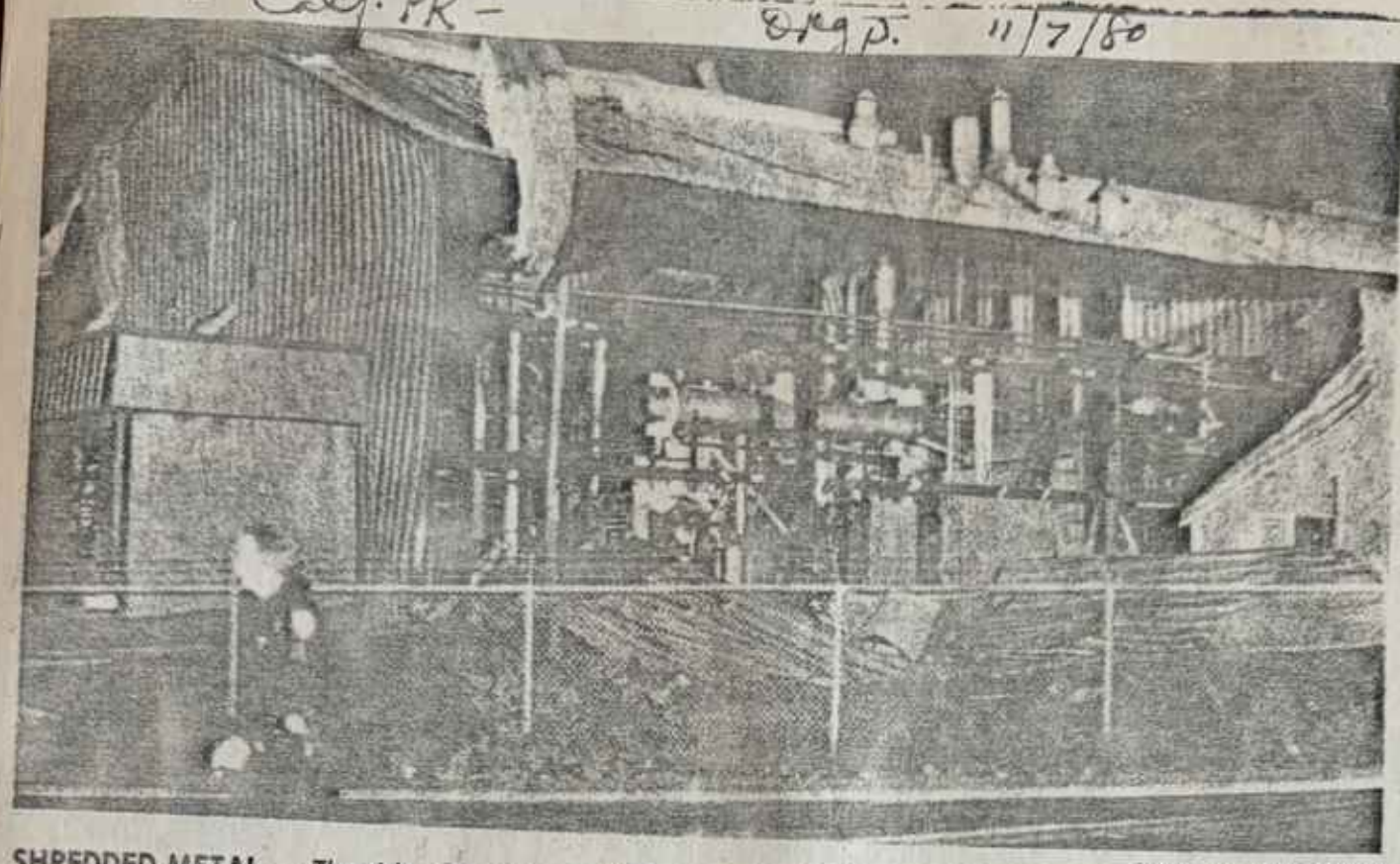
Margaret Beazley, office manager at the Igoe for Congress headquarters in College Park, said in a prepared statement: "Our prayers are with her and her family. We have ceased all campaign activities."

Mrs. Spellman was stricken at about 6 p.m. Friday at the Laurel Town Center Mall while campaigning. The mall is part of a shopping complex where an assassination attempt was made on former Alabama Gov. George Wallace in May 1972, on the eve of his victory in Maryland's presidential primary.

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SHREDDED METAL — The side of a compressed air chemical plant in Richmond, Calif., was blown out Wednesday by a nitrous oxide blast. There were no injuries.

Nitrous oxide blast shreds plant

RICHMOND, Calif. (UPI) — A tanker truck being loaded with nitrous oxide exploded at a compressed air chemical plant Wednesday night, blowing out three sides of the building and jolting residents up to 50 miles away.

The only worker inside the plant was not injured, despite being knocked down by the tremendous blast. There were no serious injuries among residents who breathed the non-toxic fumes or were struck by flying glass.

The truck, containing 36,000 pounds of nitrous oxide, commonly known as "laughing gas," blew up inside the three-story Puritan Bennett Chemical Corp. plant and burst into flames, sending a huge cloud of non-toxic vapor into the sky.

Flying glass and metal fell 3 miles away, and area residents covered their mouths to avoid inhaling the gas.

Authorities tried Thursday to determine what caused the tanker to explode about 9:00 p.m. PST. Firemen wore air tanks to fight the flames, which were extinguished an hour later.

Damage is expected to top $1 million, a company spokesman said.

Note: I informed Jeffrey before this 7.0 quake that the SI's planned to strike San Francisco area with a 7.0 quake!

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Aftershocks rumble — Aftershocks of Saturday's earthquake in Northern California and Southern Oregon jarred the California coast Sunday and early Monday. The earthquake Saturday measured 7.0 on the Richter scale.

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Note: I told Milly Miller before this happened that my UFOs would "blow up missile sites" like firecrackers in their war against the U.S. govt. Guess I were right.

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Arkansas's Missile Scare

Just before 3 a.m. last Friday the sky over Damascus, Ark., turned bright white. Seconds later a thunderous explosion jolted the area and a gigantic red-orange cloud billowed into the air. Chunks of debris, some as big as cars, tumbled to earth. "What the hell happened?" shouted a stunned local news photographer. "The son of a bitch blew," an Air Force captain screamed back. A Titan II missile had exploded in its silo, and though it was not known to the public at the time, the blast catapulted the missile's multi-megaton nuclear warhead into an empty field 200 yards away.

The warhead—hundreds of times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima—was never in danger of detonating, and officials said no radioactive debris was released. But it was the scariest accident in the history of the country's ICBM program. One airman, Sgt. David Livingston, died of chemical pneumonia after inhaling toxic fumes; another was in critical condition. Twenty more were hurt and about 1,400 people were evacuated from the area. Some blamed the incident on the Titan II's liquid-fuel system, which they believe is inherently unsafe. But Air Force Secretary Hans Mark insisted that was not the case. "The problem here was not one of equipment failure," he said. "The problem was a pure [human] accident."

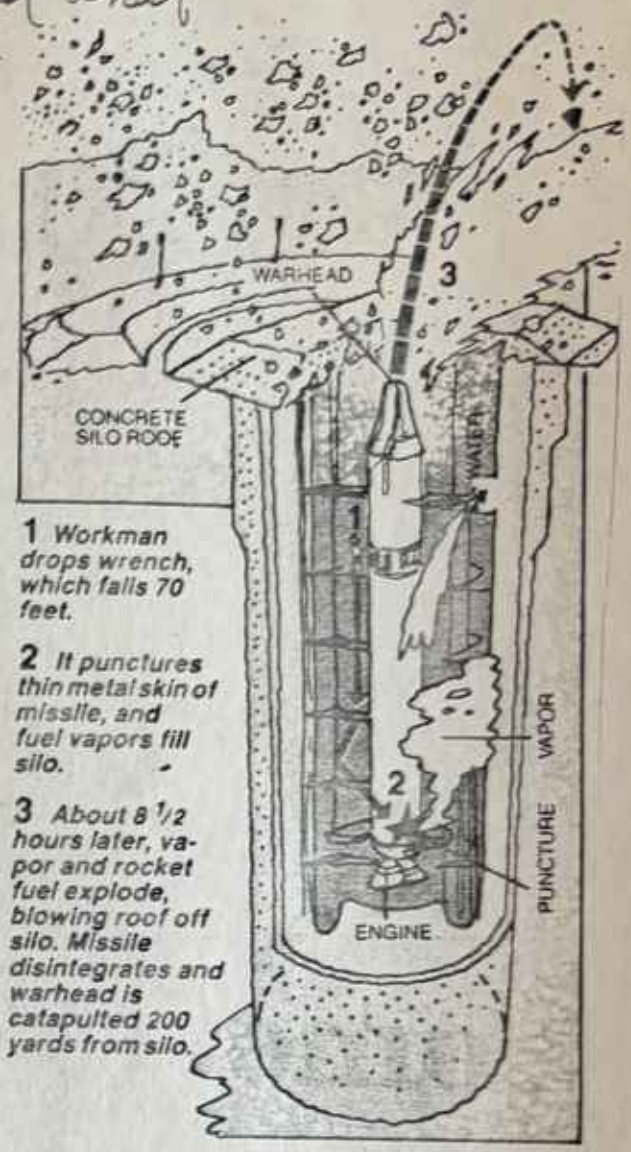
As Air Force officials explained it, a maintenance team was working on the third level of the 146-foot-deep silo the evening before the explosion. One of the technicians accidentally dropped a wrench socket and it fell 70 feet, puncturing the thin skin of the missile's first-stage fuel tank. Toxic vapors from the aerozine-50 fuel began to rise, and the workmen evacuated the silo. A fire—perhaps ignited by a spark from the falling wrench—flared in the engine, triggering an automatic-sprinkler system that poured 100,000 gallons of water into the silo. The water doused the fire but failed to cover the leak. With the vapor concentration in the silo still rising, the missile crew ordered a standard emergency evacuation of everyone within 2 miles.

Combustion: About six and a half hours after the fuel tank was punctured, two members of a specially trained emergency team entered the silo's access chamber in preparation for plugging the leak. They found that the vapor concentration was still rising—and the mixture of vapor with oxygen in the air increased the chance of spontaneous combustion. Just as the workers were leaving the access chamber, the vapor did explode—setting off the rest of the fuel in the missile. The force of the blast was stupendous, demolishing the 750-ton concrete roof of the silo and hurling the warhead out of the silo. Experts said there was no chance that the warhead itself might go off. Its core of plutonium is surrounded by a ring of enriched uranium wrapped in another ring of high explosives; all the outer-layer explosives must be fired at precisely the same instant to trigger a nuclear reaction.

The accident did set off a chain reaction of fear in the surrounding community. "My first thought was that we were all going to die," said one eyewitness. Within hours most residents within a 10-mile radius had relocated in a high-school gymnasium or a National Guard armory. It was precisely the sort of situation Arkansas legislators had long fretted about. Only three days before the accident, Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas had won passage of a measure calling for early-warning systems at all 54 Titan II sites, which are in Arkansas, Kansas and Arizona.

Phase-out? The liquid-fuel Titan is the biggest and oldest ICBM in the U.S. inventory. Since deploying it in 1963, the Air Force has switched to solid-fuel missiles. Plans were made to begin phasing out the missiles in the early 1970s, but Henry Kissinger ordered them kept as bargaining chips during the SALT I negotiations. Now they are kept in service more for political than strategic reasons. They are a tiny fraction of the 1,054 ICBM's in the U.S. arsenal, but they are so big they enable the U.S. to compete with the Soviet Union in the megatonnage numbers game. But the cost has been significant. In 1963, 53 workmen were killed when a welder's torch sparked an explosion in an Arkansas silo. In 1978, seven people were hospitalized in Damascus after toxic vapor seeped into the air. Nevertheless, in the ensnarled politics of strategic balance, it is unlikely that the Titan will be retired anytime soon.

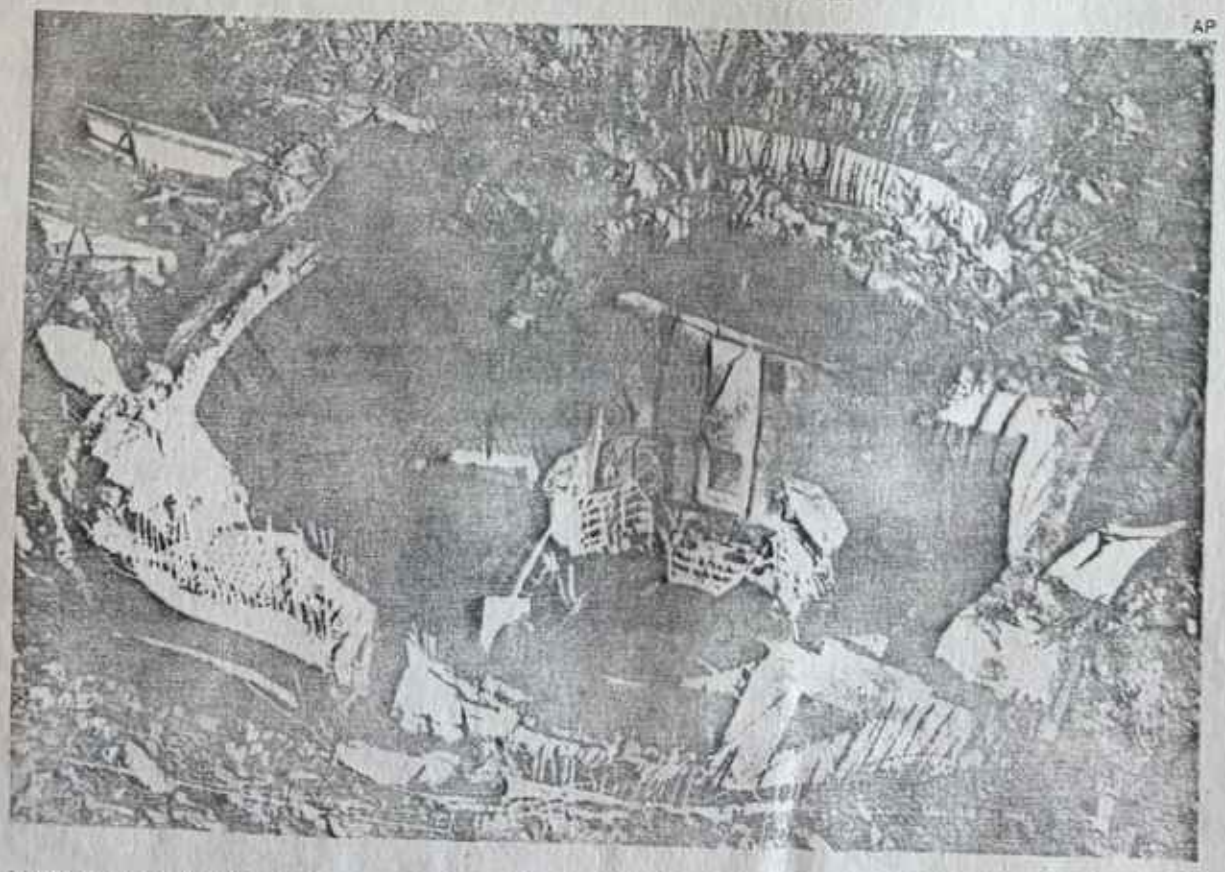
DENNIS A. WILLIAMS with DAVID C. MARTIN in Washington and RONALD HENKOFF in Arkansas



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The warhead landed 200 yards away

The damaged silo in Arkansas: Should the Titan II be retired?



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Note: My UFOs cleaned out Carter & Co. Remember, their war against U.S. govt and Carter was head of the govt. — Owens.

Pollsters split over failure to predict landslide

By KENNETH REICH
LA Times-Washington Post Service

Leading national pollsters were in deep disagreement — and squabbling among themselves — Wednesday as to just why their surveys gave no clear advance indication of the lopsided Ronald Reagan victory.

Reagan's nationwide victory margin in the popular vote was 10 percentage points.

Executives of the Gallup and CBS-New York Times polls insisted that there was a big last-minute trend to Reagan and that they completed their polling just a little too early to catch it. "The same thing happened with Harry Truman in 1948," a Gallup official lamented.

But executives of the Louis Harris and NBC-Associated Press polls insisted just as strongly that there was no such last-minute trend and that it was false perceptions of the prospective voter turnout and inadequate "weighting" of raw poll data that led to errors.

Outside the polling business, political experts tended not to be so understanding.

"It was another collapse of polling," said one California Democrat who had said weeks ago that President Carter's chances in California were "zero."

"They missed it again. It was a volatile election and they missed it."

Barry Sussman, director of a Washington Post national poll that saw President Carter leading Reagan 47 percent to 43 percent five days before the election, said that as far as he was concerned, both sides of the other poll argument were right, and I he might not be so eager t the last week of the next el

"If you're wrong, you look silly and if you're right, no one remembers," he said.

The Los Angeles Times Poll conducted its last nationwide survey one month before the election, from Oct. 5-9. It showed Reagan leading Carter 40 percent to 36 percent.

Some of the pollsters, searching for explanations, were not kindly to each other, or to their critics and questioners.

David Neft, executive vice president of the Harris poll, described reports of a big Reagan trend at the end of the campaign as "absolute nonsense."

"There was no trend," he said. "From the time after the debate (a week before the election) we got the

centage points."

"Polls are subject to error," he said, pleading, however, that this election had seen "one of the most dramatic late shifts ever recorded."

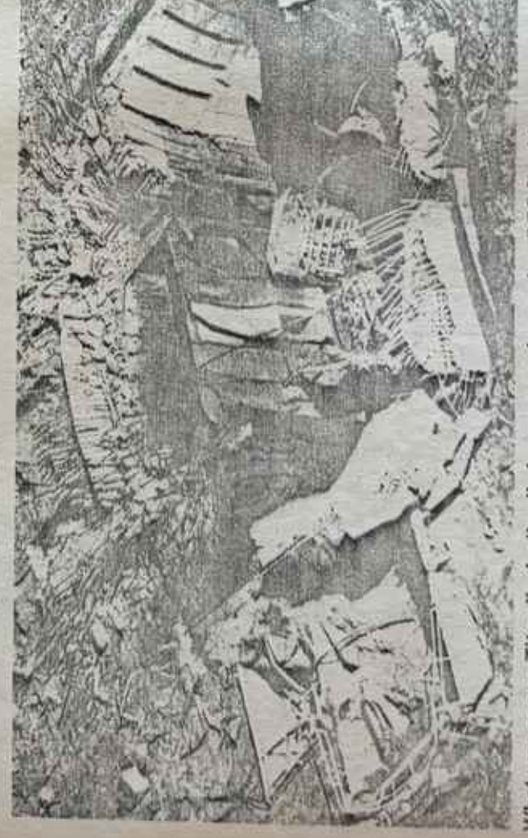
Even the White House got into the argument. A Carter aide said that presidential pollster Patrick Caddell's surveys had shown the President leading Reagan as late as Saturday "but then the bottom dropped out."

With the exception of the Harris organization, the latest public surveying was done Saturday afternoon. Harris, polling until Monday, showed Reagan with a 5-point lead and called the elec-

UFO war against U.S. govt. — Owens

Light on the Road to Damascus

Titan terror explodes in the Arkansas hills



What was once a Titan II missile silo is now a gaping crater, 250 ft. wide

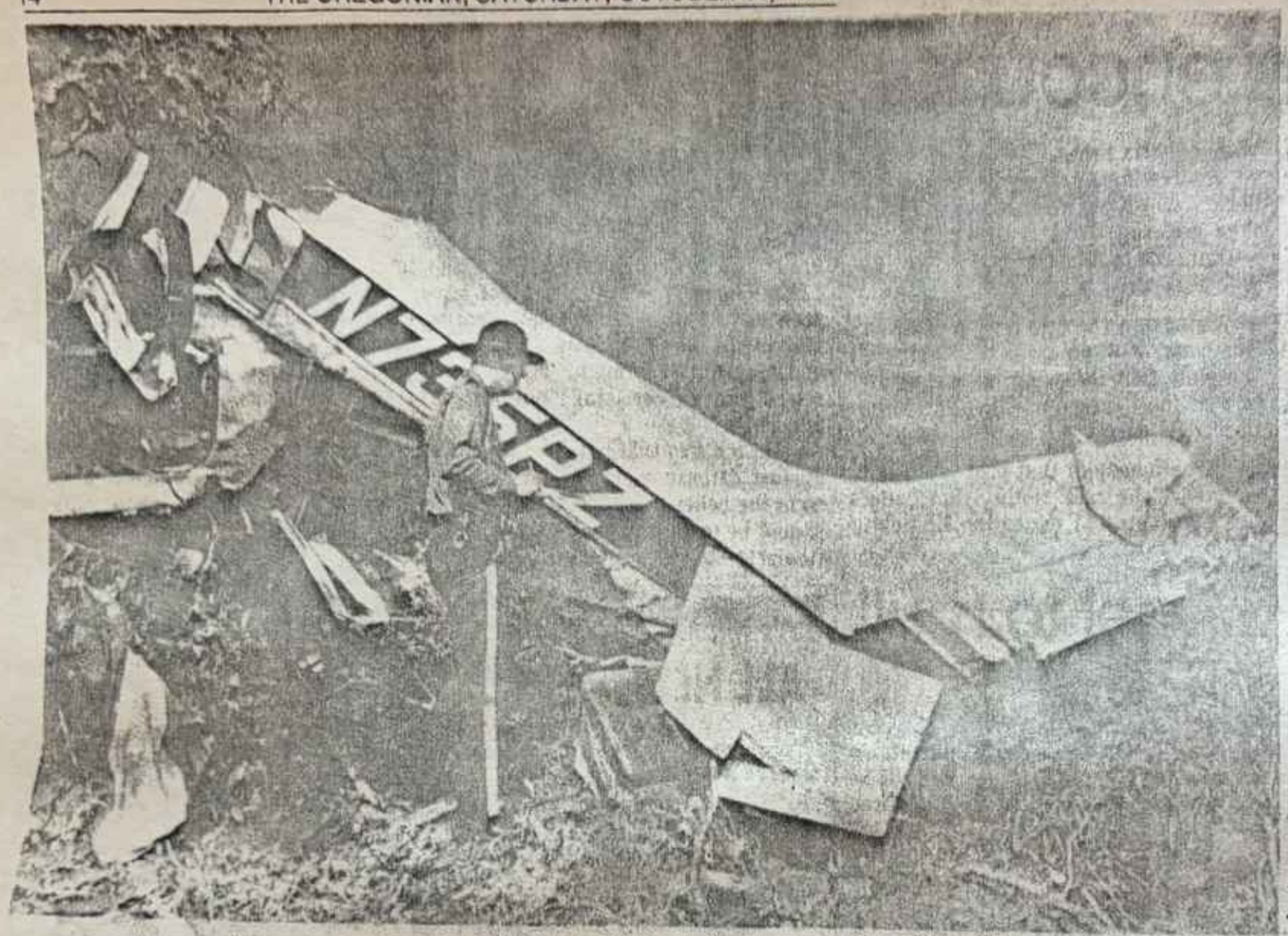
Shortly after sunset one day last week, a maintenance worker on the third level of a silo housing a 103-ft. Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile near Damascus, in the Arkansas hills north of Little Rock, dropped the socket of a wrench. The 3-lb. tool plummeted 70 ft. and punctured a fuel tank. As flammable vapors escaped, officials urged the 1,400 people living in a five-mile radius of the silo to flee. The instructions: "Don't take time to close your doors—just get out."

And with good reason. At 3:01 a.m., as technicians gave up trying to plug the leak and began climbing from the silo, the mixture of fuel and oxygen exploded. Orange flames and smoke spewed out, lighting up the sky over Damascus. The blast blew off a 750-ton concrete cover. One worker was killed; 21 others were hurt.

Officials reported that no radiation leaked from the missile, which was tipped with a multimegaton nuclear warhead.

But the explosion was the second accident of the week involving U.S. nuclear weapons; the first was a fire at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N. Dak., that damaged a B-52 bomber thought to be carrying 32 short-range, nuclear missiles.

The incidents reopened the debate over the safety of the U.S. nuclear arsenal, particularly of the 54 liquid-fuel Titan II missiles, which date from 1963. 18 of them are based in Arkansas, the rest in Arizona and Kansas. Air Force Secretary Hans Mark, a rocketry expert, insists that the Titans are not obsolete and are "a perfectly safe system to operate," despite 40 mishaps in ten years, two of them resulting in deaths or injuries. At the very least, Democratic Senator David Pryor of Arkansas demanded, the Air Force should set up a more effective warning system for Titan 11 sites. Said he: "Right now we are using the Paul Revere method—word of mouth." ■



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DEATH PLANE — Wreckage of the plane that carried Salem businessman Gerald B. Bull, 55, to his death lies on the northeast slope of Mount Ashland, 10 miles south of the town of Ashland. The body of Bull, pilot and only occupant of plane reported missing late Wednesday, was removed by state police Thursday.

— Bermuda Δ Attack —

Salem pilot's body lifted from crash

ASHLAND (AP) — State police removed the body of a Salem man from the wreckage of a light plane Thursday on the northeast slope of Mount Ashland in Southern Oregon.

Lt. Jerry Norris said the victim, Gerald B. Bull, 55, was alone in the single-engine plane.

Norris said the wreckage was spotted by an Oregon Aeronautics Division search plane that began looking for the missing aircraft Thursday morning. The plane had been reported missing Wednesday night, Norris said.

The search plane found the wreckage after detecting signals from an emergency transmitter. The transmitter automatically begins sending signals upon impact.

Mount Ashland is a 7,523-foot peak 10 miles south of the town of Ashland near the Oregon-California border.

The Federal Aviation Administration was to begin Friday trying to determine the cause of the crash. State police said the plane's tanks still had fuel in them.

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Detonation injures five

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LA GRANDE (AP) — An explosion injured five men, two critically, while they worked on a gas pipeline project near here Monday afternoon, Oregon State Police said.

Edward J. Elliott, 34, Bend, suffered fractures and burns after a powerful explosives charge accidentally detonated, Trooper John Smith said. Elliott was listed in critical condition at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande.

Clarence Harris, 54, La Grande, received massive head injuries from the explosion and was transferred in critical condition to Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wash., officials said.

James Welch, 36, Redmond, and Norman E. White, 22, La Grande, received multiple cuts and bruises from flying rocks and debris. They were listed in satisfactory condition at Grande Ronde Hospital.

Louis Ellis, 60, Lyle, Wash. was treated and released, officials said.

"They were blowing ditch for this new pipeline," Smith said. "They still haven't been able to figure out what happened."

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Gas fire seen for miles

PAMPA, Texas (AP) — A spectacular fire touched off by a natural gas explosion and visible for more than 100 miles was brought under control early Tuesday when gas company workers shut off the flow of gas, officials said.

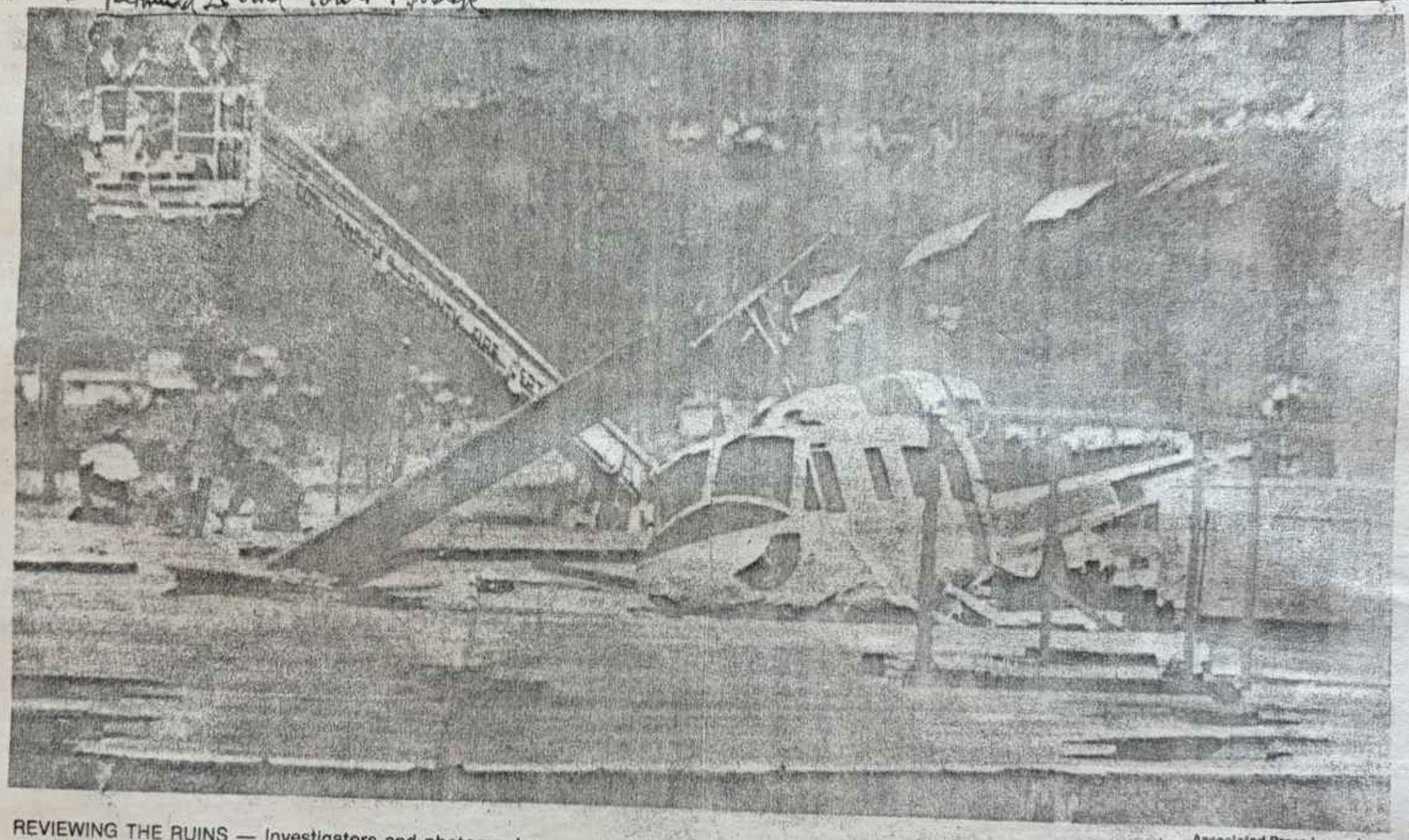
The explosion sent smoke and flames an estimated 2,000 feet into the air Monday night. The fire caused the sky to glow and was visible as far away as Hutchinson, Kan., and Altus, Okla., more than 120 miles away, officials reported. The noise of the explosion was heard 40 miles away.

No one was injured before the fire was brought under control, according to Roberts County Deputy Sheriff Robert Cowlins in Miami, Texas.

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REVIEWING THE RUINS — Investigators and photographers use crane to observe wreckage of industrial helicopter that crashed Monday on store roof in City of Industry, Calif. One worker was killed and two others suffered minor injuries after aircraft lost power while installing air conditioning unit.

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LA gets little relief from smog

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The weekend brought the promise of some relief for Southern Californians who have suffered through five days of thick smog and sticky heat.

But officials warned that despite the easing of conditions which trapped the pollution inside the mountain-ringed South Coast Air Basin, it may take several days for the thick cloud of smog to dissipate.

In Imperial County, a crop-duster's plane crashed in heavy fog early Saturday morning about five miles northeast of the town of Imperial, killing the pilot. The plane burst into flames on impact, sending off clouds of toxic fumes from its load of chemical pesticide.

The pilot was identified as Homer V. Ward of the tiny community of Calipatiria along the Salton Sea.

Glenn Wyler of the Air Quality Management District in suburban El Monte said the inversion layer — atmospheric conditions that act like a cap holding the smog inside the basin — raised to 2,000 feet Saturday.

"Ordinarily, that is enough to help bring a little more relief than it has," Wyler said. "But because of the stagnation condition, it is taking a little longer than usual to bring down the smog levels."

During the smog siege last week, the inversion layer of warm air was as low as 800 feet.

Second-stage smog advisories — warnings that the ozone content of the air has passed dangerous levels — were issued for five consecutive days, from Monday through Friday, as the tea-colored cloud squatting over the populous region got increasingly thicker and residents curtailed many outdoor activities.

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Silo town falls ill

GUY, Ark. (AP) — A fog that looked like a "light snow" blew into this tiny community shortly after a Titan II missile silo exploded five miles away last week, and officials say about two dozen residents, including the mayor, have been sick ever since.

The residents are complaining of nausea, burning sensations in their noses, throats and lungs, and dry, salty lips, although none apparently has become ill enough to be hospitalized.

Benny Mercer, mayor of the community of 200, puts the blame squarely on the toxic fumes that seeped from the silo.

Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Leavitt, vice commander of the Strategic Air Command, said Air Force calculations indicated toxic fumes had not reached Guy and, in fact, had not gone more than one mile from the silo.

But Mercer said the fog, which arrived about an hour after the explosion, melted within 15 minutes and the Air Force did not take measurements soon enough to detect it.

The silo blew up last Friday after a wrench socket dropped by a workman ruptured a missile fuel tank. One person was killed and 21 were injured. The warhead from the missile was ejected from the silo and was later taken to a weapons plant in Amarillo, Texas, to be analyzed.

U.S. Bom. & Attack?

Bomber crashes

BIGGIN HILL, England (AP) — A British-piloted American World War II bomber crashed Sunday at an air show commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Its seven-man crew was killed, and Scotland Yard said two of the dead were American airmen stationed in England.

A witness said the twin-engined A-26 Invader nosedived into a grassy bank, narrowly missing a street of houses, and "disintegrated in a big ball of flame." Oreg. 9/22/80

Bermuda & Attack

High seas stall efforts to secure drifting rig

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) — Ten-foot seas in the north Pacific stalled efforts Saturday to secure an oil drilling platform drifting helplessly for a third day with 18 men aboard, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the weather was improving, lessening the danger to the men aboard the platform Dan Prince, but he added, "There's always some element of risk."

The tugboat Smit New York and the cutter Boutwell were standing by the platform early Saturday about 740 miles southwest of Kodiak. A Coast Guard damage control team was waiting for the seas and 21-knot winds to subside before boarding.

The 208-foot, triangular Dan Prince was set adrift late Thursday when 60-knot winds and 40-foot seas knocked loose a helicopter pad that cut the tow cable between the platform and the Smit New York, the Coast Guard said.

The falling pad caused some damage and flooding but no injuries, the platform's crew reported.

"There's three feet of water awash on the main deck, but the bilge pumps are handling it. Nobody is 'hyper' about it at this point," Coast Guard Lt. Jim Hatfield said early Saturday.

"We're going to put some men aboard and determine the damage. And hopefully it can continue its trip," he said.

The Dan Prince was under tow from Norton Sound on Alaska's northwest coast to the African nation of Ivory Coast.

The platform is owned by Scout Shipping of Monrovia, Liberia, and operated by J.L. Offshore Drilling of Copenhagen, Denmark.

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LA still coughing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Residents who would like to step outside for a breath of fresh air are out of luck — and out of clean oxygen — as smog-laden haze continues to hang over the city.

Only high desert and mountain areas in the four-county Los Angeles basin were expected to escape the unhealthful air Thursday, weathercasters said. Oreg. 10/10/80

'Bigfoot' visits farmer

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MAYSVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — Authorities are investigating reports of the sighting of a large, long-haired creature with "glowing animal-like eyes" at the isolated home of a Mason County farmer last weekend.

Charles Fulton, 39, told county authorities he fired two shots with a .22-caliber pistol, but said it seemed not to affect the creature, which loped off at a "slow-motion kind of gallop."

Fulton and his family were at their rural home in a heavily wooded area watching television last Saturday night when another child came into the living room and said someone was turning the back door knob. Thinking the child was playing a prank, Fulton made him sit and watch TV.

"A few minutes later, something liked to have tore my front door off," Fulton told authorities Wednesday.

He said he opened the door and saw a creature more than 7-feet tall standing there, covered with long whitish hair. "It was standing on two feet like a human and its head was taller than the door frame, which is 6 foot 8," Fulton said.

Opening the door apparently startled the creature, which ran off the porch. Fulton went back in, put on his coat and got the pistol. He then went to the back yard, where he spotted it standing between an outbuilding and the house.

It was then he noticed its "glowing eyes and hair like a horse's mane," he said. "I fired at it twice from about 30 feet away and don't see how I could have missed."

He said the creature turned slowly and "ran off at a slow-motion gallop."

His wife, Wanda, 36, and several of the children said they also saw the creature from inside the house.

Fulton discounted the possibility the creature was a bear because of its upright position, and said it certainly was not a man in costume.

The sighting was the first of an ape-like creature in Kentucky for more than two years. At that time, motorists on the Pennyrile Parkway in western Kentucky saw a large hairy creature bound off into the woods.

Robert Gardiner, 40, a big game hunter for 20 years, is convinced he has found the lair of Bigfoot in the hills of southern Ohio near McArthur.

(Note: The three Bigfoot creatures approx. 20 feet from my boys & I in northern California had "glowing red eyes" and silvery whitish hair, same as this Ky. report.
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- Calif. "Pk" -

Asbestos discovered in aqueduct

By RICHARD DE ATLEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Heavy concentrations of asbestos have been found in the California Aqueduct, which supplies drinking water for 12 million people, but water officials said Friday that the water was safely filtered before reaching anybody's faucets.

"We're not aware of any studies that indicate there's any health hazards," said David Kennedy, assistant general manager of the Metropolitan Water District.

Asbestos is a known cause of cancer, but Kennedy said that more than 99 percent of the fibrous mineral is removed by water district filtration plants and that customers are receiving no more than they normally would get from their surroundings.

Some 129 communities in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties use water from the Metropolitan Water District. The aqueduct also feeds small water districts in Avenal, Bakersfield and the Antelope Valley, which also have safely filtered their water.

The aqueduct, which runs 440 miles between the San Joaquin Valley and Riverside over the Tehachapi Mountains, apparently picked up the mineral in rain runoff from asbestos mines just south of Coalinga in Fresno County about 175 miles north of Los Angeles, Kennedy said.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s office asked the state Department of Resources Friday to submit a plan to dredge sediment from the aqueduct south of Coalinga, said Brown aide Gray Davis. Such a project could cost $2 million and take five to six months to complete, he said.

Changing the runoff flow around the aqueduct near Coalinga is another possibility, state water officials suggested.

The affected area of the aqueduct was designed so that "upland drainage goes into the aqueduct to increase the flow when they get a flood," said John Gaston, chief of the Sanitary Engineering Section for the state Health Services Department in Sacramento.

Gaston said the runoff was designed "long before we had any idea that asbestos was a problem" and at the instigation of the federal government, which supplied funds for the joint project.

The standard for measuring asbestos is millions of fibers per liter, but tests of aqueduct water taken below the Tehachapis, 80 miles south of Coalinga, showed billions of fibers per liter.

"The filtration process is . . . getting 99 percent of it out," Kennedy said.

Asbestos is everywhere in the state, health officials have said. The state rock, serpentine, is a type of asbestos, and the fibers float freely in the atmosphere.

There are no standards for acceptable levels of asbestos in drinking water, and most tap water in the state has a "background level" of 10 million to 20 million fibers per liter, Kennedy said.

The problem was discovered after officials in the city of Thousand Oaks, monitoring their system because it used asbestos pipes, found levels higher than estimated and asked the water district to run tests.

"We started running some samples and gradually tracked the thing down over the last four to five months," Kennedy said.

- U.S. Brain Δ Attack -

Encephalitis widespread

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ATLANTA (AP) — Unusually widespread outbreaks of encephalitis, which causes inflammation of the brain, have been reported in the United States this year, particularly along the Gulf Coast, the national Center for Disease Control reported Friday.

St. Louis encephalitis, a mosquito-borne disease, has hit hardest in Houston, which has had 18 confirmed cases and 12 suspected cases, the CDC said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Two deaths were reported in the area. Eight other confirmed cases were reported in neighboring Gulf Coast counties.

One case of another strain of the disease, eastern equine encephalomyelitis, occurred in Michigan. It was the first case in Michigan of a human contracting the disease, which usually affects horses, the CDC said. Also Plains in New Mexico!
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...ARIO, Calif. (AP) — A car be-
...g to a missing Brink's employee
...ated in the $1.55 million theft of
...,250 gold Krugerrand coins from the
security firm has been found at Ontario
International Airport, police said
Wednesday.

Rick Cunningham, a 21-year-old employee in Brink's Los Angeles gold vault, has been missing since June 25, the day before the theft of the 180 pounds of South African coins was discovered.

...Cunningham was charged with two
... counts of g... rand theft July 3.

Protests continue

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Angry youths attacked three news photographers after storming out of a community meeting here in the second straight night of violence following the fatal shooting of a black youth by a white police officer.

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Despite th... e attacks, police reported
relative calm... in the predominantly
black, low-in... come north Philadelphia
neighborhood. Twenty people, includ-
ing 14 juvenil... es, were arrested when
they refused t... o leave the area, police
said.

"There have ... been a few incidents of
rock and brick ... throwing, nothing seri-
ous," said a po... lice officer at the 22nd
District station ... who asked not to be
identified.

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Illness ki... lls boy

ORLANDO (... (AP) — A rare but
deadly disease ... aused by an amoeba
found in Florida ... freshwater lakes has
claimed its four... th victim — a New
York youngster w... ho spent his vacation
swimming at Wal... ar World's Riv...
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Band illness baffles health officials

By PHIL ORAMOUS aneg- 10/18/80

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Baffled health officials and physicians searched Friday for the cause of an illness that struck nearly two dozen members of a high school band simultaneously during a football game.

The entire 140-member Carver High School band was rushed to hospitals Thursday night after several fainted following a halftime performance. Twenty-two were admitted and treated with a universal antidote. An undetermined number of others, who showed symptoms, were treated and released.

All of those admitted were listed in stable condition Friday, and hospital officials said some might be released Friday.

The students had consumed soft drinks from a concession stand, and some had eaten candied apples from a convenience store before the game.

Dr. William Roper, Jefferson County's health officer, said his agency was investigating. And a Health Department spokeswoman said the food service division and disease surveillance unit had joined forces in the search for the cause.

Officials gave no indication when they expected results from tests on the youngsters and on the foods consumed.

At first doctors suggested the soft drinks could have been poisoned. But not all members of the band had the symptoms, which included chest pains, headache, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.

Several parents in a hospital waiting room said their children had stopped for candied apples on the way to the game, and one hospital was conducting tests on apples at the store.

"It would sound like someone put something in the drinks," said Phillip Rogers, a pharmacist at the Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital. He said he based his conclusion on a report from a physician at one of the hospitals.

"The symptoms really don't fit the pattern of food poisoning," Rogers said, adding that it normally takes 12 to 36 hours for its symptoms to begin.

Police Capt. Richard Lambert said police learned last week of threats against the band and had provided extra security at last week's game. There were no incidents.

Lambert said the threats were linked to juvenile gangs operating in the guise of high school fraternities.

Sgt. John Rumsey of the family services division said police would wait for the results of the Health Department investigation before considering its own investigation.

The incident occurred during a game against Glenn High School at Lawson Field in east Birmingham.

Schools warned on tampon sales

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SALEM (AP) — A warning has been issued to state education officials asking that doctors and attorneys be consulted on whether tampons should be banned from school restrooms.

Verne A. Duncan, state superintendent of public instruction, issued the warning Thursday to 311 local superintendents and community college presidents.

He asked officials to make sure that no restroom dispensers carry Rely Tampons, the brand closely linked with toxic shock syndrome, a sometimes fatal disease mostly suffered by menstruating women.

"If the machines have other tampons, we have asked that a check be made with local health authorities for what to do with them," said Bentley Gilbert, Duncan's executive assistant.

"If they are dispensing tampons, we have asked them to check with their legal counsel and insurance companies," he said.

He said state Health Division officials recommended the warning because of heavy publicity about possible connections between tampons and toxic shock syndrome.

"We just sort of want to double remind people about the risks of using tampons, but tampons have not been ordered out of the schools," said Kristine Gebbie, Health Division administrator.

"The thinking is, if a woman became ill or was to die of toxic shock, the practice would be to sue everyone you could think of," Gilbert said.

No Oregon school has been named in lawsuits associated with toxic shock syndrome.

The state Health Division has reported 17 confirmed cases of toxic shock in Oregon, but none resulted in death. Those affected in Oregon were women between the ages of 13 and 36.

Note: Outbreak of toxic shock, bubonic plague, etc. New Flu plague. Rabies.

More pet stores under quarantine

By The Associated Press

Two Bird Hut pet stores in Southeast Portland were placed under quarantine Friday by state and federal agriculture officials after it was learned that their birds might have been exposed to Exotic Newcastle disease.

The disease, which can kill birds and poultry, produces symptoms similar to a cold.

The disease has not been confirmed at the Bird Hut shops, said William Prichard of Salem, veterinarian for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

He said test results should be available by Wednesday or Thursday.

Prichard said a customer bought a blue and gold macaw from a Portland shop that received a shipment on Aug. 22 of contaminated exotic birds from Pet Farms in Miami.

The customer then traded the macaw to the Bird Hut, which already had a blue and gold macaw.

One of the macaws was at the Southeast Division Street store and one was at the store on Southeast McLoughlin Boulevard. As a precaution, Prichard said, both shops were placed under quarantine.

The shops cannot sell or receive birds until after test results are available, Prichard said.

If Exotic Newcastle disease is confirmed, he said, the shops will be under quarantine for 30 days.

Prichard said 556 birds that either had Exotic Newcastle disease or had come into contact with it have been killed in Oregon in the past two months. The birds were at 12 stores.

Exotic Newcastle disease was confirmed at Safari Pets and Pet Kingdom in the Portland area and the White Whale Pet Shop in Klamath Falls, Prichard said.

Quarantines at those shops soon will be lifted, and they, like all the other shops, will be reimbursed for destroyed birds, Prichard said. aneg. 10/18/80

"Disorientation"
— Bermuda Attack —

Army Secret On Page 1

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Brownfield, Texas

An Army team that was airlifted into this South Plains town on a secret training exercise got lost, and found itself on the front page of the local newspaper.

The six-man team — armed with machine guns and other weapons, and dressed in military garb — was dropped at the Brownfield airport Friday, and was "to get in and out without notice," Army Major Tony Caggeiano said yesterday at the Pentagon.

The team was to have ended its mission at an auxiliary Air Force base nine miles north of town, Caggeiano said, but ended up at Ruben Martinez' farm house six miles east. Martinez called the Terry County sheriff's office, which dispatched deputies.

Brownfield News Editor Don Arnwine intercepted the call on the police monitor and went to investigate.

Arnwine met the sheriff's squad car returning from the farm and noticed some soldiers in the car. He followed the car to the sheriff's office and photographed the men.

At that point, Arnwine said, a sheriff's deputy told him, "I want that film." Arnwine refused.

He said he was told it was a matter of "national security."

"Your boss will hang if the pictures are printed in the paper," the deputy said.

Arnwine ran the story Sunday after getting little, if any, information out of the various military branches. He also enlisted the aid of U.S. Representative Kent Hance, D-Lubbock.

Martinez said the six men arrived at his house during a rainstorm about 9 a.m. They identified themselves as being from the Army, and asked to use the telephone. Martinez became suspicious and refused.

He offered them shelter in his barn, where they changed into dry clothing and ate food they were carrying. Martinez told Arnwine that the men later returned to the house and began knocking on the door and peering through the windows. He then called the sheriff.

When Sheriff Homer Parker arrived, he ordered the six men to unload their weapons. Martinez told Arnwine, and they did.

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"Disorientation"
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Jetliners avoid midair crash

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ATLANTA (AP) — A midair collision between two Eastern Airlines jetliners approaching Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport was averted when one pilot took "evasive action," the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The near-miss occurred at 8:18 a.m. Tuesday, about nine miles northeast of the airport, FAA spokesman Jack Barker said.

Eastern Flight 399, a Boeing 727 carrying 121 people (114 passengers, seven crew), and Eastern Flight 453, a Lockheed L-1011 carrying 191 people (180 passengers, 11 crew), both were approaching the airport on the city's south side at an altitude of about 6,000 feet, Barker said.

The pilot of the Boeing 727 took "evasive action — I don't know if he flew up, down or what," to avoid a collision, Barker said.

The FAA began an investigation of the incident, Barker said.

Human error evidently caused the near-collision, but it has not yet been determined whether air traffic controllers or the pilots were responsible, he said.

"We're playing back computer tapes of what happened" and interviewing pilots and controllers, Barker added. The tapes include conversations between pilots and the flight tower, and between controllers and their supervisors, he said.

Both aircraft have been grounded for examination, he added.

Eastern officials had no comment on the incident except to say the matter was being investigated by the FAA.

Flight 399 was on the final leg of a trip from Charlotte, N.C., to Atlanta via Greenville, S.C., Barker said. Flight 453 was heading to Atlanta after stops in Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.

According to map calculations, the incident occurred over populous DeKalb County, just southwest of the Atlanta suburb of Decatur.

U.S. Bermuda Attack

Man dies in explosion of derailed oil tank car

CUSTER CITY, Pa. (AP) — An explosion ripped through a derailed oil tank car being emptied by cleanup workers Saturday, killing one person and seriously burning two others, authorities said.

Susan Torrey, a spokeswoman for nearby Bradford Hospital, said the dead man was Phillip Winter, 31, of North Collins, N.Y. She said two men were listed in critical condition with burns.

Seven others, including firefighters and cleanup workers, suffered from shock and inhalation of petroleum fumes. Two were hospitalized in satisfactory condition, she said.

Winter was employed by the Winter Railroad Service of North Collins, according to a company spokeswoman.

Bradford Fire Chief [illegible] said the explosion occurred as workers used a high-pressure pump to empty oil from the derailed tank car.

"There was no fire," Shay said. "But it could have been a vapor explosion from inside the tank."

Bradford Fire Capt. John Rimer said two men were working inside the tank car when the explosion occurred. One of the two was covered with crude oil, he said. A third man on the cleanup crew was outside the tanker.

The men were clearing debris from a train derailment Wednesday night that forced about 100 people to flee their homes for several hours.

More than 20 cars of an 84-car freight carrying crude oil and caustic soda jumped the tracks near this McKean County community.

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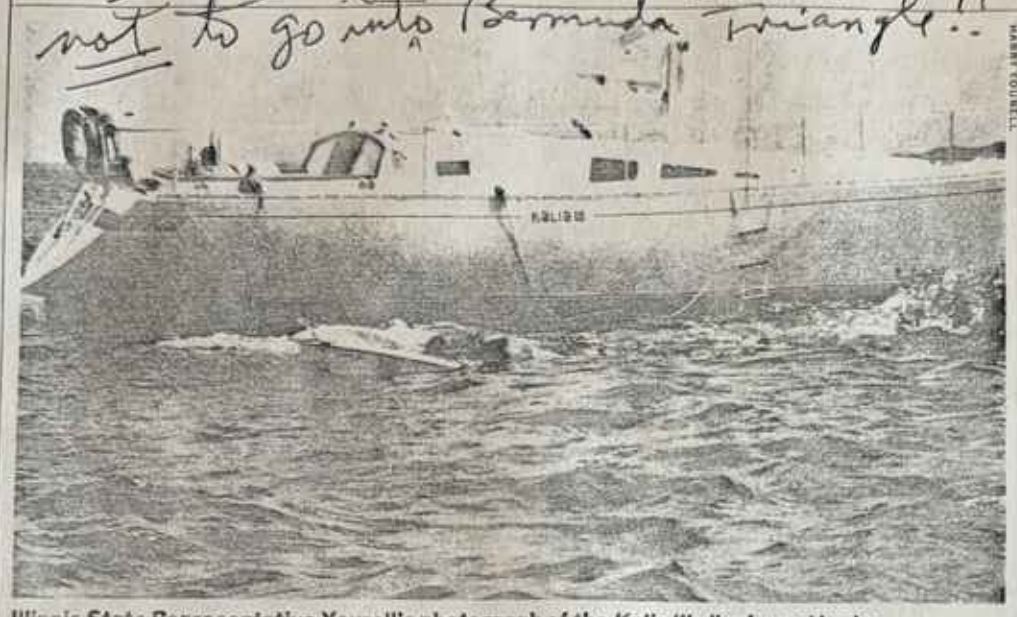
Error vents radioactive gas

HADDAM, Conn. (AP) — A small amount of radioactive gas was released into the atmosphere Friday when a chemist opened the wrong valve while making routine tests at the Connecticut Yankee nuclear power plant, officials said.

The release at 10:55 a.m. lasted 3½ minutes and did not pose a public health hazard, said Anthony Nericcio, a spokesman for Northeast Utilities.

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This is why the SI & warned Millie & me not to go into Bermuda Triangle!! 10/30/80



Illinois State Representative Yourell's photograph of the *Kalia III*, dinghy and body

Drugs and Death on the High Seas

A Bahamian triangle of smugglers and unwary skippers

A soft warning to the thoughtful skipper on the possibility of hijacking. The U.S. Coast Guard advises owners of yachts cruising in the Bahamas and Caribbean to be very careful about taking on hitchhikers and paid hands. Even a rescue at sea should be approached with caution.

It is an unusual cautionary note in these days of pleasure cruises in the Bahamas and the Caribbean, where the legends of bloodthirsty pirates like Blackbeard and Jean Lafitte survive only in tourist brochures. But the warning, published in the respected *Yachtsman's Guide to the Bahamas*, is aimed at putting modern skippers on their guard against today's version of piracy: yachtjacking by drug smugglers who use tiny Bahamian cays as bases for shipping cocaine and marijuana from Latin America to South Florida.

Just how many yachts have fallen prey to smugglers is unknown; unless the boats or debris from them turn up, the U.S. Coast Guard lists missing yachts as "overdue pending further developments." But skippers in marinas along the Florida coast are increasingly convinced that many of them are not simply missing. Three incidents in particular have heightened boatowners' apprehensions:

▸ In the logbook of their 41-ft. sloop *Kalia III*, Patti Kamerer, 46, recorded "Anchor up!" on April 28 as she and her husband William, 55, left Fort Myers for a six-month "dream cruise" of the Bahamas. It ended on July 25 with another laconic log entry: "Moored at Pipe Cay." Six days later, Illinois State Representative Harry Yourell, 62, and Son Peter, 20, aboard their 25-ft. cabin cruiser, eased up to the *Kalia III* and made a grisly discovery: in a dinghy bobbing astern lay a bloated body. The yacht was riddled with shotgun pellets, smeared with blood and littered with debris, including Patti's spectacles and bikini bra. Yourell told TIME Midwest Bureau Chief Benjamin W. Cate: "I haven't seen anything as bad since the South Pacific in World War II." Yourell radioed the authorities, who sent a plane to fly over the cay. But by the time the police arrived by boat a day later, the body had apparently slipped into the sea and disappeared. Nassau authorities inexplicably claimed that there never had been a body until Yourell angrily made public his photographs of the scene. Bahamian authorities now acknowledge that a constable aboard the plane spotted the body and that the yacht was a shambles as described by Yourell (though they insist, despite accounts from at least three eyewitnesses, that there were no shotgun holes or embedded pellets in the yacht).

▸ Retired Armonk, N.Y., Businessman Lester Conrad, 68, and Philadelphia Stockbroker Walter Falconer, 60, set out in calm weather five months ago aboard Conrad's sleek 45-ft. *Polymer III* from Great Harbor Cay for West Palm Beach, a seven-hour cruise that Conrad had made at least 40 times. The *Polymer III* has not been seen since. The Coast Guard suspects no foul play, but friends and family of both men note that not only was Conrad an experienced yachtsman, but his boat was equipped with an automatically inflatable lifeboat and S O S radio beacons that would have switched on if the boat had sunk. Smugglers would find the *Polymer III* especially attractive because of its speed (22 knots), 3,000-mile cruising range and six-ton cargo capacity.

▸ Thomas Loberg, 63, and Wife Rignor, 62, believe that they and their 47-ft. cruiser *Rig-n-Tom* were nearly lured to disaster near Chub Cay last year by a fake S O S. The radio caller mysteriously requested *Rig-n-Tom's* position rather than giving his own. A traveling companion, Pat Vaughan, happened to be reading about misleading distress calls in *The Island*, Peter Benchley's fictional account of modern Bahamian piracy, and urged Loberg to ask for the caller's position. There was no answer. Five minutes later, a high-powered fishing boat appeared on the horizon and began chasing *Rig-n-Tom*. The intruder veered away, however, when Loberg put his yacht under the lee of a friendly sailboat.

Such close encounters on the high seas have caused many skittish yachtsmen to arm themselves before sailing in Bahamian waters, despite the authorities' insistence that there is no cause for concern. But there is no denying that the drug trade is booming in the small cays. Says Skip Nichols, 33, a Fort Myers marina operator: "Right where *Kalia III* was found, I have watched drug transactions with my binoculars." There are so many isolated cays—at least 2,000 among the 700 or so islands in the Bahamas archipelago—that the traffic is difficult to police. But some spots have become notorious among yachtsmen, including Norman Cay, just 30 miles from Pipe Cay. Norman Cay is four miles long and has an airstrip and marina. The key was once a happy watering hole for passing sailors, but it has been declared off limits to them by a new owner. Bahamian authorities raided Norman Cay last January, arrested 30 people and seized an undisclosed quantity of cocaine and marijuana.

Many Florida-based yachtsmen accuse Bahamian authorities of being reluctant to act against the smugglers for fear of jeopardizing tourism. This is denied by Bahamian officials, who insist that the islands remain a peaceful playground for yachtsmen. Still, warns Skip Nichols, "If you're not careful, you can get run over by those high-powered drug boats." ■



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Smog still heavy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The lungs of Southern Californians labored through the seventh straight day of a choking combination of fog and smog Monday. Also, poor visibility prompted the diversion of some airplanes.

Conditions were predicted to worsen Tuesday.

Except for the mountains and deserts, skies throughout the four-county air basin were expected to be unhealthful for everyone again Tuesday, the Air Quality Management District said.

Airplanes were diverted from Burbank Airport because of early morning fog and they continued to avoid the airport in the afternoon, said chief air traffic controller Dean Cooper.

"Some of them are not coming in, perhaps because of the haze," Cooper said.

The inversion layer, which had lifted somewhat to 2,000 feet during a weekend respite from rush-hour freeway fumes, dropped to 1,000 feet Monday and was expected to drop to the 800-foot level which predominated last week.

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Search near end for lost freighter

NEW YORK (AP) — The Coast Guard announced Wednesday that it would suspend its search for clues to the mysterious disappearance of the 12,000-ton freighter Poet if nothing turned up Thursday.

"Tomorrow will be the last active day of the search," Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Craig Jud said. "If nothing turns up, the search will be suspended pending further developments."

Any clues found at a later date could re-open the investigation, he added.

On Wednesday, six airplanes — three Coast Guard, two Navy and one Air Force — searched an area of 16,640 square miles 500 to 1,000 miles south of the southern tip of New Jersey and east of Delaware Bay.

The searchers have now covered more than 200,000 square miles, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

The 552-foot vessel sailed from Philadelphia on Oct. 24 bound for Port Said, Egypt, with a cargo of grain. It was last seen passing Cape Henelopen, Del., and has not been heard from since. The search began Nov. 8 after five days of broadcasts to other ships produced no word of the Poet.

The ship's disappearance was more puzzling, Jud said, because it happened in a highly trafficked area and despite the presence on board ship of a self-activating Emergency Long Range Transmitter, which is triggered by exposure to salt water. The transmitter sends off signals for anywhere from two to 10 days once activated, he said.

As hopes waned, Cathryn Warren, whose husband Leroy A. Warren Sr. is captain of the ship, said she was "very, very worried."

Her daughter, Gail Von Bussenius, reached at the Warren's Bel Air, Md., home, said: "We're just waiting to see what's going on. Mostly, we're just waiting to hear from the rescue squads . . . the Coast Guard.

"We haven't heard anything from the company," she added.

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10:35 PM July 27, 1980 on phone

Warned Mishlove of 7.8 on Richter quake closing in on California in hours, days of a few weeks. Gene

Warning to Jeffrey Mishlove — I thought earthquakes. She thought otherwise! Gene

Continuing smog grips LA area in choke-hold

By RICHARD DE ATLEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Under a tea-colored blanket brewed by a burning sun and pollution, people wept and wheezed Thursday as eye-stinging smog kept its choke-hold on Southern California a third straight day.

Temperatures were a little cooler Thursday after the hottest Oct. 1 in 74 years, The smog was expected to ease as fog and low clouds raised the inversion layer holding polluted air over the region.

However, the Air Quality Management District predicted the smog would continue Friday and suggested motorists stay home this weekend.

Wednesday's high of 97 in Los Angeles was the hottest since 1906.

"This has been the worst two weeks for as long as I can remember," said John Strycula, coach of the Citrus Junior College football team in the San Gabriel Valley suburb of Azusa, one of the areas hardest hit by smog.

"We go more for mental preparation than physical exertion at times like these," he said. "There's no heavy running or anything like that."

"I just pray I don't run out of ice cream like I did last Friday," said Tony Naranjo, manager of the Friendly Freeze ice cream stand in Azusa.

Usually only a Southern California phenomenon, the smog spread its brown pallor to the San Francisco area Wednesday and caused the first Bay area smog alert since Oct. 2, 1978.

San Jose choked on its worst smog in two years as temperatures jumped to 97, the highest for the date.

A survey of hospitals Thursday showed few patients were checking in with respiratory complaints resulting from the smog, but Los Angeles County Health Department spokesman Tony Tripi warned: "It may be that smog is killing us by inches."

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"Cover" Rain Attack

At Least 30 Die In Mexican Rains

Mexico City 9/29/80

At least 30 people died and the homes of 175,000 others were damaged in southeastern Mexico after three days of torrential rain caused by tropical storm Hermine, government officials said yesterday.

Reuters

Japan Volcano Erupts

Tokyo

Mount Shintake, on Kuchierabu island 43 miles south of Japan's southern island of Kyushu, erupted yesterday for the first time in nearly 4½ years, spewing smoke and dust 6600 feet high.

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Mosquitoes kill 40 head of cattle

Note: Birds knock out power. A buzzard knocks down a govt. craft. Mosquitoes attack! Just note.

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas (UPI) — Huge flocks of mosquitoes, hatched by the floodwaters of Hurricane Allen, have killed cattle by draining their blood, officials say.

The experts said the mosquitoes have been brought under control but that at least 40 head of cattle died on one ranch in only the second recorded instance of mosquitoes killing cattle in the United States.

Mosquito eggs are dependent upon water to hatch, and the summer drought kept the eggs deposited in the fields of the coastal plains from hatching until Hurricane Allen shoved ashore in August.

With Hurricane Allen came high tides, and the marshes of Brazoria County, south of Houston, were included in the floods. With the floods came the mosquitoes.

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"I've never seen anything like it — I can't remember when the mosquito population got quite this bad," said J.C. McNeil IV, director of the Brazoria County mosquito control office.

Stephen Perry Jr., who owns a ranch near Jones Creek, lost nearly 40 head of cattle. Although Perry could not be reached for comment, experts said the likely cause of death was loss of blood from attacks by mosquitoes.

Dr. Bruce Abbitt of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M was involved in autopsies of three of the animals.

"The interesting point (of the autopsy) was the cattle were anemic," he said. "They had very little blood left in them.

St. vs. U.S. Govt.

Air Force jets collide over Britain; 2 killed

LONDON (UPI) — Two U.S. Air Force Thunderbolt jets collided over England's North Sea coast on Tuesday and one of the pilots drowned in the frigid sea along with a British airman who tried to rescue him.

The other American pilot, Maj. Stephen P. Kaatz, 36, parachuted over land and was not injured, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said.

The two U.S. A-10 Thunderbolt-II jets collided during a training flight from the Royal Air Force base in Bentwater, Suffolk, to the Wainfleet Range 100 miles north in Lincolnshire.

The second pilot parachuted from the stricken plane and landed in the windswept North Sea but soon was spotted by a RAF Sea King rescue helicopter.

With the helicopter fighting a stiff wind, a British airman was lowered by cable to the pilot, but became entangled in the straps of the American's parachute, an RAF spokesman said.

"When they were being winched aboard, the wind spun both men around and they got further entangled in the helicopter's cable," the spokesman said. The RAF first said the helicopter pilot cut the cable, but a spokesman later said the cable had snapped and was not cut.

Within minutes a U.S. Air Force "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter was on the scene and hoisted the American and Briton aboard, but both were dead, the RAF spokesman said.

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Study links Monday, heart attack fatalities

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A study shows that for men who die of heart failure without any prior record of heart trouble, the chances are better than 1 in 3 that Monday will be the fatal day, a Canadian cardiologist says.

Dr. Simon Rabkin is a member of a team studying 3,983 men who were eligible for pilot training in World War II and still were physically fit in 1948.

Since the study began in 1948, 63 men without any record of heart problems died suddenly of heart attacks, and 22 of them died on a Monday.

Totals for other days of the week were seven on Tuesday, six on Wednesday, 13 on Thursday, five on Friday, four on Saturday and six on Sunday.

"Usually, you would expect this to be spread out evenly over the week," Rabkin said in an interview.

Because women weren't included in the survey, Rabkin said he couldn't speculate on whether Mondays are dangerous for them.

Results of research by a University of Manitoba team, including Rabkin, now of Vancouver, appeared in the latest issue of the Journal of American Medical Association.

The article said two-thirds of the places where the 63 men died suddenly were known. Three out of four deaths reported at work occurred on Monday, while seven of 15 deaths at home were on Monday, and 10 of 23 deaths at other locations occurred on Monday.

Among men who died of heart trouble after earlier cardiac problems and among men who died of cancer, no significant difference was found among the days of the week, Rabkin said.

He said the question of whether the day of the week was a factor in heart-attack deaths rarely had been studied before.

The men surveyed live in all parts of Canada and cover a wide range of occupations and social strata.

A study in a Scottish hospital suggested that Monday was a bad day for sudden heart-related deaths but failed to take into account whether the patients had previous heart trouble, Rabkin said.

A study of U.S. death certificates from 1962 to 1966 showed a small bulge on Monday, but previous heart trouble wasn't considered in that study, either, he said.

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Note: I'm sure I know the answer to what puzzles the scientists. For men who work, brain waves do not maintain a constant rythm or speed. These mens' minds are geared to working all week, Mon. – Fri.; relaxing over the weekend ... then snapping back like a rubber band to begin over again on Monday. And sometimes the "rubber-bands" break! (On the "snap-back.")

— Gwen

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Pilot Earns His Wings — And a Buzzard's Too

Milton, Fla.

A student pilot was forced into his first solo flight and landing after his Navy trainer plane collided with a turkey buzzard at 2500 feet and his instructor bailed out, officials said yesterday.

The student safely landed the T-34C, the crumpled buzzard still in the cockpit, at a civilian airport at Brewton, Ala., after the collision Monday, a Navy spokesman said.

According to the spokesman, the student, Marine Lieutenant S. R. Hoenie, was knocked unconscious and the instructor, Marine Captain Dean Lucas, was temporarily blinded when the buzzard crashed through the canopy.

"The glass was swirling around the cockpit and flew straight into the instructor's face," the spokesman said. "He suffered temporary loss of vision and was cut around the eyes."

Lucas, an instructor at Whiting Field near Milton in the Florida Panhandle, then bailed out of the plane, apparently thinking the student had done the same, the spokesman said. But Hoenie hadn't, and the craft was without a pilot for a few seconds.

"The unconscious student may have slumped over in the cockpit and the instructor wasn't able to see him," the spokesman said. "Nobody knows what happened for certain."

Hoenie regained consciousness and realized he was alone just north of the Brewton airport, according to the spokesman.

"We don't know whether the plane was flying straight and level. But it was at such an altitude that he was able to regain control of the plane," the spokesman said. "He'd never soloed before, but he landed without incident."

The instructor, meanwhile, parachuted safely north of Brewton. He was taken to a hospital and treated for cut around the eyes and on the upper part of his body.

Hoenie suffered a shoulder injury.

Associated Press

Note: Both also knocked out Power 11 See "Power" PK file. Over

PCBs Pollute Huge Area In Oakland

By Dale Champion

California's largest known PCB waste contamination problem has been uncovered at General Electric Company's big east Oakland repair yard, and cleaning up the pollution could cost millions of dollars, the state Department of Health Services disclosed yesterday

The highly toxic wastes, spilled over 40 years from heavy electrical equipment using PCB insulating fluids, are spread over the 24-acre GE property at East 14th Street between 54th and Seminary avenues.

"It looks like the cleanup costs will be in the multi-millions of dollars," said Harvey Collins, chief of Health Services' hazardous materials management section in announcing the massive pollution problem.

Collins said one solution under consideration is the removal of more than 200,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil, a project estimated to cost between $30 million and $80 million.

Probings for PCBs — polychlorinated biphenyls — at the GE yard, Collins said, show that the contamination reaches to depths of 15 to 20 feet.

The chemical compounds, which are extremely stable and highly resistant to fire, have been identified as the cause of numerous serious health disorders and are suspected of causing cancer.

They also are a major environmental hazard, especially in waterways, where they can enter the food chain and magnify in concentrations as they move from smaller

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Hang Glider Crash At China Lake Kills Navy Pilot

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China Lake

A Navy pilot died yesterday when the motorized hang glider he was flying crashed during tests at China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

Commander Dennis E. Becker was in a low-level flight when the lightweight aircraft tumbled onto dry-bedded Mirror Lake, said base spokesman S. G. Payne.

The craft, the Mitchell Wing 10-B, is one of several light craft being tested by the Navy for possible military use, Payne said. Becker was one of five Navy personnel assigned to the project

Plague Closes Park

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Sacramento

Bubonic plague among ground squirrels has forced officials to close Plumas-Eureka State Park near Blairsden in southern Plumas County.

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Atlanta probes child slayings, disappearances

By PEGGY WALSH

ATLANTA (AP) — Police began organizing door-to-door foot patrols Thursday and community leaders signed up volunteers for weekend searches as the investigation intensified in the unsolved slayings and disappearances of 14 black children.

The action came one day after police revealed that the body of a youth found in 1979 has been identified as one of six black children previously listed as missing.

The identification of the body of Alfred James Evans, 14, of Atlanta brought to nine the number of children under age 15 killed in Atlanta or south suburban East Point in the last 15 months. Five other black children are still missing.

The body of Evans, who was suffocated, was found last July four days after he disappeared, but positive identification by dental records was not made until Wednesday.

Police officials gathered Thursday to plan a door-to-door campaign to gather information about the killings and disappearances. Angelo Fuster, Mayor Maynard Jackson's press secretary, said "hundreds of policemen" would be on the patrols, and the City Council was considering a curfew for children under age 15.

Meanwhile, the United Youth Adult Conference, a non-profit social services agency, scheduled searches over the next several Saturdays of areas where children were reported missing.

"We've had more than 200 volunteers so far," conference spokeswoman Helen Taylor said. "All sorts of people are volunteering their time and services. We've had medical technicians, off-duty policemen, students, everybody. They all want to help find something to solve this thing."

This Saturday's search will concentrate on the area where 7-year-old Latonya Wilson, the only female among the missing children, was reportedly taken from the bedroom of her home on June 22.

The slayings of the children, combined with the deaths of four black toddlers and a black teacher in a furnace explosion at a day-care center Monday, has riddled the black community with fear and distrust.

Police have said the furnace explosion was an unrelated accident, but some blacks have expressed fear that the incidents are somehow connected.

Jackson, who like most of the city's hierarchy is black, held news conferences each day this week, urging parents to discourage Halloween "trick-or-treating" and calling for a $100,000 reward for information about the dead and missing. The fund already totals $30,000.

Parents' groups and religious leaders have coordinated efforts in recent weeks to provide children with safety tips, and neighborhood businesses have organized to provide safe places for children to go if they are afraid.

The latest victim was Charles Stephens, 12, whose asphyxiated body was found a week ago.

Contacts: As a top world psychic... I know that the Klu Klux Klan is behind the above. Doing it.* Also, am sure that they are using the facilities of the Atlanta S.P.C.A. "humane" Society to asphyxiate the little children (a la dogs & cats.) the symbolism of dogs... or animals with negro kids... appeals to their twisted evil minds.

Owens
(PK Man)

* They are trying to provoke an open war between blacks and whites!

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Update . . .

By Jerome Clark

DOES TIBET HAVE A "LOCH NESS MONSTER"?

A Peking newspaper story this past June reports that a remote Tibetan lake harbors a dangerous monster "as big as a house." The creature, described as having a "very long" neck and "comparatively big" head, is said to have killed a farmer who was rowing in a small boat on the lake, which is located 420 miles from the Tibetan capital of Lhasa.

MOVE OVER, NESSIE — HERE'S CHESSIE!

Meanwhile, back in the United States two separate groups of people claim to have seen a creature swimming in the waters of the Potomac River. Near Oak Grove, Va., 59-year-old farmer Goodwin Muse, who with his wife and four friends saw the thing on June 14, says, "It looked like a snake . . . from 10 to 14 feet long" and about five inches in diameter. It was visible for 15 minutes as it swam 40 to 50 feet offshore. On June 22 several persons spotted it from a boat. Their description matched Muse's except that they put its length at 25 feet. In 1978 30 persons saw a similar creature on the Potomac near Chesapeake Bay. Reporters dubbed it "Chessie."

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BIGFOOT LEAVES BIG FEET IN IDAHO.

Residents of rural Fort Hall, Idaho, believe a Sasquatch family left huge tracks in the area recently. The prints, discovered over a two-week period between late June and early July, were eight, 12 and 16 inches in length and somewhat wedge-shaped. The middle-sized prints had four toes, apparently the result of a deformity. Authorities did not speculate on the identity of the presumed animals but in mid-July, Fort Hall policemen heard weird screeching sounds and smelled a "strong pungent odor" — phenomena traditionally associated with Bigfoot.

JEANE DIXON SEES THE FUTURE . . .

As a professed psychic Jeane Dixon has far more

Note: Several years ago I wrote to Dr. Max Fogel a scientist for Mensa... and told him that I'd bring UFOs and the Loch Ness "monster" to Chesapeake Bay. Following that many people saw the Loch Ness monster in Chesapeake Bay. This seems to be a second series of such sightings. This has been a caused happening (by myself).

Gwen

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(area where Teddy and I linked up and merged with the ancient Mayan power, Xtolac. We were

Cancun carefully planned paradise

By GLENNA SYSE
Field News Service

CANCUN, Mexico — Pronounce it Khan, as in Genghis, then coon as in raccoon. Emphasis on the second syllable please. And note that it helps if you raise your right shoulder on the coon and squint a little with the left eye.

Certainly plan to look superior. If you've been here, you're entitled, because you're way ahead of the crowd. This sun-smooched resort on a sliver of sand off the northeast coast of the Yucatan didn't even exist seven years ago. The Mexicans just invented it.

In fact, the story is that it is a computer baby. The government south of the border decided that Acapulco, Cozumel and Puerta Vallarta were not all things to all sun-and-sea freaks, so they decided to start from scratch. They got out the machine and into it they programmed such things as climate, accessibility, history, fishing, sights to be seen, etc. And Cancun was born.

And so here it is, a carefully planned brand-new paradise for swimmers, snorklers and sybarites, not to mention manufacturers of Coppertone and maps. A decade ago it was just sunrise and sunset, dunes and a few Mayans.

Now 30,000 live here, mostly to service the lineup of luxury hotels, restaurants and shops that are sparsely dotted along the skinny snake of sand, 14 miles long and just one-quarter of a mile wide. Great care has been made to protect the environment and keep the neon dim. They say Cancun is never going to be a honky-tonk, and I hope they keep their word.

To date, it is unsullied — a place to get away from it all without giving up room service.

There's one subject to get rid of up front. Cancun is 130 miles from Chichen Itza, where the mighty pyramid El Castillo reigns. And it is close to other famous Mayan ruins. Tulum is a 75-mile trip. It is a small walled city on a cliff overlooking the Caribbean.

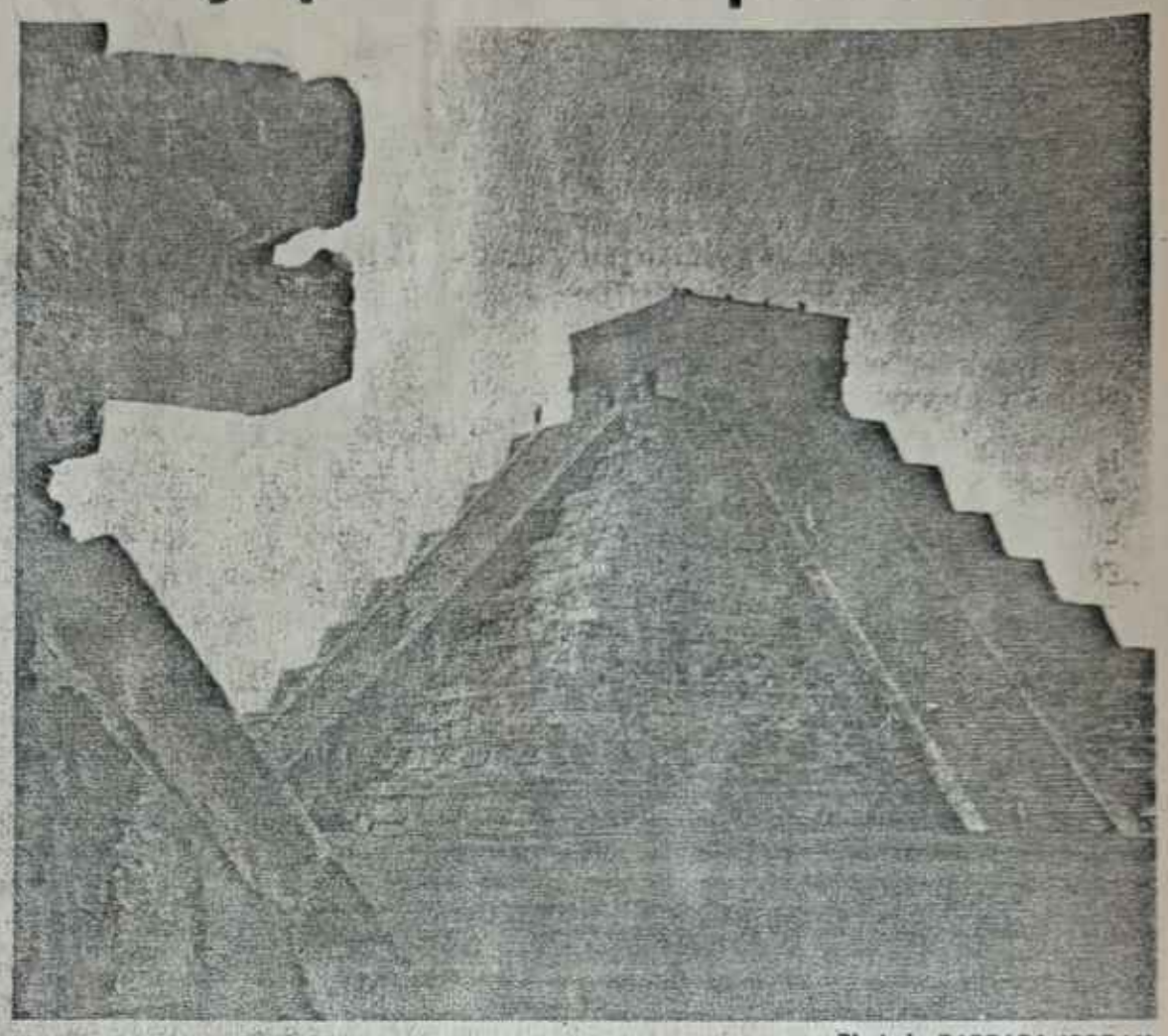


Photo by BARBARA JORDAN

CHICHEN ITZA — El Castillo pyramid, reached with a 130-mile drive through the jungle, is one of the remarkable Mayan ruins to visit during a stay in Cancun, Mexico.

The ride through the scrubby jungle was of some interest, especially when they say that anteaters and jaguars are out there along with iguanas, spider monkeys, ocelot, deer, turkeys and wild pigs. But even jungles get repetitious after a while. There is a stop to snorkel at Xel-Ha, a natural aquarium with all kinds of bright little fish darting through the coral, and to lunch by the languid lagoon at Akumal Beach.

Once in Cancun there is golf on an 18-hole Robert Trent Jones course; shopping (you are expected to bargain) at the Mauna Loa and El Parian shopping centers, although I did best at the La Casita downtown; go parasailing for $25; fish for tuna, marlin, sailfish, mackerel or grouper; or explore the state of Quintana Roo and visit its capital Chetumal; or sample Cozumel.

One voyage is a must, and that's the cruise on the Fiesta Maya to Isla Mujeres. It's a happy ship, well-supplied with rum, a live orchestra and a glass bottom in need of Windex. As it churns along the peninsula, one can see workers on the shore, some busy with chisels, others languishing in hammocks, which in itself is the pleasant dichotomy of the Mayans, the friendliest and warmest people one could ever meet.

Note: Fascinating! My phone call to Mobin SF last week when I told him the SI's were going after the U.S. govt. individuals I own.

Miss Lillian undergoes hip surgery

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — Lillian Carter, President Carter's 82-year-old mother, was reported in good condition Thursday evening after undergoing surgery for a broken hip.

"Miss Lillian withstood the two-hour operation extremely fine and now is in the recovery room," said Dr. John H. Robinson III, her attending physician.

Mrs. Carter tripped on a rug about 8 a.m. as she got up to turn on a television set, said James R. Griffith, administrator of Americus-Sumter County Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital about 9 a.m.

During the late afternoon operation, team of physicians including an orpedist and an internist inserted a pin Mrs. Carter's right hip, Robinson said.

"We do not anticipate any unusual problems for she is in good condition," he said. "It's too soon to determine how long she will be required to remain in the hospital."

On hand at the hospital during the surgery were Mrs. Carter's son, Billy; his wife, Sybil; and Mrs. Carter's daughter, Gloria Carter Spann, Robinson said.

The physician said he spoke with President Carter earlier in the day by telephone.

"She is in good spirits and is receiving the usual medication for such treatment," Griffith said prior to the surgery. "Her physician said it was just a fractured hip which could be repaired by surgery."

White House press secretary Jody Powell said the president spoke by telephone with his sister and his mother's doctor about the accident.

Powell said the president's mother relayed a message to her son through the doctor that Carter shouldn't worry and she would talk to him "when I get through messing around with the doctors."

Powell said no decision had been made on whether Carter would go to Georgia to visit his mother.

Mrs. Carter was born Aug. 15, 1898, in Richland, Ga., about 20 miles from Plains, and earned a nursing degree at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

She was married in 1923 to James Earl Carter Sr., a peanut farmer and businessman.

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Note: In pursuing daily activation of the Mayan-NFO AK Map it seems that it causes explosions everywhere... shifts explode, oilrigs explode;

Eight hurt as coal dust explosion levels factory

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Coal dust was blamed Thursday for a massive explosion that leveled a foundry factory, injured eight workers — four critically — and left one person unaccounted for.

A search was under way for a man who had made a delivery to the Hill & Griffith Co. factory near the time of the explosion Wednesday. The whereabouts of Robert Wilke, 34, co-owner of the Wilke Sheet Metal Co., were unknown.

Listed in critical condition Thursday at General Hospital were factory workers Floyd Coldiron, Raymond Bruney, Paul Ganghoff and Rodger McGuffy. Less seriously injured were two other workmen and a couple employed at the factory.

The explosion leveled the 100-by-400-foot brick and timber building where 15 persons were working and caused a three-alarm fire.

"I couldn't see because the coal dust was too thick," said employee Bill Thesing. "There was coal dust all over the place. It was pitch black. You couldn't see your hand in front of you."

Fire Chief Norm Wells blamed the explosion on the coal dust. "This is a factory that manufactures foundry equipment. They use pulverized coal in their process, so we suspect it was a coal dust explosion."

Tuesday, two coal dust explosions at Commonwealth Edison's coal-fired plant in Pekin, Ill., injured seven persons — one still in serious condition — and caused $100 million in damages.

Thesing was not injured by Wednesday's blast but said he was "rolled" by the force of the explosion.

"I was sitting in a chair with wheels on it in the shipping office about 20 feet away from where the explosion was," he said. "I heard a big blast and it started my chair rolling. It gave me a helluva ride. I remember hitting the wall."

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The papers are full of such = massive explosions. I am certain that it is caused by my current activity.

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Owens

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(The SI's & I were badly treated by Los Alamos & other scientists in New Mexico! (were)

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Age-old scourge bubonic plague on rise in New Mexico

By MATT MYGATT

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Bubonic plague — the scourge that littered the lanes of medieval Europe with bodies — has struck 11 people in New Mexico this year, killing three of them.

Bubonic plague is a rare disease, but it hits New Mexico harder than any other state. "There is no question that the disease is endemic in the rodent population in New Mexico," said Dr. Jonathan Mann, assistant state director for health promotion and disease prevention.

Fleas transmit the disease from animals to humans — a pet dog or cat might kill an infected rodent, a flea might hop from the rodent to the dog and the dog might carry it home.

The disease can be transmitted between humans when it reaches the pneumonic stage, the victim's coughs spewing the virulent plague organism into the air to infect other humans. However, New Mexico has never registered a human-to-human plague case.

"The risk of plague is higher in adolescents and children," Mann said. "This probably has to do with their relationship with dogs and cats — they maybe are more likely to have close contact with the dogs and cats."

Plague symptoms include a high fever, a general feeling of sickness usually accompanied by painful swelling of the lymph glands in the neck, underarm and groin areas.

In the 30 years since 1949, when a Taos physician who had seen plague cases in California diagnosed the first one in New Mexico, 97 people have caught the plague. Seventeen of them died.

Forty-four of the cases occurred in the first 25 years of that span. But in the past five years, there have been 53.

"Clearly, the number of cases is increasing significantly," Mann said. "This is the first century of our experience with plague in the United States, and it's too early to know how it's going to behave. It may die out, or it may become a more difficult problem in the years to come."

The plague reached this country around 1900, Mann said, when disease-ridden fleas hopped rides on freighters from China, then jumped ship on the shores of California.

"From 1900 to 1908, all cases that occurred in the United States were from urban rat populations," Mann said. "In 1908, the first case of human plague from exposure to a squirrel was noted in California.

"It apparently spread from its beachhead in the California port cities from urban rat populations to wild rodent populations all over the Western United States," he said.

"Plague is considered a medieval disease, but it's not," Mann continued. "It was only basically in the late part of the last century and the early part of this century that the mysteries of how it is transmitted, how it spreads and how it exists in nature were discovered."

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Death toll rises to 50 in storm

By United Press International

The season's worst attack battered the East Coast with howling winds, rain and snow for the second day Thursday, aided by bitter cold that left the Midwest under a sheet of ice. At least 50 deaths were blamed on the storm.

High-wind warnings were posted from southern New England into New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and gale warnings were issued from New Jersey to Florida and Mississippi.

A freeze warning was posted over north-central Florida and Texas.

The storm, which dumped more than a foot of snow from Colorado to Michigan, moved into the Northeast Wednesday and spread rain and snow down the Eastern Seaboard.

Arctic air, combined with fierce wind, dropped wind-chill factors down to a life-threatening 84 below in the Midwest and headed east.

The storm was blamed for at least 50 deaths — eight in Iowa, seven in Illinois and New York, five in Kansas, four in Louisiana and three each in Texas and Missouri. Wisconsin, Nebraska, Indiana and Michigan each reported two storm deaths and Ohio, North Carolina, Colorado, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania each had one.

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U.S. drops Hells Angels case

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SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The government's multimillion-dollar attempt to prosecute Hells Angels motorcycle club members and associates for conspiracy in drug trafficking failed after two trials and almost 14 months in the courtroom.

When a second trial jury declared itself deadlocked but leaning toward acquittal Tuesday, U.S. Attorney G. William Hunter said he would not seek a new trial.

"Justice has been done," said Hunter, who estimated the government spent $4 million to $7 million in the long case.

Defense attorneys, however, estimated the government cost of trying to prosecute the club members at between $10 million and $20 million.

A mistrial was declared by U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick when the nine-man, three-woman jury said it was deadlocked hopelessly after 10 days of deliberation totaling 46 hours.

Note: And I can't get the five million UFO Base to save the human race!
Owens

— △ Attack —

Search fails to find plane

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Ground crews continued to search Friday for a single-engine plane that disappeared Monday during a five-minute flight over Vancouver, said the search coordinator, Newell Lee of the Washington state Division of Aeronautics.

Lee described the disappearance of the plane as "very mysterious and very puzzling." He said the search is focusing on the area around Lewisville Park north of Battle Ground.

Don Rudebaugh, 28, a mechanic and pilot for Vancouver-based Aircraft Specialties, left the Clark County Aerodome Monday afternoon on an eight-mile flight south to Pearson Airpark where the plane was to have been repaired.

Helicopters from the 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron in Portland had helped in the search and were standing by in case they are needed, Lee said.

Fixed-wing aircraft will be employed as soon as weather allows them in the air, he said.

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Note: A few days later, Vancouver earthquake.
Owens

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Thousands flee floodwaters

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. (AP) — More than half of the 4,000 people driven from their homes on both sides of the rain-swollen, ice-clogged Delaware River began to return to their houses Thursday evening, officials said.

The flooding occurred in the pre-dawn hours Thursday when a huge ice jam at the New York-Pennsylvania border sent the river over its banks. A state of emergency remained in effect in the twin cities of Port Jervis and Matamoras, Pa.

The mayors of the two cities closed schools Thursday so the buildings and city churches could be used as temporary shelters.

"This is the worst thing I have ever seen in my life," said Mayor Joseph Ricciardi of Matamoras.

Most of the homes in the Pennsylvania town were without heat Thursday night, and authorities said many families had moved to higher ground to stay with relatives.

New York Gov. Hugh Carey asked the federal Small Business Administration to declare Orange County a disaster area Thursday.

Carey's office said an initial survey of the flood's effects in Port Jervis showed damage to 101 commercial and manufacturing establishments and 525 single-family residences.

About 500 basements in Matamoras were flooded and about a dozen homes suffered structural damage from the ice, officials said.

The hardest hit part of Port Jervis was the lower half of the city on the riverfront. The private Doctors Sunnyside Hospital was closed and its 27 patients were evacuated to St. Francis Hospital in the uphill section of the city.

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Hunt continued for lost plane

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Two helicopters and two fixed wing planes resumed the search Saturday for a light plane with one occupant missing since Thursday, a state Aeronautics Division spokesman said.

The craft failed to land after the pilot requested runway clearance.

"The weather is spotty in spots but it is expected to get better this weekend," said LeMoine Stitt, spokesman for the division, which is coordinating the search.

On Friday, an air search of the rain-drenched northern Olympic Peninsula failed to find any sign of the plane or its pilot, Jim Perkins of Sequim.

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Quake rocks Greece; 12 die, hotels topple

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — The official death toll Wednesday rose to 12 with scores injured in an earthquake that collapsed four hotels in towns around Athens and forced residents of the capital to sleep outdoors or flee the city.

The earthquake, recorded by the Athens Seismological Institute at 6.6 on the open-ended Richter scale, struck Tuesday night and was followed by a series of strong aftershocks.

Police reported 12 persons died because of the earthquake and 55 were injured.

With the exception of government offices, where many failed to appear for work, all offices, schools and banks in Athens were shut Wednesday. The only shops open were food stores.

Four hotels collapsed near Corinth. A railway bridge connecting Athens with the region was closed and landslides forced detours on the highway to the area.

Villages and small towns between Athens and the epicenter suffered more than the capital. One of the 12 people known dead was killed in Vrahati, a town along the Corinth Gulf coast, when an eight-story hotel crumbled. One person was missing and feared dead in the ruins.

In Megara, 30 miles southwest of Athens, four people died and 10 were injured by falling masonry, authorities said. In Halkis, one woman was killed, and in Vrahati, a woman was found dead under debris, authorities said.

In Athens, a woman died of a heart attack in the middle of the street and another was killed when she jumped from her second-floor window, police said.

In Corinth, where some damage was reported in old buildings, 34 people were hospitalized for injuries.

The institute said the epicenter was in the Gulf of Corinth, 44 miles west of Athens, around a group of small islands known as the Alcyons. Athens has been relatively immune to earthquakes but Corinth is a frequent victim.

In Athens, many people took blankets and spent the night in public squares or parked cars.

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United Press International

SITE OF QUAKE — A strong earthquake rocked Athens and other parts of Greece, killing at least 12 persons and toppling hotels in towns around Athens.

— 4 Projects PK — Daily Air Force

Jet crashes on runway; 34 injured

By JACKIE HYMAN

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An Air California jetliner with 109 persons aboard crash-landed Tuesday while trying to avoid another plane on a runway at John Wayne Airport, injuring at least 34, officials said.

The plane's fuselage was cracked open, an engine was torn from a wing and its landing gear was ripped off.

The twin-engine Boeing 737, Air California's Flight 336 from San Jose, was carrying 104 passengers and five crew members when the crash occurred at dusk as the plane was landing at the airport in Orange County, about 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Most of the injuries were minor, said Thomas Kaminski, director of communications for Air California, a commuter airline serving California, Nevada and Oregon.

"Apparently there was another aircraft on the runway," said a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman who asked not to be identified.

The Air California pilot "was issued a go-around" to keep circling the airport, the spokesman said, "but we're not sure if he heard it."

The FAA spokesman said the plane "made a hard landing and then bounced and went into the dirt to the right of the runway. Apparently the landing gear was down.

"It was torn off when the plane went into the dirt."

The plane came to rest in a dirt and grass area that separates the airport's two north-south runways.

"The left engine is gone, it's broken off," said George Thomsen, president of Thomsen Aviation at the airport. "The airplane is cracked in the center. It didn't actually separate completely. The aircraft is broken. It's lying over on its left wing with the right wing in the air."

Air California officials said the plane's nose wheel gear collapsed, toppling the plane sideways and dragging the right wing along the runway.

A fire broke out in the right wing, wheel well and fuselage, but firemen from a station only 200 yards away blew the flames away from the passenger section while the plane was evacuated.

Passengers left the plane via emergency evacuation chutes.

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Temple damaged

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Worried archaeologists Friday reported significant earthquake damage to the Parthenon temple atop the Acropolis, symbol for 2,500 years of the glory of ancient Greece.

The ancient marble columns, which have survived fire, invasion and air pollution erosion over the centuries, suffered cracks that experts described as serious although they were barely noticeable to a reporter's eye.

The cause of the damage was an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale, which struck Greece with shattering force Tuesday night. It was followed by 652 aftershocks in 24 hours from an epicenter in the Gulf of Corinth, 60 miles southwest of Athens.

The quake left 15 persons dead.

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Toll at 13 after quakes rock Athens

4 Projects PK

By GILLIAN WHITTAKER

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Panicky Athenians streamed out of the city Wednesday after Greece was hit by two strong earthquakes that killed 13 people and injured dozens of others in collapsed houses and hotels.

The quakes damaged the east and west faces of the famous Parthenon, including two corner columns of the ancient temple on the 2,500-year-old Acropolis overlooking Athens.

Police said five people were reported missing after the quakes hit the country during the night. The capital city was almost deserted by midafternoon as people drove into the countryside, fearing that more buildings might collapse in new tremors.

"People must understand that they are suffering unnecessarily by staying out in the open now if they are sure that their houses are safe," Premier George Rallis said on a tour of the worst-hit areas. "Houses that didn't suffer from either the first or second large quakes have proved that they can stand."

The two quakes registered 6.6 and 6.3 on the open-ended Richter scale. Their epicenter was 42 miles west of Athens in the Gulf of Corinth, the Athens Seismological Institute said.

Corinth, 40 miles west of Athens, was one of the hardest-hit cities. The shocks destroyed five hotels in the area around the gulf and collapsed more than 200 houses, police said.

The quake was the strongest in Athens in recent years. Many Athenians panicked when lights went out and windows shattered. Thousands spent the night in the open, huddled around makeshift fires or wrapped in blankets.

"We were out almost all night," said pensioner Costas Zorios as he slumped in his car with his wife and two grandchildren.

In Kinetta, between Athens and Corinth, teams worked for eight hours to save Evanghelos Bouraias, a hotel owner who had been trapped in the ruins of his collapsed hotel.

Schools were closed in all areas affected by the quakes. Rallis said most school buildings had withstood the shocks, however, and would open Thursday.

The premier added that it was up to local authorities to persuade people to return to their homes. All military units and public services were placed in a state of readiness to deal with emergency situations.

The Athens Seismological Institute said 465 tremors registering more than 3 on the Richter scale were recorded after the first shock. Of those, eight registered between 4.5 and 6.3 on the scale.

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— △ Effect — (Disorientation)

Sighting spurs rare-bird alert

WARRENTON (AP) — A Siberian sandpiper, never before seen in the continental United States, has been spotted at the mouth of the Columbia River, prompting a rare-bird alert.

"This is probably the rarest bird to occur in Oregon in at least a decade and possibly the last century," bird expert Thomas J. Crabtree said Friday.

Crabtree, a member of the board of directors of the Audubon Society's Salem chapter, took color photographs of the bird Tuesday at Fort Stevens State Park.

He said bird watchers were coming from Seattle and other points in Oregon and Washington in hopes of getting a glimpse of the sandpiper.

"We call it a rare-bird alert," Crabtree said. "But it's not a formal declaration of the Audubon Society."

The spotted redshank is 11 inches long. It is gray with a white breast and red legs.

The bird has been feeding alone on a south jetty northwest of Astoria. Crabtree said he could not tell whether it is a male or female.

Crabtree, a deputy state public defender who is a member of Oregon Field Ornithologists, said the bird's presence on the West Coast is comparable to having a Canada goose show up in Japan.

Two species of spotted redshanks breed in the northern parts of Asia and Europe, Crabtree said.

A few members of the European group, which breeds in Norway, have been seen in the summer along the Eastern coastline of the northern United States and Canada.

This is the first spotting anywhere in the continental United States of an Asian redshank or any kind of redshank in the winter, Crabtree said.

He said the birds migrate southward to Japan and Indonesia.

But at this time of year, Crabtree said, the sandpiper normally would be heading north to breed in Siberia.

"It must be terribly confused," said Crabtree, who speculated that the bird made a wrong turn and came down the Canadian coast instead of going down the Siberian coast.

Crabtree said an Audubon Society publication, "American Birds," and another book, "Rare Birds of the West Coast," have no records of an Asian sandpiper seen this far south.

He said there are 16 recorded sightings in the Aleutian chain. In 1970, he said, an Asian spotted redshank was seen near the Reifl Bird Refuge near Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Bus hurtles off highway, killing 10

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — A commuter bus crashed through a guardrail on Interstate 95 Wednesday afternoon and hurtled down an 80-foot embankment into a creek. Police said at least 10 people were killed, including the driver, and 14 were injured.

The bus driver "just went off the right side for no apparent reason. It's very mysterious," said State Trooper S.C. Gregg, who was in charge of the investigation at the scene about 30 miles south of Washington, D.C.

"As he started to the right lane everything was normal," said Wayne Richey, a Colonial Heights truck driver who witnessed the crash. "All of a sudden he just kept going to the right ... right into the guardrail, skimmed the guardrail, hit the corner of the bridge (over the creek) just like a piece of paper being blown by the wind. He just went airborne over the side of the bridge."

Donald Harvey and Wayne Mason, two Fairfax County firefighters who witnessed the accident, helped some of the injured from the bus, which came to rest on its side in Chopowamsic Creek in about a foot of water. The front of the bus was demolished.

State police closed the southbound lane of the highway so U.S. Park Police helicopters could land to take victims to hospitals.

"It was complete chaos, mainly in the front of the bus," Mason said. "... The motor was still running. We turned that off, and water was running through the bus."

Gregg said it had not been deter-

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– My personal PK on Enquirer for their double-cross. Gwen

TV star set to battle tabloid in court

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — The National Enquirer, the supermarket tabloid that it is the most widely circulated newspaper, has long targeted celebrities as topics for discussion.

Personalities have long criticized what they call The Enquirer's cheap shots, the so-called "inside story" of their romantic flings, divorces and personal problems.

And this week, the motion picture, television and recording industry will be watching closely as Carol Burnett tackles the media giant in a multimillion-dollar libel suit.

Miss Burnett claims an item printed in the paper five years ago presented her as being drunk and disorderly at a Washington, D.C., restaurant, arguing with Henry Kissinger and spilling wine on a diner.

The star filed suit soon after the article appeared, refusing to settle out of court, saying, "Every time they tried to settle I said: 'No. I want to go to trial. You are the bad guys."

Much of the paper's five million circulation can be traced to its stories of marital strife, broken romances, alcoholism and drug addiction among celebrities, often attributed to "friends" or "insiders."

Miss Burnett, champion of many stars who also are suing The Enquirer, plans to appear Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, asking $5 million damages. The trial is expected to start the following week and will probably last for about two weeks, court sources said.

Watching with interest will be Dolly Parton, Ed McMahon, Phil Silvers, Rory Calhoun, Shirley Jones, Paul Lynde, Hedy Lamarr, Rudy Vallee and others who have accused The Enquirer of abusing them in print.

A total of nine other celebrities have filed suits against the tabloid seeking a total of $62.5 million.

"This is the first time anyone has gone to court with The Enquirer," said Marty Ingels, who with his wife Shirley Jones is suing the newspaper for $10 million. "It's an important day for all of us. If Carol wins her suit, it will open the floodgates for the entire field of libel."

The Enquirer called Miss Jones "a crying drunk" and said Ingels cheated his movie-star clients.

It quoted a Parton friend as describing her as "the Genghis Khan of country music," said Calhoun was dying of cancer, and called Miss Lamarr a pathetic recluse and Lynde a drunken trouble-maker.

McMahon, accused of undergoing a face lift among other things, sued the newspaper for $2.5 million, saying The Enquirer "preys upon the public's appetite for scandal and gossip."

"Carol's spent more in attorney's fees (an estimated $200,000) than she'll ever collect from The Enquirer," Ingels said. "But she encouraged us to hang in there."

Miss Burnett said the implication that she was a heavy drinker triggered her suit. She said she would stay with the case up to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

"If this sucker goes for 50 years, I'm going to he there in a rocking chair facing the jury."

William Masterson, an attorney with the New York law firm of Rogers & Wells, will represent The Enquirer.

"Our defense against Miss Burnett's charge is that even if the item was incorrect, it wasn't defamatory," he said. "Even if there were some inaccuracies or if it were harmful, it was retracted in April 6, 1976," Masterson said. The item was printed March 2, 1976.

Miss Burnett denies there is any truth to the item except that she was in a restaurant and did meet Kissinger.

Enquirer publisher Generoso Pope Jr., who publishes the paper in Lantana, Fla., and his top spokesmen say they discourage fabrications and have dismissed three or four staffers in a decade or so for faking news.

Ingels charged The Enquirer contacts sources, generally people who come in brief contact with celebrities (waiters, hair-dressers, doormen) and pays them cash to "recall" situations or conversations that never took place.

Bush

Note: Copy of letter
I sent to VP George Bush.

Owens
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This Communication is of the
utmost importance to you.
Who have been or are the most dangerous
humans in the world? The key people
who invented and are further atomic
and nuclear power? Hitler? No.
Before going further let me state that
I attended Duke University and am a
member of Mensa, the high-IQ
organization of the world (upper 2%
of world's population).
If you will read the enclosed
book (in the hands of publishing people
in New York and written by a scientist
also an expert in the field of parapsychology)

then you will understand that I am the most dangerous human being that the world has ever known.

(Please do not misunderstand me and misconstrue the above. This is not a "threatening" letter. The book will explain what kind of letter it is.)

You have absolutely no one in your intelligence agencies, or in your government... with my abilities, and in this letter I am placing these abilities within the reach of yourself and President Reagan, to help the United States.

G

-Blazer PK- orig. 12/1/80

Pressure's on Ramsay to right Blazers



Bart Wright

Thanks in no small measure to rumored signs of life in their two most recent road losses, the Portland Trail Blazers were able to return home Sunday without having to wear disguises to avoid public ridicule.

But any continuation of the sorry performances offered by this talent-thick team and funny masks may yet find their place in the Blazers' wardrobe.

Let's face it, the Blazers of 1980 stink. They were a better team last year when injuries and questionable trades debilitated the troops faster than Coach Jack Ramsay could say, "If we run our offense and play the way we know we can play, we can still have a very good basketball team."

You've heard that before, and so has everyone in the National Basketball Association. But as this interminable season lurches into December one important fact has become crystal clear — the Blazers are going nowhere, probably not even out of the Pacific Division cellar.

With 30 percent of the schedule completed, the Blazers already have crapped out in the playoff game. If anyone thinks Portland has a chance to gain a berth, then certainly post-season hopes must exist for those bad jokes in Cleveland and Detroit. Both have better records than the Blazers.

After 25 games, Portland has managed only four more wins than the Dallas Mavericks, the only team in the 23-team league with a worse record.

Seldom in sports do teams with such blatantly obvious talent take the gaspipe so early. This is a team, you have to remember, that plucked five first-round draft choices in the past three years, yet it plays as if the roster is stocked from Claudia's AAU team.

Fact: Portland has won 7 of 12 home games against a collection of 11 opponents which has included only four teams with winning records.

Fact: Portland has lost 13 of 13 road games.

Fact: Projected at that percentage over the balance of the season, the Blazers would finish 23-59.

Fact: To reach the standard playoff measuring rod of 45 wins, the Blazers need 38 more in their remaining 57 games, which translates to a .667 winning percentage.

Could they win 20 of their remaining 29 home games? Sounds unrealistic, but if you care to dream and can accept that record it means Portland would have to go 18-10 on the road to attain 45 wins. That's impossible for a team that discovers ways to lose with a two-point lead and five seconds to go as it did in New York Saturday.

Countless theories are sure to be advanced to explain this collective choke job, but the collar has to be tightest around Jack Ramsay's neck.

Ramsay's knowledge of basketball is on a par with any coach on the globe, and it surpasses most. But complicated play diagrams don't win in the NBA, players do. The trick is to stockpile the talent, keep the troops happy and run teams out with the exploitation of individual skills.

The Blazers' lineup and the inner roles of each player change almost daily, leaving players confused and frustrated. In one game, for example, Mychal Thompson might be a center, a power forward and then a quick forward. Against Philadelphia Friday, rookie Kelvin Ransey had a bad shooting day but dished out eight assists in the first half. A couple of early mistakes in the second half and Ransey was strapped to the bench.

This season's playoff hopes may be over, but if the Blazers are to play close to their potential in the last four months, Ramsay should take off the chains. That same strategy might make him a winner in Detroit where persistent rumors have him landing next year.

Owner Larry Weinberg has delivered a vote of confidence in the coach, but that will wane as the dollars dwindle, which they are at the closed circuit telecasts at the Paramount.

The Blazers averaged 1,546 a night last season at the Paramount, but it has tailed off to around 1,000 a night this year.

Only winning will improve the financial picture, and with the talent on hand, responsibility for the win-loss column falls on the coach.

December 2, 1980 CONTACTS

Note:

I controlled the above "Trailblazer" pro basketball team last year, and wrecked them. They are the "symbol" for Portland, where my boys and I were insulted, mistreated. It isn't nice to mistreat and insult PK Man. Pursuant to my nature I am continuing the wrecking process this season also. (You have last year's file.) I track this team by TV and radio with my alien mind... and then strange things happen to them!

Gwens

Nudge Deprey - in
"10 year file" should
be my PK of the Beatles.
(67 to 70)

Contacts

B-17 bomber.
Atl. & Pac. poisoned
w/ 100,000 drops

1/3 of barrels are
leaking.

Affects oxygen
produced by oceans.
Oxygen reduction
affects animal life
on earth. 1/2 to 1/3
oxygen diminish.
Affects dogs, cats,
horses, first ... before
humans!
(4 dogs, 100 bites, kills)
Zoo animals die, 4.
Elephant dies.

It's like me + 3 Powers are an "overlay" over the US!

If no base (5 mil) is still coming shortly — I'll take money away completely from US

11/10/80
The SI's told me last night that they are going to give me a new Power!!
Owen

Contacts
What I have done, so miracle, is now squared (as in math) power).

7 billion to Iran for Postage! 400 million to Chrysler — but no measly 5 million for the UFO Base

Note:
I am standing on the sidelines, watching my UFOs put together a machine of absolute ruin + disaster for the U.S. govt. (because they are refused their base) while the scientists + govt. try to ignore me + my UFOs! Owen

Contacts

Plus jumped out of my hand.

Next day loaf of bread jumped off of grocery store shelf.

Next day candy bar jumped off of grocery shelf. Then the scissors moved a bit.

Jan. 2, 1980
5 logs jumped off a stack of logs 20 feet away w/ Bear + me watching. No way it could happen.

Note: Constant phenomena, "poltergeist" in character, psychokinetic in effect, which is occurring near me almost daily now (Jan. 30, 1981).

Gwen

Tonight... my tray of food jumped off the table.

Several hours later my scissors jumped off the table.

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Nov. 20, 1980
Bottle opener jumped off the table!

Later... at Keil's grocery a carton of Coca Colas jumped off the shelf five feet away. John the manager saw it. Scratched his head in puzzlement.

Outbreak hits NW hospital

SEATTLE (AP) — Harborview Medical Center staffers are keeping a close eye on pneumonia cases after an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease there, Dr. George W. Counts, chief of infectious disease at Harborview, said Saturday.

Counts said he doesn't think Legionnaires' disease was involved in deaths at the hospital.

"I don't think it was involved in the deaths, although there is no way to exclude that it had a role," he said.

The disease was first discovered at Harborview in lung tissue samples from four patients who died there between four and seven weeks ago.

It also was found in another patient, who was treated and recovered.

The disease is suspected in two other cases, said Dr. Harold E. Laws, Harborview medical director.

Counts said Saturday that the four patients who died were in the intensive care unit and were affected with Adult Respiratory Disease Syndrome — an advanced respiratory shock.

Legionnaires' disease "is a pneumonia," Counts said. The symptoms are similar and both diseases are most likely to occur in hospital patients who are seriously ill, in trauma from serious injury, or just getting out of surgery.

He said hospital staffers are especially observing patients with respiratory problems, both in and out of intensive care.

He said Legionnaires' disease is not communicable, nor is it necessarily fatal.

"If patients are treated with erythromycin, a fairly common antibiotic that doctors are very familiar with, then most cases will recover," Counts said.

"Those that don't get treated have a fairly high fatality rate," he added.

The disease was first found in 1976 at the American Legion Convention in Philadelphia. Since then, "much of the mystery about Legionnaires has been cleared up," Counts said.

The source of the infections seems to be within Harborview's 300-bed facility, Laws said.

TSS believed widespread

DETROIT (UPI) — New studies reveal that toxic shock syndrome strikes many more women than previously believed, making it almost as common as measles. A federal disease specialist says the mysterious and often-fatal ailment is on the increase, Dr. Bruce B. Dan, an epidemiologist with the federal Center for Disease Control, said Wednesday that there also is additional evidence that TSS, which has been linked to the use of tampons, is triggered by an unidentified strain of a common germ. But Dan cautioned that federal officials are not yet ready to take any action beyond warning women of the potential dangers. In a presentation at the 108th meeting of the American Public Health Association, Dan said recent data in Utah and Wisconsin show the syndrome occurs as frequently as 15 out of every 100,000 menstruating women.



Dan

The nation

Disease hits Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An outbreak of a form of dysentery among mentally retarded children at county nursing homes led to the death of a 7-year-old boy and the closing of school, the Utah Department of Health reported Thursday.

In addition to that child, who died of complications, 10 children were infected with shigellosis and officials said 50 to 60 more residents appeared to have symptoms of the disease.

Operators of three nursing homes and the Utah State Training School at American Fork have been ordered to prevent patients from leaving and visitors from entering, the health department said.

Craig Nichols, state director of communicable disease control, said the staffs and residents of all the affected homes have been put on antibiotics to stop the spread of the infection while survey teams try to find the source of the outbreak.

Nichols said Thursday that he hoped to locate the source in 10 to 14 days.

Health officials became aware of the outbreak Nov. 13 when a nursing home reported several cases of diarrhea among retarded children, Nichols said.

Officials declined to name the nursing homes but said the death did not occur at the Utah State Training School.

Note: Yet another "plague"! Owens

Gonorrhea outbreak reported in LA

(Calif. PK?)

ATLANTA (AP) — The nation's largest single outbreak of a relatively new strain of penicillin-resistant gonorrhea has been reported in Los Angeles, the national Center for Disease Control said Friday.

The outbreak "is going to be much more difficult to bring under control" than earlier outbreaks because the cases are "from almost every health district in Los Angeles County," said Dr. Paul Wiesner, director of the CDC's Venereal Disease Control Division.

From Aug. 1 to Oct. 17, 149 cases of the strain — which is caused by penicillinase-producing Neisseria gonorrhoeae or PPNG — were reported in Los Angeles County, the CDC reported in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

That raises the total for 1980 to 175 cases, compared to 11 cases reported in the county from March 1976 through December 1979.

"It's the single largest outbreak of PPNG in the country," said Wiesner.

Note: A few of the "plagues" resultant from the Fours Projects. Owens

The reason the U.S. govt won't expose the flaw even tho U/Rush has enough documented proof scientists —

all the govt. is interested in is what I have with my 3 powers, as a weapon. So they keep me under surveil. watching how far I can go with my 3 powers in a destructive, negative way.

My personal powers now have soared over my previous 500 miracles!

"A democracy can no longer survive or exist in the modern world" → SS 1/3/50

Nov. 10, 1980

Prediction:

Pres. Reagan will expire in near future and Bush will take over (ex-CIA)

then

the CIA will be in the saddle calling the shots!!

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Gwen

Talk about Sept. 12, 1980

Synchronicity —

this a/t a radio announcement by Hal Owen said a female pilot in a plane headed for Vancouver, Wash., from Eugene, Ore, became disoriented & had to be led in to a landing by another airplane!!

Contacts

I'm here, connected with and able to use far more power than all the other power on earth Combined... yet I must use it negatively, destructively... until someone gives my UFOs + I our safe base!

Owens
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—UFOs vs. U.S.— Org. N. 9/26/80

Mideast war could trigger money economic chaos

Note: The SI a may very well use this method of attacking the U.S. govt. by causing such a situation.

Owens

United Press International

Giant oil tankers still moved slowly into the Persian Gulf Thursday on the fourth day of the Iran-Iraq war, but energy specialists warned a prolonged shutdown of Gulf shipping lanes could drive the United States into the worst depression in its history.

The United States and its European allies held discussions on the formation of an allied naval force to protect the 24-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz, the gateway to the Persian Gulf through which 40 percent of the Free World's oil flows.

Some 17.3 million barrels of oil pass through the strait each day. The United States imports 2 million barrels a day of Persian Gulf oil, or about 9 percent of total U.S. oil needs. Japan relies on the gulf for about 70 percent of its oil and Western Europe for 45 percent.

In Paris, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarek Aziz told French President Giscard d'Estaing that Iraq does not want to interfere with shipping in the Gulf.

In New York, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller said the Carter administration has "contintency plans for an interruption of oil supplies, but we do not think that will happen."

But Western observers expressed concern that Iran would attempt to blockade the Strait of Hormuz to put world pressure on Iraq to withdraw from Iranian territory. Iraq claimed its forces had seized Khorramshahr, Iran's major oil port.

The fighting has forced the two warring OPEC nations to halt oil exports totaling 2.7 million barrels a day.

Iraq, which had been exporting about 2 million barrels daily, said it would begin moving its oil exports to Tripoli through a 550-mile pipeline that has a capacity up to 1.4 million barrels a day.

In Paris, the International Energy said several tankers entered the Gulf through the Strait Thursday despite some insurance-related delays. An estimated 30 ships waited outside the gulf until assured of berthing space to avoid high insurance surchages for time spent in a war-risk zone, the IEA said.

The economic livelihood of the industrialized world is at stake in keeping the Persian Gulf open. Three oil pipelines from the Gulf States now move little more than 2 million barrels a day.

Deputy Energy Secretary John Sawhill told Congress Monday that the United States has enough oil in stock to withstand a foreign oil shock that lasted longer than the four-month Arab oil embargo in 1973.

But a recent Library of Congress study estimated the loss of 2 million barrels a day of Persian Gulf oil would reduce U.S. economic growth by 2.3 percent, add 2.5 percentage points to the U.S. inflation rate and raise pump prices by 98 cents a gallon over a two-year period.

However, a sustained Gulf cutoff would exact a far heavier economic toll because it would activate the IEA's emergency trigger mechanism under which the United States and 19 other nations have agreed to share oil supplies.

Analysts said the United States, which produces 55 percent of its own oil needs, would be subject to a 40 percent oil shortage under the IEA trigger and unprecented economic hardship.

"The United States would withstand the loss of 2 million barrels a day of imported oil by rationing gasoline, lowering speed limits, setting thermostats below 65 degrees and burning more coal," a U.S. oil economist said.

"But if the United States adhered to the IEA trigger, we'd be cut back from current consumption of about 18 million barrels a day to less than 12 million barrels and sharing a 40 percent crude shortage with everybody else," he said.

"It would mean a worldwide depression of unprecedented proportions."

television "Power" + Rain Attack

CBS documentary dissects Saudi Arabia's oil reserves

By KENNETH R. CLARK
UPI Television Reporter

NEW YORK (UPI) — The CBS News crew doesn't just report in a documentary. It dissects — and the scalpel correspondent Ed Bradley wields Tuesday night on Saudi Arabia cuts exceedingly fine.

Bradley leads the camera through an increasingly vulnerable treasure chest containing one-fourth of the world's known oil reserves and succeeds in a series of interviews in proving his opening contention that, "We have no treaty. . . no written commitment, but we have no choice but to defend it."



BRADLEY

The oil picture that unfolds in Bradley's narrative is unsettling.

"Without Saudi Arabia's oil, the entire northeastern United States would be plunged into darkness," Bradley says by way of introduction. "Without it, our military and economic alliances would collapse."

But oil, as an exposed jugular vein for the Western world, isn't the only subject of "CBS Reports the Saudis," slated to air at 10 p.m. Tuesday on Channel 6.

In 60 sweeping minutes, Bradley paints a picture of people in an ancient culture whose only law is the Koran and whose view of a 20th century they've never quite joined reflects the desert where "survival of the fittest" is more than just a phrase.

Within that matrix lies a possible thorn for some.

Try as he will — and in several interviews, he patently does try — Bradley is unable to find a single Saudi woman who will condemn the system that condemns her to a lifetime beneath the veil.

As headmistress of a once-unheard-of school for girls, Cecille Rouchdy comes across about as liberated as a woman can get. But she bristles at Bradley's prodding about the Saudi lack of equality between men and women.

"Why should you always look upon it whatever is different from your society is wrong?" she asks. "In this society, they still feel a woman should be protected. And why shouldn't we? If we can be spoiled in our society, why do you want us to be unspoiled. . ? We're happy to be protected. . .You keep saying, 'equality.' I think it's jealousy."

Western feminists are not likely to applaud, but anyone who sincerely wants to know what's happening in the volatile Persian Gulf where World War III may be in gestation will find this documentary illuminating.

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WHEN CHARLES KURALT comes off the road Oct. 27 to anchor the CBS "Morning" news, he'll bring along a weatherman with a reputation for having a crystal ball secreted somewhere among his isobaric charts and barometers.

Gordon Barnes will report from Washington, and an anecdote from the sports world precedes him.

It seems last December, the Minnesota Vikings — about to meet Los Angeles in the National Football League playoff — asked Barnes to give them a weather forecast for the day of the game.

He said rain, so the Vikings asked for a rainy training ground.

He sent them to Tucson, Ariz.

While the Rams practiced beneath sunny skies on a dry field, the Vikings scrimmaged in mud and drizzle. They came out of it to beat the Rams — in the rain.

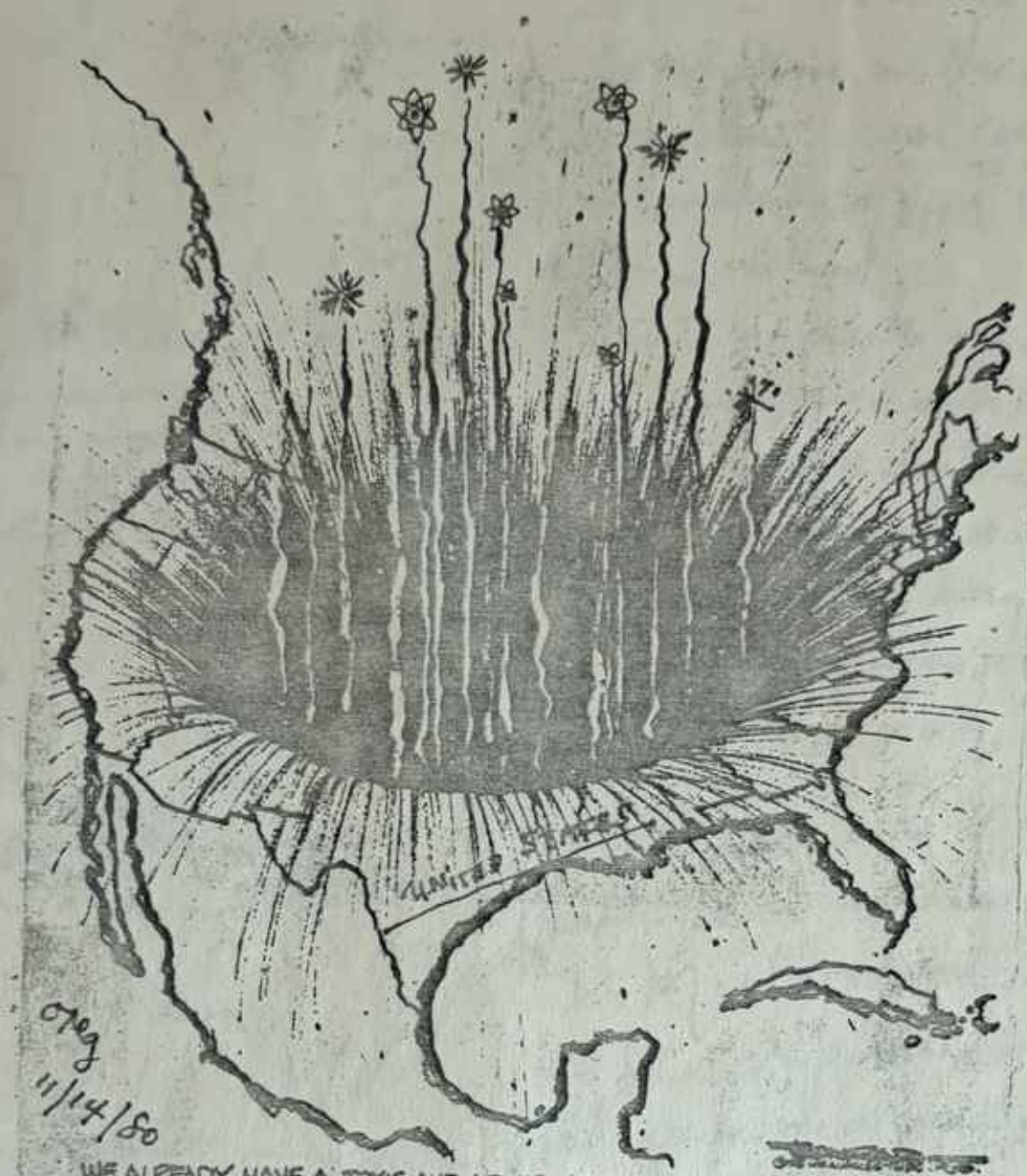
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THE OPENING GAME of the World Series was to NBC what a cup of chicken soup is to a man with a head cold.

The network captured 51 per cent of the massive New York audience and 45 per cent of the one in Chicago with its televised play-by-play.

The A.C. Nielsen Co. estimates the game was seen in 25.6 million homes, nationwide — a figure that breaks down to 68 million people. That's the largest audience for a World Series opener in television history.

But it still has room to grow. As of Sept. 1, Nielsen says the United States has 77.8 million homes with television sets.



Note:

The above picture accurately illustrates what will absolutely happen in time ahead to the United States if Ted Owens (PK Man) is murdered or  dies before his time (due to human cause);
or if The Base is not supplied to Ted Owens and his UFOs in near time ahead.

Owens

PS: it will not result from "atomic wastes."

Why not try a
really
impossible
demonstration ??

The SIs & I, Xtolac
& Pyr Cre ... focus on
the sun and the moon
to cause
one hell of an
anomaly !!!

Note: The newscliff below re the major flare on the sun, with others to follow... was caused by a combination of UFO - Egyptian - Mayan - Owens action.

About a month ago the SIs communicated and told me that something more drastic would have to be done since Mistlove's book was rejected; the Base has not been forthcoming; I have no funds or proper tools and so on. I made this note, and called George Delawan and Millie Miller... (perhaps I mentioned it also to Dr Mistlove and Wayne Grover.)

The SIs stipulated no material PK mask and gave me a mental PK mask to use (same as the Bermuda Triangle Effect on the U.S. now in effect.)

Note: 10/17/80 Made this note in September, then

— Sun & Moon PK Attack —

Solar flare disturbance expected

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI) — Scientists predict a major flare on the surface of the sun will produce magnetic storms in the Earth's atmosphere and disrupt some communications.

Tom Metzger, duty forecaster with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the X-3 flare began about 1:38 a.m. EDT Tuesday and peaked 34 minutes later.

Metzger predicted a minor storm in the Earth's magnetic field beginning tonight. He said the storm could affect radio communications, radar, power relay and satellite systems.

The official also said the solar region where the flare originated is expected to produce more flares.

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Large solar flare spotted

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI) — Federal scientists reported a major solar flare, but say it is not expected to disrupt communications on Earth. Thomas Metzger, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecaster, said the flare occurred at 6:42 a.m. PST Wednesday. It was detected by sensors aboard NOAA satellites in orbit 22,000 miles above the equator. Metzger said the flare occurred in a "very large," active sunspot region that had just rotated into view of the Earth.

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