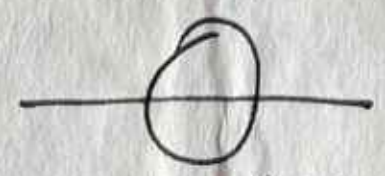
4 August, 1981

Scientists:

Please, carefully notice:
since warning Dr Michlovic re
my UFOs attacking "higher ups"
in government...
note this file of presidents,
leaders of countries (and their close
assistants) who have been under
attack... attacks orchestrated
from another dimension... from my
UFOs!! *



* Because of no Base
knowledge & books

UFO sighted over Tibet

PEKING (AP) — An unidentified flying object with six glowing rings was sighted last month in Tibet, the official Chinese news agency Xinhua reported Wednesday.

Xinhua said the sighting was made July 24 by the deputy director of the Tibetan Meteorological Bureau and confirmed by witnesses in Lhasa and three other cities.

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July 8, 1981

SCIENTISTS AND CONTACTS

As I have explained to you before...my present work with my UFOs is as different from my old work (of making lightning strike targets; guiding hurricanes; having UFOs appear in a certain area; etc.) as night is different from day. During those years of documented, miraculous demonstrations it was I who was in control. Now it is my UFOs who are in control...while I, their only human two-way contact, report to the human race what it is that they are doing, and why.

My UFOs have been ~~busy~~ BUSILY at work since my last file SENT ~~to~~ you. They have been striking at "higher ups" in government, leaving an easily-read pattern behind them. See the enclosed "UFOs "higher ups" file and you will understand. My UFOs began in the U.S. with Reagan and Brady, then began to move their work around the world...as leaders and presidents of other countries became hors de combat in one way or another. (Please keep in mind that my UFOs are not using powers that humans can use on Earth...i.e., they can direct certain of their power at the "idea" of leaders of countries and top governments being eliminated...their power flows through that "idea" and causes the idea to happen and come into reality. Being familiar with the way that my UFOs "think" it is my strong belief that their "get higher ups" power is wending its way back again, full circle, to the U.S. This power will not cease until the Base is provided. It will keep on working its way around the world* ~~ways~~ to take out "higher ups" and leaders in many and varied WAYS, but always with the same result.

Also enclosed is the "UFOs 6 Projects" file, containing newsclips which show the "tracks" of where the UFOs have been and what they have been doing, to put pressure on the U.S. Govt. and scientists to provide the Base. As you read the many-faceted chaos contained in the newsclips it might be well to read once again my initial letter to you explaining the "6 projects" of the UFOs (the attack on "higher ups" came afterward) so I have included a copy of that initial letter in this file, along with a few other pertinent copies sent you previously but which it would be well for you to re-read, if you care to do so.

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- Attn & Projects -

Attacks by sharks worrisome

By DAVID CHANDLER

MIAMI (AP) — The cry "Shark!" is being heard with alarmingly increasing frequency in the waters off Florida and the Bahamas these days, leaving experts and experienced divers puzzled by the spate of attacks.

"Some weirdo stuff is happening," Bob Marx, a 25-year-veteran diver, said as he recuperated in his Satellite Beach home from an attack by a 12-foot mako shark. He was attacked Aug. 7 while skin diving east of Little Isaac Bank in the Bahamas.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said. "I've spent my life in the water, and this sort of aggressiveness never happens. . . It's like a magic potion is in the water and the sharks are freaking out."

Marx's was the third shark attack reported in the Bahamas this year.

Seven other swimmers or surfers have been struck off Florida, including 19-year-old Christina Wapniarski, who was killed when a shark tore apart her leg after a catamaran she and three others had been sailing capsized Aug. 11 off Daytona Beach.

In a normal year, marine experts say, two or three shark attacks are recorded in Florida and two in the Bahamas.

At the University of Miami, shark researcher Samuel Gruber said he had no explanation for the increased attacks.

"I don't have any theories, except maybe that the reporting is getting better. For some reason there is a relatively high increase in the incidence of attacks," Gruber said. "I expect two attacks a year in Daytona, two a year in the Bahamas; occasionally someone gets bitten in the Keys.

"We're working with sharks every day — tagging and tracking. I haven't seen anything different, nothing unusual except that there seem to be a lot of shark attacks.

Orig 8/20/81

August 20, 1981

Scientists, Contacts:

This newsclip is very important. Itself to It directly addresses my letter to you of November 17, 1980, copy attached. In that letter read "(c) Ocean Attack."

Owens

"It's like a magic potion in the water—"

— Now see my files on getting the "Lightning"

It's right. Of course. There is a "magic potion" in the water.

Owens

Note: The huge enclosed file documents the below. If you are puzzled by any of the clips, will be glad to explain. Gwenn 2/17/81

November 17, 1980

CONTACTS

My UFOs (SIs) have begun a "whole new ballgame." An entirely new modus operandi. It has been a long while since you have heard from me, but there has been a tremendous lot of action since that time on the part of the SIs. To begin with, following is a list of what THEY have been and are doing (I am now just a "reporter" from them to you...they have taken over and are running things. I am no longer allowed to write or draw "PK Maps". Instead the SIs give me a mental "PK Map", andthis mental map is such that it could not even be described in English words by myself under interrogation by experts.)
Following are the projects which they are working on, full time, around the clock:

(1) United States "Bermuda Triangle" Attack.

The UFOs have taken the mysterious Bermuda Triangle phenomena and transferred it to cover the entire United States. As I understand from their explanation to me this will cause the following phenomena to occur over the United States (throughout):

(a) Disorientation. Pilots of planes will become confused and lost; people will become confused and/or lost...all activities within the United States area will be affected by Disorientation. (In the enclosed file you will find news articles describing a woman driver of a school bus getting confused and disoriented and winding up clear across the State! Engineers of trains become disoriented and drive their trains upon the wrong tracks. Airplane pilots become disoriented and lost. Etc.)

(b) Time Distortion. At first I was puzzled by this bit of information from the SIs, because the only 'time distortion' that I was familiar with falls within the scope of work with hypnosis and possibly, I suppose, drugs. But the SIs corrected my thinking with this explanation...they have blanketed the United States with the time of another age! I.e., perhaps 1776, or the year 1800...like that...together with the type of thinking that goes with it on the part of the people en masse. In short, the United States will be "out of timing" with Nature and time itself.

(c) Ocean Attack. The SIs have somehow rigged the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico with intelligence to ATTACK the United States with fire, storm, flood, etc. (The oceans around us now will attack the United States just as a trained Doberman will attack an enemy.) Numerous newsclips in the enclosed file illustrate how this is being done, constantly.

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SOME LIKE IT COLD

A FEW YEARS ago we described the amazing discovery — which probably would never have been noticed in preautomotive days — of an insect that manufactures its own antifreeze to protect it against subzero temperatures. Now John G. Duman, a biologist at Notre Dame University, has identified 10 bugs that produce their own antifreeze. Surprisingly they are not necessarily related. They include some species of beetles, spiders and centipedes.

The glycerol produced by the bugs lowers their freezing temperature. In addition, it helps some of them slow their metabolisms to a state like hibernation. This state conserves energy so they can last out the winter without eating.

Other bugs use the antifreeze to help them survive in a frozen state. In these bugs the glycerol accumulates inside the cells, preventing the delicate living interiors from freezing, while the fluid outside the cells freezes, producing ice crystals throughout their bodies.

Duman finds that in some species such as hornets only the queens survive the winter. They mate just before going into hibernation and the eggs develop over the winter.

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FINDING OUR WAY

IN RECENT years science has discovered that various creatures use many techniques to find their way about in this world. They use the polarization of the sun's rays, internal clocks, tiny magnets in their heads that serve as compasses and celestial navigation, and some (like Hansel and Gretel and their bread crumbs) lay chemical trails along the ground which they can follow on their return.

Others, like a species of African stink ant called *Paltohyreus tarsatus*, find their way even when the sky is completely overcast and when the top layer of soil is removed, which eliminates using a chemical trail.

Now Bert Holldobler of Harvard has announced their secret. He concludes that the midget brain of *P. tarsatus* carries a "snapshot" of the ant's surroundings as it leaves the nest. The ants locate themselves within this picture and only use other clues such as chemicals if the picture goes awry.

Holldobler determined this by making an artificial sky for the ants, reproducing the patterns of the trees in the forest canopy. Then he turned this around and the ants set off for home in the wrong direction.

It's reasonably obvious that this also is one of the ways humans find their way about. We have mental pictures of our surroundings and I'm sure we would be equally confused if some giant cosmic scientist reversed our environment.

THE TOOL USERS

PALEONTOLOGISTS are taking a new look at old fossils to see if they have overlooked any evidence of human activity. It turns out, according to a brief report in the January 23 issue of *Science*, that petrified bones as old as two million years carry previously unnoticed signs that, one way or another, stone tools were used on them. Patricia Shipman of Johns Hop-

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PS... if you will study this newsclip file carefully, keeping in mind my various PK attacks, it will be a parapsych education for you! Owens

The enclosed file of chaos, accident, power wiped out, etc etc... was a caused effect by my three Powers, UFOs, Xtolac (Mayan Power) and Pyr Cal (Egyptian Power.)

Take just one effect... power knocked out... caused by every conceivable happening! Fire, storms, airplanes, wind, cars, human error, etc etc. This is the way an idea which is PK'd works. Note that half of all Mexico was blacked out, and prior to it the experts said that it could not happen!

(By the way, please take the "Four Projects Letter" sent to you not long ago and append it to the front of this file.)

Elsewhere in this file you will find the pattern reflected in the newsclips which pertains to the Four Projects Letter.

Although this information goes out to only seven contacts (scientists and friends) it is hoped that the U.S. government will learn

of it, understand, and supply the five million dollar Base which the UFOs require (with me in it, to do my positive work for the human race.)
If this does not occur within a reasonable length of time, then my UFOs will simply cause the U.S. to go broke... i.e., take the money away from America! (They have instructed me to pass this information on.)
It is a sad joke that Reagan spent eight million dollars on his inauguration... enough to buy two Bases for my UFOs (they only require one.) Muhammed Ali, the fighter, made eight million dollars for one fight... enough to buy two UFO Bases (they only need one.)
Thus it gets sicker and sicker, in the eyes of my UFOs. If this sort of thing continues, according to my UFOs, then the country of America, the United States, has no reason to continue to exist.

July 20, 1981

Scientists...

I am being tracked and attacked by a Russian psi agent.

The kind of character who can break your spine at 1/2 mile range; mentally.

He's made one pass at me, and failed, because of my half alien mind.

This is no joke. I am quite serious. And I know what I'm talking about. *

Owen

* The SI's have given me the proper counter attack for his next pass at me.

Added note:

Perhaps it is difficult for some of you to understand how my UFOs can cause leaders and Presidents to be fired, shot, resigned, and so forth. Let me explain. Take a "higher up"... a top echelon person of this or another government. My UFOs can cause some unstable person to attack him; cause him to be in a car wreck; cause people to turn against him and throw him out; cause him to develop a terminal illness; cause him to make wrong, self-destructive decisions (I got Nixon; he decided not to destroy his tapes, i.e., he self-destonated. If you think I didn't get Nixon, see my prediction published in a book "What The Seers Predict" before he self-destonated. It was without precedent. My UFOs and I, however, have great confidence in our ability to cause our effects!) If we do not get our UFO base soon — the power aimed at higher-ups will be escalated.

To you think the medfly plague in California is an accident? Not on your life. Pyr Ore, my Egyptian Power working with my UFOs, is causing the plague just the same as It did in Moses time when Moses worked with my UFOs and they inflicted the insect plague on Egypt.

Keep on ignoring me... and watch the slow destruction of the United States and its "higher ups."

Ted Owens
(PK Man)

Plague alert given Reagan

By MAUREEN SANTINI

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is taking precautions against bubonic plague, which was found last month near the mountaintop ranch where he is vacationing.

"The White House was recently advised by the county health department of the possibility of bubonic plague being in proximity to Rancho del Cielo," said a statement issued Saturday by the traveling White House. "Routine precautions as recommended by the county health department are being taken."

Those precautions include not handling wildlife and tucking trousers into boots, said deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes.

The plague was found last month in a wood rat less than a mile from Reagan's ranch in the Santa Ynez mountains about 20 miles from here. Bubonic plague, which claimed many lives in Europe in the Middle Ages, has not been found in the ranch area since last month.

Dr. Daniel Ruge, the president's physician, reported through White House press aides Saturday that he had been advised of the possibility of the plague before the president arrived here Thursday night. No thought was given to canceling the trip, however.

Speakes said Reagan was taking "the normal precautions that his neighbors are taking." Asked whether there was any danger, the press spokesman replied, "If you disregard precautions, there's a possibility."

Reagan was spending the day horseback riding with his wife, Nancy, clearing brush from trails and piling wood.

A contingent of striking air traffic controllers planned to picket the gate outside Reagan's ranch Saturday, but there was little chance the president would see them because the gate is four or five miles from his adobe home.

Asked whether Reagan would be informed of the picketing, Speakes replied, "Somebody may mention it, but it won't be any major briefing."

Guarding Reagan

Since the assassination attempt on March 30, Ronald Reagan has become the best-protected U.S. President of modern times.

Reagan not only wears his bulletproof vest on almost all public occasions, but members of the public who wish to hear him speak at conventions and dinners must first undergo metal-detector tests before being granted entrance. Moreover, the newsmen who cover the President are subject to search and examination by the Secret Service.

In addition, Reagan's two California residences—the Sky Ranch, north of Santa Barbara, and the Pacific Palisades house he has for sale at $1.9 million—are guarded by Secret Service agents round the clock. Secret Service protection of the empty Pacific Palisades house may in fact be a violation of the law, which permits the expenditure of only $10,000 for the guarding of a second Presidential residence. Far more than $10,000 has been spent since the Reagans left the house eight months ago. But no one has seriously carped about the possible infraction.

Sensitive to critics of its competency and its dubious record of protecting Presidents, the Secret Service is determined to safeguard this one from all possible harm. Reagan's daily schedule is no longer publicized in geographic detail; decoy limousines are driven and parked to confuse possible assassins; agents escort Reagan from one wing of the White House to the other; when he lands at out-of-town airports, Reagan is quickly hustled into a helicopter and flown to the landing site nearest his quarters to eliminate a lengthy motorcade.

The Secret Service is executing a policy of "better doubly safe than sorry."

– UPI a "higher wpe" –

Bolivia chief bows to rebels' demands

By JOHN ENDERS orig 8/5/81.

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Gen. Luis Garcia Meza, bowing to the demands of army rebels in eastern Bolivia, resigned as president Tuesday night and asked the three-man military junta to govern the country.

In a brief speech from the presidential palace carried by the state-controlled radio network, the right-wing former army commander said: "Above any reasons of pride and vanity comes the fatherland. For this reason I have decided to turn power over to the junta of commanders.

"I leave the presidency, but everyone should know I will remain alert to the possibility that this process we have begun may be sidetracked."

His reference to "this process" was to his administration, which he had called a government of "national reconstruction."

The junta, composed of the commanders of the army, air force and navy, was expected to meet with ranking military officers from througout the country and name another president from their ranks. Observers said it was unlikely the junta would try to govern as a council, because such efforts at joint rule in the past have failed.

There were indications before Garcia Meza made his nationwide address that the 52-year-old general would step down to avoid a bloody confrontation between his backers and the insurgents.

Among the major charges made against his year-old government were wide-spread violations of human rights and alleged involvement of ranking officials in the illegal cocaine trade.

The successful coup was the fifth attempt launched since May against Garcia Meza, who overthrew the civilian government of President Lidia Gueiler in July 1980. He had said months ago that he would resign Aug. 6 and have the junta name a successor, but then he reversed his position last month and said he would stay in office.

Plane crash kills Torrijos

By INDALECIO RODRIGUEZ

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Gen. Omar Torrijos, the political strongman who forged the treaty with the United States giving Panama control of the Panama Canal, has been killed in a plane crash, the national guard reported Saturday.

A spokesman said five others in the light plane also perished when it crashed Friday in a remote jungle area 60 miles west of the capital. He said the wreckage was found Saturday and the bodies have been recovered.

"The guard leadership has met with President Aristedes Royo and Vice President Ricardo de la Espriella to make arrangements for a state funeral," a statement released by the national guard said. Torrijos, 52, was commander of the guard, which serves as Panama's army.

The statement said Torrijos' body will lie in state for 24 hours starting Tuesday morning, and the funeral will be held in the Don Bosco Church.

A television announcement by Maj. Domingo O'Calagan said Torrijos' plane disappeared after taking off for the short flight between the cities of Pemonome and Coclesito and the wreckage was spotted by the pilot of a search plane early Saturday.

The national guard said Torrijos, the country's military and political leader for the past 13 years who once described himself as a "dictator with a heart," was making a routine check of guard outposts. He maintained a residence in the peasant community of Coclesito.

A helicopter flew to the crash site to transport the bodies of the six victims to Panama City, the national guard said.

Torrijos won agreement in 1977 with then-President Carter for the pact that turns sovereignty of the Panama Canal over to Panama by the end of the century. The controversial treaty was ratified in 1978, and Torrijos jumped into a canal lock during the celebration.

Carter issued a statement from his home in Plains, Ga., calling Torrijos' death "a tragic loss for the people of Panama and all who admired him as a wise and effective leader."

"I knew him personally as a dedicated and unselfish man committed to a better life for those who looked to him for leadership," Carter said.

The White House said President Reagan "expressed his most sincere condolences to the family and Panamanian people" and announced he would send a delegation to the funeral.

"Gen. Torrijos is one of the outstanding figures in Panama's history who repeatedly displayed profound concern for the welfare of the people of his country and who took an active interest in various regional matters," Reagan's statement said. "It is our expectation that our government will continue to work cooperatively to give meaning to the hope expressed publicly by Gen. Torrijo that our nations will live together peacefully."

Associated Press Laserphoto

TREATY SIGNED — Then-President Carter embraces Panama leader Omar Torrijos in Washington after 1977 signing of Panama Canal treaty. Torrijos died in a plane crash Friday in Panama.

Col. Florencio Flores was named to succeed Torrijos as commander of the national guard during a meeting of the guard leadership and government officials, including President Royo. Flores, 50, was the guard's chief of staff, and diplomatic sources said he was considered second only to Torrijos in political power.

Torrijos, born in Santiago de Veraguas, Panama, Feb. 3, 1929, was the son of schoolteachers. He studied in El Salvador's military school and graduated as a second lieutenant in 1953, returning here to hold a variety of military posts.

He was named military aide to President Arnulfo Arias in Oct. 1968. Less than two weeks later, Torrijos and Col. Boris Martinez led a coup that toppled Arias.

The next year, Torrijos effectively took sole power by exiling Martinez and taking the title of brigadier general. A newly elected assembly in September 1972 gave him full civil and military powers for a six-year term.

In October 1978, Torrijos surprised Panamanians by stepping down after 10 years as chief of government.

One well-placed Panamian said at the time, "Torrijos was tired of being called dictator, and that was no small factor in his decision to step down and move ahead with some constitutional reforms."

Although the title was abolished and the executive functions were passed to a new president, Torrijos retained control over the new government as commander of the national guard.

The new president, Aristides Royo, was handpicked for the post and made no secret of his admiration for Torrijos.

Murder, suicide suspected

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Fernand Spaak, chief aide to the president of the Common Market and a member of one Belgium's most influential political families, was killed by a shotgun blast fired by his wife who then electrocuted herself in the bathtub of their Brussels apartment, police said Sunday.

Police refused to speculate on the motives for what they labeled a murder-suicide. They said the 57-year-old statesman and his Italian-born wife, Anna Farina, were found Saturday morning by a son-in-law.

Neighbors said the Spaaks had been separated for some time, and he was living alone in his sixth-floor apartment in a fashionable district of the capital.

East German leader dies

BERLIN (AP) — East German Deputy Foreign Minister Michael Kohl, who was the communist country's first diplomat to West Germany, died after a serious illness, the official East German news agency ADN reported Saturday. He was 51.

Kohl played an important part in negotiations between the two Germanys after 1970 and became East Berlin's representative in Bonn from 1974 to 1978.

The news agency did not identify the cause of Kohl's death.

— UFOs "higher ups" —

Spanish king injured in fall

Juan Carlos

MADRID, Spain (UPI) — King Juan Carlos, Spanish head of state, left the Red Cross hospital in Madrid Monday after having spent the night for treatment of injuries received in a fall. The king assured journalists and bystanders that he was all right. He was hurt late Sunday in a freak accident at the Zarzuela Palace when he slipped and fell against a glass door. His injuries included extensive cuts and scratches on his arms.

Oreg J. 6/22/81

— UFOs "higher ups" —

N-codes left behind

President Reagan went to dinner early, and as a result he found himself without the codes he needs to launch a nuclear attack.

Reagan unexpectedly left the White House 20 minutes ahead of schedule Tuesday night in a motorcade for a dinner honoring Dr. Loyal Davis, the stepfather of first lady Nancy Reagan.

Among those left behind was Cmdr. Bill Schmidt, one of the officers who carries the black briefcase containing the codes, which are rarely more than a few paces away from the president when he leaves the White House.

Oreg 7/16/81

— UFOs "higher ups" —

China ousts party chief Hua Guofeng

By MICHAEL PARKS
LA Times-Washington Post Service

PEKING — Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng has resigned, admitting "serious errors" of leadership, at the start of a meeting of the party's policy-making Central Committee, Chinese sources said Monday.

Hua, who had fought for a time to retain the post, is expected to be succeeded by Hu Yaobang, the party general secretary and the chief lieutenant of Deng Xiaoping, the powerful party vice chairman.

The 215-member Central Committee is also discussing a controversial and long-delayed assessment of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in an attempt to balance his achievements and mistakes, venerating him as a great revolutionary but abrogating most of his policies.

Taken together, Hua's replacement, a long-expected but still difficult move, and the formal Mao reassessement will mark the end of the Maoist era in China. Serious differences on both questions delayed the meeting for more than nine months.

Also on the Central Committee's agenda, the sources said, are a reaffirmation of the policy followed for the past 2½ years under Deng's leadership, particularly the restructuring of the country's economy and his proposals for reorganizing the party.

A full review of Chinese foreign policy, especially the emerging alliance with the United States, Japan and Western Europe, has also been drafted for the Central Committee's consideration, the sources said, and will probably be issued in July.

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Bomb wounds top Khomeini aide

By United Press International

A bomb planted inside a tape recorder exploded Saturday, injuring Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's defense aide during a mosque ceremony, Radio Tehran reported.

The radio said Sayed Ali Khamenei was rushed to the hospital where he was to have surgery. There was no word on his condition. "At the beginning of this ceremony, a bomb that had been placed inside one of the tape recorders (in front of Khamenei to record his speech) exploded and wounded Mr. Khamenei," the radio said.

The assassination attempt took place in south Tehran as Khamenei was speaking at a mosque ceremony after noon prayers, the radio said.

"Details of the assassination attempt will be broadcast later," the radio said.

Khamenei is Khomeini's representative on the policy-making Supreme Defense Council. Khomeini's other man on the council, Mustafa Chamran, was killed on the Susangerd front of the Iran-Iraq war earlier this week.

Khamenei also is Tehran's chief religious leader, responsible for leading prayers.

The attack on Khamenei came as the deposed President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, in a message sent to Iranians from his hideout, said he will "disclose documents and tapes" incriminating his fundamentalist foes, Turkish newspapers reported from the Iranian capital.

The leading Turkish national daily Hurriyet's correspondent Bulent Eranac reported from Tehran that thousands of copies of Bani-Sadr's printed message were distributed across Iran and "caused a tumult among the people."

The Gunaydin daily said tapes of Bani-Sadr's message recorded in his own voice also were available in Tehran.

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Bani-Sadr disappeared June 10 and according to a Kurdish leader based in Oslo, Norway, is living in west Iran's mountainous region, which is controlled by anti-Khomeini Kurdish guerrillas.

The former president was fired Monday by Khomeini and 50 people were executed on political charges, including support for Bani-Sadr, after the dismissal.

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Khamenei is a leading parliament member from the Islamic Republican Party that led the campaign for Bani-Sadr's impeachment June 21.

Khamenei also is Khomeini's personal representative on the nine-man Supreme Defense Council that handles the conduct of Iran's 9-month-old war with Iraq and is the council's official spokesman.

Khomeini received groups assigned to the battlefront with Iraq and told them in a speech broadcast Saturday by Tehran radio: "There are wolves waiting in ambush, all of whom want to return this country to its previous (monarchical) state. Let them be disappointed."

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PM ousted in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Veteran political figure Stanko Todorov was replaced Tuesday as prime minister of this Soviet bloc nation, the state news agency BTA said.

Grisha Filipov, a Communist Party Politburo member and secretary of the party Central Committee, was named to the post and asked to present a list of new ministers to Parliament, BTA said.

The announcement came as a surprise to Western diplomats who said it might have been the latest move in longstanding efforts of government and Communist Party chief Todor Zhivkov to limit the accumulation of power by other politicians.

"Zhivkov has a record of moving people around," one diplomat said. "This has been going on for the past 25 years."

The change was expected to have no effect on the overall policies of Bulgaria, long guided by Zhivkov, and a firmly pro-Moscow member of the Warsaw Pact.

The Bulgarian news agency said Todorov, 60, had been elected chairman of the country's newly elected Parliament. The change amounts to a demotion in Bulgaria's communist hierarchy.

Japan's Ito resigns post in tiff over U.S. alliance

TOKYO (UPI) — Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito resigned Saturday in a dispute over Japan's military relations with the United States, and Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki immediately appointed former foreign minister Sunao Sonoda to replace him.

Suzuki said Ito's resignation will have no effect on relations with Washington.

The new foreign minister was serving as health and welfare minister.

Ito told a hastily called news conference he submitted his resignation Friday night and resisted Suzuki's pleas to stay on.

Also resigning was Vice Foreign Minister Masuo Takashima, the top career diplomat in the ministry and the one thought to have contradicted Suzuki earlier in the week, escalating the dispute over the meaning of the term "alliance" as used following Suzuki's meetings in Washington last week with President Reagan.

Ito's resignation was seen as a major setback for the Reagan administration, which has been pressing Japan to assume a greater defense role in the region.

"In order to take responsibility for causing confusion over wording of the (U.S.-Japan) joint communique, I am resigning the post of foreign minister," Ito said.

The word "alliance" was included in a joint communique issued in Washington May 8 after a two-day summit between Reagan and Suzuki to discuss defense issues between the two nations.

Suzuki, facing sharp criticism at home over concessions to the United States on defense spending, denied the word implied a military alliance with Washington.

But Ito told reporters Monday, "Of course, it would be absurd to talk about an alliance without a military sense."

Suzuki immediately rejected Ito's remark and said he had merely repeated the phrase "U.S.-Japan alliance" coined by the late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

Plane crash kills leader

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — President Jaime Roldos, his wife and seven other people were killed Sunday when their executive plane crashed in the Andes mountains near Ecuador's southern border with Peru, the presidential palace announced.

Vice President Osvaldo Hurtado issued a statement saying the Cabinet and leaders of the House of Representatives met in emergency session, with Hurtado named to assume the presidency. House President Raul Baca Carbo was to replace Hurtado as vice president, it said.

The report said there were no survivors aboard the British-built Avro, a twin turboprop plane.

Other victims were listed as Roldos' wife, Martha; Defense Minister Gen. Marcos Subia and his wife; two military aides, Lt. Col. Hector Torres and Lt. Col. Armando Navarette; the pilot, Maj. Marco Andrade; a co-pilot, Lt. Galo Romo; and a stewardess, Solidad Rosero.

Indian judge drops case in 'plot' to kill Mrs. Gandhi

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A judge Thursday dismissed the government's case against five men suspected of sabotaging a jetliner in an alleged plot to kill Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The case was thrown out by Bombay magistrate A.D. Kale after another defendant claimed he had been beaten into a false confession and India's Central Bureau of Investigation said it had failed to produce adequate evidence against the five.

Authorities announced April 27 that about a week earlier control cables were found cut on an Air-India Boeing 707 that was scheduled to fly Mrs. Gandhi to Europe and the Middle East May 5. It was not clearly explained why the cables would have been cut so long before the scheduled start of Mrs. Gandhi's trip.

The jetliner was repaired and resumed regular passenger service. Mrs. Gandhi made her official trip on another plane.

Six employees or former employees of Air-India were arrested in the case.

A senior airline technician, Suresh Imamdar, whose case was being handled separately from the five others, told the magistrate he was kicked, beaten and punched during interrogation by CBI officials and forced to confess.

Blast kills Iran leader, 68 others

By United Press International

The death toll rose to 69 Monday in the bomb attack that killed the heir-apparent to Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and other ranking members of the ruling Islamic Republican Party in the bloodiest blow to Iran's revolutionary government.

Rescue workers are still looking for survivors or more bodies in the wreckage of the party headquarters that was destroyed by a powerful explosion Sunday night.

The officials Pars news agency said at least two blasts ripped through the building as party chief Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti was addressing the regular weekly meeting.

Beheshti, 52, supreme court chief justice, mastermind of the clergy's hold on power and regarded as Khomeini's successor, was killed along with at least four Cabinet ministers, six deputy ministers and 20 members of the Majlis (parliament).

Khomeini, who rarely ventures from his north Tehran home, apparently was the only prominent figure not at the rally.

Tehran radio quoted a coroner's spokesman as saying the known deaths stand at 69. The figure is expected to rise as the search of the rubble went on.

Majlis Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who along with Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Rajai narrowly escaped injury in the attack, said the bombing was the work of "committed agents of the U.S.A." in league with Iraq.

Other prominent officials also accused the United States of masterminding the attack, the severest blow to the Islamic regime since it toppled the late shah in February 1979 and seized power.

Thousands of mourners poured into the streets of Tehran in what Pars described as peaceful demonstrations.

Witnesses reached by telephone said demonstrators carried the pictures of Beheshti and Khomeini and shouted, "We are the party of God and Khomeini is our leader" and "Death to the enemies of Islam."

Khomeini called the attackers "savage beasts" and said, "martyrdom for several dear ones . . . will not force the nation to retreat.

"Ranks will be closed," he said. "The cry of the nation will increase."

Tehran Radio said Khomeini met in emergency session with government officials and named Prosecutor-General Ayatollah Seyyed Abdolkrain Musavi-Ardabli as Beheshti's successor as supreme court justice.

Rajai urged Iranians to be calm but "report any suspicious matter" and declared Monday and Tuesday holidays. A week of mourning began immediately for the victims.

Tehran radio said funerals for the "martyrs" would be held Tuesday and that it would be "one of the greatest funerals" ever witnessed in Tehran.

The bombing followed a week of executions of supporters of ousted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and opponents of the mullahs ruling Iran. Islamic militants searched the country for the dismissed president, who has gone into hiding. A total of 61 people have been executed since Bani-Sadr's impeachment last Sunday.

Hua forced to resign

PEKING (UPI) — The Communist Party announced Monday that Hua Guofeng, the late Mao Tse-Tung's hand-picked successor as chairman, has resigned, becoming the first party boss to be forced out of power in China.

An official announcement also said Hua resigned as chairman of the military commission.

Hu Yaobang, 66, a close associate of powerful Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, who was the driving force behind the unseating of Hua, was named as the new party chairman.

Hua was demoted to vice chairman, the announcement said.

Deng assumed the post of chairman of the party's military commission, in effect making him supreme commander of the 4 million-member Peoples Liberation Army.

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Teen fires blanks at Queen Elizabeth

By ED BLANCHE

LONDON (AP) — A British teenager, described as a jobless former marine wearing a Prince Charles and Lady Diana souvenir button, ran up and fired six blanks at Queen Elizabeth II from a range of 10 feet Saturday as she rode horseback through London in a pageant watched by millions.

The monarch was startled but unhurt and continued on to the Trooping of the Color, the biggest ceremonial event of the royal calendar marking her official birthday.

Several policemen and a scarlet-coated British army guardsman pounced on the young man, who reportedly had been waiting hours for the monarch to appear. As he was dragged away in handcuffs by agents of Scotland Yard's Special Branch, there were shouts in the crowd of "lynch him."

Authorities identified him as 17-year-old Marcus Simon Sarjeant of Folkstone, England, and charged him under the 1842 Treason Act with "willfully discharging at the person of Her Majesty the Queen a blank cartridge pistol with intent to alarm her."

The charge carries a maximum penalty of seven years in prison. Sarjeant was scheduled to appear Monday in Bow Street magistrates court.

The 55-year-old monarch's horse, Burmese, reared at the noise of the blanks, and one witness reported that a "look of fear" flashed across the queen's face. Her husband, Prince Philip, and the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, spurred their mounts to shield the queen, seen by thousands in the crowd and millions more watching on television.

But Elizabeth, dressed in a scarlet military tunic and black riding skirt, controlled the horse, and within a minute she was again smiling and waving.

Scotland Yard sources said the attack was certain to lead to a tightening of security around the royal family — particularly before the July 29 wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer. Masses of visitors are expected to jam London for the event.

Neighbors of Sarjeant described him as a "quiet, well-behaved" youth who "never got into trouble."

Friends said he joined the Royal Marines last year but left after three months because he did not like the "bullying." The British military allows enlistees a three-month trial period.

Sarjeant had been unemployed since leaving the military, his friends said, and was living with his family in a modern, three-bedroom home.

"I have known him for some time now," said Sean Dixon, 16. "But I couldn't call him a close friend. He just wasn't like that. He never got close to anyone."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the gunman, who had been standing in the crowd lining the royal route, fired the blanks from a "good replica" pistol — a realistic copy of a handgun that can be adapted to shoot bullets.

The incident came as the queen was riding from Buckingham Palace to Horseguards' Parade for her annual inspection of the British army's elite Guards regiments.

The inspection ceremony, in which she took the salute before 1,000 guardsmen, is known as The Trooping of the Color. It marks the monarch's official birthday and is the foremost event in the queen's year. April 21 is the queen's actual birthday. oreg 6/14/81

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Surgery planned

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — Lillian Carter, mother of former President Carter, will enter a hospital here Sunday for surgery to remove a small tumor near her left breast, her doctor said Friday.

Dr. John H. Robinson said a preliminary examination indicated the tumor may be malignant, but the prospects for full recovery from the operation are good. ore 6/27/81

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3 Spanish officers jailed

MADRID (AP) — The army ordered three officers imprisoned Wednesday in an investigation of a possible new plot against King Juan Carlos. Police said several civilians, including two senior government employees were being questioned for links to the alleged plot.

A terse Defense Ministry statement announcing the officers' arrest said they had been placed in preventive detention for "possible signs of conspiracy."

The statement did not link the arrests with an attempt against the 43-year-old monarch. ore 6/25/81

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Leader attacked

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP) — A man on crutches attacked West German President Karl Carstens before an audience of about 1,000 people at a national convention of the handicapped, authorities said.

The hefty 28-year-old rose from his wheelchair at the conclusion of a speech and shouted, "Now I want to say something. The resistance of the handicapped is not being taken seriously," according to witnesses at the meeting Thursday.

The man identified by federal authorities as Franz Christoph, a childhood victim of polio, approached Carstens, who seated near the speakers' stand, and swung his body from his crutches, bumping the president, witnesses said.

The mass circulation Bild-Zeitung reported Christoph rapped Carstens across the shin with his metal crutch.

Carstens pushed Christoph away with his hand, and the president's bodyguards subdued him, police said. The man was not arrested, according to the

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Junta seizes Bolivia

A military junta took over the government of Bolivia Saturday, the Catholic newspaper Presencia reported. The newspaper said Gen. Humberto Cayoja has accepted the resignation of President Luis Garcia Meza and the army has taken control of La Paz.

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Ayatollah fires Iranian president

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini dismissed Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr from office Monday and then appealed to the fugitive former chief of state to return to the Islamic revolutionary fold as a "writer and thinker," Tehran radio reported.

The conciliatory move by the 81-year-old supreme leader appeared aimed at extracting the ousted president from an underground alliance with leftist and opposition activists at home and at stopping him from linking up with exiled monarchy supporters abroad.

A sizeable portion of Khomeini's one-hour prerecorded broadcast speech was addressed directly to the 47-year-old Bani-Sadr, who has been reported moving from one hideout to another in Tehran since the final move to impeach him was mounted in Parliament a week ago.

"I did not want what happened today to happen," Khomeini said of his dismissal of Bani-Sadr following an overwhelming vote by the fundamentalist-controlled Parliament Sunday, which proclaimed the Western-educated economist incompetent to stay in office.

"But you did not listen to my advice. . . . You did not stop your interest in these corrupt and criminal (leftist) groups, and they drew you to your destruction," Khomeini said.

The Tehran prosecutor's office said 25 people hav been executed at Evin Prison since Saturday's st clashes, which pitted Bani-Sadr's supporters three Marxist and Maoist groups against Isla damentalists and Khomeini's revolutionary

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cutor's office said 23 of the 25 people executed were leftist rioters from the Marxist-Islamic Mujahedeen Khalq, the Marxist-Leninist Fedayeen Khalq and the Maoist People's Workers Party. The other two were identified as journalist Ali Asghar Amirani, found guilty of "corruption on Earth," and another person described as a collaborator with the secret service of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The ayatollah appeared to offer to stop legal proceedings against Bani-Sadr when he said: "There is always room for repentance. Repent and take a step toward God, and God will accept your return. Your honor will return to you and so will your dignity."

Shortly after Parliament's impeachment vote was announced, Tehran revolutionary prosecutor Ali Quddosi issued a summons to Bani-Sadr to answer charges of "anti-Islam and anti-revolution."

Quddosi called for Bani-Sadr's arrest wherever he is seen and warned people against sheltering the former president or helping him flee the country.

"We believe he is still in Tehran and hope we will arrest him soon," said an official at Quddosi's office when reached by telephone in Tehran from The Associated Press office in Beirut Monday evening.

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Prankster tests security

PORTLAND HARBOR, England (AP) — A 19-year-old prankster tossed a package through the open window of Queen Elizabeth II's car as the monarch was driven along the seafront near here Friday, raising new concern about the royal family's security.

Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, were passing through Weymouth on their way to tour a naval dockyard here when a young woman threw the parcel, containing a T-shirt and leaflet, into the car.

Police grabbed the student, Joanne Disley, but later released her without charge because, they said, it was a college prank.

June 13, during the Trooping the Color ceremony in London, the queen was startled by a youth who fired blank shots near her.

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Ex-minister dies in battle

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Former Iranian Defense Minister Mustapha Chamran was killed Sunday on Iran's western battle front where heavy fighting against Iraqi troops has been reported recently, the official Iranian news agency Pars reported.

Chamran, who was the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's representative on Iran's Supreme Defense Council, "was martyred this morning in Dehlavieh," an Iranian village near Susangerd 21 miles from the Iraqi border, the news agency said.

Tehran radio said later that Chamran and two people with him were killed when they were struck by fragments from a mortar shell.

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2 gunmen wound Iranian candidate

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Two men shot [illegible] slightly wounded Habibollah Asgarowladi Musulman one of the four pro-government Iranian presidential candidates, Monday in Tehran, Iran's official news agency Pars reported. One gunmen was killed and the other committed suicide after capture, Pars said.

In another development, Pars said the government-appointed education director in Iran's secessionist Kurdistan province was shot and killed by "armed insurgents." It identified the man only as "Yousefi and did not disclose either the place or the date of the killing.

Musulman, like the other three candidates, is a member of the ruling fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party. Pars said Musulman's right hand was slightly wounded when two gunmen opened fire on him as he was leaving his Tehran home.

Musulman's bodyguards returned fire, killing one of the assailants and wounding the other, the report said. The second man committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide pill while being taken to prison after being treated in hospital, Pars said. One of the bodyguards was also wounded.

The 49-year-old candidate reported from his hospital bed that he was in good condition and that he hoped he would soon regain his health "so that I can continue to serve the deprived masses," Pars said.

The agency did not identify the assailants, and no opposition group claimed responsibility. The victim blamed the attack on the United States, Pars said.

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No. 2 Iranian among 24 killed in Tehran blast

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Ayatollah Mohammed Beheshti, the No. 2 man of Iran's revolutionary regime, and at least 23 others were killed Sunday by an explosion that blew up the ruling Islamic Revolutionary Party's headquarters in Tehran during a meeting of party leaders, Tehran radio announced.

Others killed included Transport Minister Musa Kalantari, Energy Minister Abbaspur, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Montazeri, the Tehran prayer leader, and a number of members of the Majlis, the Iranian parliament, the broadcast said.

The government radio station said the bomb was planted by "mercenaries connected to the U.S.A." A statement from the Provisional Presidential Council, of which Beheshti was one of the three members, said the bombing was "an obvious sign of the despair and bankruptcy of the counterrevolution."

Beheshti, the president of the Iranian Supreme Court, was regarded as the second-most powerful man in Iran behind Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Khomeini's probable successor. He was the leader of the Islamic Republican Party, which controls the Majlis and the government. The party led the campaign for the impeachment of fugitive ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Pars, the official Iranian news agency, reported that at least 30 people were injured in the explosion. It said that by daybreak Monday workers were still digging in the rubble, but most of the bodies had been removed.

About 90 people were inside the building when the explosion occurred, the news agency reported.

The roof of the meeting hall collapsed and eyewitness reports indicated there was more than one explosion, according to the news agency, which said "counterrevolutionaries" were behind the explosion.

An explosion less than one hour later wrecked Swiss Air's Tehran office, the news agency said. No one was injured in the blast.

A booby-trapped tape recorder exploded Saturday at a crowded Tehran mosque where the Islamic Republican Party's chief spokesman and cleric, Seyyed Ali Khamenei, was speaking. His shoulder and collarbone were injured.

Amid the signs that secular nationalists have gone underground to violently battle the country's clergy-run government, the Iranian government executed eight more left-wing activists.

Tehran radio announced that eight leftist Fedayeen Khalq members went before firing squads at daybreak Sunday in the Caspian Sea resorts of Chalus and Nowshahr and in the central Iranian city of Isfahan.

They were found guilty of "corruption on earth" and taking up arms against the Islamic republic to "wage war against God," according to the broadcast.

That raises to 62 the number of executions by government firing squads in nine days. Fedayeen Khalq is an outlawed Marxist-Leninist group that teamed with other leftists and nationalists in staging last week's anti-government riots to protest Bani-Sadr's impeachment and removal from office.

The ex-president has not been seen in public in 18 days. Switzerland's Justice Ministry discounted Sunday a Kuwaiti newspaper report that Bani-Sadr had escaped to Switzerland.

"He would need a visa to enter Switzerland," said ministry spokesman Ulrich Hubacher in Bern. "And none has been issued to him. And we have no evidence that he entered Switzerland illegally."

Knowledgeable sources in Tehran reached by telephone from The Associated Press office in Beirut said there has been an increase in bomb attacks and riots in Iran's major cities since Bani-Sadr was impeached by Parliament last Sunday. The sources said they consider the bombings evidence that an underground urban guerrilla warfare by opposition groups is under way.

Saturday's attempt to kill Khamenei came when he was speaking in a post-prayer question-and-answer dialogue with a mostly female audience at south Tehran's Abu-Zar mosque.

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The mass assassination came after a week of disturbances and violence touched off by the ouster of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the French-educated economist who led the opposition to the clergy. The Islamic Republic

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Violence growing in Iran

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By EARLEEN F. TATRO

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Tehran bombing that killed 34 top Iranian government officials and scores of their fellow fundamentalists was the deadliest strike yet in what appears to be a fast-emerging campaign of violence by the secular opposition.

Analysis

Among those killed in the destruction of the party headquarters was Supreme Court Chief Justice and party leader, Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, revolutionary Iran's most powerful figure after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

No one claimed immediate responsibility for the explosion, but government officials blamed anti-clerical leftists, and beyond them the United States. Other Tehran observers reached by telephone also said they believed it was the work of the increasingly militant left.

Coup topples Gambian regime

DAKAR, Senegal (UPI) — Opponents of President Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara of the West African nation of Gambia overthrew his regime Thursday while he was in London for the royal wedding.

There were reports of gunfire in Banjul, capital of Africa's smallest nation, but no indication of whether there were casualties.

First word of the takeover came from Radio Banjul, which said a National Revolutionary Council seized power from Jawara, the nation's leader since it won independence from Britain in 1965.

The radio gave few other details, but diplomatic sources said reports reaching Dakar identified the new head of government as Kukli Sanya.

It was not clear whether Sanya is an opposition political leader or a member of the Gambian Field Force, a paramilitary security organization that serves as the tiny country's army. But it is known that the Gambian Field Force took part in the coup.

Communications installations were seized by troops and Banjul's airport was closed.

Dawda's vice president, Assan Musa Camara, had been acting as chief of state in Jawara's absence. There was no immediate indication of Camara's whereabouts.

The country, whose official name is The Gambia, is a sliver-like nation that is no wider than 30 miles. Its land area totals 4,361 square miles and lies astride the Gambia River, which flows into the Atlantic Ocean on the subtropical West African coast.

It has a population of about 600,000, a coastline 48 miles long and is bordered on three sides by Senegal. The capital of Banjul, formerly known as Bathurst, has a population of 40,000.

Currents in the News

Why Top Officials Are on Their Guard

The attempt to assassinate President Reagan has spawned a torrent of threats against the Chief Executive that has authorities worried.

Since Reagan was shot March 30, the Secret Service says it has investigated a "substantial number" of people declaring their intention to kill the President. Among them:

■ Edward Richardson, 22, was indicted after being picked up in New York on April 7. He was armed with a revolver. Police said he had vowed in several letters to kill Reagan as a result of a "prophetic dream" he had about John Hinckley, who is accused of shooting the President.

■ Steven Seach, 58, a Pennsylvania school-kitchen worker, was arrested April 6 after co-workers allegedly said that he mentioned the Reagan shooting and said he wanted to "finish the job."

■ Ronald Peppler, 23, a Los Angeles transient, was apprehended on April 8 by police who traced a phone call from a man threatening Reagan.

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Suspect Richardson.

■ Harold T. Smith, 34, was jailed in Raleigh, N.C., on April 8 for allegedly threatening Reagan. He had spent six years in prison for threats against Presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford.

Experts were not surprised by the surge of threats. "An assassination attempt stirs up similar thoughts that have been in the minds of many psychotic people," says Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, a psychiatrist at Washington, D.C.'s St. Elizabeths Hospital, which handles mental cases that arise in the capital's court system.

Although most threats against the President are made by mentally ill persons who rarely try to carry them out, all are checked by the Secret Service. Reason: A widely publicized crime often brings imitations. In 1975, just 17 days after Lynette Fromme pointed a gun at President Ford, Sara Jane Moore fired a shot at him.

Now that new threats against Reagan are pouring in, security is being tightened. More agents guard Vice President Bush when he makes public appearances. Major news organizations have agreed to a White House request to omit details when publishing Bush's daily schedule, and they are expected to do the same with Reagan's after he leaves the hospital. Hinckley is believed to have used a newspaper listing of Reagan's schedule to locate the President on March 30.

Analysts predict that the next few months will be a tense time for high public officials. Says Eugene Stammeyer, a Washington psychologist: "The people ventilating their feelings now by making threats may be less dangerous than the typical assassin—those who brood in their rooms until they build up a head of steam and do something. They are the people who are really destructive." □

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Secret Service steps up protection for Bush.

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Two top generals held in failed Bolivian coup

By JOHN ENDERS

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — The Bolivian army's commander and chief of staff were arrested in an aborted coup Saturday against President Luis Garcia Meza, who seized power less than a year ago in this revolt-prone nation where the average government lasts little more than 10 months.

"It failed because of the treason of some and the bribery of others," chief of staff Gen. Lucio Anez Rivera told The Associated Press by telephone from army headquarters after the brief, bloodless attempt failed to unseat Garcia Meza.

He said he and Gen. Humberto Cayoja, the army's national commander, were under detention on the orders of Garcia Meza, who rallied the support of several armored units in La Paz to crush the coup.

The government press office said: "Those responsible for the act of insubordination, which had a minimum of backing from a small segment of the Tarataca Regiment, have been relieved of their commands and will be judged in a military court of law."

The statement said Garcia Meza remained president, "has the full backing of the armed forces and the general consensus of the populace."

Anez Rivera claimed disaffected officers outside La Paz were carrying on the revolt, which started here at dawn when tanks and troops began massing in the capital, sealing off the roads and surrounding the presidential palace. A military communications transmission announced Garcia Meza had been "relieved" of the presidency.

Despite the announcement, there were indications the rebellion was stumbling when commanders of the army, navy and air force closeted themselves at the army headquarters in an apparent effort to reach a consensus.

Anez Rivera did not elaborate on why the revolt crumbled. He told the AP he and Cayoja were taken into detention, apparently a kind of house arrest, 20 minutes before he was reached by the AP.

There were no reports of bloodshed in La Paz, although movement was strictly controlled.

The overthrow of Garcia Meza would have installed Bolivia's 191st government since Simon Bolivar's independence fighters ousted the Spanish colonialists in 1825.

The 52-year-old president acknowledged the steady erosion of his authority last month when, after two revolts in two weeks by district military commanders, he said he would step down as the army's commander and resign the presidency Aug. 6.

Garcia Meza named the 47-year-old Cayoja to succeed him as army commander and army representative on the three-man governing junta May 26. Three days later, Garcia Meza replaced the navy's commander and junta representative, leaving only the air force command and junta seat, held by Gen. Waldo Bernal, intact. oreg 6/28/81

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LONDON (AP) — Rioting flared anew in five English cities Monday night, with Leicester the hardest hit as street mobs battled police and looted shops in the 11th straight night of urban violence to grip Britain.

A police spokesman in the Midlands city of Leicester said hundreds of youths, both blacks and whites, threw bricks, bottles and stones in a "concerted attack" on police.

Other cities caught up in the latest frenzy of rioting were Derby and Nottingham, also in the Midlands, Liverpool in the northwest and Huddersfield in the north, police said. They said the violence was less serious than on previous nights.

The Leicester spokesman said the trouble followed the pattern of the disturbances Sunday night and erupted in the predominently black Highfields area, where mobs of youths set parked cars afire. Police who arrived on the scene ran into a hail of projectiles, he said.

In nearby Derby, a police traffic office was set ablaze by youths hurling gasoline bombs, but the fire was snuffed out quickly and there were no injuries, officials reported.

The new rioting came hours after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher appealed to Britons to settle their differences. Her home secretary said convicted rioters would be put in army camps if there was no room for them in overcrowded jails.

Moments after the prime minister issued her plea for peace, a protester threw a tomato, narrowly missing her.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw said he was determined to see riot suspects brought swiftly before magistrates. He said plastic bullets, water cannon and armored vehicles would be made available to the nation's police chiefs.

Whitelaw, in comments relayed by Conservative politican Edward Gardner, said rioters convicted of serious offenses would be put in army camps if necessary. More than 2,500 people have been arrested since the rioting started July 3, and the courts have moved into high gear to deal with them.

Mrs. Thatcher spoke in Liverpool, the scene a week ago of the worst rioting since the violence started. London and six other English cities, as well as Dundee, Scotland, were hit by new disturbances Sunday night.

"We have to try and get over it," the prime minister told a press conference after meeting with community leaders at Liverpool City Hall. "We have to pick up the pieces and build afresh."

As she left the building, a tomato and several rolls of toilet paper were hurled at her from a crowd of 1,000 people protesting her economic policies. The tomato passed within inches of her head.

The rioting in Dundee was the first to break out in Scotland during the wave of violence. Sixteen people were arrested as youths hurled firebombs at police vehicles and smashed shop windows.

Welsh Secretary Nicholas Edwards told the House of Commons there was a "huge danger" that Wales would be the next to explode. org 7/14/81

American Nightmare

And yet it goes on, and on, and on . . . Why?
—Robert F. Kennedy on the murder of Martin Luther King, 1968

Suddenly, like a nightmare in instant replay, it was going on again: the faceless, rootless loner with a pistol and a lunatic mission washed up within shooting distance of the American Presidency and the American dream. Yet again, television screens burned with the sickening imagery of assassination—Ronald Reagan walking and waving through a misty Washington rain, a Saturday-night special pop-popping bullets out of a crowd, the bodies of White House press secretary James Brady and two lawmen blown hurt and bleeding to the sidewalk, the Secret Service slamming a stunned and wounded President into his limousine and racing against death to a hospital. The news this time was good for Reagan and the others, and the omens for their recovery were favorable. The most grievous wound of all was struck to the soul of a nation—the discovery that its public life is not yet safe from the fantasies of madmen or the shadow of the gun.

'I Forgot to Duck': Whatever saving grace could be found in the carnage on T Street owed mainly to Reagan himself, grinning like the Sundance Kid into the face of death, and to the extraordinary resilience of the government he had inherited only 70 days before. The President walked into George Washington University Hospital on his own with his blood oozing away, an undetonated explosive bullet in his chest and his fighting spirit very much intact. "I forgot to duck," he kidded going into two hours of surgery. "All in all, I'd rather be in Philadelphia," he kidded again coming out. His sang-froid spread to his colleagues, gathered in the White House Situation Room to install Vice President George Bush as acting President had the need arisen. It did not. Reagan resumed some semblance of command within eighteen hours—and the government, in the insistent word of the White House, "did not skip a beat."

Once again, a loner with a pistol fires on a President—and once again a nation stands in the shadow of the gun.

Yet the mere fact of the *attentat* by an overprivileged underachiever named John W. Hinckley Jr. was evidence enough that the eighteen-year death trip begun with the assassination of John F. Kennedy cannot yet be counted over. Hinckley, like most of his forebears in the American past, was the agent of no discernible cause larger than his own dementia—a Valium-dulled stew of rock songs, Nazi scriptures and an unrequited passion for the teen-age movie star Jodie Foster. But he is as well the child of the bloodiest generation in the history of America's public life and popular culture. JFK fell into the bull's-eye when Hinckley was 8, Malcolm X when he was 9, King when he was 12, Bobby when he was 13, George Wallace when he was 16, Gerald Ford when he was 20, Vernon Jordan and John Lennon when he was 25. He saved cuttings on some of them, and on their assailants, and read them to mean that murdering Reagan would be regarded—even honored—as a "historical deed."

He was wrong, of course; the disturbing lesson of the attempt on Reagan was not that Americans condone or encourage public violence but that they have grown numb to it. Hinckley did have his admirers in isolated pockets—the seventh-graders in Tulsa who cheered this TV shooting as they had J. R.'s on "Dallas" a year ago and the occasional callers to radio phone-in shows asserting that Reagan got what he deserved. What was more disquieting was the widespread that's-life acquiescence with which many more Americans received the news and switched channels to something else, once the initial vertigo wore off and the medical bulletins turned favorable. "Nobody was shocked," said Frank Mankiewicz, the old Kennedy hand who now heads National Public Radio. "Suddenly, it goes with the territory. Everybody knows what presidents do: they run for office, they push bills through Congress, they make speeches—and they get shot at."

The swift return to what Reagan might call normalcy was due at least as much to his own iron-horse example, shaking off his wounds and his post-op pain as if he were 50 instead of 70 and chafing for his return to the White House as early as this week. "We could all say, 'Boy, that was a close one'," said Jack Casey, a Detroit political consultant. "The President signaled to us that life goes on." For a day likely to live as long as his Presidency, he was the Duke defending the Alamo, Teddy Roosevelt taking a slug in the chest en route to a speech and waving away help until he had finished. His approval rating in an ABC News/Washington Post poll bounced 11 points, overnight, to 73 per cent. "General Patton or George Gipp couldn't have done it better," a Pittsburgh political scientist said. "He'll have an image of an almost mythic hero about him now."

He will need those resources and more in the weeks ahead, running the government from a sickbed through a particularly difficult passage. An Administration accustomed to running on delegated authority seemed to tick on nicely enough without him. But the crisis in Poland was heating dangerously near to what Reagan's men considered the flash point (page 62), with the President still in the hospital and his Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, freshly bruised by his rattled behavior in the first hours after the shooting. The Reagan economic package, moreover, was at a delicate moment of gestation. The Senate voted during the week to cut the budget deeper, by $2.8 billion, than Reagan had asked, and the Urban League's Jordan —himself scarred by sniper fire—pronounced it "no time to argue with a President." "Maybe the congressmen will feel sorry for me and pass my tax bill," Reagan told a visitor; still, he was champing to get back to work lest his program falter without him.

The Wrong Track: The less tangible danger was that John Hinckley had shot up more than a President and his retinue—that his .22-caliber Röhm RG-14 had wounded the American spirit as well at a moment when it had seemed so promisingly on the mend. In surveys by Reagan's polltaker Richard Wirthlin, public support for the view that the nation has somehow "gotten off on the wrong track" had dwindled sharply, from 77 per cent last June to 47 per cent only a fortnight ago. But the attempt on Reagan's life brought home how fragile that spirit is and how resigned Americans have become to periodic armed assaults on it. It has become a given that the open society cannot surely identify the dangerous men and women in its midst, or keep them from moving about at will, or even prevent them from buying weapons meant only for murder. With Reagan's wounding, Congress rang with impassioned cries for tightened gun control—and defeated whispers that, however popular, it will not pass.

To do nothing at all is to surrender to the possibility that the attempt on Reagan was not the last—that the shadow of the gun has become a deadly fact of American life. "Does anybody know what the guy's beef was?" Reagan mused, puzzling with the rest of the nation over the scrambled shards of John Hinckley's life. The real nightmare for America was that it didn't matter—that any crowd anywhere may conceal a tuned-out loser with a pistol in his pocket and a grievance to avenge in blood.

PETER GOLDMAN

Instant replay: A pistol spat bullets, a stunned and wounded President was slammed into his car—and, beyond a line of fallen bodies, lawmen pinned Hinckley to the wall

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After shooting – UFOs "higher Ups" –

Mysterious fever hit Reagan

By MIKE FEINSILBER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A week after President Reagan was shot and wounded last spring, he went through a second medical crisis — a mysterious and persistent high fever that caused some of his doctors to think further surgery was necessary, says a medical writer who reconstructed the case.

Little was told the public about the nature of Reagan's worrisome condition and one doctor went through a ruse to keep the George Washington University Hospital staff and the public from knowing that the president was sicker than generally known, according to John Pekkanen.

Pekkanen, winner of several awards for his medical reporting, reconstructed Reagan's experience in a 15,000-word article in the August Washingtonian magazine.

The article also says:

— The first official photograph of a smiling Reagan in a robe, standing with his wife, was cropped to take out a nurse, standing to Reagan's immediate left, holding a Pleur-evac device connected to a chest-tube coming out from under his robe.

— In a security lapse, a medical voyeur — a doctor with no business being there — wandered up to Reagan's bedside and stared intently at the president for a time. He refused to leave and had to be escorted away by hospital security people.

— When doctors were preparing to operate on Reagan to remove the bullet from his chest, they needed to know the caliber of the bullet. The FBI first told a Secret Service agent it could not say what it was. Then when the Secret Service agent shouted and insisted that the doctors had to know at once, the FBI incorrectly said the bullet was a .38-caliber. "If time had been a more critical factor, the misinformation about the bullet could have been more costly," Pekkanen wrote.

Reagan's second medical crisis started on the Thursday night following the shooting on Monday, March 30. His temperature shot up to 102, his color worsened, he became more tired and his white blood count went up, Pekkanen said.

The next day the fever continued and that night Reagan experienced chills. X-rays indicated fluid in the lungs, suggesting pneumonia.

Surgeon Benjamin Aaron ordered a bronchoscopy to try to clear the bronchial tubes, the article said, and surgical resident David Gens was sent to pick up the black case which contained the bronchoscope. In checking it out, he lied to the nurse who asked who it was for, then taped over the case so others would not know what was inside.

Although hospital spokesmen told of the president's rising temperature, they said nothing about the debate among the attending physicians over whether a second operation would be needed.

Reagan was spitting up fresh blood, and that worried Aaron. That and the X-rays suggested to Aaron that Reagan could be vulnerable to a major lung bleed, the article said.

"At one point," it said, "Aaron considered the possibility of going back in and surgically removing the left lobe, the source of the president's problem."

Dr. Dennis O'Leary, chief medical spokesman, asked about Pekkanen's account Thursday, agreed that doctors were divided over whether a new operation might be necessary.

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NURSE MISSING — Medical writer John Pekkanen says in magazine article that first official photograph of president after assassination attempt eliminated nurse standing to Reagan's left.

"There were a couple of gatherings of consultants," he said. "The dilemma was an obvious one," because no one was sure the cause of the bad turn.

"People ranged from the optimistic to the cautious and the concerned," he said. "We have hand-wringers like everyone else."

He said nothing was told the public about the possibility of surgery because an operation was never imminent.

An announcement would have been "inappropriately alarmist," he said.

Finally, drugs took care of the problem. The fever broke on Tuesday, eight days after the shooting, and the crisis ended Thursday, Pekkanen wrote.

The article revealed another sidelight of Reagan's hospitalization. It said that after Reagan's operation, nurse Joanne Bell had to scold him to get him to go to sleep.

At 4:30 a.m. on the day after the shooting, she put a guaze pad over his eyes so he could sleep in the semidarkness of the recovery room.

"Within seconds," Pekkanean wrote, "he had the pad off and was talking again. She walked back to the president's bed, took the pad in her hand, and said, 'Mr. President, in the most polite way I can tell you, when I put this over your eyes, that means I want you to shut up.'

"He looked at her, winked, and took a 45-minute nap," the article says.

Panama mourns Torrijos

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Panamanians Sunday mourned the death of Gen. Omar Torrijos, the political strongman who died in a jungle plane crash and left a potential power vacuum at the southern tip of troubled Central America.

A helicopter brought Torrijos' charred body to the capital Sunday. President Aristedes Royo and family members viewed the body, which was to lie in state Monday with the funeral to be held Tuesday.

It was not known who would represent the United States, which planned to send a delegation, as did most countries in the hemisphere.

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Note: You think my NFOa "higher ups" would've taken it as a threat on the Queen's life?

Drifter admits royal threats

LONDON (AP) — An American said to believe he is Jesus Christ reincarnated pleaded guilty Wednesday to threatening the lives of Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

Magistrates ordered Ronald Zen, 42, of New York City, to undergo three weeks of psychiatric examination in custody before sentencing.

"He believes he is born again as as a reincarnation of Jesus Christ, Buddha being Jesus Christ," prosecutor Colin Cleugh said.

Meanwhile, the British teen-ager accused of firing blank shots near the queen during a June 13 ceremonial parade was arraigned Wednesday.

Marcus Sarjeant, 17, faces a maximum of seven years imprisonment for the action, which aroused widespread concern about the apparently lax security surrounding the royal family. No date has been fixed for his trial.

Cleugh told the court Zen sent a padded envelope to the queen containing a painting of a bomb with the word "Boom!" next to it and a message: "This is the bomb to blow her to hell." The envelope was intercepted by postal workers.

Zen also sent a letter to the London office of Time magazine threatening to kill Charles and Diana on their July 29 wedding day, Cleugh said.

Another of Zen's letters — this time to a London bank — threatened to set fire to 100 London banks to "relieve the suffering of the world's poor."

Under questioning, he told police he would not have been capable to carrying out the death threats, but "intended to damage property," Cleugh said.

Zen, who had held more than 50 jobs since dropping out of high school, joined the Zen Buddhism cult last year and changed his name from Ronald Rosario Rampolla, the prosecutor said.

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But coalition holds

Portuguese chief resigns

By PATRICK REYNA

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Francisco Pinto Balsemao resigned Monday as Portugal's ninth prime minister since the 1974 revolution, but the three parties in his center-right coalition pledged to remain in power.

The coalition, called the Democratic Alliance, met in emergency session after Pinto Balsemao resigned over a rift in his moderate Social Democrat Party that he said had made it "impossible to govern."

In a statement released after that meeting, the Cabinet ministers expressed "unanimous support for and solidarity with the decision taken."

"This is not the end of the Democratic Alliance," said Diogo Freitas do Amaral, whose conservative Social Democrat Center ranks second in the coalition.

Goncalo Ribeiro Teles, leader of the tiny Monarchist Party, told reporters his group also would stay with the in the coalition to form the third Democratic Alliance government since 1976 and the 14th Portuguese government since the revolution.

"The monarchists insist that the Democratic Alliance program be carried out with or without Pinto Balsemao," he said.

Pinto Balsemao, a 44-year-old former journalist, was scheduled to hand in his formal resignation to President Antonio Ramalho Eanes at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The prime minister won a 37-15 confidence vote Saturday in the Social Democrat national council but resigned anyway.

As the dominant coalition partner, the Social Democrats have the right to choose Pinto Balsemao's successor. But the party has not scheduled a national council meeting until next weekend, indicating a possible power struggle between hard-liners and moderates, political observers said.

Pinto Balsemao co-founded the Social Democrats seven years ago with his predecessor as prime minister, Francisco Sa Carneiro, who died in a plane crash. He succeeded Sa Carneiro in January but was considered too liberal by many of the late prime minister's followers.

One of the party's four vice presidents quit last month over political differences with Pinto Balsemao, and a second resigned as social affairs minister.

The opposition Socialists said in a statement that the government's problems should not be taken as a sign of crisis for Portugal's democracy, which was formalized in constitution in 1976, two years after a military revolution ended 40 years of right-wing authoritarian government.

A Communist Party statement repeated earlier calls for dissolution of Parliament, the establishment of a caretaker executive and holding of early elections. Reg 8/11/81

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already negotiated over a long period of time and agreed to by all the delegations," the group said in a statement delivered by its chairman, Inam Ul Haque of Pakistan.

Portuguese premier quits

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Premier Francisco Balsemao resigned Monday after failing to silence criticism of his leadership by rebels in his ruling coalition. The 43-year-old Social Democrat announced his resignation at a meeting of the party's national council. He had warned he would continue as party leader only if a confidence vote for him was unanimous. He was opposed by 15 members of the council. Reg J 8/10/81

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Portuguese regime quits

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Social Democratic Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao submitted the resignation of his 7-month-old coalition government Tuesday to President Antonio Ramalho Eanes. On leaving the presidential Belem Palace after an 85-minute audience, the 43-year-old lawyer and journalist said he presented his Cabinet's resignation and that Eanes would release a statement. "The government will continue to function until a solution is found," Balsemao said without indicating whether Eanes accepted the resignation. He said he "trusts the Social Democratic Party will find a solution" for the crisis, but in a clearly uncompromising mood, challenged the vocal party minority that forced him from office to find his successor. Reg J 8/11/81

Balsemao

Judge links CIA head Casey to fund-raising scandal

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Accused CIA Official Quits

Washington

Max C. Hugel, handpicked by CIA Director William J. Casey to be chief of the agency's clandestine operations, resigned yesterday because of allegations that he participated in fraudulent securities transactions when he managed an electronics business in the 1970s.

Calling the allegations, made by two former business associates, "unfounded, unproven and untrue," Hugel submitted a letter of resignation to Casey. The letter said the allegations had become "a burden which I no longer believe is fair to impose on the administration, the agency," and his family.

Casey immediately named John H. Stein, a career CIA employee, to succeed Hugel in the sensitive post of deputy director for operations.

The charges and sudden resignation presented the Reagan administration with an unwelcome controversy at a time when it is trying to gain passage of major tax-cut legislation and avoid public airing of internal foreign policy disagreements.

The immediate repercussions appeared to include a slight chilling in the relationship between the White House and Casey, who managed President Reagan's election campaign last year and has acted as a close adviser to the president.

Officially, the White House said that Reagan was "saddened" by the events that led to Hugel's resignation. Officials, however, emphasized that Hugel was not nomi-

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CIA Chief Misled Investors In Former Firm, Judge Rules

New York

CIA Director William Casey and seven other members of a now-defunct New Orleans agribusiness firm knowingly misled investors in raising $3.5 million for the firm, a federal judge has ruled.

Judge Charles Stewart of the U.S. District Court in Manhattan said that Casey, a board member and secretary of Multiponics Inc., permitted distribution of a circular for a security offering that contained false and misleading details.

The circular also omitted key facts about the company's financial dealings. Stewart ruled in an opinion disclosed yesterday.

The judge's findings were contained in a partial "summary judgment" on May 19. The ruling came as a result of a suit filed in 1974 by investors in Multiponics, a firm that

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Italy reshuffles military leaders

ROME (AP) — The Italian government reshuffled top military posts Saturday in response to the secret Masonic lodge scandal that brought down the 40th post-war Italian government last May.

Premier Giovanni Spadolini's five-party Cabinet named Gen. Vittorio Santini, formerly commander of NATO land forces in southern Europe, as Itay's joint chief of staff. He replaces Adm. Giovanni Torrisi, who quit last week after being linked to the lodge scandal. Gen. Umberto Capuzzo, commander of Italy's para-military police Carabinieri was named new army chief of staff

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Iran ministers resign

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — All of Iran's Cabinet ministers and ranking civil servants Saturday submitted their resignations to President-elect Mohammed Ali Rajai, the state-run news agency PARS reported. The move clears the way for Rajai, elected overwhelmingly in the July 24 elections, to choose a new prime minister. Iran 8/1/81

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Top Iranian theoretician gunned down

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Assassins in a speeding car shot and killed the top theoretician of Iran's ruling party Wednesday and Iranian firing squads executed 11 more persons, including a Harvard-educated cancer specialist.

The deaths brought the number of leftists put to death in three days to 38 and the number of assassinations to 260 since former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was ousted June 22.

Iranians pack streets to mourn dead leaders

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — More than a million chest-beating Iranians screaming "Death to America!" packed the streets of Tehran Tuesday at the mass funeral of 72 revolutionary leaders killed in a bomb blast.

Banner-waving mourners shouted "America is the enemy" as the six dozen flag-draped coffins were carried from Parliament House to the martyrs' section of Tehran's Behesht Zahra Cemetery in a six-hour funeral.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini blamed an underground Marxist group for Sunday's explosion at the ruling Islamic Republican Party's central headquarters in Tehran.

Khomeini, the 81-year-old patriarch of Iran's Islamic revolution, said in a message read over Tehran radio by an announcer that the blame for the bombing rested with "blind hearts who claim to take part in crusades for the people."

A literal translation of Mujahedeen Khalq, an opposition group that blends Islam with Marxism, is "people's crusaders."

"You are breathing your last breaths," Khomeini warned. "You are going to hell."

Sunday's blast struck a devastating blow at the Moslem clergy-dominated Islamic Republican Party only days after it had consolidated its hold on Iran's revolutionary government with the ouster of moderate President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

The party's leader, Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, was killed in the explosion, as were four government ministers, eight deputy ministers and 23 Parliament members, according to the latest Tehran radio toll.

Beheshti, considered the second most powerful man in the country next to Khomeini, engineered Bani-Sadr's impeachment by Parliament June 21.

Tehran radio said at least two of the victims were buried in their hometowns.

At the beginning of the funeral, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani told the mourners, "How can anyone ask us to let them go after this horrifying massacre?" The crowd roared back, "Death to the leftovers of the devil (America)."

A spokesman for Tehran's revolutionary police said in a telephone interview that an undisclosed number of suspects had been arrested in connection with the bombing.

The world

Zambia tells pair to leave

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Two American diplomats have been ordered to leave Zambia, apparently on spying charges, one of the diplomats confirmed early Tuesday in a telephone interview from the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

Michael O'Brian, head of the Lusaka embassy's information arm, the International Communications Agency, added: "I would prefer not to comment."

He confirmed, however, that Zambia had ordered him and David Finney, a political first secretary, to leave "shortly." He said he did not know the exact charge against him but replied when asked about reports that he had been accused of spying, "I assume those are the charges."

Polish leader Kania faces party struggle

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — A vicious power struggle to wrest control of the Polish Communist Party from Stanislaw Kania was reported under way Thursday, only hours after his predecessor Edward Gierek and six members of his disgraced regime were purged from the party.

Sources at the party's emergency congress said all other issues had been swept aside by behind-the-scenes battles to win support from the 2,000 delegates in the unprecedented secret ballot to choose a party leader.

While the party struggle was under way in Warsaw, talks in the labor stronghold of Gdansk to avert a strike by 40,000 Baltic coast dockworkers broke down Thursday and the leaders of the Solidarity union chapter went into emergency session to decide whether to walk out.

Kania, who replaced Gierek last September, faced a challenge by at least seven other candidates — four of them considered pro-Moscow hardliners — in an increasingly wide-open race. The congress met behind closed doors Thursday to begin the lengthy selection of a newly expanded 200-member Central Committee with 70 alternate members, after which the party secretary will be elected by secret vote of the entire congress.

"Personal issues and manipulation connected with them have become the chief item of the congress," a source said.

CIA faces

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director William J. Casey faces a federal judge's ruling that he misled investors in a business venture in the late 1960s. The CIA's spy chief resigned Tuesday after allegations of stock manipulation.

Max Hugel, whose appointment irked career intelligence officers, resigned as the agency's deputy director of operations Tuesday, hours after The Washington Post published allegations that in 1974 he slipped information about a firm he headed to two Wall Street brokers.

Labor leader succumbs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Fred J. Kroll, who in 1978 halted most of the country's railroad traffic with a nationwide strike, died Thursday after a long bout with leukemia. He was 45.

Kroll was president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks and was one of the fastest-rising young labor leaders in the nation.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland called Kroll's death "a tragic loss for the labor movement."

Funeral services will be held Monday in Bethesda, Md., where Kroll resided with his wife and three daughters. A delegation from the AFL-CIO Executive Council, which opens its summer meeting in Chicago Monday, will attend the funeral.

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CIA spy chief resigns amid allegations

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Max Hugel, a millionaire outsider whose appointment irked career intelligence officers, resigned Tuesday as overseer of the CIA's spy network hours after a report that he slipped inside information about a firm he once headed to two Wall Street brokers.

Hugel called the allegations by two former business associates, recounted in Tuesday's Washington Post, "unfounded, unproven and untrue."

"These allegations . . . have become a burden which I no longer believe is fair to impose on the administration, the agency, my family and the splendid men and women who work with me," he added in a letter of resignation to CIA Director William J. Casey.

Casey accepted Hugel's resignation with "deepest regret" and immediately named career CIA official John Stein as Hugel's successor.

At the White House, chief spokesman David R. Gergen said that Casey discussed the impending Post story last Thursday with White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and White House Counsel Fred Fielding, and that Fielding met later with Hugel.

The Washington Star quoted sources Tuesday as saying Baker told Casey to get rid of Hugel, but Gergen said Hugel was not pressured to quit. "He resigned on his own initiative and with consultation with Mr. Casey," Gergen said.

Gergen said he expected no official investigation, noting that a five-year statute of limitations applies to the kind of allegation made against Hugel.

He said it will be up to Casey to decide whether to review why the CIA's background check of Hugel had not turned up the allegations.

Although the CIA does not announce in-house appointments, it was learned in mid-May that Casey had selected Hugel, a 56-year-old New Hampshire executive who had worked with Casey on Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign, to be deputy director of operations.

As "DDO," Hugel, whose intelligence background was limited to some postwar work with the Army in Japan, was in command of the agency's clandestine service. That made him responsible for intelligence-gathering around the world and for the CIA's most delicate work — covert operations, such as supporting guerrilla fighters in some countries or attempting to influence foreign politicians.

MAX HUGEL

Former CIA officials immediately raised a howl of protest that Hugel was grossly unqualified, but Casey's closeness with Reagan allowed him the freedom to pick his own man.

Casey defended Hugel as an aggressive businessman who had worked well as an organizer of ethnic groups in the Reagan campaign and would bring an independent view to the activities of the clandestine service. Eventually, Casey's predecessor in the Carter administration, Stansfield Turner, came to the nominee's defense, arguing that Hugel should be judged on his performance, not his background.

Cord Meyer, a longtime CIA official who revealed Hugel's appointment in the newspaper column he writes, said: "I feel they recognized their mistake and moved quickly to repair it. I thought Casey was taking a very long gamble putting him in that job because of his inexperience, perhaps an unnecessary one because there were so many qualified men to fill it."

Meyer hailed the choice of Stein, who he said has experience in CIA headquarters and abroad and has served for the past four years as deputy chief of operations.

"I should think the troops would be well pleased with Stein," Meyer said. "It will improve morale all around."

The State Department's 1974 Biographic Register lists only one John Stein, a Yale graduate now 48. The register shows that Stein served as a foreign service reserve political officer, a typical CIA cover, in Belgium, The Congo, Cameroon, Cambodia and Libya.

The columnist said in an interview: "I've heard some rumors that the 'old boy' network was behind this, but that's not true so far as I know. I didn't know about this when I wrote the column, and apparently these men went to The Post on their own."

Hugel went to the Post in person last Friday to challenge the charges the paper was preparing to publish. He was accompanied to the four-hour meeting by his lawyers and Stanley Sporkin, CIA general counsel.

Upon learning of the information the paper planned to publish, Sporkin told Post editors he had to "make a recommendation," apparently to Casey about Hugel.

Casey, who once headed the Securities and Exchange Commission, which investigates the kind of allegations made against Hugel, brought Sporkin to the agency earlier this year from the SEC, where he had built a reputation as a tough head of its enforcement division.

Hugel released a statement Monday night through his lawyer, Judah Best, that said he had "never made a penny of unlawful profit or done anything else to bring discredit upon my company, my family, myself or the United States."

The Post quoted New York brothers Thomas R. McNell, 49, and Samuel F. McNell, 47, as saying they and Hugel participated in a series of prohibited practices in 1974 to promote the stock of Hugel's electronics company, Brother International Corp.

They said Hugel gave them inside information about the company's potential earnings in advance of disclosure to other investors and improperly funneled $131,000 to their brokerage firm, McNell Securities.

Stewart to retire from Supreme Court

— UFO a "higher ups" —

By KEVIN M. COSTELLOE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Potter Stewart, a longtime swing vote between conservatives and liberals, announced Thursday his retirement after 23 years on the Supreme Court. The vacancy sparked speculation over President Reagan's pledge to name the first woman to the nation's highest bench.

Stewart, who personified a middle-of-the-road approach to interpreting the Constitution, gave no reason for the publicly surprising decision to leave the court July 3.

"Now that it is time to go, I leave with the hope that the Supreme Court will be in good and wise hands," Stewart said in his retirement letter to Reagan, dated May 18.

Reagan, who learned of Stewart's decision in a secret Oval Office meeting a month ago, said he has made no decision upon a replacement but added that he was "always" looking for a woman to appoint. "We have been quite some time just basically preparing for any future appointments," the president said.

"There will be an announcement shortly."

Reagan's choice will require Senate confirmation.

The president's deputy press secre-

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— UFO a "higher ups" —

By JUAN M. VASQUEZ
LA Times-Washington Post Service

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MEXICO CITY — With astonishing speed, Jorge Diaz Serrano has gone from being one of the most powerful men in Mexico to being practically a non-person.

The former director of Pemex, the state-owned oil monopoly, Diaz Serrano was considered to be one of the handful of men who might become president of Mexico next year if he could overcome strong opposition within the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

His strength stemmed from the leadership of Pemex, which rose from 15th position among world oil producers in 1976 to No. 4, just behind the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and the United States, in 1981.

But his status as a presidential contender — indeed, as a public figure — ended suddenly June 6, when he resigned from the government after failing to win backing for a politically unpopular $4-a-barrel reduction of Mexican oil prices.

Other highly visible Mexican officials have fallen from grace from time to time, but the political demise of Diaz Serrano and its aftermath goes beyond the fate of one individual. It illuminates the political system of Mexico, the race for the presidency and the increasingly important role of oil.

Much of the credit for Mexico's growth as a petroleum power was given to Diaz Serrano, a wealthy industrialist with a background in the oil business. He took over the powerful Pemex job after his close friend, Jose Lopez Portillo, became president in late 1976.

Since then, Mexican production of crude oil has tripled to about 2.55 million barrels a day. The average volume of crude oil exports in 1980 was 827,750 barrels a day, almost an eight-fold increase over 1976.

From 1976 to 1980, the annual value of oil exports increased from $311 million to $10.5 billion, giving the country the opportunity to overcome its Third World economic problems and develop into a fully industrial state.

The oil discoveries opened a new chapter in Mexican history, raising political and social expectations as never before, and at the center of all the activity was Diaz Serrano.

He was traveling to China one day, meeting with Fidel Castro in Cuba another day, visiting Pemex installations all over Mexico, giving speeches frequently, and, in the process, garnering more media attention than any other government figure except, of course, the president.

But since the day he left government June 6 and went into seclusion, Diaz Serrano has disappeared from the news, except as a target of criticism. From the president on down, no one mentions his name, even while discussing the simmering oil price contro-

versy.

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'Not a team player' — UFO a "higher ups"

Drug agency chief quits under fire

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug Enforcement Administrator Peter B. Bensinger resigned under fire Tuesday but expressed confidence that the Reagan administration would succeed in reducing drug availability.

An administration official, who asked not to be named, had disclosed last week that the DEA leader would be replaced and Bensinger announced Tuesday that his last day would be July 10.

"I'm leaving with no animosity to this administration, the Department of Justice or the White House. Each administration, and I've served in three, is entitled to its own team," he said.

And, he added, "I think a reduction in drug availability can and will be achieved during the Reagan administration and without my functioning as administrator."

The official who discussed Bensinger's departure indicated that he was not viewed as a team player but rather had campaigned in Congress to protect his agency.

"I don't need a reason as to why my tenure will be concluded next month," Bensinger told reporters at a morning news conference.

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The President's Close Call

It was an American nightmare in instant replay—a deranged loner named John W. Hinckley Jr. (right) pumping a fusillade of explosive bullets into the President, his press secretary, Jim Brady, and two law-enforcement officers. Ronald Reagan, 70 years old and 70 days into his Presidency, walked through a serious chest wound with extraordinary bounce and grit, and the omens for the others were good. But the carnage in Washington placed the nation once again under the shadow of the gun. UFOs

Reagan had barely reached the hospital when NEWSWEEK began deploying a team of reporters and photographers for what became a 29-page SPECIAL REPORT on the assassination attempt and its consequences. The package includes an hour-by-hour account of the shooting and its aftermath, a close-up of Hinckley and his bizarre fantasy, the stories of how surgeons saved Reagan and Brady and how the government kept running without a full-time President, and separate articles on the psychological profile of assassins, on whether the risks they pose to public men can be cut—and on why prospects for gun control remain dim despite the shooting of a President. *Page 25*

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Haig suffers double loss in infighting

By JEROME R. WATSON
Field News Service

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WASHINGTON — On the eve of his Middle East diplomatic tour, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is emerging as a double loser after embroiling himself unnecessarily in two controversies in recent days.

Haig, believed still to harbor presidential ambitions of his own, has lost some respect and goodwill within the administration and may well have hurt his long-term political prospects.

That is the view of some high administration officials, who also contend privately that Haig has come off a poor second best politically to Vice President George Bush — a potential rival for the presidency in 1984.

First came Haig's public and unsuccessful campaign to prevent President Reagan from naming Bush, instead of Haig, as his "crisis manager."

ALEXANDER HAIG

This move shocked and angered top White House aides, who were astounded that Haig would violate one of Washington's most obvious, if unwritten rules: Never engage the president in a public fight if you work for him.

Some Reagan aides privately viewed Haig's maneuvering on the crisis manager issue as a serious tactical misstep that raised questions about his temperament and judgment.

After that flap, one White House senior staffer said, "Haig has privately threatened to resign eight or nine times already, but he hasn't made the threat directly to the president — and if I were he, I wouldn't."

The implication was that Reagan, who abhors staff dissension, might not try to dissuade Haig from quitting.

Some Reagan aides also maintained that Haig had further strained his relations with the White House by complaining to some of his associates that the White House had given the crisis post to Bush in order to promote Bush's political fortunes at the expense of Haig's.

Such griping, if it really occurred, was seen as an unseemly display of ambition by an appointee of a president who was only recently installed in office and had not renounced seeking a second term in '84.

Just as the dust was settling over Haig Flap Number One, along came Number Two — seen by administration sources as much less significant than the first, but a debit for Haig, nonetheless.

After Reagan was shot Monday afternoon, Haig and other Cabinet members gathered in the White House Situation Room, partly to be available if it were necessary to transfer presidential powers to Bush. A majority of the Cabinet can approve such a transfer when a president is disabled.

Haig then decided it was necessary to assure other nations and the American public that the government was functioning normally. He therefore appeared in the White House briefing room to offer those assurances.

Although this action had not been cleared with Bush or top Reagan aides, the White House later said Haig acted correctly.

-UFOs "higher ups"-

Government in Iran resigns; 22 executed

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iran's government went through the formality of resigning Saturday to pave the way for a new Cabinet, authorities announced 22 more executions and ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr moved from one Paris suburb to another to avoid assassins.

His supporters in Iran shot and killed two revolutionary guards in a patrol car in the Caspian Sea town of Amol and set off a bomb that killed three fundamentalist Islamic politicians in the central city of Shiraz, the official Pars news agency said.

Tehran radio quoted the president of Iran's military courts, Mohammadi Reyshahri, as saying seven persons have been arrested in connection with Bani-Sadr's escape from Iran to France aboard a military plane Wednesday. France granted him political asylum. The broadcast did not name the people arrested.

Tehran radio's broadcast on the Cabinet said Mohammad Ali Rajai, Iran's prime minister and president-elect, accepted the resignations of all the ministers and asked them to remain until a new prime minister is chosen. Rajai was elected a week ago to replace Bani-Sadr.

By DAN DORFMAN

-UFOs "higher ups"-

A federal judge has ruled that William J. Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, knowingly misled investors in a $3.5 million fund-raising effort for a now-defunct New Orleans company, Multiponics Inc., while serving as a board member and secretary of that corporation.

Judge Charles Stewart of the Southern District of New York concluded that Casey was one of a number of Multiponics officers and directors who permitted distribution of an offering circular in conjunction with the fund-raising effort when they expressly knew the memorandum contained both false and misleading information and omitted material facts that were detrimental to the company's prospects.

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The judge's findings — which were set forth in a "memorandum decision" last May 19 and have thus far escaped public disclosure — represent an outgrowth of a suit filed by unhappy Multiponics investors in October 1974.

Multiponics was organized in January 1968 to engage in farming operations, the agricultural business and the acquisition of land in connection with these activities. The company subsequently went bankrupt in February 1971 after it was unable to raise sufficient financing to continue in operation. A public offering had been contemplated, but never came to pass.

Casey, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and head of the Export-Import Bank during the Nixon and Ford administrations, refused to comment on Judge Stewart's findings.

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10th suspect to imperil Reagan held

HATBORO, Pa. (UPI) — A 42-year-old man, at least the 10th person taken into custody for allegedly threatening President Reagan during the past two weeks, is being held under $50,000 bond.

James T. McCaughey, a knitter with a local fish net company, was scheduled to be formally charged Monday with threatening to kill Reagan and assaulting a Secret Service agent who arrested him, authorities said.

McCaughey, of Hatboro, Pa. — a suburb of Philadelphia — was taken into custody Saturday shortly after allegedly making a telephone call to the Secret Service, threatening Reagan, a Secret Service spokesman said.

The rash of threats against Reagan has occurred following the attempted assassination of the president two weeks ago. Ron Muller, owner of a meat and sandwich shop below McCaughey's apartment, described McCaughey as "a quiet guy, a loner. I always saw him walking around by himself," he added.

White House Saturday after being hospitalized for 13 days.

A Secret Service spokesman said McCaughey would be charged in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia with threatening to kill Reagan and with assaulting a Secret Service agent who arrested him.

McCaughey already has been charged with assaulting two local policemen who assisted in his arrest.

The other nine suspects who allegedly threatened the president's life were taken into custody in Raleigh, N.C., suburbs of Philadelphia, New York City, Los Angeles, Salisbury, Md., Marion County, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., and Tifton, Ga.

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Nicaragua's 'Cmdr. Zero' resigns

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — The Sandinista's famed "Commander Zero," Eden Pastora, resigned as Nicaraguan Deputy Defense Minister to join the guerrilla war "of another people" — presumably in nearby El Salvador.

"I march to where there is the stench of gunpowder," Pastora said in a resignation letter Wednesday to Defense Minster Humberto Ortega Saavedra.

"Believe me it is not easy to write this letter (considering) the real possibility of death in this new step in my life," he said. "I go moved by the Sandinista spirit and my quality as a provincial person, a mixture of worker and peasant."

Pastora left Nicaragua for his farm in Costa Rica with deputy interior minister Valdivia Hidalgo Herrera, who also resigned his post Wednesday, Sandinista Commander Bayardo Arce said.

A hero of the 1979 civil war that deposed Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, Pastora earned his nom de guerre "Commander Zero" in the spectacular August 22, 1978, takeover of the National Palace in Managua.

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Nominee critical after fire

President Regan's nominee to represent the United States on the World Bank was reported in critical condition at a Washington hospital Monday with injuries suffered in a minor fire at the prestigious Cosmos Club.

Wilson Schmidt, 54, was staying on the third floor of the club Sunday night when the fire started in an overstuffed chair, apparently from a discarded cigarette, District of Columbia fire officials said.

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Note: When my UFOs told me they were going to attack the "higher ups" in the U.S. government, I reported it to scientists in advance of this shooting. They were not just joking. I were

What the Doctors Did

"I can't breathe," whispered Ronald Reagan. He was sweating and gray-faced, sagging toward the floor as he walked into the emergency room and was lifted onto a wheeled table. Quick hands began stripping off his clothes. "We don't think he's hit," said a Secret Service man. "We think he broke a rib when we pushed him against the car." But a doctor had already spotted the bullet hole in the President's suit jacket—and the medical team at George Washington University Hospital that was to save the lives of the President and his press secretary was already well into its practiced routine.

The President was exhibiting early symptoms of shock. Though alert, Reagan was gasping for air and sweating, and his blood pressure had dropped. Paged on the hospital's speakers, Dr. Joseph M. Giordano, head of the trauma team, hurried to the emergency room, where Reagan's blood pressure quickly recovered after he lay down. The doctor gave the President a local anesthetic and then inserted a tube into the lung cavity just beneath the bullet hole under his left arm. Other physicians and technicians drew blood samples, hooked up an oxygen mask and intravenous tubes to monitor blood gases and administer blood, and inserted a catheter to measure urine flow. On a chest X-ray, the bullet showed up as a white spot in the lower lobe of the left lung. It had torn a 3-inch furrow through the lung, deflating it as it went. But the physicians couldn't be sure whether they had spotted the entire bullet or whether fragments had broken off and struck organs in the abdominal cavity. Further X-rays of the abdomen reassured them.

Meanwhile, the President continued to bleed steadily through the tube in his chest. Quickly, the trauma team set up more than a dozen units of blood and prepared for transfusion. Although Reagan is type O-positive, at first they used O-negative, which can be given to anyone regardless of his blood type, and later used O-positive to replace the 2½ quarts lost from the time of injury. In many such gunshot wounds, the lung reinflates and the bleeding stops when the chest tube is inserted, and the bullet can be left where it is without any risk. But Reagan continued to bleed.

"What are we doing, Joe?" asked Dr. Sol Edelstein, chief of the emergency room. "Are we headed to ICU or are we headed to OR?" Edelstein wanted to know whether intensive care would be enough, or if an

How the surgeons treated Reagan's wounded chest and James Brady's injured brain.

operation was urgent. Surgeon Benjamin Aaron, 47, decided to operate. As the team prepared for the 200-foot journey to the "heart room," fully equipped for major chest and heart surgery, Edelstein cautioned the technicians: "We are going slow, slow, slow." The President was propped at a 30-degree angle on the wheeled cart, or gurney, awake and talking to his wife and aides as he passed; his vital signs were still "rock stable," a doctor said later, and there was no need to risk anyone stumbling over one of the tubes threaded into him.

In the operating room, the team gave the President an intravenous dose of the anesthetic thiopental sodium and then passed a tube down his throat so that a respirator could aid his breathing. Then they put him to sleep with nitrous oxide administered through a mask. "We will follow routine trauma protocol," Giordano announced to his colleagues.

The first order of business was peritoneal lavage, a procedure to double-check for injuries in the abdominal cavity. Giordano made a small incision under the navel and pumped a clear liquid into the abdomen. The liquid that drained back out seemed free of blood, showing that no organs had been damaged. But to make sure, the fluid was sent to the lab for analysis. After 45 minutes Giordano turned his patient over to the thoracic surgeons, Aaron and Dr. Katherine Chaney.

Incision: The President was turned on his right side with his arms taped in front of him. The team removed the chest tube to get more room and then made a 6-inch incision, from under the left nipple to the left side. The President's ribs were spread apart by a metal retractor and, wearing a lamp on his forehead, Aaron peered into the chest. He first removed a large clot of blood and then began searching for the bullet. The surgeon determined that neither the heart nor the aorta, the body's main artery, had sustained any injury. But failing to find the bullet, he ordered another X-ray—a side view of the chest. After half an hour Aaron found the "Devastator" explosive slug, removed it with a probe and handed it to a Secret Service agent, who carried it away in a metal cup. It had failed to explode on impact, but was flattened to the size and shape of a dime, suggesting that it had ricocheted off the Presidential limousine before striking Reagan.

Aaron then sutured the tear in the lung, removed the retractor and closed the

Christoph Blumrich—Newsweek

Ohio congressman dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tennyson Guyer, R-Ohio, died at his Washington home early Sunday, apparently in his sleep, his press secretary said.

"There has been no official cause of death," said Joseph Jansen, who confirmed the news from the district office in Lima, Ohio.

Jansen said Guyer's wife, Mae, told him the 67-year-old lawmaker apparently died peacefully.

"Mrs. Guyer wasn't aware there was any problem until she awoke this morning and discovered him," Jansen said Sunday.

Jansen said Guyer suffered "a slight heart attack about 1976," but there had been no complications. obit. 4/13/81

"In fact, he had been in better health in recent years than at any earlier time," Jansen said. "He was getting along real well. He's been putting in a minimum of 10 to 12 hour days at the office and had shown no signs of any problems."

Guyer, a member of Congress since 1973, was a senator in the Ohio General Assembly from 1959 to 1972 and was mayor of Celina, Ohio, from 1940 to 1944.

In Congress, Guyer served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and most recently headed the special House subcommittee investigating MIAs (missing In action) in Southeast Asia.

— UFOs "higher ups" —

Carter denied privileges

Former President Carter is not eligible for military commissary privileges, the White House military office said Tuesday.

Edward V. Hickey, who heads the office, said Carter does not qualify for the right to shop at Defense Department commissaries, which sell food at reduced prices to military personnel and their families.

Hickey said the question of whether the former president can shop at base post exchanges, which sell other goods, is up to the three service secretaries.

Phil Wise, Carter's chief of staff, inquired several weeks ago whether Carter, who served as an officer in the Navy, is eligible to shop at the commissaries.

The Defense Department ruled a few weeks ago that Lady Bird Johnson, widow of President Lyndon B. Johnson, was not eligible for commissary privileges. The ruling followed disclosure that the household staff at the LBJ Ranch near Johnson City, Texas, had been shopping at area commissaries for about five years. UPI 4/15/81

Flurry of threats target president

— UFOs "higher ups" —

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Secret Service says there has been an upsurge in threats against President Reagan and Vice President George Bush since the assassination attempt against the president last week.

The Secret Service declined Wednesday to divulge the number of threats, but unconfirmed reports said there had been as many as 300 since Reagan and three others were shot by a gunman March 30.

At least three men were picked up this week for allegedly making threats. They were: Edward Richardson, 22, arrested in New York Tuesday; Steven E. Seach, an employee at a suburban Philadelphia boarding school, arrested Monday; and Ronald Peppler, 23, described as a transient, arrested Wednesday night in a Los Angeles Skid Row hotel lobby.

Several inquiries are under way on possible new security measures to prevent a repetition of last week's shooting. The recommendations will be turned over to the White House, which also has a study under way.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said on NBC's "Today" program the president's schedule and travel plans probably will no longer be available for publication because of the attempt on Reagan's life.

Bush's appointments no longer are being issued for publication. Regan said a decision on the president's schedule and on "how much publicity will be given his advance trips" will be made when he returns from the hospital.

Regan said the FBI might seek more authority to deal with suspicious persons.

There also are suggestions Reagan's public appearances be limited, although his aides know he would be loathe to go along with them.

"Here you have to have a delicate balance between protection and politics," Regan said. "He's a politician. He likes to be with people; he was elected by people. Now, to prevent that man from getting close to people . . . is wrong, so we're going to have to balance that off."

Bush has had extra security since the attack on Reagan, in evidence Tuesday night when he attended a dinner at the same hotel where Reagan was attacked.

Noting that a Washington newspaper carried both Reagan's and Bush's schedules the day the president was shot, Bush's press secretary Peter Teeley said, "It's a different thing for reporters to know where he's going to be, as opposed to putting it in print."

"I don't want this press office to be responsible for a man with a gun in his hands and the vice president's schedule in his pocket," remarked one White House aide.

Meantime, Regan played down the significance of what some have termed a failure by government agencies to monitor potential threats to the president.

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what Neumann told the senator. "He wouldn't do that because he wants ambassadors to be able to speak to him freely," said the press aide, Scott Cohen. "And also, he and Neumann are old friends so he would not do that."

The session with Percy was attend-

An aide to Percy refused to describe

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to the informants, who asked not to be

White House authorization, according

private meeting last week, informed sources said Tuesday.

The sources said Neumann criticized

Haig during a meeting with Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Charles Percy, R-Ill. Haig became aware of the remarks and fired Neumann within 24 hours after receiving

ago, has been fired because of "indiscreet remarks" he made about Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. in a

Neumann, who became U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia just two months

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert G.

Haig fires ambassador for 'indiscreet' remarks

— "higher ups" —

The world Nationalist killed

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe (AP) — An assassin killed a top official of a South African black nationalist movement in suburban Salisbury, authorities said Saturday.

Joe Gqabi was shot and killed at point-blank range as he was leaving his home in Ashdown Park Friday night, Zimbabwe's information minister, Nathan Shamuyarira, told reporters.

Gqabi's body was found outside his house in the middle-class suburb soon after the shooting.

Police found a rifle, silencer and nine spent cartridges near the scene of the shooting, Shamuyarira said.

Shamuyarira condemned the slaying, but did not speculate who might have been responsible.

Gqabi was a leader of the African National Congress, or ANC, the main black nationalist organization campaigning for an end to white-minority rule in South Africa. South African police sought him for political offences.

The ANC is outlawed in South Africa but has offices in several black African nations, as well as in several foreign capitals.

Kissinger loses spot on elite GOP council

— "UFOs" "higher ups" —

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Henry Kissinger, who rose to fame and power as secretary of state in the Nixon and Ford administrations, has been dumped from the board of the elite Council on Foreign Relations.

Winston Lord, president of the 60-year-old private council, called the Kissinger bump a "fluke." But another group member said the opportunity to vote against Kissinger "was too good to pass up."

The Washington Post reported Thursday that Kissinger was defeated this week in his bid to be elected to a second term as a board member of the New York-based council, for years the international home of the Republican Party.

Kissinger was one of nine candidates for eight board seats.

Word trickled out Monday about the outcome of the vote, triggering some wrath and consternation among several council officials.

David Rockefeller, the board's chairman, expressed his alarm in a formal statement.

He said he was sure most of the 24 board members regarded Kissinger as one of the country's "most outstanding public servants" and "deeply regret his retirement from the board of directors as a result of the election."

Lord, a longtime Kissinger aide, was quoted by the Post as saying the defeat of Kissinger is "really a fluke."

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Poles shake up cabinet, propose massive layoffs

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — Prime Minister Gen. Wojciech Jaruezelski announced a major cabinet shake-up Friday in a bid to revive the nation's faltering economy, a day after he told a Soviet-bloc economic summit Poland could solve its crisis on its own.

The move, which involved condensing 11 economic related ministries into six and the firing of eight cabinet ministers, came a day after the government proposed a drastic austerity program, including laying off 1.2 million workers, to pull Poland back from the brink of bankruptcy.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, meanwhile, was expected in Warsaw later in the day, apparently carrying a warning from Moscow against liberalization before the Polish Communist Party Congress opens July 12.

Jaruzelski's bold move was one of the most sweeping cabinet changes the Polish government has seen and the most extensive shake-up since the labor unrest began a year ago.

The prime minister, an army general, announced the changes in a nationally telvised address to Parliament which was winding up a two-day session on the nation's economic crisis.

In one key post — the mining and energy ministry — Jaruzelski appointed another general, Czeslaw Piotrowski.

Coal production has slumped heavily in the past year, especially since the five-day work week was instituted, and coal exports — once Poland's chief foreign currency earners — have dropped off, angering the Soviet Union and other East bloc allies.

The government economic program presented to Parliament Thursday said the five-day week for miners was inviolable, and other means must be found to increase production.

The prime minister flew back from the East bloc's COMECON economic alliance summit in Sofia, Bulgaria, to announce the changes.

Jaruzelski had told the COMECON prime ministers' meeting that while Poles "appreciate the intentions" of a sharp Soviet warning letter last month, the belief has been strengthened that "the party, by reconstructing its leading role, is able to fulfill its historical mission (and) lead the country out of crisis with its own resources."

Deputy Prime Minister Zbigniew Madej outlined the chaos in Poland's economy to the first session of Parliament Thursday, using nationalism to appeal for workers to immediately adopt the slogan "The homeland is in need."

Madej, the planning commission chairman, said industrial output this year had dropped 18 percent in May and national income was predicted to drop 15 percent.

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– UFOs "higher ups" –

Reagan faith in Casey withstands court ruling

By TERENCE HUNT orng 7/16/81

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has full confidence in William J. Casey and wants him to stay on as CIA director despite a ruling he knowingly misled investors in a 1960s business deal, White House officials said Wednesday.

The federal judge's May 19 ruling against Casey surfaced Tuesday within hours of Max Hugel's resignation as chief of clandestine operations.

Hugel, a Casey confidante, denied allegations published in The Washington Post that he improperly slipped inside information on a firm he once headed to two Wall Street brokers. He said he was stepping aside to avoid having the allegations harm the administration and his colleagues at the CIA.

While Reagan was publicly backing Casey, CBS said that Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., was telling his colleagues on the Senate Intelligence Committee that Casey should be replaced. Goldwater is chairman of the committee.

Goldwater, who was not directly quoted, has been unhappy with the way Casey has been running the agency and was particularly perturbed by the appointment of Hugel, CBS said.

But Cable News Network said Goldwater called the CBS story "a malicious lie." Cable News quoted Katherine Grammer, an aide to Goldwater, as saying that Goldwater had spoken to Casey Wednesday and told Casey the Senate panel would look into the charges. Ms. Grammer also told Cable News that Goldwater told Casey, "I think everything's going to be all right."

The court ruling against Casey came in connection with an unrelated business deal in which a group of unhappy stockholders charged in a civil suit that Casey and other directors of a now-defunt firm misled them in attempts to solicit investors.

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By GEORGE LARDNER JR.
LA Times-Washington Post Service orng 7/16/81

WASHINGTON — The CIA has a reputation for making the strictest security checks in the U.S. intelligence community, but its investigation of Max Hugel appears to have been a hurry-up, seven-day job that failed to sound even a mild alarm about his complex business career.

Hugel, who held one of the CIA's most sensitive posts, wasn't particularly helpful himself. His dealings with two Wall Street brokers in the early 1970s involved what Hugel described as attempted "blackmail," but he said he saw no need to report this or other details of the acrimonious relationship when he joined the agency earlier this year.

The CIA's investigation posed a sharp contrast to the measured pace outlined in an official description of the agency's standard procedure.

Reaction from members of the Senate Intelligence Committee indicated that the Hugel matter could cause problems for the Reagan administration on Capitol Hill.

As deputy director for operations, the post he resigned Tuesday, Hugel had access to the government's top secrets and directed the agency's global network of covert intelligence agents.

The first interviews concerning Hugel were conducted by the CIA's Office of Security beginning Jan. 14, just one week before Hugel started work at the agency, and the last were completed on Jan 16

Brown denies illegality in misuse of computer

By GEORGE REASONS
LA Times-Washington Post Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., his office wracked by unprecedented controversy over alleged misuse of a computer for political purposes and by charges of a cover-up, admitted Monday making blunders but denied doing anything illegal.

In his first public defense since Wednesday, when the California Fair Political Practices Commission recommended a criminal investigation into actions of some of Brown assistants, the governor accused the commission of unfair tactics and called its charges of possible criminality "nonsense."

The two-term governor, who wants to run for the U.S. Senate next year, insisted at a press conference that he was unaware that lower-level employees in his office were considering use of a state-leased computer for future Brown campaigns.

Brown said the original plan for the computer was to expand his "outreach" communications with constituents throughout California, but "some political uses were considered without my authorization."

Speaking in an almost non-stop staccato, the governor said, "I now believe that a number of mistakes were made in establishing and organizing outreach efforts from the governor's office.

"Additional mistakes and even serious errors of judgment were made when the Los Angeles Times article appeared (Dec. 6) and the FPPC investigation got under way."

In its report, the commission, which launched the investigation after disclosures by the Los Angeles Times, said it was unable to develop sufficient evidence to establish violations of the Fair Political Practices Act because the governor's office did not cooperate.

"The commission cannot state with complete confidence that it has actually received all relevant documentary evidence, nor can it warrant that the information it does possess is entirely accurate," the report said.

The governor insisted that his office cooperated fully with the commission.

Wildlife group calls for Watt's removal

By G.G. LaBELLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest conservation organization broke its longstanding silence on Interior Secretary James Watt with a flourish Tuesday. It asked President Reagan to fire him.

Jay D. Hair, executive vice president of the National Wildlife Federation, said the stand was taken after a membership survey demonstrated overwhelming opposition to Watt's policies after his six months in office.

"Sad to say, we have reached the point where removal is the only option that we see open to the president," Hair said.

"He places a much higher priority on development and exploitation than on conservation. . . . He pays lip service to environmental protection. . . . He is working to undermine or circumvent many of our basic environmental protection laws."

Hair said the federation's poll showed Watt was "out of step not only with the views of conservation leaders . . . but with the mainstream of American thought on conservation issues."

"He has quite frankly lost the confidence of Americans who are concerned about our environment," he said.

Hair made the announcement at a news conference, saying he had just come from a meeting with White House officials at which he presented a letter to Reagan asking Watt's removal as secretary.

— UFOs "higher ups" —

Brady suffers major seizure

By EVANS WITT

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary James S. Brady suffered a major seizure Monday, a new and worrisome side effect of the head wound he sustained in the assassination attempt on President Reagan March 30.

The "grand mal" seizure struck Brady shortly after he had breakfast in his George Washington University Hospital room, deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said.

Doctors immediately treated the seizure with intravenous medication and anesthesia, Speakes said.

At midafternoon, physicians at the hospital reported Brady still was under anesthesia in the recovery room, a statement issued by the White House said. The statement added that Brady was being monitored continuously by electroencephalograph, an electronic device which monitors brain waves.

Brady's vital signs were reported to be normal at midafternoon.

Such seizures are "not exactly unexpected in cases of this type," Speakes quoted Dr. Daniel Ruge, the White House physician, as saying.

Experts say many brain injuries are frequently followed by seizures. Brady suffered massive brain damage when a bullet struck him in the forehead.

This seizure may be only the first of a series that could trouble Brady for the rest of his life, Speakes said.

A neurosurgeon not connected with the case said such seizures are common with injury to the frontal lobe of the brain, as sustained by Brady. If a series of such seizures should follow, this could mean post-trauma epilepsy, he said.

The surgeon, who asked not to be identified, said this form of epilepsy if it develops can be controlled by drugs and has a good remission rate.

Richard Ellis, a public relations representative at the hospital, described the seizure as a "sudden loss of consciousness immediately followed by a generalized convulsion."

Ellis said a brain scan did not show a cause for the seizure and did, in fact, show continued healing of Brady's brain damage. He said the seizure's impact on Brady could not yet be assessed.

"It can be very serious or not se
said. "They are still evaluating how
Brady."

Speakes said that such a seizu
ily leave any noticeable effects.

"In most cases, you are un
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Speakes said.

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— UFOs "Lightwise" —

Shotgun blasts wing Texas state legislator

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An assailant who was apparently lying in wait fired four shotgun blasts at a state legislator Friday, wounding him in the left elbow, police said.

Police said they had no suspects and knew of no motive for the shooting.

Mike Martin, a freshman Republican from the East Texas town of Longview, was listed in good condition in Breckenridge Hospital.

Leslie Smith, his former campaign manager, said four shotgun pellets struck Martin but passed through his flesh without breaking any bones.

Smith said Martin, who crusaded to require the teaching of "creation-science" in the public schools, had received threats in the past but never reported them or took them seriously.

"His attitude is he doesn't understand, if this is tied to the threats, why anybody would be that interested in a state representative. The job just isn't that big a deal," Smith said at a news conference.

Martin, 29, who has a wife, a 3-year-old son and a 6-week-old daughter, was shot at about 2:40 a.m. as he got out of his car in a trailer park wh
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during a special legislative session.

Martin's car, bearing official
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Iranian mu[illegible] murdered

Agence France-Presse

TEHRAN, Iran — Hojatoleslam Has
San Beheshti, a cousin of assassi
Iranian strongman Ayatollah
hammed Beheshti and a candida
parliament was murdered Thursday,
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mentary by-elections.

Hojatoleslam Mohieddin Fazel Hara
ni, another parliamentary candidate,
narrowly escaped an assassination
tempt in the southern town of Eghlid,
Radio Tehran said. Three people
wounded in a flurry of some 100 bul
The radio said.

The presidential election, necessary
because of the impeachment of presi
dent Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, appears to
be a shoo-in for Prime Minister Mo
hammed Ali Rajai. His three opponents
endorsed him earlier this week. About
the only unknown will be the voter

Radio Tehran said that Hoja
Beheshti, a 36-year-old theology teach
er, and his 4-year-old nephew were shot
to death when Beheshti opened the door
of his home in the central town of Isfa
han to men saying they had a letter for
him.

The killers fled and have not be
identified, but Radio Tehran called them
"counter-revolutionary hypocrites."

In a separate incident in Tehran,
Mohammad Hassas Jamshidi, an Islamic
security official, was shot and killed by
two attackers at his home, the Iranian
Hojatoleslam Beheshti's cousin, head
of the ruling Islamic Republic Party
(IRP), was killed in a devastating bomb
attack at party headquarters here June
28. Four ministers and 27 deputies were
among the 74 people who died in the
blast.

The latest assassination followed a
warning Wednesday by Tehran revolu
tionary prosecutor Assadollah Lajevardi,
who is known for his role in the
Pars news agency reported.

The exact motive of Thursday's as
sassinations, the latest in a series of
attacks and government reprisals, was
not immediately known.

But Radio Tehran blamed the Eghlid
attempt on "the agents of America and
Hojatoleslam Beheshti and the agents of the Eghlid
of the ruling Islamic Republic Party
(IRP) in the region."

— UFOs "higher ups" —

jack anderson

Accidents aid Castro

WASHINGTON — Within less than three months, mysterious plane crashes have eliminated two of Fidel Castro's potentially most dangerous rivals in the volatile politics of Latin America: Panamanian strongman Omar Torrijos and Ecuador's President Jaime Roldos.

No one has made a connection between the Cuban dictator and the deaths of Torrijos and Roldos — much less suggested that Castro's agents were responsible for the plane crashes.

But stranger things have happened in the violence-prone political arena of Latin America. And there is no doubt that Castro has profited by the convenient departure of two charismatic leaders who had contested the Cuban's self-proclaimed role as the foremost voice of independence in the Western Hemisphere.

Panamanian officials are still investigating the cause of the air crash that took Torrijos' life. Bad weather over the jungle was a reasonable explanation.

But it may be more than mere coincidence that Torrijos' firm control of Panama — and his successful negotiation of the treaty under which the United States relinquished control of the Panama Canal — had won him respect across the Latin American political spectrum. On grounds of ego alone, that would have been enough to infuriate Castro. But Torrijos also had made no secret of his distaste for the Cuban dictator's support for leftist guerrillas in Central America.

Torrijos' opposition to Castro was especially significant because he once had been one of the Cuban's closest allies. In 1974, for example, Torrijos was the first leader in the hemisphere to recognize Castro's government — over the objection of the Organization of American States. After the Sandinistas' victory over Nicaragua's dictator Anastasio Somoza, Torrijos and Castro jointly agreed to give the new government "respectful help."

But while Torrijos withdrew his military forces from Nicaragua, Castro sent in still more troops. Torrijos was furious, and cooperation between the two dictators ceased.

In a confidential cable filed after Torrijos' death, U.S. Embassy political analysts in Panama warned the State Department that his absence "weakens the forces of reform and opposition to Cuban influence in the Caribbean area."

State Department sources confided privately to my associate Bob Sherman that they expect U.S.-Panamanian relations to suffer as the result of Torrijos' death. President Aristides Royo is considered a weak leader who may well decide to use the United States as a scapegoat to distract Panamanians from their own very real problems.

Adding to the problem is the fact that Torrijos co-opted a significant portion of his domestic political opposition by giving them jobs in the government. With Torrijos' iron control now gone, these political extremists of the right and left may feel free to pursue their own goals.

Pulling Uncle Sam's beard is always a popular sport among political factions in Latin America, so the chaotic situation left in Panama by Torrijos' death can only hurt the United States. And whatever hurts the United States pleases Castro.

The United States aside, Castro can contemplate the post-Torrijos situation in Panama with anticipation. The prospect of political turmoil, as various factions vie to succeed the fallen strongman, can only give Castro hope of yet another Caribbean conquest. Castroism thrives on chaos.

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Top Khomeini judge reported assassinated

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Assassins shot and killed the personal representative of Iranian leader the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in the northeastern Iranian city of Gorgan Tuesday, Tehran radio reported.

The official Pars news agency reported earlier that chief religious judge Seyyed Kazem Noor-Mofidi escaped the machine-gun attack on his entourage.

But the later radio report said the judge, also leader of the Friday prayers, died in a hospital after the attack. Two bodyguards also were killed in the shooting, the radio said.

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— UFOs "higher ups" —

Attack hurts bishop

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — A man squirted liquid into the faces of Roman Catholic Bishop Matthias Defregger and a parish priest as they walked into a church in Munich Saturday.

Both clergymen were slightly injured but it was not immediately clear what liquid the attacker used, police said.

A police spokesman said the attacker, identified as a Munich clerk, refused to give any indication of his motive. He was taken into custody for questioning.

The bishop was a major in the German army during the Nazi regime. At

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Princess robbed

MENTON, France (AP) — Jewels reportedly worth $4.1 million were stolen from the Riviera villa of Princess Maria-Sol de Mesiade-Lesseps, a relative of Spain's King Juan Carlos, informed sources said Saturday.

If the value is confirmed, it would be the biggest Riviera robbery since the theft of $18 million in jewels from the villa of a member of the ruling family of Qatar 12 months ago.

The princess and local police would make no comment on the reports.

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Power blackout hits south England, Wales

LONDON (UPI) — Breaks in three major power lines cut electricity to millions of homes, factories and hospitals in south and southwest England and Wales Wednesday in the worst accidental supply disruption since 1962.

Ten counties lost power for between 90 minutes and 4 hours when three links in the National Grid electricty network failed within 10 minutes of each other soon after 9 a.m. (1 a.m. PDT), electricity officials said.

A spokesman said it was the worst power failure not caused by industrial action since 1962.

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Copenhagen hit by blackout

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (UPI) — A break in an electrical cable plunged Copenhagen into darkness for two hours Tuesday night in a major blackout halting all trains, elevators, traffic lights and radio broadcasts.

Police reported no major incidents, "but the full effects of the blackout will not be known until tomorrow morning," a spokesman said.

"We have had extra patrols on the streets and although there has been some extra trouble and criminal activity, it has certainly not been as widespread as one might have expected."

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SAME DAY !!

Danes left in dark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Government and public utility officials were investigating the cause of a massive power failure that left the Danish capital and the main island of Zealand blacked out for as long as two hours Tuesday night.

Joergen Gullev, a spokesman for the publicly owned Danish power company NESA, said as many as 1 million customers were affected by the power failure, which started shortly before 9 p.m.

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Note:

See all the power blackouts caused by my UFOs throughout this file !!

Also, these clips will show you how hard and persistently my UFOs are attacking "power" over the world !!

(This could also apply to the "higher ups", Presidents etc who are being eliminated in one way or another ... such leaders having, of course, "power."

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Air controllers told: Returr

By MIKE FEINSILBER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air traffic controllers illegally walked off their jobs Monday and crippled commercial flights in the first nationwide strike of federal workers in history. President Reagan called them lawbreakers and a federal judge imposed accelerating fines that could total $4.75 million in a week.

Reagan, taking a hard line, sought imprisonment of the strike leaders. But U.S. District Judge Harold Greene here refused to grant a government request that he imprison Robert E. Poli, president of the striking Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization and 10 of his colleagues. Greene fined Poli $1,000 a day for the strike's duration but took no action against the other 10.

Finding the union in contempt of court for ignoring an earlier back-to-work order, Greene said to allow such strikes "would be to invite chaos."

The union will be fined $250,000 if the strike is not over by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Greene said; $500,000 more the next day; and $1 million a day for the next four days after that.

Asked if he would obey the court, Poli said, "If the question is 'will the strike continue,' the answer is yes."

Reagan said any striking controller who refused to resume work within 48 hours would be fired.

Reagan was uncompromising. "I must tell those who failed to report for duty this morning they are in violation of the law, and if they don't report for duty within 48 hours, they have forfeited their jobs and will be terminated," the president said.

He noted that controllers promised not to strike when they took their jobs.

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But the strikers held firm under the pressure and said that no matter how much the union was fined, it had only $3.5 million in its treasury.

"If we're all fired, I want to know who's going to work the airplanes," Poli said in response to Reagan's ultimatum.

Criminal charges of violating the law against strikes by federal employees, which could bring a year in prison and fines of $1,000, were filed Monday night against 22 union members — some of them leaders and some of them rank-and-file workers in 11 cities.

In federal courtrooms across the country, federal judges, acting at the request of U.S. attorneys, signed temporary restraining orders requiring controllers in their regions to go to work.

Some 2,500 supervisors and non-union controllers filled in for the absent controllers with military controllers standing by to help. But the nation's air traffic was disrupted and the airlines said they were suffering "severe financial losses."

The Pentagon has ordered 370 trained military air traffic controllers to help handle plane movements in 12 major cities from coast to coast, it was announced Monday.

The military controllers, all certified by the FAA, "will require instruction in local airspace and procedures, so it will be a period of days before they actually become operational," the announcement said.

Administrator J. Lynn Helms of the Federal Aviation Administration estimated that 29 percent of the unionized controllers were ignoring the strike call and working.

The FAA directed airlines to halve Monday's scheduled flights at 23 major airports, but Helms said by Tuesday 75 percent of the nation's 14,200 scheduled daily commercial flights might be permitted to operate.

The government said it was safe to fly even with most controllers off the job, but a Federal Aviation Administration official in New York told of a "near miss" over northern New Jersey about noon Monday — though it was not suggested the incident was related to the strike.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis vowed not to resume bargaining with the controllers' union until the strike ends. He said any controller still on strike at 11 a.m. local time Wednesday would never again get a job with the government. He said that was true no matter how many were on strike.

But striking controllers appeared ready to stand fast. Doug Ramsey, president of a local in Salt Lake City, said of the president's threat: "If he figures on firing 13,00 controllers to solve the problem, he's in for a very rude awakening. It would take two to three years to hire enough controllers to get the air travel system back to the way it is now."

"We may have a difficult time" replacing strikers, Lewis acknowledged but said the government would open new schools, if need be, to "start training people."

FAA officials, speaking anonymously, acknowledged that firing large numbers of air controllers would create a severe problem. They noted it takes three years to produce a fully skilled controller.

The airline industry estimated the strike might cost the U.S. economy a quarter of billlon dollars a day. It was the first official nationwide walkout by any group of federal employees, although postal workers participated in a wildcat strike in the Northeast and other scattered locales in 1970.

Three Air Force jets brought senators back to Washington in time to participate in the final debate and vote on Reagan's tax-cut proposals.

Fifty-five senators signed a letter to be sent to all controllers warning that the Senate would block any settlement arising from an "illegal" strike. A new pay scale would have to be approved by Congress. org 8/4/81

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CIA: Enemies laugh while friends despair

By CORD MEYER Orig 8/8/81

WASHINGTON — Now that the smoke of dubious battle has cleared from William Casey's successful struggle to survive as CIA director, Reagan officials are trying to assess the real damage and to determine what can be done to repair it.

Contrary to assurances that this episode has passed harmlessly away like a brief summer storm, President Reagan's ability to deal with foreign threats has been seriously weakened. As one Western European intelligence official remarked, "You have become a laughingstock among your enemies and the despair of your friends."

MEYER

He was not referring to the incidental damage done to the reputation of individuals involved in this affair but to the institutional wreckage left behind by the exposure of the first attempt by the Reagan administration to mount, via the CIA, a covert action operation of some size and significance.

Whether the operation was aimed at strengthening the opposition to Col. Moammar Khadafy's dictatorial rule in Libya or directed at reducing Khadafy's influence in some other African country, the unhappy fact remains that such an operation was exposed even before the House and Senate Intelligence Committees had completed their secret review.

To guard against just this kind of security breach, the law providing for congressional oversight of the CIA covert action was amended last fall to reduce from eight to two the number of committees that have to be informed. The hope was that behind the closed doors of the intelligence committees with their good reputation for security, congressional reservations about any secret project could be resolved without devastating publicity. That hope has now been proved illusory.

Although the identity of the leakers is not yet known, the chronology and content of their revelations throw a good deal of light on their motivation. Just as Casey was reeling under senatorial criticism for his appointment of the hapless Max Hugel, his judgment was brought further into question by a press story that the House Intelligence Committee had taken the unusual step of warning the president in writing against a covert operation in Africa that Casey had approved.

Compounding the damage, the next leak charged that the secret plan called for an escalating paramilitary campaign against Khadafy and his possible assassination. Although Hugel had alarmed the House committee in his presentation, White House staffers, congressional sources and intelligence officials are convincing in their unanimous denial that the plan itself contained any authorization for assassination or paramilitary activity.

By making a reasonable proposal appear wildly irresponsible, the anonymous leakers were trying by misinformation to kill two birds with one stone. Timing their revelations to coincide with allegations about Casey's past financial dealings, they obviously hoped to remove from the scene a man who is known to believe that discreet American support to democratic forces abroad may sometimes be necessary.

Secondly, these faceless leakers are so opposed to covert action of any kind that the damage to American interests seemed a small price to pay for demonstrating that the congressional review process is bound to self-destruct. Certainly many will argue that this threat of unauthorized leaks makes any covert action impossible.

Predictably, Khadafy has made the most of these exaggerated revelations and has posed on Libyan radio as an innocent target of CIA assassination plotting.

Even more damaging is the apprehension that such self-destructive publicity fosters among our Western allies. Cooperation with friendly intelligence services is often essential to political action operations designed to keep alive a democratic movement under siege by heavily subsidized Soviet proxies. But European experts warn that it will be a long time before any foreign intelligence service dares expose itself to the hazards of the congressional review process.

If this leak were the only recent one of its kind, it might be explained away as a unique aberration but in another damaging disclosure Carl Bernstein, in the July 18 issue of the New Republic, spelled out in excruciating detail the channels through which he claims the CIA is helping arm the Afghan rebels. In a mind-boggling mistake of judgment, the Voice of America broadcast this story in its English-language service to Russia and the rest of the world, appearing to officially confirm Soviet charges of American involvement.

Instead of talking about how it intends to unleash the CIA, the Reagan administration's first priority is to find and leash the leakers. In the CIA, officers who had access to the African project are being required to take lie detector tests, and, if there was an internal leak, there is a high probability that the guilty will be identified and fired.

But the members and staffs of the two congressional committes have accepted no such discipline. Until they do, their protestations of innocence must be taken with a grain of salt.

Cord Meyer, a syndicated columnist, formerly served as an official in the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

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Reagan to fire airport strikers

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Air traffic controllers walked off the job just after dawn Monday in defiance of a back-to-work order, President Reagan issued an ultimatum that strikers will be fired in 48 hours if they do not return to work.

The administration also moved to impound the $3.5 million strike fund of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization and to decertify the union.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it asked the major commercial airlines to reduce their flights by 50 percent beginning at 8 a.m. PDT.

"We hope to ease that later," an FAA spokesman said, adding the decision on what flights to cut rests with the carriers.

The union said more than 80 percent of the 17,000 controllers were striking.

Reagan, in an impromptu news conference at the White House, noted it is illegal for federal employees to strike and said: "I must tell those who failed to report for duty this morning, they are in violation of the law. If they don't report for work in 48 hours, they have forfeited their jobs and will be terminated."

U.S. District Judge Joyce Green ordered PATCO officials to appear in court at 5 p.m. Monday to show cause why union members should not be held in contempt of court for violating its back-to-work order.

The Justice Department obtained the temporary restraining order before the strike began at about 7 a.m. local time.

"We are bringing the full force of the Justice Department down on the controllers," said Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis.

The strike forced one airline — Pittsburgh-based USAir — to cancel all of its flights until at least noon. Other airlines tried to continue their normal flight schedules, as supervisory personnel took over for the striking controllers.

Of the 17,000 controllers nationwide, 15,000 are members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization.

Train and bus lines reported their switchboards flooded with inquiries and reservations, and many people booked flights Sunday night to be sure of getting to distant cities before the strike Monday.

"I don't want to get stuck or have to ride a bus all the way home," said Frank Singleton, a Detroit businessman who was in New Orleans but heading to Albuquerque, N.M., on the next leg of his trip.

The strike could ground more than half the nation's 800,000 daily air passengers, cost the airline industry $80 million a day and idle up to 65 percent of all air traffic.

The FAA said it had 2,400 supervisors and 150 military controllers available to replace the striking controllers, but they could handle only 40 to 50 percent of all air carrier flights. Most of the flights under 500 miles would be grounded.

At the White House, spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan was "personally disappointed" at the walkout and directed decertification of PATCO and impoundment of the strike fund.

Despite a temporary restraining order prohibiting the strike and threats of imprisonment and fines, it appeared early Monday that most union controllers obeyed their union and walked off the job.

Jim Stakum, a PATCO official, said the union is prepared to stay out for at least one month, as picket lines were formed outside several FAA facilities.

"I am ready to go to jail," said Steve Wallaert, president of Norfolk, Va., PATCO Local 291.

PATCO said using "unqualified military personnel" as "strike-breakers" would "place the flying public at great peril."

"Basically, what we're looking at first is safety," said Lewis. "We're going to do everything we can to keep it safe, but there are going to be delays."

PATCO, seeking a 32-hour work week, better retirement benefits and a $10,000 raise that would put top controller pay at about $59,000 annually, rejected the government's last contract offer of a $50 million package and negotiations broke off at about 2:30 a.m..

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Air Force grounds F-16

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Air Force says it has grounded the F-16 fighter-bomber for an undetermined length of time because of problems with its flight control computer. The force of 269 planes, most of them attached to the Tactical Air Command, was "temporarily restricted from flight" after one of the sleek single-engine jets crashed near Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Wednesday and killed the pilot, an Air Force spokesman said Friday.

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Missing chopper sought

KODIAK, Alaska (UPI) — A search was conducted in the Gulf of Alaska on Saturday for a Coast Guard helicopter that apparently crashed with four men aboard while on a mission to help a disabled fishing boat.

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Savage summer storms sweep across England

LONDON (UPI) — Savage summer storms swept across England and dumped more than an inch of rain on the capital in just over an hour Thursday, flooding subways and shops, snarling traffic and knocking out equipment at Heathrow Airport.

Thunderclouds plunged London into semi-darkness. In Manchester, where flooding 4 feet deep was reported, more than 3½ inches of rain fell on the city, the most in a day since 1877.

A tunnel carrying express trains from the north into London was flooded and subway passengers paddled out of King's Cross station, one of several to be shut down in the storms which lashed the city most of the day.

Lightning knocked out tranmissions from Capital Radio. The station was back on the air 15 minutes later, broadcasting "Raindrops are falling on my head."

A spokesman for the Royal Automobile Club said flooding caused major traffic tieups, but it said roads were "not impassable."

The storms terrified passengers in aircraft stacked over Heathrow.

"We bumped up and down for over an hour and then there was a terrific flash and a bang and we thought the plane had been hit," said Grace Burnett of New York.

"I've been in a lot of storms in the air, but this was the worst," said Joss Taylor, of Los Angeles. "It was a relief to get down."

Flights to the United States were delayed and officials said the storms affected equipment used to transmit routing information to pilots.

A TWA flight from Los Angeles carrying Natalie Cole, singer-daughter of the late Nat King Cole, was diverted to Manchester.

A spokesman for the London meteorological center said 1.33 inches of rain fell in less than 90 minutes. "It was like somebody threw a bucket of water over you," he said.

Scotland Yard reported severe flooding in central London and said its information room was working "flat out" to deal with emergency calls.

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Storms flail plains

United Press International

Storms scattered tornadoes across the central Plains, the Ohio Valley and the Northeast Wednesday.

A small airplane headed for Nebraska crashed in a northeast Iowa cornfield during heavy rain Wednesday. The pilot and two passengers were injured.

Thunderstorms developed late Wednesday over the northern Plains and moved into the upper Mississippi Valley early Thursday.

Heavy rain threatened central Nebraska and Iowa with flooding Thursday. Up to 6 inches of rain fell in Nebraska Wednesday.

A severe thunderstorm watch was posted Wednesday over central and eastern Minnesota.

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Nation's first commercial rocket fails

MATAGORDA ISLAND, Texas (UPI) — Test-firing the engine of America's first commercial rocket was supposed to bring private enterprise into the space age. But something went wrong on an isolated Texas launch pad. The Percheron rocket blew its top.

Engineers for Space Services Inc. said they believe the failure of a tiny liquid oxygen valve sparked Wednesday's spectacular explosion of the slim white rocket, costing the fledgling venture $1.2 million and setting them back at least six months. No one was injured.

"Welcome to the rocket business," said SSI spokesman Charles Chafer.

The 55-foot Percheron rocket, scheduled for a test launch later this month, was nearing the end of a five-second "burp" test when the top two-thirds suddenly blew 200 feet into the air.

Four chunks of the rocket's nosecone landed harmlessly back on the ground — well clear of the closest observers, a team of engineers huddled 600 feet away in a nearby sandbagged trailer. The rocket's base stayed bolted to the launch pad through three explosions.

"We're disappointed, of course, but we'll keep going," Chafer said. SSI believes it can place business communication satellites in space cheaper and faster than the government — which currently has a five-year waiting list of companies.

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The world

Saboteurs hit power grid

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Saboteurs attacked the national electrical power-supply system — hard-pressed to meet the demands of a Southern Hemisphere winter — at three locations Tuesday, police said.

The limpet mines that police said were used are trademarks of the outlawed African National Congress, which seeks the overthrow of South Africa's white-minority government. The congress, in a statement issued in Tanzania, claimed responsibility for two of the blasts.

The black nationalist organization also has attacked power installations in the past.

Police said the limpet mines, which can be attached to any metallic surface, blew up parts of major power stations at Camden, 130 miles southeast of Johannesburg, and Arnot, 100 miles northeast of Johannesburg.

An electrical transformer under construction on the outskirts of the capital of Pretoria also was damaged, police said. All three attacks took place at about 2 a.m. No one was injured.

The government-run Electricity Supply Commission refused to say how much the attacks on the rural power stations would affect the capacity of the country's national power grid. System shortages recently forced power cutbacks in selected areas.

Commission spokesman C.J. Uys said the system was coping well, despite the explosions, "but we are working to a tight schedule, and our undertaking depends on matters not going awry."

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25 die in monsoon

NEW DELHI (AP) — A four-day downpour resulted in the deaths of at least 25 persons and left 100,000 homeless in the city of Jaipur, about 120 miles southwest of here, authorities said Tuesday.

More than 500 people were missing after 20,000 homes collapsed, roads flooded, airports closed, and power and water services were disrupted in what local authorities called the city's worst rains.

An overflowing dam flooded at least six nearby villages, officials said. Monsoons that started June 1 have resulted in the deaths of 354 persons nationwide.

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China may seek flood-relief funds

PEKING (AP) — Chinese authorities are deciding whether to seek international disaster aid following the world's deadliest flood in 20 years, but officials were still inspecting the two provinces damaged in the deluge.

Rescue efforts continued Tuesday along the subsiding Yangtze River while civil affairs officials toured Sichuan and Hubei provinces to determine the scope of the disaster that claimed an estimated 4,000 lives.

The Chinese Red Cross Society said Tuesday it is discussing whether to seek international assistance. The United Nations office in Peking said it has not yet been notified of a request for aid.

China, which long has rejected foreign disaster aid, already has accepted international disaster relief for the victims of a severe flood last fall in central Hubei province.

The rain-swollen river — China's biggest — rolled safely through its most dangerous section Monday night, contained by massive dikes. The swirling water spared the vast central China plain in Hubei province, where the rice harvest is under way.

The Chinese government reported that 200,000 people have been mobilized to guard the dikes along the Yangtze's lower reaches.

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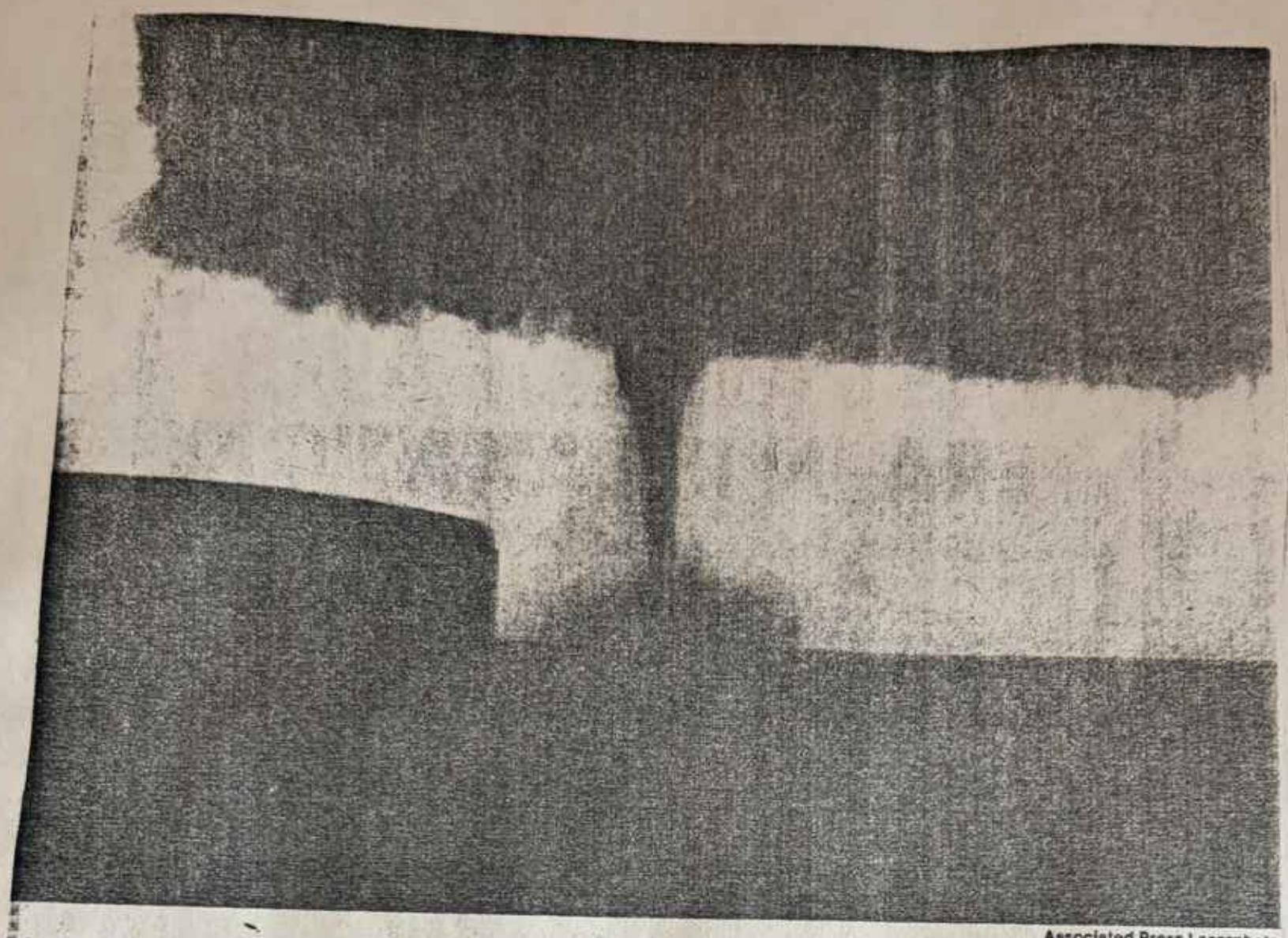

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TOUCHDOWN — Tornado whirls through North Dakota Thursday, menacing cities of Bismarck and Mandan.

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Tornadoes rip area in N. Dakota

By GORDON HANSON

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — At least four tornadoes born of fierce thunderstorms raked central North Dakota, leveling farm buildings, killing cattle and scattering haystacks and swathed grain. No injuries were reported.

The farm area of Morton County, southwest of Bismark, took the heaviest damage when two twisters roared through Thursday night. A huge funnel was visible from Bismarck and Mandan as civil defense sirens blared shortly after 6 p.m., but no town in the area was hit by a twister.

Ron Raps of the National Weather Service in Bismarck said twisters were sighted in western and southern parts of the county, as well as parts of McLean and Wells counties.

No estimate of total damage was available, but farmers reported barns and outbuildings were flattened, farm animals killed and injured and crops beaten down. The storm also downed power lines in southern Morton County, according to the sheriff's office.

Raps could not estimate how many twisters swept through the region.

"Those same clouds may go up and come down a few minutes later," he said. "We had reports of the same funnel cloud probably a dozen times. People see them from different directions, different towns."

Raps said one twister tore along the ground southwest of Mandan for at least half an hour at the height of the storms.

"It sounded like a freight train," said Willard Griffin, a farmer south of the town of Mandan who was working in the fields when a twister descended.

Griffin said he lost 12 farm buildings, including a cattle shed, a hog barn, four granaries and a machine shop. Some of his pigs were crippled, and his haystacks were scattered in the winds.

Griffin, his wife and son took refuge from a twister by crawling into a narrow culvert under a road.

"You could just barely get into it," Mrs. Griffin said. "We could hear the tornado roaring as it went over us. A mouse was going around in there, and I didn't enjoy that much. And it was dark."

John Richter, who farms near the town of Glen Ullin, finished swathing his grain moments before the tornado struck. As Richter watched from a nearby hillside, the twister cut a path 90 yards wide along a half-mile stretch of the field.

"It took the grain up into the air and spread it around," he said. At the Clifford Nelson farm, a tornado picked up 23 head of Hereford cattle and slammed them to earth. Twenty were killed, and three with broken legs had to be shot.

Contacts

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Nation's electrical grid vulnerable to sabotage, war

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States is unprepared to respond to an attack on its electricity system that could cause coast-to-coast blackouts and resulting havoc, Congress has been warned.

In a report released Wednesday, the General Accounting Office said damage to the national power grid through sabotage, terrorism or war could eliminate vital functions ranging from defense plants to hospitals.

"The consequences of such a power outage could be staggering," the congressional watchdog agency said. "Without power, everything in our modern society naturally grinds to a halt."

The GAO blamed the Energy Department for failing to make emergency plans as required by a 1969 executive order and again by Congress three years ago.

It noted that an official of the agency's Emergency Electric Power Administration, in a December 1979 memo, said "resources to carry out this effort were insufficient and stated the program was barely alive."

The GAO said the agency needs to beef up its administration and plans for managing a disruption and subsequent restoration of the system after attack.

The report suggested Congress give the agency a deadline for developing the plans and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency monitor the effort.

It said recent studies by the Corps of Engineers, the Energy Department and the Federal Emergency Management Agency all found the complex electricity generation and distribution system highly vulnerable.

The system is "the mainspring of our industrial economy" although it is taken for granted "until the lights go out," the report said.

The 600 megawatts of installed electrical generating capacity supply 30 percent of the nation's energy needs by means of 365,000 miles of high-voltage lines.

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Rain, hail, tornadoes slash Iowa, Missouri

By United Press International

Severe thunderstorms that rapped Iowa and Missouri with tornadoes, hail and nearly 5 inches of rain, destroying several buildings and aircraft, moved into the upper Midwest Monday, slightly subdued.

Up to 9 inches of rain Sunday swamped southeast Texas, forcing the evacuation of about 90 families in the Lake Livingston area. Some homes in the Onalaska area were reported completely under water. There were no injuries.

Floodwater began to recede Monday.

Thunderstorms moved into Iowa late Sunday, soaking some areas with nearly 5 inches of rain. Several buildings were destroyed, along with several airplanes at an airport near Osceola. No one was injured.

Golfball-sized hail battered the Iowa communities of Corydon, Afton and Reinbeck, and Tarkio and Glenwood, Mo.

Thundershowers Monday stretched from the Central Plains into the western Great Lakes, along the Gulf Coast and the south Atlantic Seaboard.

More than a half-inch of rain fell at Marquette, Mich., and lesser amounts doused Wisconsin.

Texas officials evacuated the Lake Livingston families when Long King Creek rose to dangerous levels. The families were taken to schools.

"We evacuated 70 to 90 families in the entire county," Polk County Deputy Sheriff Bob Grissom said late Sunday.

"We got them out before the water got high," Grissom said. "Now it's impossible to get through. But we've been lucky so far. We've had no causualties in the county."

Lake Livingston is about 60 miles north of Houston.

Grissom said some homes in the Onalaska area were completely under water.

"We had to evacuate about 20 families during the night (from Onalaska)."

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Ship runs aground

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The USS Detroit, a 795-foot supply ship, ran aground Wednesday in Chesapeake Bay at almost the same spot where the battleship Missouri got stuck 31 years ago.

The Navy said the Detroit — which carries extra fuel, ammunition, food and other supplies to service other Navy ships — was nearly full when it went aground while heading into Hampton Roads.

Navy spokesman Lt. Ross Kudlick said there were no injuries among the 500 crew members and no flooding or apparent damage to the vessel.

Barges unloaded fuel Wednesday afternoon to lighten the 53,600-ton vessel in the hope it could be pulled off the sandbar at high tide.

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At Satsop - 6 Projects PK -

Radiation blamed on loose screws

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SATSOP, Wash. (AP) — Loose screws on a machine used to X-ray piping welds at the Satsop nuclear power plant construction site probably mean a Satsop worker was doused with a small amount of radiation, officials say.

For some unknown reason screws were loosened on a metal faceplate on a radiography machine, a spokesman for the Washington Public Power Supply System said Thursday.

WPPSS is building twin plants at Satsop.

The machine contains a pellet of iridium-192, a radioactive metal which emits gamma rays, said Richard Romanelli.

"He or she undoubtedly was exposed to some radiation, but it would have been a small amount," Romanelli said.

WPPSS officials say they do not know who tampered with the faceplate.

Removing the faceplate — if indeed it was removed at all — would not have given a person access to the iridium pellet, he added.

The tamperer is in no danger from radiation and is not a danger to others, Romanelli said. The maximum radiation would have been equivalent to a dose received in a conventional X-ray, Romanelli said.

"We'd like to find out who it was and why the device was tampered with. It's potentially hazardous to tamper with those kinds of devices and we'd like to educate (the person)," Romanelli said.

The screws were discovered loosened on the 50-pound machine at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday in a room in the WNP-3 reactor auxiliary building.

The loosened screws were noticed by Tim Kitzberger, a licensed radiographer employed by Peabody Testing Co., which uses the equipment to test pipe welds.

Under normal working conditions, the machine operator stands at a distance, triggering a cable that forces the pellet enclosed in a tube to emerge from the machine and expose the X-ray film, Romanelli said.

The state Department of Labor and Industries and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission were notified of the incident, he said.

In addition, a WPPSS health physicist arrived at the site Wednesday to determine how much radiation may have escaped from the machine.

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Snow halts traffic, cuts power

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By The Associated Press

A spring snowstorm buried parts of Virginia and North Carolina with up to 2 feet of snow Monday, blocking roads and knocking out power to thousands of homes and businesses.

And at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina, where 23 inches of snow fell, shopkeeper Winston Church said he had to make his way through the slippery snow to feed the bears and crack ice so the deer on the mountain could drink.

Elsewhere in the state, the snowstorm broke records set half a century ago.

The storm Sunday night and Monday dumped up to 20 inches of snow on some parts of southwestern Virginia.

"You know how March is — just like a mule," said James Merriman, a plant operator at a filtration plant in Martinsville, Va., where 8.2 inches of snow fell. "You can't predict what it'll do."

Virginia State Police said there was 10 to 14 inches of snow in Wythe, Smyth, Bland, Pulaski, Carroll and Bland counties.

Falling thick on power lines, the snow wiped out service to more than 17,700 Appalachian Power Co. customers from Botetourt County south to the North Carolina border.

Sunday, the North Carolina Highway Patrol closed Interstate 40 near Old Fort after traffic backed up. The p[illegible]out 2 a.m. M[illegible]

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lotte northeast to Kerr Lake. From 3 to 6 inches of snow fell from the Virginia border north of Raleigh-Durham southwest to the extreme southern mountains, and about 6 inches to nearly a foot of snow fel from Roxboro in Person County along the Virginia border to Greensboro and then southwest through the foothills.

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Rocket test delayed

MATAGORDA ISLAND, Texas (UPI) — Technicians trying to put a private enterprise rocket into space are taking the weekend off and coming back next week for another attempt to fire up the engine. Attempts to ignite the engine for a 3-second test Friday failed because kerosene fuel leaked onto the black powder igniter. Twice technicans tried to set the engine off but twice they brought the countdown to zero and nothing happened.

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Cruise missile fails

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For the first time in four tests, one of the Navy's Tomahawk cruise missiles, launched from a submerged submarine off the California coast, malfunctioned and crashed onto a test range in Nevada, the Navy has announced. The missile flew over California in its third launching from a submarine and the fourth in a series of tests using a new precision guidance system, the Navy said.

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Blame fixed on loose nut in nuclear plant shutdown

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP) — A mysterious rattle that forced the latest shutdown of Florida Power Corp.'s nuclear power plant here has been traced to a loose nut from the reactor's core, utility officials said Thursday.

A preliminary analysis by Babcock & Wilcox, the plant's designer, indicated that a 1-inch threaded steel cylinder recovered from the reactor's steam system was a nut from the top of a tube that houses control-rod mechanisms.

Confident that there would be no further complications, officials of the St. Petersburg-based utility said they planned to put the 825-megawatt unit back into service within the next few days.

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"Taking into consideration the information provided by Babcock & Wilcox and our own detailed study, we have a high degree of confidence that we can go ahead with a restart in the next few days," said Florida Power spokesman Larry Shriner. "We feel very confident it's a safe thing to do."

If the small metal cylinder is one of nearly 3,000 nuts in the reactor core, there should be no problem in restarting the unit, utility officials said they were told by the manufacturer's research plant in Lynchburg, Va.

The utility also conducted its own study before the decision was made to put the plant back into operation, Shriner said.

The day the cows flew — UFOs & Projects —

Twister slams E. Washington

DEER PARK, Wash. (AP) — While Neal and Loretta Cotner sat in their living room watching television, their cattle were sailing through the stormy skies of Spokane County, a neighbor says.

The neighbor, Jerry Bisbee, says the twister that lifted the cows off the ground during Monday night's storm set them down again no worse for their journey.

Bisbee, a neighbor of the Cotners, said the twister touched down just east of here Monday night, flattened a shed and gave the cows the ride of their lives.

"It was just like a piece of dynamite hit it. The roof blew off, the sides blew out, the cows went flying," he said.

Then, he said, the roof settled back down.

No injuries were reported.

Spokane County Sheriff's deputies said the wood-and-metal shed was leveled.

National Weather Service specialist Jim Mitchell said he didn't know what caused the twister.

The Cotners raise beef cattle and hay on their farm just east of Deer Park.

Mrs. Cotner says they have six cattle and a week-old bull calf. "The neighbors say the cows were in the shed. Everybody saw it but us. We know Brownie (the mother of the newborn calf) was in there though. We know she went through the electric fence because it was busted and she was on the other side when we found her," she said.

Brownie weighs a ton.

Tuesday morning, the animals stayed in a far corner of their field. "They are not even coming in for water. They are staying a long way away. But we counted noses last night after it happened and they were all up and OK," Mrs. Cotner said.

Another neighbor, Barbara Scott, along with her family watched what she could see of the twister.

"We saw the twister and saw it sit down in the trees before we couldn't see anything anymore," she said. "I was trying to keep the four kids quiet. It was a black cloud about two blocks across and it definitely was a twister funnel came down out of it. There was a red hue and you could see through it.

"It was beautiful just before the cloud came over. As the cloud went over our house, it poured. It wasn't drops, it was steady buckets."

Mrs. Scott said there was other evidence of the twister, such as flattened flowers.

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Rainstorms lash Midwest

United Press International

Rainstorms Monday battered New Mexico and the Midwest, where weekend storms packing tornadoes and hurricane-force winds downed power lines and spawned minor street flooding.

The storms rolled across Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa with nearly 100 mph winds Sunday, knocking down trees and damaging some buildings. Flooding was reported in Nebraska, swamped by more than 3 inches of rain.

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High radiation doses hit Japan N-workers

TOKYO (UPI) — A radioactive leak, hushed up for 40 days by the operators of a chronically defective nuclear power station, exposed 56 workers to high radiation doses in the worst nuclear plant accident in Japan's history, the company revealed Tuesday.

The Japanese government, which lifted the lid on the cover-up Monday, ordered a complete review of the accident-plagued Tsuruga plant — Japan's second-oldest atomic plant, and 21 other nuclear complexes across the country to prevent similar incidents.

"This should never happen again," Rokusuke Tanaka, the Cabinet minister in charge of charge of nuclear facilities, told Parliament in a report on the worst nuclear accident in the history of Japan, which relies on nuclear plants for 16 percent of its electricity.

The report said an estimated 45 tons of highly radioactive waste spilled from the storage tanks March 8 at the Japan Atomic Power Co's Tsuruga plant in a sparsely populated area on the Sea of Japan 225 miles west of Tokyo.

The company admitted 56 workers were contaminated during a three-hour cleanup operation in which they hauled radioactive water from the plant in buckets and then mopped the floor March 8-9. Another cleanup was made April 15.

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Tornadoes rake Midwest, Florida

By The Associated Press

A Missouri woman was killed and her son critically injured Sunday when a tornado blew apart their mobile home, authorities said. Tornadoes, heavy rains and high winds tore through much of the Midwest and Ohio Valley, felling trees and snapping power lines.

Bonnie McClure, 23, was killed and her 2-year-old son Kennie critically injured when their mobile home was uprooted.

In Florida, heavy thunderstorms spawned three tornadoes that briefly knocked out electricity at the Orlando International Airport and blew the roof off a house. The airport was shut down for a half-hour during the height of the storm.

High winds tore down two tents and overturned a trailer at a fair near Lexington, Ky. Five persons were slightly injured, authorities said, including a man who was briefly trapped inside the overturned trailer.

Lexington Mayor Jim Amato said damage in the city was "very extensive."

In Missouri, where heavy rains triggered flooding in the central part of the state, authorities said a tornado extensively damaged Warrenton, about 40 miles west of St. Louis.

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Lifeguards pluck 3,000 from sea

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California lifeguards pulled about 3,000 people to safety as riptides caused by rough seas made weekend swimming hazardous, officials said Monday.

None of the estimated 600,000 people who packed the beaches was reported drowned.

However, crews searched for a teen-ager reported missing Saturday night while swimming with friends near the Hermosa Beach pier. Three other youths were rescued in that incident.

An estimated 1,600 people were rescued in Los Angeles and Orange counties on Sunday, while about 1,300 were rescued Saturday in Los Angeles County alone.

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21 die in Midland storms

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By United Press International

Residents from Texas to Michigan, besieged by a three-day assault of tornadoes and flooding that left at least 21 people dead and thousands homeless, braced Tuesday for another round of fierce storms.

Tornadoes struck again Monday — in Wisconsin, Indiana and Oklahoma — and severe flooding forced the evacuation of nearly 2,000 people in central Kansas.

Storms that pummeled the Midlands from the Plains to the East resulted in at least 21 deaths in the last three days. Texas reported eight deaths, Ohio had six, Minnesota had three, Illinois had two and Pennsylvania and Maryland had one each.

The damage may not be finished.

Severe thunderstorms or tornado watches were posted early Tuesday from northern Texas into central Illinois. Showers stretched from southwestern Texas to the Great Lakes.

Thunderstorms Tuesday drenched south central Texas, leaving up to 5 inches of rain in Kerrville. The National Weather Service said sharp rises were expected in a number of rain-engorged waterways.

Since the Memorial Day weekend, flooding has taken 22 lives in the Austin and central Texas area and caused millions of dollars worth of damage.

Heavy wind Monday night knocked down power lines and trees in central Illinois, and a tornado struck a motel and appliance store in Lafayette, Ind.

Lightning late Monday struck a Little League baseball diamond in Lewisville, Texas. Two youngsters were injured.

Some 13,000 homes in Minnesota's Twin Cities area were without power late Monday after a series of tornadoes ripped through the cities Sunday, leaving three people dead, 90 injured and up to $80 million in damages.

Nearly 2,000 people were evacuated in waist-deep flooding in central Kansas, where the governor declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard to help rescue flood victims — some from the roofs of their homes.

The dike on the Arkansas River broke in five places Monday night, making an island out of the town of Great Bend, Kan., which had been flooded by 13 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Pat Flack stood on the doorstep of her home in northwest Great Bend, watching as the waters surged through her front yard.

"I really didn't think it would get up this high, but just two hours ago this yard was dry," she said.

Said another resident, "This is an island, the whole city is. And it's getting deeper."

Up to 3 inches of rain Monday soaked Madison, Wis., causing extensive damage to many homes and businesses.

A 9-year-old Sun Prairie boy was seriously injured when he was sucked into a flooded culvert.

United Press International

WEATHER MENACE — Funnel cloud cut through south Minneapolis Sunday, leaving almost 100 persons hurt, thousands homeless and millions of dollars in damages. Minnesota and other Midland residents cleaned up Tuesday, bracing for a new wave of fierce storms.

Vittorio was found along a highway outside Modena, near Bologna, early Tuesday.

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Mexico City flooded

MEXICO CITY (AP) — City residents swept, bailed and pumped water out of their homes Tuesday in southern parts of the capital, flooded after a day of heavy rain. Eleven flooding deaths were reported outside the capital, police said.

Local newspapers said as many as 5,000 people abandoned their homes because of the flooding.

Mount Etna erupts

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Mount Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano, erupted Tuesday with a powerful explosion from a crater on its west slope, authorities reported.

The state institute of vulcanology here said the crater was spewing intense smoke, but there no was lava flow or seismic activity. In March, a major eruption forced evacuation of a nearby village. org 6/17/81

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Philadelphia Electric Closes Down a Unit Of Atomic Power Plant

By WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Electric Co. said it would remove unit No. 2 of the Peach Bottom atomic power station from service to replace a recirculation pump seal.

Repairs to the seal are expected to take about five days, but Philadelphia Electric plans other maintenance that will require an additional five days.

A company spokesman said the unit was being closed down manually, after the seal had failed. The utility said radiation wasn't released and plant personnel weren't injured. W. St. J. 6/24/81

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Malfunction damages Goldendale windmill

GOLDENDALE, Wash. (UPI) — A mechanical malfunction resulted in serious damage to a $6 million, 350-foot-tall windmill — the world's largest model — on a ridge overlooking the Columbia River, officials reported Monday.

Three giant windmills built by the Boeing Co. under government contract to generate electricity were dedicated officially May 29 when Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., symbolically threw a switch tying them in to the regional power grid.

But 11 days later, during a test of its ability to shut down in an emergency, the blade on one windmill failed to "feather" and it "went into an overspeed condition," said Joe Holmes, Boeing spokesman in Seattle.

"The generator was damaged and will have to be replaced," he said. "There was damage to the drive train, too."

Holmes said the amount of damage would be determined by a team of Boeing engineers who were sent to the scene to investigate.

The two undamaged windmills were shut down after the accident and will not be operated until the engineers figure out how to prevent the problem from occurring again, he said.

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It is unlikely the damaged unit will be repaired before September, he said.

Holmes said the malfunction was not a serious setback for the windmill program because it happened during the experimental stage and should help engineers improve the machines.

"We don't welcome a malfunction, but when they happen, this is the time when we want it to happen," he said.

Boeing built the machines for the Bonneville Power Administration on a 2,600-foot-high ridge overlooking the Columbia, 127 miles east of Portland, Ore.

Each windmill is 350 feet tall with a single 300-foot-long blade — looking something like a giant airplane propeller mounted on a cylindrical tower.

The first "MOD-2" unit was completed in December; by April, all three machines were supplying power to the regional grid.

At maximum capacity, each windmill can generate 2.5 megawatts of electricity. Together they could supply about 2,400 homes.

Power from the demonstration models costs about 10 cents per kilowatt hour, which is not now competitive with other forms of generation. But Boeing estimates that "wind farms" of 100 or more such units could bring the cost down to a reasonable 4 cents to 5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Holmes said Boeing is negotiating with other utilities around the nation to obtain orders for more windmills. The company has estimated the machines could be mass produced for about $2 million each.

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Tornado-ravaged town sealed off by officials

EMBERSON, Texas (AP) — Authorities sealed off this tiny north Texas town Thursday to prevent looting following a tornado that flattened nearly two dozen buildings and injured 30 people.

"Emberson is just gone. It just got Emberson. There's no doubt about it," said Lamar County sheriff's deputy John Williams after the twister, 200 to 500 yards wide, ripped through the town Wednesday night.

In a three-minute rampage, the tornado leveled 22 buildings, including a church where a worship service was in progress.

The twister knocked out power in the unincorporated town near the Texas-Oklahoma border, and utility crews worked Thursday to restore electricity and telephone service for its 80 residents.

One insurance agent estimated damage would total at least $520,000.

"It was so big, I never really saw a funnel, just a wall of debris coming at me," said one resident, Doug Winn.

Eight people were admitted to hospitals in nearby Paris, but none of their injuries was considered serious, spokesmen said.

Most of the injuries were "a lot of broken bones and shrapnel wounds from the whirling debris," Williams said.

"Thank God, all the people are accounted for," Williams added. "Nobody is missing — not even any little boys who might have been out smoking behind the barn."

The tornado cut a two-milelong swath of destruction, destroying two buildings in nearby Sumner before slamming into Emberson.

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Poor weather hampers Mount Hood, Rainier rescue efforts

By JAMES C. FLANIGAN
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Journal Staff Writers

Poor weather and high winds Monday hampered recovery efforts on 11,235-foot Mount Hood and 14,400-foot Mount Rainier after separate climbing accidents Sunday claimed 16 lives.

Officials said the mountaineering tragedies were the worst in modern memory for the two tallest peaks in the Pacific Northwest.

Eleven climbers were buried under tons of glacial ice that tumbled down Mount Rainier in Washington and part of an Oregon climbing group of 16 was swept down the slopes of Mount Hood in a chain-reaction fall that left five dead and others injured.

Rangers said that the accident on Rainier was the worst in the history of Mount Rainier National Park. A veteran rescuer on Mount Hood said the accident there was the worst since 1953, when 15 members of a church group were hurt while climbing the mountain.

A ground party under the direction of Hood River County Sheriff Robert Lynch set out at daybreak Monday from the Cloud Cap Inn, at the 3,500-foot level of Mount Hood, in an effort to recover four bodies. Wind was reported blowing at 30 mph and fog enveloped the peak.

The sheriff's office identified the dead as Jim Darby, 35, of Newberg; Garth Westcott, 35, of Bend; George Anderson, 36, of Boring, and Larry Young, 30, Corvallis.

The fifth victim, Leah Lorenson, 30, of Vancouver, Wash., suffered a heart attack and died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday in Portland Adventist Medical Center as doctors vainly performed a "hands on" heart massage to revive her.

The climbers were on a Mazama Club outing marking the first day of summer when they fell "just like dominoes" in an area near where two climbers were killed June 6.

The tragedy occurred at about 12:30 p.m. when 12 members of the 16-member Mazamas climbing party slipped and fell to the 8,700-foot level in the Elliot Glacier area.

Several climbers were roped together and started the dominoe-like effect, knocking others down the side of the steep ridge when they started falling, a spokesman for the Hood River County sheriff's office said.

Members of the sheriff's office and

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50 felled by heat at Phoenix parade

By United Press International

Scorching heat felled about 50 people at a Lions Club parade in Phoenix, Ariz., Wednesday and fueled brush fires in California. The National Weather Service said there was no relief in sight.

Temperatures soared to 109 degrees in downtown Phoenix Wednesday afternoon and hovered at 95 degrees during the night. Parade-watchers collapsed from exhaustion and dehydration, authorities said.

"I hear they were dropping like flies over there," a National Weather Service forecaster said of the Lions' gathering, which attracted people from all over the nation.

About 20 people were treated at Good Samaritan Hospital.

"People just weren't used to the Arizona heat," a nursing supervisor said. "Basically, we just gave them liquids to drink and cooled them off. We checked them over and then sent them home."

Flooded rivers in Indiana and Kansas, meanwhile, kept hundreds of residents away from their homes again Thursday, and firefighters in California sought to contain the last of several fires that erupted in broiling heat, killing a boy.

Two deaths were blamed on storms Wednesday in the Southeast and Midwest.

The heat wave still gripped Arizona and Northern California Thursday, with temperatures heading for the 100-degree mark.

Thunderstorms pounded the Southeast Thursday, and scattered showers lingered over the Carolinas. Isolated thunderstorms soaked the upper Mississippi Valley into northern Michi[illegible].

Hail and rain pelted downtown Richmond, Va., Wednesday afternoon, damaging trees and power lines. About 21,000 people lost power during the height of the storm.

Wind up to 55 mph battered the Plains, causing scattered power outages in Nebraska and Minnesota.

Two deaths were attributed to the storms — a Virginia man who touched a powerline toppled during the storm, and an Iowa construction worker who was injured fatally when the wind blew part of a roof on him.

Florida residents, baking under 100-degree temperatures for six days in a row, looked forward to a cooling trend Thursday, which forecasters said could bring afternoon rainshowers. Thousands of chickens have died in the heatwave, and power officials warned that electricity use might have to be cut.

More than 450 people in Indiana stayed away from their homes because of flooding on the Little Calumet, Tippecanoe and Kankakee rivers.

The Williams Ditch dike on the rising Kankakee near Shelby was holding with reinforcements of sandbags. Officials warned that a break in the dike could force evacuation of 2,000 people.

In Kansas, the waters of the Arkansas River and Walnut Creek — which flooded Great Bend with 6 feet of muddy water and damaged 2,430 homes — receded. Many of the 4,000 people evacuated in Monday's flood returned home, but the Red Cross said up to 200 residents stayed in shelters Wednesday night

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Salem power cut by crash

SALEM — A widespread power outage in the Salem area was caused near midnight Sunday when a car sheared off a power pole at Market and Evergreen streets, dropping several lines and shorting out connecting boxes.

Salem police said the driver of the car, who was not injured, was cited for driving while under the influence of intoxicants. He was identified as Michael Anthony Rice, 26, of Salem.

Portland General Electric Co. crews worked until after daylight Monday to restore power to the area.

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Wild weather claims 22 lives

By United Press International

Thousands of flood victims returned Wednesday to their homes in Kansas, but rivers from Texas to Vermont swelled to dangerous levels from storms blamed for at least 22 deaths.

Sizzling heat Tuesday covered the Eastern Seaboard from Florida to New York, resulting in record electricity loads and the deaths of thousands of chickens.

But a cold front pushed thunderstorms packing high winds over the Appalachians and Mid-Atlantic Coast Wednesday. Winds were clocked at more than 60 mph across western New York and Pennsylvania. Near Pittsburgh, gusts downed trees and power lines.

At least 22 deaths have been attributed to the four-day onslaught of tornadoes, flooding and thunderstorms — eight in Texas, six in Ohio, three each in Minnesota and Illinois, and one each in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Oreg. 6/19/81

Sugar feints with witch doctor

CHICAGO (AP) — A specter is hanging over Sugar Ray Leonard; the specter is a "witch doctor."

That, Leonard said Thursday, is why he hasn't scouted Ayub Kalule in person for the World Boxing Association junior middleweight title bout in Houston.

"Kalule's got a witch doctor and I want to stay clear of him," Leonard said from Houston in a telephone news conference. "I don't believe in it, but I want to stay my distance; I don't trust him.

"I heard my mother and father talk about voodoo and witchcraft; there may be some truth in it."

A gold medalist in the 1976 Olympics, the 25-year-old Leonard has since steamrolled to a 29-1 professional record — including 20 knockouts — and the World Boxing Council welterweight crown.

Now the world junior middleweight throne beckons Leonard, and his opponent will be Kalule, a 5-foot-9, 154-pound Ugandan southpaw who is undefeated with 36 victories and 28 knockouts since 1976.

The Leonard-Kalule bout, part of a triple-bill "Welterweight Astrowars" to be aired on closed-circuit television across America, will take place in the Houston Astrodome June 25.

The 27-year-old Kalule, now a resident of Denmark, reportedly sent to his native Uganda for a "witch doctor" to help prepare him for his United States debut against Leonard.

Officials of New York-based Top Rank Inc., which is promoting the bout, said in a press release handed out to reporters that Kalule's "witch doctor" has stopped tornadoes and floods and made crops grow.

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Flames sweep California; hundreds abandon homes

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SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Wind-whipped flames engulfed dozens of homes, forced hundreds to flee fires sweeping their neighborhoods and blackened nearly 12,000 acres of brush in the third day of a searing Southern California heat wave.

The fires fueled by dry desert winds and 100-degree-plus mercury readings destroyed at least 15 homes and damaged 27 others in seven Southern California counties.

Fast-moving flames traveling over a hill in the Rancho Bernardo section of San Diego County forced the evacuation of 100 families Monday afternoon. Fire officials said the families may be allowed to return Tuesday.

To the north in Orange County, fire exploded through a housing tract Monday, leaving eight families homeless. Officials said the $2 million blaze was caused by "bottle rockets" — illegal fireworks.

"The winds just took that fire and spread it all through the other houses," said Capt. Bill Simpkins of the Orange City Fire Department. "We've got some leads on a suspect and we're investigating it."

Record-breaking temperatures soaring past the 100-degree mark combined with the dry, desert winds gusting to 40 mph made the atmosphere volatile — and ripe for fires. By 9 p.m., temperatures had cooled to only 85 in San Diego and 87 in Los Angeles.

A 500-acre fire roared down a canyon into the fashionable section of Spring Valley in southern San Diego County, destroying at least five homes and damaging a dozen others. The fire was burning out of control at nightfall.

In the 800-acre Rancho Bernardo blaze, the roofs of five homes were scorched by flames and 30 other homes were still in danger early Tuesday. Fire spokesman Bob Sawyer said the fire was still out of control and no one knew when it would be contained.

In the southern portion of the county, two brushfires merged Monday afternoon to form a 1,500-acre blaze in the rugged Tierrasanta area.

Elsewhere in Orange County, a home in Laguna Niguel sustained $60,000 damage and a home in the Cowan Heights area suffered about $175,000 damage. County fire spokesman Mike McKee said four firefighters suffered heat exhaustion in the Cowan Heights blaze and another was burned on his hands.

In nearby San Juan Capistrano, a fire caused about $1.5 million damage to a nearly completed condominium. McKee said 13 of the 28 units were destroyed.

Electrical wires downed by the high winds ignited a 30-acre blaze in one part of Orange County.

In Riverside County, 16 fires were ignited by noon and some 7,000 acres scorched. All the fires were contained except for three 1,000-acres blazes in remote, uninhabited areas of the county.

A spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry said one home and two structures were destroyed in a 100-acre fire at Lake Elsinore in Riverside County and one structure was lost in Rubidoux.

The Air Force reported late Monday that a 650-acre brush blaze was burning unchecked on the Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County.

"No missile launch pads or other buildings are threatened at this time," said Airman Robert Craig.

In Los Angeles, a rash of small blazes kept firefighters busy, but no structures were lost. The largest was a 100-acre fire in the Mission Hills area, said spokesman Steve Ventura.

An electrical fire in an apartment complex caused $160,000 damage and injured five firefighters. One firefighter was treated for second and third-degree burns on his upper body while the others were treated for smoke inhalation at Queen of Angels Hospital.

Four major brush fires scorched about 500 acres in the county.

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Vicious storms lash midlands; 13 perish

By United Press International

National Guardsmen patrolled streets Monday from Minnesota to Ohio, where a barrage of tornadoes and thunderstorms damaged hundreds of homes, knocked out power to thousands and injured nearly 150 people. At least 13 deaths were blamed on the storms.

In vicious weather assailing the nation's midsection during the weekend, four people died in both Ohio and Texas, two in Illinois and Minnesota and one in Maryland. Two others were missing in Texas.

The Minnesota deaths included one man who died following Sunday's Twin Cities tornadoes and a man who was struck by lightning during a softball tournament at Long Prairie. Nine others were injured.

More than 80 people were injured in Minnesota and Ohio reported at least 60 people injured.

Five tornadoes swept through Minneapolis and St. Paul Sunday afternoon, flattening homes and cars and causing millions of dollars in damage in about 35 minutes.

More than 100,000 people in the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas lost power during the assault.

Authorities said they received numerous reports of looting in the areas struck by the tornadoes.

Hardest hit was suburban Roseville, where the tornado shattered windows, flipped cars and mangled signs at the Har-Mar Shopping Center.

As many as 50 homes were damaged or destroyed, and hundreds of trees were knocked down or uprooted, smashing cars.

Thousands of people were evacuated in widespread flooding in Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, but most returned to their waterlogged homes Sunday.

Thunderstorms hovered over central Texas for the sixth day Monday, where weekend storms flooded rivers and creeks with 13 inches of rain, forcing the evacuation of 2,000 people.

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S. California fires spread

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LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Firefighters enduring temperatures of more than 100 degrees fought blazes still raging Wednesday throughout Southern California, where flames have damaged or destroyed at least 40 homes and charred more than 35,000 acres of brush.

Desert winds have diminished, but the sweltering heat, low humidity and tinder-dry brush still played havoc with firefighting efforts.

Several fires that broke out earlier in the week were controlled by firefighters, but others remained unchecked and many more blazes erupted Tuesday in counties from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border.

Fire fed by 105-degree temperatures and erratic winds destroyed three houses and damaged three others in the Mount Washington area of Los Angeles Tuesday. Five prize Great Danes died in one of the homes.

The biggest fire, a 10,000-acre blaze in Riverside County, temporarily threatened Mount Palomar space observatory and prompted voluntary evacuation of the small community of Agauango Tuesday night. Three mobile homes were consumed by flames.

Firefighters contained a 7,200-acre fire at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County and predicted full control by dawn Wednesday.

Fire spokesman Steve Vittum said no missile sites or buildings were threatened by the flames, but about a dozen cattle perished in the blaze.

A rash of fires in San Diego County scorched more than 12,000 acres during a two-day period, destroyed five homes and damaged two others.

A 4,000-acre fire in the exclusive Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego that damaged one house was almost under control Tuesday.

An 8,000-acre fire in the Tierrasanta area also was expected to be contained.

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Blaze sears wine country

Oregon 6/22/81

NAPA, Calif. (UPI) — A huge wind-whipped fire roared out of control through the Napa Valley wine country Tuesday, threatening several small towns.

At least 39 plush homes valued from $250,000 to $500,000 were destroyed in the blaze authorities said was deliberately set.

State forestry spokesman Nick Fowler said the blaze was sparked by four individual fires set within minutes and miles of each other along the Silverado Trail that runs along the eastern side of the lush vineyard valley, which provides much of America's choice wine.

The vineyards and wineries, themselves, were said to be in no immediate danger.

Darkness forced fire investigators from the scene late Monday, Fowler said, but they "came to the decision" the blaze was deliberately set.

Seven people were treated for burns and smoke inhalation suffered in the inferno, which gained in fury as the four brush fires converged late Monday and swept through grass and brush dried by searing 100-degree temperatures.

Officials said "several" firefighters also were injured slightly, but they could not say exactly how many were hurt.

"This is fire country . . . but it's not been like this in 10 to 15 years," said Byron Carniglia, chief ranger of Napa-Lake County Forestry District.

Carniglia said bulldozers were working through the night trying to halt the hungry blaze that already had cut an 11-mile swath through the valley and was burning its way toward the more populated town of Fairfield to the southeast.

Near dawn, as fire officials prepared to launch airplanes laden with fire retardant chemicals, the blaze already had reached the dry, rolling hills 10 miles northwest of Fairfield, which straddles U.S. 80.

Winds gusting up to 50 mph swept the fire along the Atlas Peak ridge, charring over 28,000 acres and destroying 65 structures. An army of 600 firefighters fought to contain the blaze, which left 200 residents homeless.

Air tanker support was grounded for the night because of the dense smoke, which could be seen from San Francisco 50 miles to the southwest, and firefighters had to rely on 87 engines and other ground-support equipment to chase the fast-moving blaze.

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WET WORK — Madison, Wis. taxi driver balls water out of cab after 2½ inches of rain fell in three hours, flooding businesses and streets. Associated Press Laserphoto

Oregon 6/17/81

At least 2 killed by summer's first storms

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United Press International

DANGEROUS SKY — A white funnel cloud appeared during the weekend over Olathe, Kan., a far suburb of Kansas City, as part of a weather system that spawned storms that killed at least two people. A number of tornadoes were sighted in the Kansas City area but none touched down.

United Press International

Summer's first thunderstorms packing tornadoes, hail and torrential rain pummeled the Midwest and the Atlantic Coast for a second day Monday. At least two people died in the storms and thousands were left without power.

Firefighters in northwestern Florida worked a fourth day Monday trying to contain a lightning-sparked fire that burned hundreds of acres near Panama City.

Thunderstorms hovered over the Midwest and stretched to the Atlantic Coast into Florida early Monday in a repeat of action Sunday, the summer solstice. A flash flood warning was issued for west central Illinois, deluged with up to 6 inches of rain.

At least two deaths were blamed on the storms — a Warrenton, Mo., woman killed when high winds swept through the town Sunday, and a death in the central Illinois community of Littleton. Nearly 30 injuries were reported in Missouri, Illinois and Ohio.

The storms Sunday hurled tornadoes from South Dakota and Minnesota across Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania and into eastern Florida, causing scattered property damage and power outages.

Wind of up to 70 mph blew down trees at Fort Knox and Lexington, Ky., and across northern Iowa.

Heavy rain accompanied the storms, dumping nearly 3 inches at Orlando, Fla., more than 2 inches at Parkersburg, W.V., and more than an inch at Findlay, Ohio.

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Flooding in China takes heavy toll

PEKING (AP) — The heaviest rains in 32 years caused four rivers in southwest China's Sichuan province to overflow their banks, killing or injuring 40 to 50 people, stranding hundreds of thousands and inundating nearly 1 million acres of farm land, officials said Wednesday.

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Six crews of firefighters stood guard Monday over a blaze near Panama City, Fla., that burned 700 acres of timberland and raged to within a quarter mile of the tiny bayfront community of Southport.

The fire cooled down overnight but fire officials were not hopeful.

"It'll jump its fire lines, we know that," said Ralph Williams of the Division of Forestry. "We know that it will after the sun and wind come up. We just don't know where."

A brief storm hit Virginia with hail and heavy rain Sunday night, knocking out power to 10,000 residents in the Richmond area. Virginia Electric and Power Co. officials said power should be restored Monday.

Fierce, straight-line winds, first thought to be a tornado, struck Missouri Sunday, damaging nearly a dozen houses in the Warrenton area and injuring up to 10 people. Heavy rain triggered flooding 3 feet deep that briefly stranded travelers in Jefferson City and swept away one car and a boat.

Thunderstorms and tornadoes battered southern and central Illinois Sunday night, damaging buildings and leaving several hundred residents without power.

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Twisters, rain sweep nation

United Press International

A series of tornadoes touched down in eastern North Dakota late Thursday, and heavy rains prompted flood watches Friday in Arizona and Oklahoma, where up to 6 inches of rain caused flooding in some areas.

A storm 25 to 50 miles east of Oklahoma City unleashed rainfall at rates of 4 inches per hour Thursday, causing flooding from Prague south to Seminole. About 6 inches of water flooded Oklahoma 51 about 3 miles west of Tahlequah, Okla.

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14 die as violent thunderstorms hit Midwest

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By CHARLOTTE PORTER
of The Associated Press

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Lightning, floods and tornadoes killed at least 14 persons as thunderstorms churned across central and eastern states over the weekend, forcing hundreds of homeowners to flee rising waters.

Sunday afternoon, a storm system in Minnesota spawned tornadoes that chewed through the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. At least 76 people were injured, two of them critically, officials said. There were no reports of fatalities due to injuries, but one man reportedly collapsed and died of a heart attack as a funnel appeared.

In Texas, authorities said two people drowned Sunday and two more were missing in the swift-flowing waters of the Pedernales River, swollen by heavy rains that have produced widespread flooding.

One boy was dead and more than 100 were injured in flooding in Illinois, while a twister claimed livestock in Iowa, and hail piled nearly 2 feet deep on some parts of Nebraska.

In the tiny Ohio community of Cardington, a tornado Saturday carved a path of destruction that Gov. James Rhodes said was proportionately the worst in the state's history.

About 171 homes and 29 businesses were heavily damaged by the storm, which hit the community of 2,000 around 3:45 p.m. Saturday and left 50 people homeless.

Killed were Donald W. Carson, a 9-month-old infant who died of storm-related injuries; Leo Bingman, described as being in his late 60s, who died of a heart attack; Thelma Olsen, 62, who died Sunday after being pulled from wreckage; and Maxine Danner, 67, whose cause of death was not available.

About 100 Ohio National Guardsmen helped keep order and guard against looters Saturday night. Scattered looting was reported several hours after the storm.

Flooding in Texas has claimed at least 20 lives in southeast Texas in the past three weeks, including two Saturday and two more Sunday.

Witnesses told law enforcement officers that four people were swept away Sunday after they walked out into the swollen Pedernales River, stepping on rocks that were still above the water. But when they tried to return to shore they slipped and fell into the rushing stream.

Two bodies were recovered, and law enforcement officials were searching for the other two persons.

Many other central Texas rivers continued to spill from their banks Sunday as heavy thunderstorms pounded the waterlogged area with as much as 4 inches of rain an hour.

Hundreds fled their homes in Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos and surrounding towns after the latest round of flooding began Saturday. Since Memorial Day, the floods have done at least $35 million in property damage, mostly in the Austin area.

In northwestern Ohio, Rhodes declared the flood-ravaged town of Findlay a disaster area Sunday afternoon and called out 75 National Guardsmen. Findlay Fire Department spokesmen said about 400 people had to be evacuated because of the flooding.

David Wobser, Findlay safety service director, said Rhodes surveyed the town after inspecting tornado damage at Cardington.

Wobser said the flooding caused damage over about a 50-square-block area in Findlay.

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Up to 3,000 die in Iran quake

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked southeastern Iran early Thursday, and Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai said between 1,500 and 3,000 people were killed, Tehran Radio reported.

Rajai told his countrymen the disaster was so large that "it is impossible to compensate for it without public aid and the revolutionary sacrifice of you heroic people."

Earlier, a spokesman for the governor general's office in stricken Kerman province said between 1,000 to 1,500 people were killed.

A Tehran Radio dispatch from the province said more than 1,500 seriously wounded were moved to hospitals.

In Gol Bagh, hardest-hit village in the province, 500 to 600 people were injured and "rescuers still are pulling victims from the massive rubble," a spokesman for the governor general's office said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press here.

Two-thirds of Gol Bagh's houses were destroyed and more casualties were feared in the area, which has 40,000 inhabitants, he said.

Tehran Radio said food, medicine, blankets and Red Crescent — Iran's Red Cross — personnel were being flown in by helicopter; the injured were ferried out to undamaged hospitals on return flights.

The quake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. Spokesman Don Finley said the quake was centered around Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran.

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Power failure hits SW city

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An estimated 1,000 customers of Portland General Electric Co. in the industrial area of Southwest Portland lost power Monday afternoon, according to a company spokesman.

Dave Eagon said the outage occured at 1:27 p.m.

He said the area was near SW Thomas and Gibbs Streets, extending to SW Montgomery Street.

Cause of the outage was not immediately known.

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Twisters hit Minnesota

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United Press International

Thunderstorms carrying gales up to 60 mph pushed across the Northern Plains into the Southeast Saturday ahead of an advancing cold front. Two tornadoes touched down in Minnesota.

Sizzling temperatures lingered over the Southwest. Bullhead, Ariz., became the nation's hottest spot with a 112-degree reading Friday.

Heavy rains pounded the Mississippi Valley late Friday. More than 2 inches of rain fell in Lockwood, Mo., and more than 1½ inches hit Kansas City, Mo.

Two tornadoes touched down in a lake and an open field in Grant County near Hoffman, Minn., as heavy thunderstorms moved through the area. No injuries or damages were reported, officials said.

Large-sized hail accompanied thunderstorms into South Dakota and southeastern Minnesota. Baseball-sized hail was reported northwest of Rapid City, S.D., near Whitewood, and golfball-sized hail pelted Alexandria, Minn.

Temperatures Friday in western Texas surpassed the 100-degree mark.

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JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israeli air force planes "completely destroyed" the Iraqi atomic reactor near Baghdad Sunday, the Israeli government said in a special announcement Monday.

"On Sunday, June 7, the Israeli Air Force went out to attack the Ossirak atomic reactor near Baghdad," the announcement said. "Our pilots fulfilled their mission completely. The reactor was completely destroyed."

The announcement said all the Israeli planes returned safely to their base.

The government explained its suprise attack by saying, "For a long time, we have been following, with deep concern, the establishment of the Ossirak atomic reactor. Reliable sources have no doubt, and we have learned, that it (the reactor) is intended, despite the camouflage, to create atomic bombs.

"The target of these bombs was Israel," the announcement said.

The announcement said Iraq's ruler, Sadaam Hussein, had announced Iraqi intentions outright. It said when the Iranians hit the reactor last October in the early days of the Iraqi-Iranian conflict, Hussein indicated the attempt had been in vain because the reactor was established for use against Israel.

The Israeli announcement said the atomic bombs the reactor could produce, either with enriched uranium or plutonium, were of the same type that were dropped on Hiroshima in World War II.

"Thus was created a danger to the existence of the nation of Israel," the announcement said, adding that highly reliable sources gave Israel two dates for the completion of the reactor and its activation — the beginning of July 1981 or the beginning of Se

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Tokyo blacked out

TOKYO (AP) — A violent thunderstorm caused a blackout that left about 100,000 houses without power for one to two hours Wednesday, a Tokyo Electric Power Company spokesman said. He said lightning struck more than 100 places, cutting power transmission lines and affecting other power facilities.

Four die in floods

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — Floods in southern Germany and along the Austro-German border killed four people, authorities reported Wednesday. Three were still missing.

Bavarian police said the deaths were in the flooded Rothbach River near Regen, where a police officer died trying to recover a canoe; the Isar River near Mittenwald, where a British soldier

– "Power" attack" –

Paper clip causes glitch

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space officials blame a paper clip for one of the minor problems encountered during the first flight of the space shuttle Columbia in April.

Joseph E. Mechelay, mission evaluation manager, said that an overlooked paper clip began floating around inside a power supply box, causing a short. When a circuit breaker failed to correct the problem, a switch was made to a backup supply.

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Storms kill two, injure 30

By The Associated Press Orig PI 6/9/81

Severe thunderstorms, spawning high winds and tornadoes, rolled eastward from the Illinois prairie into the hills of western Pennsylvania, leaving at least two people dead and injuring more than 30 others, authorities said Tuesday.

In Wyoming, heavy rains in the rugged mountains adjoining Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks flooded highways and campgrounds Tuesday, and residents of the Shoshone River Valley were urged to move to high ground.

Indiana authorities said 20 people were injured when twisters peppered the northern part of the state late Monday. Damage was estimated at $2 million.

A tornado slammmed into Churubusco, 10 miles northwest of Fort Wayne, where about half the town's buildings — including several century-old wood-frame houses — were damaged. Nearly every tree in town was uprooted, one state policeman said.

Five people were injured near Peru, Ind., when a tornado tossed five mobile homes in the air.

In Ohio, 66-year-old Winifred Reamsnider died of
t attack and other injuries after her mobile
theast of Columbus in Knox County was
tornado. Her husband, Ray, was injured.

– Space Shuttle PR –

2 firefighters die in Florida blaze

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — Two volunteer firefighters, their tractor hung up on a stump, tried in vain to flee an onrushing brush fire before it engulfed them, killing both men.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists Scott Manness, 32, and Beau W. Sauselein, 33, both of Titusville, Fla., were fatally injured Monday when the lightning-sparked fire turned on them in a wildlife refuge near the Kennedy Space Center.

They were digging a fire line when a sudden shift of wind gusting to 45 mph swept flames back toward them.

Donald Pfitzer, a spokesman for the agency, said Tuesday the men were fighting one of four stubborn brush fires.

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India satellite falls from orbit

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — India's sophisticated eye-in-the-sky satellite failed to stay in orbit Tuesday and began tumbling to Earth, the Press Trust of India said. "The mission of Rohini-2 satellite launched from Sriharikota on May 31 has failed and the satellite has re-entered the Earth's atmosphere," PTI reported. The Indian Space Research Organization said the satellite was getting hotter as it dropped through the denser layers of the atmosphere. Orig PI 6/9/81

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'Blanks' fired at queen

A man fired several "blank shots" a few feet from Queen Elizabeth as she rode on horseback Saturday at the traditional Trooping the Color ceremony near Buckingham Palace in London. No one was hurt. The man was dragged to the ground and arrested as police came running from all directions. Millions of television viewers witnessed the incident. Orig PI 6/13/81

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Killer heatwave sizzles South

United Press International

Thunderstorms and tornadoes rumbled along the Gulf Coast Thursday but didn't bring enough rain to crack a sweltering heat wave that has killed eight people.

Temperatures rose to 96 degrees and higher in the South Wednesday, before nighttime storms rolled in with high winds, hail and heavy rain. Forecasts called for sizzling temperatures past 100 degrees again Thursday.

Eight people have died in the heat — seven in Georgia and one in Alabama. But authorities said some of the deaths were aggravated by the victims' dangerous efforts to cool off.

Thunderstorms and tornadoes battered the Midwest late Wednesday, causing some property damage, but no injuries. The storms came just as residents in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa tried to clean up from devastating storms earlier this week that caused millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and crops, and swelled rivers to flood stage.

Flood warnings were issued Thursday for northeastern and central Missouri and northern Illinois. A thunderstorm watch was posted Thursday for southern Iowa, northern Missouri, West Virginia and Ohio.

Firefighters in California contained a huge windswept brushfire in Napa County, which burned 23,000 acres, destroyed 120 structures and caused $30 million in damages.

Lightning touched off more than 20 small fires in the Gila, Santa Fe and Cibola national forests in New Mexico.

Heavy rains, hail, wind and thunder and lightning rocked southeast sections of Georgia, and a tornado struck a pasture near Okeechobee City, Fla.

A twister near Claxton, Ga., destroyed a mobile home and knocked another off its blocks. Fierce winds tore down trees and power lines in Evans County, but authorities were unsure how many people were affected.

The mercury rose to 96 degrees in Columbus Wednesday, when authorities found the seventh heat victim in the southwest Georgia city. Another heat-related death was reported in Phenix City, just over the state line in Alabama.

Three of the victims were sitting in front of fans — a dangerous practice in a heat wave.

"You're supposed to sweat," said Muscogee County, Ga., Coroner Don Kilgore."If a fan is directly on you, it'll stop you from sweating. It dries your skin and that's one of the major symptoms of heat death."

All but two of the victims were elderly. An 82-year-old victim was found under blankets in bed, with every window shut.

The National Weather Service in Atlanta said this month may become the hottest June on record in Georgia, with temperatures averaging 81.6 degrees the past 23 days. It has not rained in Columbus since June 12.

The National Center for Disease Control said approximately 200 people die nationwide each summer from heat-related causes.

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Tornadoes blast Twin Cities

By GALE TOLLIN org 6/15/81

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Tornadoes chewed through the Minneapolis-St. Paul area Sunday afternoon, causing "extensive" damage as they smashed windows, ripped up trees and crushed cars. At least 76 people were injured, two of them critically, officials said.

There were no reports of fatalities resulting from injuries, but officials said a man who was standing in his yard when a funnel appeared collapsed and died of a heart attack.

A tornado that touched down in Roseville, a suburb just north of St. Paul, caused "extensive" damage, a Ramsey County sheriff's department spokesman said.

The twister plowed through a small shopping center, leaving shattered windows, twisted metal and building insulation strewn across a parking lot.

Several customers were cut by flying glass, and the roof of a nearby insurance firm was ripped off.

A few miles to the southwest, in southern Minneapolis, officials said a tornado touchdown injured at least eight persons as it uprooted trees, sometimes smashing them into automobiles, and downed power lines.

The roof was ripped from a park pavilion and dumped into a nearby lake.

"It looked like a giant came through, chewed everything and spit it out," said Midge Docken, a resident of southern Minneapolis.

In the absence of Gov. Al Quie, vacationing in Norway, Lt. Gov. Lou Wangberg ordered the 120 National Guardsmen dispatched to the Roseville area at the request of the Ramsey County sheriff's department in St. Paul.

John Graff, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities, said the storm system spawned at least three tornado funnels, and "each one was stronger than the one before." One touched down in southern Minneapolis, he said, while the other two appeared north of St. Paul.

The twister that hit Roseville smashed into a restaurant, a car wash and the shopping center, where operators estimated about 500 people were shopping in a grocery store.

An employee of the grocery store, Tim Rank, said he was in the produce department when he heard a tornado bulletin on the radio. Rank said he went to the front of the store to warn clerks and customers, and a few moments later the funnel appeared, headed for the store.

Rank said he and other employees pushed customers to the rear of the store.

He said he looked back just in time to see the front windows blown in.

A man identified as Emmel Pennis 56, of Edina, south of Minneapolis, was rushed to Fairview-Southdale Hospital after he suffered a heart attack when the first tornado appeared. He died a short time later.

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Twisters hit Texas

United Press International

Tornadoes and thunderstorms packing baseball-size hail raged through north central Texas Friday and Saturday, causing millions of dollars in damages, and two Iowa men were killed in a plane crash blamed on overcast skies.

Tornado warnings were issued for portions of northeast Texas and western Louisiana Saturday and residents, keeping a wary eye on rain-swollen creeks, braced for more rain.

A flash-flood watch also was issued for Oklahoma, except for the Panhandle.

At least one person in Grand Praire, Texas, was slightly injured Friday by flying glass in the twisters, which uprooted trees and ripped off roofs.

A thunderstorm that had moved through Dallas before dawn Friday was thought to have weakened a 30-foot branch on an old oak tree that fell into a group of spectators at the Byron Nelson Classic golf tournament, killing one man.

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Killer storms swamp Pennsylvania

By United Press International

Thunderstorms that sent floodwaters rushing through homes in Wyoming and Pennsylvania, causing millions of dollars in damage, spread Wednesday from North Dakota to the Ohio Valley. Stifling humidity choked the East Coast.

At least one person was missing and presumed drowned in the thunderstorms — a Pennsylvania man who was swept from his porch by rushing waters of the flooded Sage Run Creek. Six others were injured.

A 22-month-old boy died of apparent heatstroke in Phoenix, Ariz., where temperatures reached 109 degrees Tuesday. Authorities said the child was left in a closed van while his parents worked nearby. The temperature in the van rose to 122 degrees.

Severe thunderstorms gathered early Wednesday over North Dakota, and extended from the northern Plains to the Ohio Valley. Tornado watches were issued for parts of Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Thunderstorms and tornadoes from the same system swept through the Midwest Monday, killing one person, injuring more than 20 others and causing more than $2 million in damage to homes and businesses.

Pennsylvanians tried to mop up from storms that ravaged western parts of the state late Monday and early Tuesday with more than a half-foot of rain.

Damage was estimated at more than $65 million in Venango County, which bore the brunt of the storm. Forty-one miles of highway were damaged and 15 bridges were washed out or rendered unusable.

Rain finally subsided in Wyoming and Idaho, where a 3-inch downpour in 48 hours flooded rivers and washed out bridges, threatening homes and damaging property.

Two lightning-sparked fires that burned about 107 acres of national forest land in New Mexico were brought under control Tuesday, but a U.S. Forest Service spokesman said dry woodland conditions make more fires possible.

In the East, high temperatures combined with rising humidity to make most residents sticky and uncomfortable. Almost everyone, that is.

"I love it. Hot weather is for poor people — I'm one of them — and grasshoppers," said Sarah Scott in Richmond, Va., where high humidity combined with a 93-degree reading. "Living is easy. Get a watermelon and sit under the shade tree. You can't do that in the winter."

Rain in Pennsylvania flooded the Sage Run, Lower Two Mile [illegible]

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Lightning blacks area

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (AP) — A lightning bolt that knocked out a power transformer left much of the Grand Canyon and its tourist facilities without electricity for 15 hours before service was restored with a portable substation, authorities said Tuesday.

"All power was restored at 5:38 a.m.," said Martha McKinley, an Arizona Public Service Co. spokeswoman. "We were able to get a portable substation from Payson to Flagstaff, and that was installed and connected at 3:10 a.m."

The outage affected the canyon's South Rim, where most of the lodging and other tourist facilities are located.

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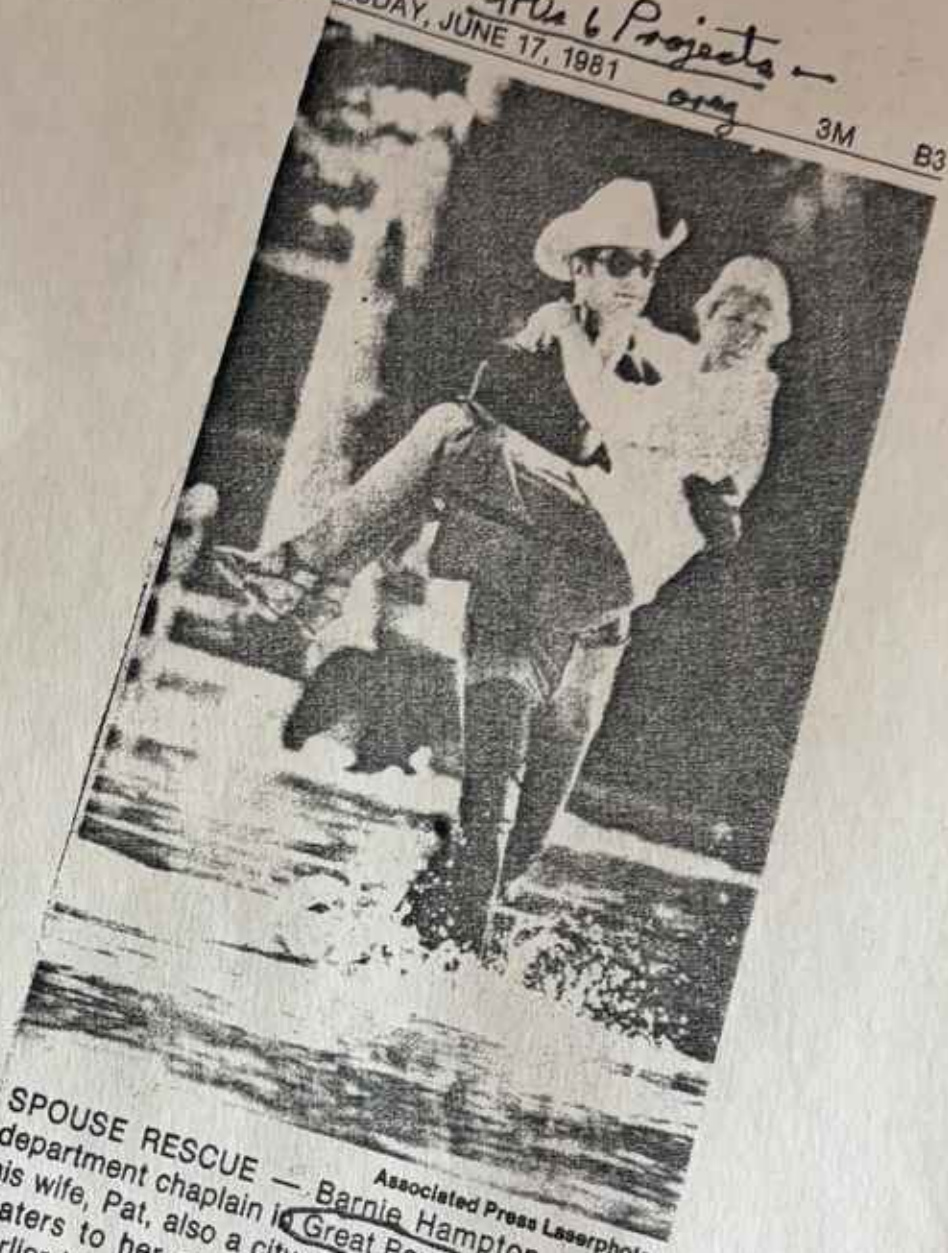

SPOUSE RESCUE — Barnie Hampton, police department chaplain in Great Bend, Kan., carries his wife, Pat, also a city employee, through flood waters to her car. Thousands were evacuated earlier in the week from their homes in this central Kansas town of 17,000 and had to be shifted from shelter to shelter as the flood waters from the Arkansas River and Walnut Creek rose.

Associated Press Laserphoto

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Bus crash kills 3, hurts 37

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — A runaway "gambler's special" tour bus lost its brakes coming down a grade and rammed broadside into a small station wagon Monday, killing three people and injuring 37 others, police said.

The coroner's office identified the dead, all in the station wagon, as Gerald Wheat, 38; his wife Alma, 34; and their son Andrew, 11, all of San Francisco.

A daughter, Robin, 8, suffered head injuries and was taken by helicopter to a Reno hospital, where she was listed in stable condition. The family had been visiting relatives in the Reno area.

The Nevada Highway Patrol listed all 36 people aboard the bus as injured, although most suffered only bumps and bruises and were released after being treated at hospitals. Several were being X-rayed for possible broken bones.

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Tornado rips Denver area

DENVER (AP) — A tornado tore through the Denver area Wednesday, injuring at least 40 people, many of them at a suburban shopping center that was badly damaged, officials said. It was one of at least a dozen twisters spawned by a powerful storm system.

As evening approached, police began receiving scattered reports of looting, and the Colorado National Guard was called in to quell any trouble in suburban Thornton, the hardest-hit area.

"An MP (military police) company of 100 armed men is taking position in the area," said John Truby, spokesman for the Colorado Division of Disaster Emergency Services. "There's a great deal of chaos and damage up there, and we want to make sure nothing gets out of hand."

There were also reports of looting in southwest Denver, where the tornado first touched down, and Denver police said they increased security there.

Damage was scattered across at least 100 city blocks in Thornton and along a 30-mile line from southwest Denver to Fort Lupton, officials said.

The worst damage and most of the confirmed injuries were reported in northeast Thornton, where the tornado tore off the roof of the D&B Shopping Center and smashed all the windows of an apartment building before continuing on a northeasterly path through part of neighboring Northglenn.

Most of the injured were taken to Valley View Hospital in Thornton, where officials said 31 people were treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Nine people were admitted, but their conditions were not known, a hospital spokeswoman said. But Truby said six people were seriously hurt, and one teen-age girl reportedly was in critical condition.

An ambulance driver said one of the injured "was just knocked over by the force of the wind. He was walking along the street and it just bowled him over."

One weather-related death was reported. A woman was hit by lightning near Brainard Lake in Boulder County, and two other women with her were injured, officials said.

There was no immediate damage estimate. The storm not only inflicted damage on property but caused scattered electrical blackouts and interrupted telephone service, utility officials said.

Streets were flooded and creeks overflowed after heavy rain and golf ball-size hail fell throughout the area, police said.

Tornadoes are rare in the Denver area, although two have touched down north of the city during the past six days.

The tornado struck first in Lakewood and southwest Denver shortly after 2 p.m. and skipped and churned along a 30-mile-long arc for the next hour or so, hitting in Thornton, Northglenn, Fort Lupton and near Platteville. The all-clear was sounded about 3:30 p.m.

"There was one major tornado that rode through town and hit Fort Lupton," said forecaster Tom Schwein of the National Weather Service. "It hit Sloans Lake, stayed on the ground quite a while, went through the north business section through Thornton and hit Fort Lupton."

Susan Gelck, one of people taken to Thornton's Valley View Hospital for treatment of minor injuries after the twister hit Thornton, said: "We looked out the window and saw a tornado ripping the roof off the Albertson's (grocery store) across the street.

"Then as I was walking down the steps this man yelled at me, and I turned and saw the roof fly off the building behind me. I just stood there crying and screaming for a few minutes."

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Ramming Japanese ship costs sub skipper's job

TOKYO (UPI) — The U.S. Navy stripped the veteran captain of command of a Polaris missile submarine and reprimanded him and another officer for the April 9 ramming of a freighter that killed two Japanese seamen, the U.S. Embassy said Monday.

An embassy spokesman said U.S. officials had notified the Japanese government of the action, taken as the result of a continuing Navy probe of the ramming of the Japanese freighter Nissho Maru by the USS George Washington. They noted that the American officer can appeal.

"The commander of the submarine was relieved of his command and was issued a letter of reprimand," an embassy statement said. "In addition, the officer of the deck was issued a letter of reprimand."

Military sources said letters of reprimand usually block chances for promotion, and in most cases the affected officers resign their commissions.

Cmdr. Robert D. Woehl, 41, was skipper of the George Washington, the first American submarine to carry Polaris missiles, and Lt. Roy Hampton was officer of the deck at the time of the "hit-and-run" incident in the East China Sea.

The Nissho Maru sank within minutes, the 13 survivors in the 15-man crew said. The survivors drifted in lifeboats for 19 hours before being rescued. The Navy did not report the accident to the Japanese for 36 hours.

A preliminary Navy report said the sub made sonar contact with the freighter moments before the collision but the contact was not heard or acknowledged by the officer of the deck.

The sub was at periscope depth — not far below the surface — on a training mission, trying to avoid detection by a Navy P-3C Orion patrol plane. The Navy said the sub surfaced after the collision but noted no distress signs from the Nissho Maru.

Navy Secretary John Lehman Jr. said the United States had accepted liability for the collision and expected to pay damages estimated by the Navy at more than $4 million.

Japanese lawyers notified the Navy they expected the claims for the loss of lives, the freighter and its 1,200 tons of raw cotton to be about $4.2 million.

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Laser device fails Air Force test

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force's effort to develop a revolutionary laser weapon failed in a secret attempt to use high-intensity light to destroy a 2,000 mph missile, it was learned Tuesday.

"The test failed and we don't know why," said Col. Bob O'Brien, spokesman for the Air Force Systems Command, when asked about the airborne experiment over the China Lake, Calif., range Monday.

Had it succeeded, the effort to destroy a supersonic air-to-air missile with a laser beam shot from a special laboratory plane would have marked significant progress toward a weapon that would change drastically the character of warfare.

Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto also acknowledged failure of the test.

O'Brien said a concentrated beam of light was aimed from a modified KC-135 plane at a Sidewinder missile that had been fired from an A-7 fighter-bomber.

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Taxiing jetliners lose way in Vancouver airport fog

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Passenger jets have gotten lost in the fog while taxiing to the terminal after landing at Vancouver International Airport, according to an airport official.

However, equipment is being installed to prevent such incidents from recurring, said Dave Brandt, air traffic control tower supervisor.

"There were a couple of occasions where airplanes got lost taxiing on the airport causeway" after landing in heavy fog last winter, Brandt said.

A surface guidance system now being tested at Montreal's Dorval Airport will be installed in Vancouver this summer, Brandt said. The equipment is designed to let air traffic controllers keep track of airplanes on the ground and direct planes to the correct location.

There is currently no guidance system for planes once they have landed in Vancouver.

"It's the same as driving a car in the fog," Brandt said. "They (airplane pilots) are following the yellow lines and the yellow lines split up, and they follow the wrong one or something and they get lost."

Brandt was asked about reports that 10 such incidents occurred last winter.

"I thought there were a lot less than that, but I'm not sure," he said.

In each incident, a major passenger plane wound up at the wrong airline terminal or used the wrong taxiing lanes, but none was involved in an accident, Brandt said.

"I guess any time an airplane gets lost on an airport runway, it's serious," he said.

When asked whether air travelers should be leery of landing in Vancouver during fog, Brandt said: "No, I don't think so. It certainly doesn't bother me."

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Rain, rain go away!

By CHARLES B. STEERS
Journal Staff Writer

The man looked sadly at the diminutive tomato plants standing in raindappled puddles and then turned his face skyward.

With water streaming down his lined face, he fixed his gaze on the menacing clouds and screamed:

"Enough already!"

This, most certainly, will be the Year of the Green Tomato. And it may very well be the Year of the Disappearing Strawberry and the Year of the Non-Existent Cherry.

Frustrated gardeners, melancholy farmers, and disgruntled golfers are beginning to wonder if they should offer a sacrifice to the sun gods, or if they should be sticking pins into a voodoo doll of the weatherman.

And they're not restricted to Oregon, either. Farmers in Washington are wondering if they'll be able to salvage any of the state's bountiful strawberry crop.

Last year it was the volcano, this year over-abundant rain. What could be in store next year? Termites?

This isn't a record rainfall for June — yet. The wettest June on record, according to the National Weather Service was 1954 when the service measured 3.58 inches of precipitation at the Portland International Airport.

As of 5 a.m., Saturday, this June's rainfall is 3.18 inches, only .4 of an inch from a tie with 1954 and there are 11 days to go.

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Floods force evacuation

HOUSTON (AP) — Rising floodwaters in two southeast Texas counties Sunday forced at least 100 families from their homes, washed out a railroad line and collapsed two dams, officials said.

"We've had a pretty good bit of major flooding in the west part of the county near Kickapoo Creek," said Polk County Chief Deputy Rick Voelker. "There are some houses under water there, and we've had major flooding in Livingston."

He said about 30 families were evacuated near Kickapoo Creek west of Livingston and another 80 familes had been moved along Long King Creek in Goodrich, eight miles south of the Polk County seat, and more evacuations were planned.

Voelker said he had no reports of injuries or deaths in the three flood-stricken areas, but some families in Goodrich were refusing to leave their homes because they were afraid of looting.

Two people died last week when floodwaters hit Central and South Central Texas after five straight days of rain.

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N-coolant leakage shuts power plant

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Technicians began repairs Saturday on a cooling system leak that sent 10,000 gallons of radioactive water into the nation's largest nuclear power plant and forced the shutdown of one reactor, said a spokesman for the Brown's Ferry plant operators.

Workers found the leak shortly after midnight around the stem of a discharge valve on one of two recirculation pumps in the drywell surrounding the reactor, one of three reactors at the huge plant, said Bob Boyer of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"We are looking at probably a day or so to finish the repairs," he said. "We are also going to do some other minor maintenance in there. If we don't have any other problems, we hope to have the unit back in service early this week."

The leak, which began Thursday, posed no threat to plant pesonnel or to the public, said Jim Hufham, director of TVA's emergency control center in Chattanooga, Tenn.

All the spilled cooling water was contained within the drywell and recirculated by a drainage system, and no radiation was released, TVA officials said.

The drywell, with steel-reinforced concrete walls several feet thick, is the primary containment structure surrounding the reactor. It is "the first line of protection for plant employees and the public from the radiation generated by the nuclear reactor when it is operating," Boyer said.

"Valve leaks are just real common occurrences," he said. "The unit was shut down primarily because of the location of the valve. If it were located in another part of the plant, we could have gotten to it and fixed it probably without shutting the unit down."

TVA declared a "site emergency" at the plant when drains in the drywell indicated water was leaking at the rate of 21 gallons per minute, Hufham said.

The nuclear plant is about 10 miles southwest of Athens, which has a population of about 14,000, and 10 to 15 miles northwest of Decatur, Ala., with a population of about 48,000.

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Rash of tornadoes, rains blister

Wyoming to Texas

United Press International

Thunderstorms that hurled more than 20 tornadoes from Wyoming to Texas, snapping power lines and trees, shattering windows and resulting in at least one lightning death, pounded the breadth of Texas with rain Thursday.

Fifty people were injured in Denver, where nine tornadoes plowed through northwest suburbs Wednesday. One young woman caught in the twisters' path is in critical condition.

A New Jersey woman hiking with two friends near the Continental Divide northwest of Denver was struck and killed by lightning during a hailstorm. Her two companions were slightly injured.

Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm said he would declare an emergency to allow the National Guard and the state patrol to protect property from looters.

Damage was extensive. The tornadoes snapped power lines, blew out windows, uprooted trees and ruptured a gas line, forcing evacuation of the nearby area, in their 45-mile path from Denver to Platteville.

A forecaster for the National Weather Service in Denver said the tornadoes were the most severe in recent Denver history.

In Michigan, lightning struck the outside wall of a first-grade classroom in Roscommon Wednesday, burning a 4-inch hole through the wall. None of the 20 children in the classroom were injured.

Thunderstorms swept across Texas, dumping up to 5 inches of rain in eastern areas, and persisted Thursday. Flash flood warnings were issued for five counties Thursday.

Several tornadoes were reported northwest of Lubbock, Texas, but there were no injuries or damage.

The storms lumbered into Oklahoma, where one twister damaged a two-block area in south Oklahoma City and rainwater flowed 3 feet deep.

Up to 3 inches of rain swamped southern Kansas, prompting a flash flood watch Thursday. Six [illegible] touched down in open fields near Greensh[illegible]

damage or injuries were reported.

In Wyoming, two tornadoes touche[illegible] areas — one near Cheyenne and one [illegible]

were no injuries or damage.

In the Denver area, where a t[illegible] injured, the suburb of Thornton

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Tornadoes spawn disaster declaration

THORNTON, Colo. (AP) — Gov. Richard Lamm Thursday declared four counties a disaster area after inspecting suburban neighborhoods where 46 people were injured and $9.5 million worth of property was destroyed in the worst onslaught of tornadoes ever recorded in the Denver area.

The worst of about a dozen twisters sighted Wednesday cut a mile-long path through this city of 40,000 people, destroying at least 87 homes and causing most of the injuries. An estimated 600 buildings were damaged throughout the metropolitan area.

One woman was killed by a bolt of lightning while hiking 50 miles northwest of Denver.

Seven people remained hospitalized Thursday, one of them in critical condition.

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Thunderstorms kill 3

By United Press International

At least three deaths were blamed on fierce thunderstorms that pounded the southern Plains Wednesday and roared into the Tennessee Valley, urging rain-swollen rivers over their banks.

Rivers rose near flood stage in Texas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Flash flood warnings were posted Wednesday for those areas and minor flooding was reported in Vernon, Texas, west of Wichita Falls.

High winds, clocked at more than 70 mph, accompanied thunderstorms through the Plains and a series of tornadoes rolled through Texas.

A cold front in the West that moved heavy rain into Utah caused some flooding and mudslides.

About 8 inches of rain fell Tuesday in Oxford Dam, N.C.

In Texas, tornadoes touched down in Rockport, Lakeview, Wellington, Matador, and Crosbyton. A funnel cloud was also cited near Pittsburg, Texas. No damage or injuries were reported.

A tornado was reported near Edmond, Okla., where winds were clocked at more than 70 mph. Large hail flailed Edmond and heavy rain continued Wednesday. Another twister was sighted at Hollis, Okla.

Intense thunderstorms and winds clocked at 43 mph moved into Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday. Authorities in Nashville said a man and his two young stepchildren drowned in a rain-swollen drainage ditch after a downpour.

"The (drainage) ditches in these apartment complexes collect a lot of water," said Ray Burgess of the National Weather Service in Nashville. "They (the victims) were playing in it after it rained.

"They just happened to be playing in the wrong spot."

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Storms rip across U.S.

United Press International

Fierce thunderstorms rampaging across the Plains flung lightning bolts that knocked out power and left Oklahoma lawmakers in the dark, and a tornado touched down in South Dakota Saturday.

Heavy rain pounded a swath of the nation from the Southeast to Texas' Rio Grande Valley on Friday. Tornadoes were sighted in Florida and a cloudburst caused minor flash floods at a Christian youth camp in Colorado.

Fierce storms pummeled Rapid City, S.D., Saturday with hail and high wind and a tornado touched down 37 miles east of the community, but no injuries or damage were reported.

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Tornado kills 3

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Storms ravage Midwest, Texas

By CAROL R. STERNHELL
of The Associated Press

Three people were killed and at least 45 were injured Saturday when a tornado tore through Cardington, Ohio, while in northern Illinois and south-central Texas heavy rains and flash flooding left two people dead and forced dozens to flee.

Gov. James A. Rhodes called out the Ohio National Guard to secure the area and traveled to Cardington along with the head of the state disaster services agency, said spokesman Chuck Shipley.

John Harbough, a supervisor at Morrow County Hospital in nearby Mount Gilead, said two people, including an infant, died during treatment and a third was dead on arrival.

The infant was identified as 9-month-old Donald William Carson. The other identifications were withheld pending notification of relatives, Harbough said.

As heavy thunderstorms swept through Illinois, Texas rivers and creeks spilled over their banks for the third straight day, closing streets and highways.

A Chicago woman, Irena Zenullahi, 33, drowned when a dinghy she was aboard, caught by the sudden weather change, capsized in Belmont Harbor on the city's North Side, police said. The woman, who could not swim, and her three companions aboard the boat were pitched into the water. The three others swam to safety.

In Texas, a Houston man drowned after a pickup truck he was in washed into Bedias Creek in Madison County at about 12:30 a.m.

The body of Billy McFerrin, 45, was found at about 4:25 p.m. on a barbed wire fence about 15 feet from the truck, said Department of Public Safety Trooper Charles DeFord.

Officials said McFerrin was one of four people who climbed from the truck after it plunged into the flooded creek. The other three reached safety.

Late Friday, rescue workers in Frio County recovered the body of Alfred Breeden, 82, of Devine, who was swept away when a wall of water overturned a fire truck that was carrying him and three fellow campers to safety.

The Ohio tornado "pretty well tore the town up," said Morrow County Deputy Sheriff Carroll Sears. "We've got buildings down, trees have been uprooted, power lines are down, we've got gas leaks, and people are injured." He said some people were trapped in damaged buildings.

The tornado ripped through the community of about 2,000 at about 3:45 p.m., according to meteorologists.

The Red Cross set up a disaster center at a school and the sheriff's office and the state Highway Patrol sealed off the town. Only residents and those involved in emergency operations were allowed in.

In Illinois, thunderstorms pelted the Joliet area, forcing as many as 100 east-side residents to leave their homes when Hickory Spring creek flooded its banks, said Fire Chief Ed Spahn.

No injuries were reported, he said, but cars were stalled and viaducts were flooded. He said people were being encouraged to stay off the roads.

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Ammunition plant blows

RADFORD, Va. (AP) — An explosion at the Army Ammunition Plant injured nine people Wednesday, a spokeswoman at Radford Community Hospital said.

William H. Coughlin, spokesman for Hercules Inc., the firm that operates the sprawling explosives plant for the Army, confirmed there had been an explosion but gave no further details.

The blast occurred about 1 p.m., a fireman at the Radford Fire Department said.

Two of the injured were taken to the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville by helicopter and another was flown to a Roanoke hospital, said Mary Alice Davis.

The rest were treated at hospitals in this southwest Virginia town, she said.

No other details were immediately available. org 5/7/81

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Second man dies in Canaveral fire

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A firefighter died Tuesday of burns suffered in a blaze that killed another man when they were trapped aboard a bulldozer in a thunderstorm-fanned brushfire on Kennedy Space Center property, officials said.

Beau Sauselein, 32, of Titusville, died at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville of third-degree burns on much of his body, officials said. He had been hospitalized there Monday in critical condition.

Scott Maness, also 32, of Titusville, died Monday at the Jess Parrish Hospital in Titusville, said National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Mark Hess.

The two firefighters were employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The 500-acre fire still was burning Tuesday but was under control, a NASA spokesman said.

It was the first fatal accident this year for firefighters who have been battling a four-month string of more than 10,000 brush and timber fires that have consumed 441,000 acres in Florida during one of the state's worst droughts.

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Fierce storm rips East Coast states

By United Press International

Thunderstorms packing hurricane-force wind battered the Mid-Atlantic states, leaving more than 100,000 people without power Friday in Maryland and New Jersey.

Dozens of Maryland residents were injured in the storm. At least four people were being treated at hospitals.

Rain threatened new flooding in Missouri and the National Guard was called to Lafayette, Ind., in the wake of a tornado and a fierce storm.

Forecasters predicted a cold front pushing downward from Canada by the weekend will break the South's heat wave that has killed eight people in Georgia and Alabama.

More rain and thunderstorms were forecast Friday for Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware, lashed by savage storms Thursday.

Wind clocked at 90 mph tore through Baltimore, Md., and in Allentown, Penn., 75 mph wind ripped a roof from a children's center and uprooted trees.

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Texas braces for floods in continuing downpours

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By United Press International

Texas braced for possible flash floods Friday from relentless rain that has inundated homes, triggered mudslides and been blamed for at least two drownings. One victim died trying to warn neighbors to flee.

Thunderstorms caused by the hurricane season's first tropical depression unleashed a tornado Friday in Galveston, Texas, and dumped more than 2.5 inches of rain on the Gulf city. One injury was reported as a result of the storm, which also threatened to flood the Louisiana coast.

Thunderstorms that spawned more than a dozen tornadoes in Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma stretched across Texas Thursday, dropping up to 5 inches of rain.

Much of Texas was under a flash flood watch today, where rainstorms lingered.

The tropical depression formed Thursday night over the western Gulf of Mexico and Friday was packing sustained wind of 35 miles an hour — centered about 75 miles east of Brownsville, Texas, said the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The twister that touched down on the west end of Galveston Island Friday damaged homes, an apartment complex and several cars. Police said one person was cut by flying glass.

The body of a Fort Hood soldier was recovered from a tree near Florence, Texas. Authorities said the 30-year-old man drowned in Mountain Creek while trying to warn residents to flee their homes.

"We understand he was down there to help warn people to get out, that the creek was up," said sheriff's spokesman Bert Wilkerson. "Normally, it is just a little trickle, but get a good rain and that son of a gun can get 300, 400 feet wide."

A 10-year-old Waco boy was presumed dead after falling Thursday into a rain-swollen drainage ditch, which runs 14 blocks underground into the Brazos River. The search for his body continued Friday.

The heaviest storms extended from near Waco to Laredo. The west Texas community of Fluvana got nearly 5½ inches of rain.

Storms in Midwest, Texas claim 20 lives

By CHARLOTTE PORTER
of The Associated Press

Authorities in Texas pulled more bodies out of swollen rivers Monday as the death toll from a weekend of torrential rain and tornadoes in the central and eastern parts of the nation rose to 20.

States of emergency were declared in Kansas and Ohio as surging rivers and creeks went over their banks and roared into homes.

In Minnesota, crews began clearing away trees and buildings flattened by a major tornado that skipped across Minneapolis-St. Paul and surrounding suburbs, killing two and injuring almost 100.

In Ohio, officials continued tallying the damage from a twister that devastated the old mill town of Cardington, taking four lives.

In addition, three people were killed by lightning and 11 people drowned in the thunderstorms, flooding and high winds which began Saturday from Texas to Maryland.

National Weather Service forecaster Guy Gray in Kansas City, Mo., said the storms formed along a slow-moving cold front stretching from the Great Lakes to Texas. Showers were expected Monday from Texas through the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and into New England.

Up to 15 inches of rain fell overnight in parts of Kansas, forcing the evacuation Monday of hundreds of people in and around Great Bend, soaked by up to 4 feet of water. A few minor injuries were reported as volunteers took to canoes and rowboats to help rescue people from water-filled homes.

Kansas Gov. John Carlin declared states of emergency in Barton and Pawnee counties.

In Missouri, at least seven people were injured Monday as high winds surged through southeastern Kansas City, causing an explosion at a gas station, tossing cars around, blowing out store windows and flattening a doughnut shop.

Authorities said they had not confirmed if the wind was a tornado, but homeowner Roy Vickers said there was no doubt in his mind that a twister had touched down.

"It sucked 18 inches of water out of my swimming pool," he said.

In Oklahoma, residents of a mobile home park and motel in Bristow were evacuated when 5.4 inches of rain fell in less than an hour.

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Crash cuts Salem power

SALEM (AP) — Hundreds of people were without power early Monday after an automobile hit an electric pole, collapsing lines and shorting out connecting boxes, authorities said.

Salem police said Michael A. Rice, 26, Salem, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving after he smashed into a power line at about midnight Sunday. He was not injured.

About 1,000 Portland General Electric customers lost their power for an hour, spokesman Dave Eagon said.

Hanford reactor shut down

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The N reactor at the Hanford nuclear reservation was shut down Monday morning for the seventh time since March 11.

UNC Nuclear Industries spokesman Fred Park said the shutdown was caused by an overloaded motor on one of the pumps that supply cooling water to the condenser. UNC operates the reactor for the Department of Energy.

When asked about the high number of shutdowns, Park said he didn't find the number too high. After an outage of 10 months, problems can be expected, he said.

The reactor was out of operation during a 10-month labor dispute, which ended in March.

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Flooding kills 17

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Police reported 17 people killed, eight missing and "enormous damage" from flooding when a thunderstorm and torrential rains hit Oman Sunday. In the neighboring United Arab Emirates a hailstorm wreaked havoc and killed four people.

A government statement reported that an unidentified freighter sank near the Oman shoreline Sunday and a small boat capsized in the storm.

Highway traffic halted, and Oman police urged caution, warning that more torrential rains were predicted.

In the United Arab Emirates, ships were ripped from moorings, houses were destroyed and thousands of livestock were killed as shelters crashed

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Fire damages ammo ship; 6 hurt

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — An engine room fire aboard a Navy ammunition ship, the third blaze aboard a Navy vessel in less than a week, injured six sailors and left the USS Nitro disabled in the Mediterranean Sea off Crete.

The 512-foot ship with a crew of 315 was towed to a naval facility at Souda Bay on Crete for repairs, while the injured were flown to the Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

Atlantic Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Mike Cherry said Tuesday the exact cause of the fire, which broke out Monday during operations 60 miles off Crete, was unknown. However, Navy officials described it as "a fuel oil fire."

Although the Nitro was loaded with "all kinds of naval ordnance," Cherry said there was no danger of the ammunition exploding because it was stored a safe distance from the fire. It took firefighters 1½-hours to control the blaze.

Because the fire disabled the ship's engines, the vessel was towed back to port.

Two of the victims were identified as Donald J. Nicholson, 26, a machinist mate from Queens Village, N.Y., and Christopher Buckridge, 22, a fireman from North Valley Stream, N.Y. Both were in "guarded condition" as a result of eye burns and smoke inhalation.

The four other victims, whose names were not released pending notification of their families, suffered "minor" smoke inhalation, officials said.

The Nitro fire is the third blaze reported on a Navy vessel recently. Fourteen crewmembers were killed and 48 injured the night of May 26 when a plane crashed while landing on the nuclear carrier USS Nimitz off Jacksonville, Fla., and touched off a fireball. A "minor" fire broke out aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise Monday night at the Bremerton, Wash., shipyard, but was quickly doused by ship's firefighters.

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Alabama nuclear plant leaks radioactive water

By PHIL ORAMOUS

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — About 10,000 gallons of radioactive water leaked from a reactor cooling system at the nation's largest nuclear power plant Friday, forcing the shutdown of a reactor but releasing no radiation into the surrounding area, officials said.

The water was recirculated and purified and no one inside the plant was contaminated, according to Jim Hufham, director of emergency control for the Tennessee Valley Authority, which operates the Browns Ferry power station near this northern Alabama town of 14,000 people.

He said the accident posed no danger to plant personnel or the public.

Joe Gilliland, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Atlanta, said there was "no major safety problem" at the plant.

"We don't think it's very serious in terms of our emergency guidelines," Gilliland said.

"Our designations for anything potentially serious range from an 'unusual event' to a 'general emergency.' It looks like this was an 'unusual event.'" he said. "It's something that requires immediate attention, but it does not necessarily mean there's any imminent danger."

The water leaked inside a drywell, the primary containment structure which surrounds the reactor, according to TVA spokesman Gil Francis in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Soviet peak erupts

MOSCOW (AP) — A volcano erupted Tuesday night on the Soviet Far Eastern island of Atlasov and debris covered a town on a nearby island with ashes up to 10 inches deep, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The news agency said streets and buildings in the town of Severo-Kurilsk were covered with ashes and that schools had been closed. It made no mention of injuries and said businesses there still were operating.

The report said the gas-and-ash cloud after the eruption in the Kurile island chain north of Japan went six miles into the air and drifted up to 625 miles.

It was the first time the volcano had erupted in nine years, the report said.

Atlasov island itself is uninhabited. The town of Severo-Kurilsk is on the nearby island of Paramushir.

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Twisters spark flooding in Gulf states

By The Associated Press

Tornadoes lashed parts of Texas and Louisiana Friday as a storm rolled in off the Gulf of Mexico with heavy rain that drenched central and southeastern Texas for a second day, spawning widespread flooding.

A 10-year-old boy swept into a storm sewer the day before was found alive in central Texas, but two other people died in Texas and one was missing in Louisiana.

Several people were injured by tornadoes in Louisiana, and residents of some low-lying areas in Texas were forced to evacuate.

At Waco, Texas, 10-year-old Emiliyio Pena was found alive Friday afternoon by rescuers searching a 13-block-long storm sewer. The boy apparently was carried into the sewer Thursday after being swept into a creek while riding his bicycle with friends.

In Louisiana, the heaviest damage reported Friday was at Louisiana College in Pineville, where a tornado damaged classroom buildings and knocked out power, a school spokesman said.

One student was hospitalized after being hit by a falling tree limb. Most of the 1,250 students were evacuated, school spokesman Randy Wyrick said.

Two factory workers were hospitalized after being slashed by flying glass, Pineville Fire Chief Henry Coleman said.

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Summer blazes blacken acreage

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in five Western states

By The Associated Press

Firefighters threw a line around a 73,000-acre brush fire in Idaho as California fire crews struggled Sunday to contain a slow-moving blaze that blackened 2,200 acres of overgrown brush.

Meanwhile, scattered rain, cooler temperatures and higher humidity helped slow the advance of the more than 27 fires of at least 100 acres each raging across Alaska, and blazes in New Mexico roared through parched, remote forests.

In Utah, firefighters controlled a blaze on an Army testing site.

Nearly 800 people California helped fight a 3-day-old fire in the remote Ventana Wilderness.

Fire information officer Steve Beck said four miles of fire line had been placed around the blaze, but "More than half the job still remains to be done."

Firefighters were aided by air tankers and helicopters dropping water and retardant on the fire. Two horses and eight mules, usually used to ferry supplies to wilderness rangers, were being employed to bring in water and food to firefighters on the lines, said Beck.

In Idaho, fire crews were beginning to go home after a range fire that was touched off by lightning near Shoshone was contained Saturday.

The fire was the largest of three major Idaho range fires this week. Three firefighters were killed Friday while flying to the scene.

In Utah, Interagency Fire Center spokesman Barry Wirth in Salt Lake City said a 5,200-acre range fire south of Dugway Proving Ground had been controlled late Saturday.

The fire was started Thursday night by a lightning strike on Army land and spread south. Bureau of Land Management officials had declared the fire contained Friday, but gusty winds caused it to flare up again.

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The fire, which burned mostly in grass and sagebrush, was about 75 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Fishlake National Forest spokesman Ron Sanden said seven small fires were either controlled or contained in the southern Utah national forest, along with a fire on private property and one on BLM land.

Crews were investigating whether one of the fires was set, whether deliberately or accidentally, but the rest were caused by lightning, he said.

About 20 blazes, most of them smaller than four acres, were sparked by lightning in New Mexico forests. Scott Steinberg, fire information officer at Gila National Forests, said most of those fires were being fought by parachutists or airborne tankers.

An Interagency Fire Information Center spokeswoman in Fairbanks said 69 fires were burning Sunday in Alaska, bringing the year's total to 573 fires. Blazes have destroyed more than 400,000 acres of timber and tundra — an area about half the size of Rhode Island — since the beginning of the year.

The largest fire covers more than 187,000 acres near Dune Lake, southwest of Fairbanks.

While there have been no injuries reported from the scattered fires, 40 elderly persons and children were evacuated last week from Minto because of heavy smoke from the Tatalina fire, which has blackened 73,000 acres of state-owned land west of Fairbanks.

About 320 firefighters were battling the Tolovana blaze, which is raging five miles north of the Tatalina fire and has scorched 47,000 acres.

Florida has 5 new sinkholes 5-15-81 Columbian

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Dominick Cipollone's garden has disappeared and a Tampa homeowner's driveway was swallowed up as five new sinkholes developed in central Florida, where drought is making the ground give way.

Cipollone knew something was wrong Thursday when he went out to water his garden and couldn't find it. Where vegetables and wine grapes once flourished, a crater gaped.

The crater — estimated at 50 feet in diameter and 40 feet deep — developed during the predawn hours Thursday in a residential area north of Winter Park, where officials still were watching a sinkhole that opened last week, estimated at 400 feet wide and almost 100 feet deep.

A third central Florida sinkhole opened up Thursday in an orange grove area in Auburndale, about 45 miles southwest of Orlando. It was reported as 60 feet wide, but only about 5 feet deep and nibbling at a roadway. Traffic was blocked, but no houses were threatened.

Meanwhile, a hole about 20 feet wide and 15 feet deep was growing larger in a barren field north of Lakeland, and soil engineers planned a trip to Windermere to assess a sinkhole that began growing in the sandy soil on the edge of Lake Bessie and spread into the backyard of a home. The 75-foot wide crater had expanded to within 10 feet of a sundeck.

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AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — At least four persons drowned and a search was under way Monday for at least 10 others missing in the city's worst flooding in recent memory.

"We've had four apparent drownings so far that we know of," said police Sgt. Larry Walker, "and there's probably going to be others out in the county."

He said all of the victims were motorists caught in flash flooding that struck the city late Sunday. No identities were immediately released.

Meanwhile, fierce thunderstorms packing golf-ball-size hail flung tornadoes across portions of the Midwest and Texas and flood waters ebbed in Montana, where hundreds of evacuated residents began to return to their homes Monday.

One tornado, in Bartlesville, Okla., flattened several homes and injured four persons.

Skies began clearing in Montana where the heaviest rains in two decades spawned widespread flooding. Hundreds of people in Cascade County prepared to return to their homes as civil authorities geared up for clean-up efforts.

In Austin, city street and bridge crews estimated as many as 5,000 vehicles were stranded by high water that also forced the evaucation of an estimated 40 persons from their homes.

"This is the worst flooding I can recall," Chief Doug Palmer, a 20-year fire department veteran, said Monday.

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Monsoon swamps Bangkok

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Record monsoon rains have swamped Thailand's sinking capital, turning city streets into running streams with boats replacing municipal buses as the favored form of transportation. Bangkok, once known as the "Venice of the Orient" for its network of canals, was hit by the edge of a massive storm front from China that dumped a record 7.1 inches of rainfall on the city Sunday.

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Floods claim 175 in India

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NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Flash floods caused by monsoon rains marooned thousands of people in the western state of Gujarat Monday. The nationwide toll of flood-related deaths was placed at 175 by United News of India.

The agency said authorities ordered the residents of more than 100 villages in Gujarat to flee to high ground because 14 dams were overflowing.

Gujarat Irrigation Minister Amarsinh Choudhry told the state legislature in Gandhinagar that 46 persons perished in floods that swept away 3,284 cattle and wrecked more than 14,000 homes.

In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, 14 more flood-related deaths were reported Monday, raising the toll there in three weeks of heavy rains to 105, UNI reported. The other deaths were reported at various locations in rain-lashed western and northern

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Flash floods devastate Texas capital; 10 die

By KEN HERMAN

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Flash floods turned gentle streams into torrents that swept through the Texas capital early Monday, killing 10 people, leaving eight others missing and carving a path of destruction that looked like "a week of hurricanes."

"I think we are fortunate we didn't lose more lives, when you look at the devastation," Mayor Carole McClellan said as Austin began drying out from the vicious overnight flood.

Austin Police Lt. R.R. Roundtree said at midday that eight people were confirmed dead. Later, he said two more bodies had been found. Four of the victims died in or near Shoal Creek, a usually quiet stream that cuts through a residential section of Austin and empties into Town Lake.

Most of the other deaths involved motorists who got stranded in rising water and drowned. Police said one unidentified woman's body was found in the back seat of a Cadillac perched 12 feet above the ground in a tree.

Another eight people were reported missing. Four of them were last seen in a canoe on Town Lake, said Curtis Weeks, public information officer of the Travis County sheriff's office.

Up to 7 inches of rainfall, which fell from late Saturday night until early Monday morning, pushed Shoal Creek into homes, tearing out walls and soaking floors and furniture.

"It looks like we had a week of hurricanes," Cam O'Keefe said as she looked at the damage.

Mike Sheridan, a hotel night auditor, said he watched as a "whirlpool" in a drainage ditch swallowed a pickup truck, killing one man and injuring another.

"I fear there are still people unaccounted for out there," he said, gazing at the ditch that usually carries no more than a trickle of water.

Police cadets combed Shoal Creek for more bodies.

Motorcycle police roamed the damaged areas, and two arrests on looting charges were reported.

"People were carrying stuff out of some of the flooded businesses," one resident said. "I saw them carrying some barbecue grills and other stuff."

The flood water reportedly swirled to depths of 20 to 30 feet, causing widespread damage in the business district. It receded as quickly as it collected, and schools opened on time Monday.

The rainfall total at Austin Municipal Airport was only 4.13 inches, but there were unofficial reports of 6 to 7 inches of rain at various locations.

Many Shoal Creek area residents emptied their homes early Monday, lining their yards with wet furniture. Doors and windows in many homes were washed away.

"The woman in this house and her son were holding onto a tree on the front lawn," said Kayo O'Keefe, Cam's husband, as he looked at a house with a gaping hole in the garage wall. The O'Keefes helped throw a rope to the woman.

Mrs. O'Keefe said water crashed off structures like waves bouncing off the coast.

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Montana rivers begin to recede

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HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Swollen rivers began returning to their banks and flood refugees began returning to their homes Monday as five days of rain over western Montana gave way to clearing skies, authorities said.

"The flooding is receding throughout the state," said Col. C.L. Gilbertson, head of the state Disaster and Emergency Services office. "We don't anticipate any further flooding problems."

State and federal officials, meanwhile, were trying to assess the extent of the damage left by the four-day flooding. Gov. Ted Schwinden planned to ask for federal disaster assistance.

Weather service officials said more rain was developing west of the Continental Divide and would move east during the day. Hydrologist John Fasler said the new rainfall could amount to half an inch in some areas but probably would affect only smaller streams.

They said the Clark Fork at Missoula was dropping and was expected to fall below flood stage by midday Tuesday.

Campers saved

YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST, Ind. (AP) — About 20 campers were rescued by conservation officers in boats, but a few others were stranded Monday after refusing offers of help when heavy rains flooded parts of Yellowwood State Forest, officials said.

A small group of campers who didn't want to abandon their recreational vehicles elected to remain until the water receded enough so they could drive out of Horseman's Camp, said state conservation officer Jeff Atwood.

"Several are relaxing and enjoying the sunshine," he said, adding there was "no high risk" because the campers who stayed behind were on dry land surrounded by water.

Meanwhile, 25 residents of nearby Trevlac returned to their flooded neighborhood Monday after many spent the night in a church or the fire station.

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More eruptions hit island

AGANA, Guam (AP) — Mount Pagan erupted twice Sunday, spewing huge clouds of smoke and ash and causing further devastation to the remote Pacific island of Pagan 300 miles north of here. No injuries were reported.

A small team of scientists from Hawaii who were on the island studying the volcano reported they were safe after the two new eruptions. All 53 Pagan residents were safely evacuated after the volcano erupted May 15 for the first time in 55 years.

The U.S. Trust Territory vessel Fentress was anchored offshore in position to rescue the scientists if necessary. The ship radioed news of the eruptions o the Marianas Islands capital of Sai-n, 200 miles south of Pagan.

The May 15 blast covered much of the island with ash and lava flows.

The residents, including 32 children, fled their village and took refuge in seaside caves until they were rescued by a Japanese freighter the next day. They are now on Saipan, staying with relatives until they can return home.

Sunday's eruption produced a new lava flow, descending from the 1,800-foot volcano with a 1,000-foot-wide, 20-foot-deep leading edge, according information relayed to the Fentress by the scientists.

The new flow covered the island's small dirt airstrip, which was already partially covered by a flow from the initial eruption, the scientists said.

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N-unit leaks radioactivity

SHIPPINGPORT, Pa. (AP) — A "minor, unplanned" release of radioactivity occurred early Saturday at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant's Unit 1, the Duquesne Light Co. reported.

The release lasted about two minutes and presented no danger to the public, said utility spokesman Bill Ott.

"The release occurred during an efficiency test of the steam generator system," Ott said.

The steam generators normally do not contain radioactive material, but such material is used as a tracer for water droplets when tests are conducted, he said.

"While this test was being performed, a feedwater control valve malfunctioned, causing a safety valve on one of the steam generators to open. Some of the low-level radioactive material was released to the atmosphere with the steam," he said.

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W. Montana rivers flood; search begun

By BOB ANEZ

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Rampaging rivers in Western Montana flooded homes, washed away roads and knocked out power to at least one hospital Saturday. Six people were feared missing, and more than 50 stranded schoolchildren had to be airlifted from a mountain camp.

Almost all 800 residents of Belt, 20 miles east of Great Falls, were evacuated early Saturday because officials feared a nearby natural dam made of debris might give way.

Fire Chief Gary Gray said the water began receding later but would have to drop another 2 feet before residents would be allowed back.

The National Guard used helicopters to rescue about 52 Helena schoolchildren and 10 adult counselors stranded in a mountain camp near MacDonald Pass.

National Guard Maj. Gerald Wood said a helicopter crew was searching for a couple reported missing in the Crow Creek area in the Elkhorn Range west of Townsend. He said there may be as many as six people missing in the area.

Motels in Helena were open to some of the more than 700 people stranded by floodwaters. Police watched for looters on Helena's streets, and the National Guard ferried people from remote areas.

The flooding began Friday after two days of heavy rainfall, striking hardest at Helena, Belt, Basin and Deer Lodge. Gov. Ted Schwinden, who surveyed several flooded towns by air, said Saturday that damage was "in the multimillions of dollars."

Schwinden said he was "reasonably confident" the state could obtain a federal disaster declaration for the flooded counties, and federal officials surveyed the areas to determine damage.

The Boulder River School and Hospital, a facility for the mentally retarded 30 miles south of Helena, was without electrical power, said Paula Walker, a spokesman for Schwinden. National Guard Col. John Oljar said about 30 Guardsmen were at the school with portable generators and other emergency equipment.

Water levels were rising in the Boulder River, but Ms. Walker said there were no plans to evacuate the institution.

Lewis and Clark County sheriff's Deputy Bill Fleiner said more than 100 barrels labeled "toxic chemicals" belonging to American Chemet Corp. at East Helena were floating through East Helena and fields to the north. He said state disaster officials were asked to determine what was in the 55-gallon barrels.

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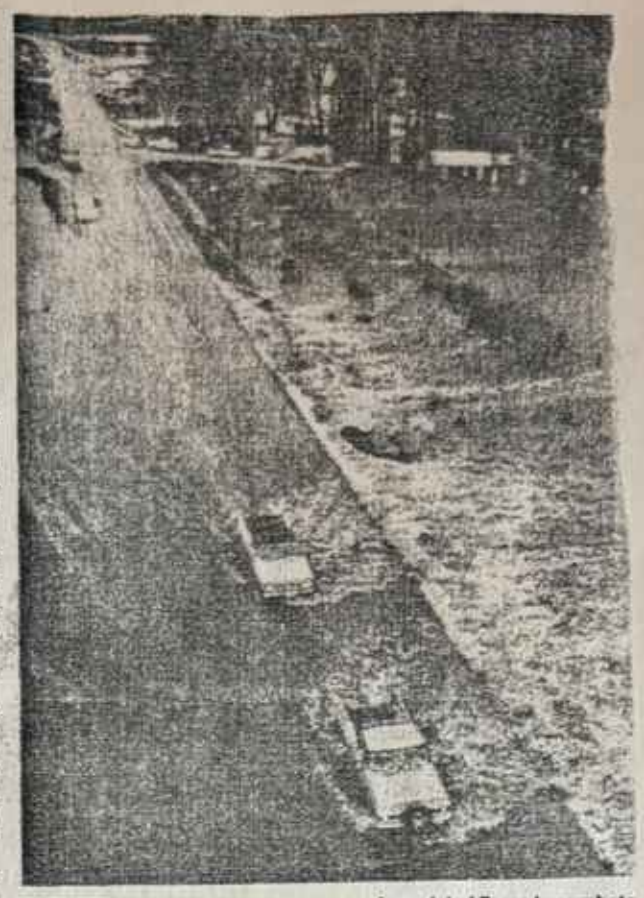

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HIGHWAY CLOSED — Flooding on the Little Blackfoot River forced closure of Interstate 90 near Garrison, Mont., Friday, while a few drivers risked getting through on a frontage road as rising water cascaded over it.

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Twisters, rain pelt Midwest

United Press International

A band of thunderstorms pelted Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas with tornadoes, hail, gusty winds and up to 4 inches of rain that flooded streets of southern Missouri.

Several homes and trailers were damaged or destroyed in the storms Sunday, but there were no injuries.

The storms moved north into St. Louis early Monday with heavy rain. Street flooding was reported in Union, Mo.

A funnel cloud swept across Arkansas City, Kan., collapsing the roof of the city's civic auditorium, popping plate glass windows from a number of downtown businesses and destroying several trailer homes.

Up to 3 inches of rain caused minor flash flooding in southern Missouri. The normally tranquil Blue River rose 7 feet above its banks in some sections of Kansas City, and many low-lying intersections were under water.

The Rock Creek stream in nearby Independence, Mo., also was flooded.

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NE Portland loses power

A power line burned out Monday evening at the Pacific Power & Light Knott Street substation, knocking out electricity to several thousand Northeast Portland customers for nearly an hour.

Power was out between NE Broadway, Schyler Street, Union Avenue and 13th Avenue, said PP&L representative Barbara Douglas.

Work crews Tuesday will try to determine the cause of the outage, she added. The power went out at 4:55 p.m. and was restored 58 minutes later.

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Tornado strikes Washington farmland

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (UPI) — A tornado Monday afternoon touched down 15 miles southwest of the Grant County Airport and roared through a farming area for about four minutes before dissipating.

"We observed it at 4:30 p.m. and it dissipated at 4:34 p.m.," said an air traffic controller at the airport. The funnel moved northeast, "pretty much through open farm land."

There were no reports of damage, said a Grant County Sheriff's Department representative.

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Florida drought to continue

MIAMI (UPI) — Weather forecasters expected no break Monday in drought conditions threatening south Florida with more giant sinkholes, a possible 50 percent water cutback to 4.5 million residents, and spreading wildfires in the Everglades. "You're not going to like what I have to say," Donald L. Gilman, head of the Long Range Prediction Group of the National Weather Service in Silver Spring, Md., said Sunday. "The forecast for mid-May to mid-June is listed as less-than-normal precipitation for the whole of Florida and the southern part of neighboring states."

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Plane crash kills 4, sets building afire

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — A twin-engine U.S. Forest Service plane crashed into a warehouse Monday, killing all four men aboard and starting a fire that destroyed up to $10 million worth of firefighting equipment stored in the warehouse, officials said.

Forest Service spokesman Royal Mannion said the equipment loss would hinder firefighting in northern California this summer and that equipment would have to be brought in from other areas.

The pilot, who had just taken off on a flight to Chico to check another Forest Service aircraft, encountered trouble with one engine and was circling back to the field when the plane crashed into the warehouse roof, assistant airport director Hank Woodrum said.

The dead were identified as Larry Pettibone, pilot and air unit manager; George Mendel, fire management officer; Joe Hohl, an electronics technician, and mechanic Roscoe Bertolucci, all based at the center.

No one was reported hurt on the ground.

"We were very fortunate to get everyone out of the building," said Glenn Bradley, deputy Forest Service supervisor. He said people were working in an office directly below the crashed plane.

"There is nobody missing," he said, "and nobody (in the building) was hurt."

Ernie Loveless, a spokesman for the California Division of Forestry, said the warehouse contained supplies estimated to be worth from $7 million to $10 million and ranging from hoses to parachutes to be used in nine Northern California counties.

The fire also destroyed the Forest Service communications center for Northern California, administrative offices, a weather station and the base camp for airborne smoke-jumping teams, the Forest Service said.

Warehouseman John Ramirez would have been in the burning building had he not been summoned to the complex office along with four other workers to pick up some wooden pallets.

"It sounded like a big explosion, like

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Amid turmoil, U.S., Japan cut naval exercises

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan and the United States agreed Thursday to cancel the final two days of joint naval exercises in the Sea of Japan following public indignation over damage to commercial fishing gear during maneuvers, Japanese authorities said.

It was the first suspension reported since Japan and the United States began joint naval exercises in 1957.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Yoshinori Katori, said the U.S. Embassy informed the ministry late Thursday that it agreed to a Japanese request to end the joint exercises on Friday, two days earlier than originally planned.

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But the U.S. Embassy duty officer said Thursday night he could not confirm the report.

Japanese fishermen claimed that warships caused more than $400,000 in damage to long-line salmon nets in the Sea of Japan last Friday, and additional damage in maneuvers this week. The newspaper Asahi criticized the Japanese Self Defense Agency for selecting a time for the maneuvers when the salmon fishing in the area is at its peak.

A diplomatic battle continues over which of three navies — American, Soviet or Japanese — was to blame for damaging commercial fishing nets in the area.

A Defense Agency spokesman quoted Joji Omura, director-general of the Self Defense Agency, as saying that, "So far there is a very small possibility that Japanese naval forces and U.S. naval ships are responsible for the incidents, but we have decided to suspend the joint exercises after discussing the incidents."

Although damage to the fishing gear is believed to be relatively minor, and while it remains unclear whether U.S., Japanese, or Soviet ships in the area damaged the fishing equipment, the controversy has added to political trouble over Japan's military relationship with the United States.

Last Saturday, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito quit the government after domestic criticism that Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki let President Reagan maneuver him into a dangerous, new military relationship with the United States during a summit in Washington on May 7-8.

Earlier, the April 9 collision between a U.S. Polaris missile-equipped submarine and a Japanese freighter in the East China Sea aroused Japanese public opinion, because the submarine crew did not conduct rescue operations.

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Sinkhole gobbles house, pool, cars

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — A giant sinkhole gulped down a house, six expensive imported cars, a camping vehicle and part of a car lot Saturday in this central Florida town, and devoured the deep end of a municipal swimming pool and the backs of business buildings.

"It started last night, and it started growing really fast this morning," a police dispatcher who declined to give her name said Saturday afternoon. "When I was out there about an hour ago, it was at least two city blocks wide. You couldn't get close enough to the edge to see the bottom."

Observers said the spreading hole, which severed water and power lines for a few hours, was as large as 1,000 feet wide and 170 feet deep by nightfall and was still growing a few inches an hour.

"I think it's stabilizing right now," Barbara Nuss of the Winter Park police said Saturday night. "It's hard to tell this early if it's stopped for good. It'll stop for a while and all of a sudden a whole section will fall in."

Sinkholes, common in much of Florida, often result when underground water tables are lowered, allowing soil to dry out and shrink. They also may form when water dissolves limestone layers.

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Quake wreaks havoc with desert town

By JERRY SCHNEIDER

WESTMORLAND, Calif. (AP) — A strong earthquake shook this desert community Sunday, destroying at least seven buildings and damaging more than 600 others, cutting off water supplies, damaging an irrigation canal and causing a road to "just sink out of sight."

No injuries were reported.

"It's a miracle no one was hurt," Mayor Ron Rodriguez said of the quake that registered 5.6 on the Richter scale and jolted people out of their beds in this community of 1,600.

The quake struck at 5:09 a.m. PDT and caused extensive damage to this community, where many structures are built from adobe and red brick. Adobe is sun-dried clay.

Westmorland was declared a local disaster area — clearing the way for officials to seek state and federal assistance — after Rodriguez and county officials surveyed the damage and tacked up condemnation signs.

"Anything with adobe in it is in trouble, and any buildings that are damaged are being condemned," Rodriguez said.

Demolition crews were busy Sunday afternoon leveling two badly damaged adobe and stucco commercial buildings that had been condemned as safety hazards.

Thirteen other commercial buildings were damaged, as were 70 percent of the town's 900 homes. Six mobile homes were knocked off their foundations, and a bell crashed 20 feet to the ground from the steeple of St. Joseph's Church.

Five of the homes were so heavily damaged they were condemned, but officials said the residents of four of them refused to leave.

Officials could not immediately put a dollar estimate on the damage.

Sunday's was the largest in a "swarm" of about 40 quakes above magnitude 3.0 that have rattled this area since Friday evening. Hundreds of smaller quakes also were recorded.

Officials at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., and at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said they expected the seismic activity to continue for some time in this area.

"There have been a great number of smaller (tremors) — so many that we just can't keep track. The seismograph just keeps jiggling and jiggling," said Dennis Meridith, a spokesman for Cal Tech.

The state Department of Transportation closed four-lane state Highway 86, the town's main street, for fear buildings along the street might collapse, officials said.

A 2-inch-wide crack 600 yards long was reported in state Highway 111, the other major north-south road in the area. A rural road "just sank out of sight," one observer said.

Water was cut off when the quake twisted pipes and knocked out the purification system. A water storage tank also was damaged and was leaking.

Health officials were rerouting water back into water mains and heavily chlorinating it for bathing and flushing toilets.

It took 10 hours before workers restored the supply of drinking water. Meanwhile, potable water was trucked in from the nearby community of Calipatria and from private water companies.

The Vail Irrigation Canal, an offshoot of the All-American Canal that brings water from the Colorado River to this agriculturally rich area, broke and caused some flooding before it was repaired.

And scores of "mud pots" — areas of bubbling mud — were reported in fields. Meredith explained that mud pots, in which water is squeezed to the surface, are one of a number of soil anomalies that can occur after an earthquake.

The quake was felt in a wide area of Southern California, from San Bernardino on the north, to Calexico on the Mexican border to San Diego on the coast. Slight tremors were barely felt in Yuma, Ariz., 55 miles southeast of here.

Westmorland is just south of the Salton Sea in the Mojave Desert, about 225 miles southeast of Los Angeles and 20 miles north of the Mexican border.

It is in the same area where, in October 1979, a devastating quake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale injured some 100 people, destroyed 13 homes and businesses, and damaged 1,500 other buildings in nearby El Centro.

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Jet crash kills aerobatic pilot

By RON BARKER

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — An Air Force Thunderbird aerobatic jet crashed Saturday during an air show for up to 80,000 spectators at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, killing the pilot.

The victim was Capt. David L. "Nick" Hauck, 34, a native of Mingo Junction, Ohio, stationed at Nellis Air Force Base outside Las Vegas, Nev., Tech. Sgt. Dale Clements, a Thunderbird spokesman, said. No other injuries were reported.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but witnesses said the jet appeared to have engine trouble.

Clements said Hauck was the 13th Thunderbird pilot killed since the first team was formed in 1953. Two were killed performing in air shows and the rest died either in practices or en route to shows.

His aircraft, a T-38 Talon jet, crashed in an open field about 250 yards short of the south end of the base runway at 3:18 p.m. The crash site was just outside the base's borders.

Hauck, a 1971 graduate of the Air Force Academy, had been with the Thunderbirds for a year. He previously had been assigned to the Tactical Air Command and flew F-4 Phantoms. He was married and had two children.

"I feel my flying with the Thunderbirds is an opportunity of a lifetime," Hauck was quoted in Air Force news release issued at the demonstration. "I'm honored to have been selected to represent the United States and the U.S. Air Force."

The twin-engine jet was one of two planes performing at the time. The planes also perform in a six-jet team based at Nellis. The Thunderbirds were at Hill as part of the base's 40th anniversary celebration. The other pilot was not hurt.

Between 75,000 and 80,000 spectators watched the planes perform intricate aerial maneuvers above the base runway. The crash site was not visible to the spectators.

Air Force spokesman Capt. Phillip Johnson said the cause of the crash was not immediately known, but witnesses said the plane appeared to be having engine trouble, and there was no engine noise just before the crash. Johnson said the Air Force would investigate.

The witnesses said that after its pass over the spectator area, the jet turned and headed toward the runway with its landing gear down.

The plane passed over several homes in the area, then hit the ground and apparently cartwheeled before coming to rest on a small hill in the grassy field, witnesses said. Officials said two horses in the field were killed.

The first indication the crowd had that an accident had occurred was when crash equipment was brought out and began heading toward the south end of the air base.

The Thunderbirds began performing in 1953 and now fly Northrup T-38A Talons, supersonic jet trainers with a top speed of over 800 mph.

In 1980 the team put on 92 air shows before an estimated total of 6 million people on its 210-day schedule. The team has performed before more than

– "Power" Rain Attack –

Belgrade flooded

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — About 250 buildings were destroyed and 5,000 more houses were under water in Belgrade Wednesday in the worst flood in 40 years.

Tens of thousands of people were fighting the fast-rising waters of the Sava and Danube rivers, and 10 of Belgrade's 15 municipal districts were placed on partial "mobilization" alert.

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Hail bombards Umatilla area

PILOT ROCK (AP) — Authorities were assessing the damage Friday after a severe spring storm bombarded parts of Umatilla County with hailstones the size of golf balls Thursday night.

The hailstones broke windows, dented cars and mobile homes, stripped trees and caused some crop damage along a swath between Pilot Rock and Milton-Freewater.

"We've never seen anything like it," said Iris Doherty of Pilot Rock. "Some of the hailstones bounced 10 feet into the air when they hit."

The hail broke windows in the Doherty home and outbuildings.

"It beat screens right out of the frame," she said.

"Everything's a mess," said a spokeswomen at the Umatilla County Road Department. "Mostly in the Weston, Athena and Milton-Freewater areas."

County Commissioner Bob Ten Eyck said he saw newly seeded pea and wheat fields washed out around Athena and Weston.

"There's lots of crop damage. A lot of real estate got moved last night. It looks pretty serious," Ten Eyck said.

Hazel Weis reported 10 of her cherry trees downed on Winesap Road near Milton-Freewater.

At Tum-A-Lum, northeast of Milton-Freewater, cherries and apples were damaged.

Mud and debris washed onto county roads over a wide area, while trees blocked other roadways.

At Pilot Rock, some residents picked up the big hailstones to save.

"I got a half dozen of them and put them in my freezer," said Gordon Byrnes, a Pilot Rock city fireman.

Rancher Bill Etter reported three-quarter-inch hailstones pelted his farm.

The storm caught Harper Jones, Pendleton, on Battle Mountain. He told the National Weather Service that hail broke his rear-view mirror and dented his car hood.

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Floods ebb in Alabama

United Press International

Seven-foot floodwaters that forced hundreds of Mobile, Ala., residents to cling to trees and evacuate their homes receded Thursday. Two separate ship collisions, injuring 85 people, were reported in dense fog along the Atlantic coast.

A cold front moved into the Northwest Thursday, scattering rain and snow over Montana and plunging temperatures to near freezing levels. Traveler advisories were issued for Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho.

Some snow fell in higher mountain elevations Wednesday and about 6 inches of snow covered Rodgers Pass in Montana.

Thunderstorms swept the Rocky Mountains, spreading hail, high winds and tornadoes from Wyoming to New Mexico. No injuries were reported in the tornadoes although one twister near Tucumcari, N.M., uprooted trees and a power line.

Storms soaked the Alabama Gulf Coast Wednesday, dropping up to 13 inches of rain in seven hours on Mobile. Floodwaters surged to 7 feet through thousands of homes, forcing some residents to climb trees to avoid being swept away.

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Coal-fired plant shut down again

BOARDMAN (AP) — Portland General Electric has shut down its 530-megawatt coal-fired power plant here, one week after it was restarted following 10 weeks of repairs.

The breakdown is the third for the plant since November, and officials blamed a problematic turbine.

PGE spokesman Dave Eagon said Wednesday that crews are taking the turbine apart but that they may not know until Sunday if it caused the current shutdown.

The plant was shut in late November and restarted Jan. 22 after workers noted a vibration in one of three high-speed turbines that power the plant's massive generator.

The plant was shut down again Feb. 12 for the same problem.

Repairs were completed by Westinghouse Corp., the turbine manufacturer, and the plant was started up again April 27.

Eagon said the plant was operating at 450 megawatts when the vibration occurred again Tuesday.

Although the company's Trojan nuclear plant at Rainier was shut down for refueling May 1, Eagon said, the breakdown of the Boardman plant hasn't created a power-supply problem.

He said spring runoff created surplus power at hydroelectric plants, which the company is buying.

However, the company is unable to sell surplus power from the Boardman project to a California utility because of the shutdown, he said.

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Cruise ship loses power

MIAMI (AP) — The SS Norway, the world's largest passenger liner, was reported dead in the water due to a power failure Friday night some 500 miles southeast of Miami, and company officials said its 1,780 passengers would be transferred Saturday to two sister ships.

The power loss is not as serious as one that paralyzed the 1,034-foot ship for 28 hours in August, said Fran Sevick, a spokeswoman for Norwegian Caribbean Cruise Lines.

"The ship is not blacked out," Ms. Sevick said. "It does have some electricity. It doesn't have enough power to move in the water."

She said the power loss was due to "intrusion of foreign materials into the boiler water system." She declined to elaborate but said it was not the same problem that struck the ship last summer.

Ms. Sevick said the company decided to transfer passengers to the Sunward II and the Starward because it was uncertain how long repairs would take. The two ships were en route Friday night to rendezvous with the Norway.

Ms. Sevick said a seven-day cruise scheduled to depart Sunday on the Norway had been canceled.

Lt. Phil Centonze of the Miami Coast Guard station said cruise line officials called the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Miami about 8 p.m. EDT to report the problem.

"The owners and agents claim the situation is in hand and they're not asking for our assistance," Centonze said.

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Cargo ships collide in fog; no cr

By R.D. GERSH

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Two large cargo ships collided in dense fog Wednesday off the Virginia coast, leaving a diesel oil slick on the Atlantic and forcing 28 crewmen into lifeboats for more than two hours.

No injuries were reported and both ships headed for port under their own power, spokesmen for the 5th Coast Guard District headquarters said.

There was no immediate explanation for the 7:20 a.m collision 25 miles southeast of Cape Henry. The vessels involved are the 471-foot Hellenic Carrier, a Greek vessel, and the 820-foot Lash Atlantico, a U.S. Prudential Lines ship.

The Hellenic Carrier "does appear to be leaking (diesel) oil," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Fred Maldonado.

The ships would not be allowed into the shipping lanes leading into the port of Norfolk until the Coast Guard inspected them, he said.

Twenty-eight crewman from the Hellenic Carrier huddled in lifeboats lashed to the side of their ship until they were picked up between 10:45 and 11 a.m. by the bulk carrier Eastern Saga, out of Hong Kong.

They were transferred to the Navy destroyer Spruance, which was diverted to the scene from operations in the area. Neither the Navy nor the Coast Guard knew if the Spruance would bring them back to shore or if they would be transferred again.

The Hellenic Carrier's captain, first officer and chief engineer stayed aboard to take it into Norfolk.

An estimated 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled, but Maldonado said the slick 15 miles from

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April blizzards blast Britain

LONDON (AP) — The worst April blizzards of this century swept across the British Isles Saturday, piling snow drifts up to 6 feet deep, causing misery to humans, death to new-born lambs and destruction of early vegetable crops.

Weather forecasters saw no respite. A spokesman for the Meteorological Office commented, "It could snow until June." He refused to say if he was joking.

There was no immediate report of loss of life to humans, but farmers in England and Scotland said thousands of lambs born within the past week were wiped out by hypothermia or pneumonia. They are highly vulnerable shortly after birth, a National Farmers Union spokesman said.

He also reported that early vegetables planted outside greenhouses suffered severe damage. Those grown in greenhouses will cost consumers more because farmers had to turn up the heat just when they normally would lower it.

Royal Air Force rescue helicopters were out in what were described as appalling weather conditions to search for stranded motorists.

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83 hurt as ships collide in fog

NEW YORK (AP) — A freighter and a commuter ferry with instrument problems collided in heavy fog Wednesday in New York harbor, injuring 83 passengers, none seriously, according to harbor and hospital authorities.

Four of the injured were admitted to two hospitals in the area, said spokesmen at the institutions.

There were differing accounts of which way the Staten Island ferry American Legion, carrying 2,500 passengers, was headed when it was struck amidship at 7:20 a.m. by the bow of the SS Hoegh Orchid.

The ferry, with a bashed-in port side, returned to Staten Island under its own power. The freighter, with a 2- or 3-foot dent in its bow about five feet above the water line, went to a Brooklyn dock.

The captain of the ferry, Joseph Zaccone, and his assistant, Francis Tanner, were reassigned to dock duty pending investigation, Transportation Commissioner Anthony Ameruso said later in the day.

Ameruso, whose department runs the 2-million-passenger-a-year ferry service, said the boat "was following the normal procedures for operation in heavy fog — use of radar, fog horn, radio contact and lookouts."

The collision was the second major accident for the American Legion in 2½ years. On Nov. 7, 1978, 250 passengers were hurt when the ferry missed its Manhattan slip in fog and rammed a seawall.

Passengers aboard the ferry saw the freighter coming, but indistinctly, "like a large gray shadow coming out of the fog," according to Matthew Bendix, 17, of New Brighton. "After we got hit, we were interlocked and saw some of the crewmen from the freighter."

The ferry had left Staten Island at 7:05 a.m. on the 5-mile, 25-minute run past the Statue of Liberty to the lower tip of Manhattan.

The 515-foot Hoegh Orchid was Brooklyn-bound with a cargo of tea and coffee from Indonesia. There was no word of whether any in its crew of 28 to 30 were injured.

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Florida fire rages

MIAMI (AP) — Four wildfires in drought-stricken South Florida merged into one and raged out of control Sunday as state officials warned that "hardship" lies ahead unless the state gets rain soon.

Forecasters said there was still no immediate chance that Florida would get the heavy rains it needs to end what may be the worst drought in state history.

Fires and sinkholes have been among the most visible signs of the drought.

No new sinkholes were reported Sunday; fire dispatcher Janet Miller at Everglades National Park said four blazes in the 570,000-acre Big Cypress Preserve had merged and the single blaze was being battled by about 15 firefighters.

The Big Cypress fire forced the closing of Alligator Alley, one of only two east-west highways across the Everglades, for nearly a day. The highway was open to traffic Sunday.

Fires in Orange and Seminole counties were controlled by Saturday, fire officials said.

At least nine sinkholes have formed in the parched Central Florida earth in the past week.

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Grand Canyon darkened

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (UPI) — Workers planned to hook up a portable electric substation at the Grand Canyon Tuesday to restore power. The popular tourist attraction was plunged into darkness when lightning struck a transformer Monday, forcing an estimated 2,000 visitors and an undetermined number of nearby residents to spend a night without power.

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Trojan begins 10-week maintenance shutdown

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The 1,100-megawatt Trojan nuclear power plant near Rainier was being shut down Friday for annual maintenance and refueling, according to officials at Portland General Electric Co., which operates the plant.

Bill Babcock, a PGE spokesman, said the plant would be inoperative for about 10 weeks. In the meantime, PGE will buy low-cost hydroelectric power from the Bonneville Power Administration and rely on its 550-megawatt Boardman coal-fired generating plant in Eastern Oregon to meet customer demand.

Bart D. Withers, vice president of the utility's nuclear division, said some 500 additional workers will be involved in maintenance while the plant is down. Refueling will be performed by specialists from Westinghouse Electric Co., which designed the Trojan reactor system, though they will be assisted by Trojan personnel. It will be the third refueling at the plant since it went on line in December 1975, he said.

Other major work scheduled during the shutdown include an inspection of the main generating turbine, replacement of seals in two reactor cooling pumps and plugging of the first two rows of tubes in two of the plant's four steam generators.

The steam generators act as heat exchangers, transferring heat from the reactor cooling system to a steam-production system that powers the turbines and generators.

Trojan was shut down earlier this year to allow repairs to leaks that had developed in steam generator tubes, allowing minute amounts of radioactive gas to be emitted into the atmosphere.

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April blizzards batter Britain

LONDON (AP) — The century's worst April blizzards swept southward across England and Wales Sunday, leaving hundreds of motorists stranded in 5-foot snowdrifts, thousands of homes without electricity and seven people missing.

Troops using Land-Rovers were called out to restore damaged power lines and tow snowbound cars, officials said.

Agriculture groups said the situation "could be a disaster" for lamb raisers and "be disastrous" for dairy farmers. They warned that croplands could be flooded when the snow thaws.

"The weather has gone bananas," said a police spokesman in the Midlands industrial city of Birmingham, 100 miles northwest of London.

Late Sunday, the London Weather Center predicted more snow falls over much of the Midlands and southern England through the night, with a gradual thaw predicted by Monday afternoon. It said the cold weather, sleet and rain would move to London and the southeast of Britain.

Snow fell through most of the day on counties stretching in an arc from Lincolnshire, through the Midlands and Wales to Devonshire after hitting Scotland and northern England on Friday and Saturday.

Temperatures, which average about 57 at this time of year, hovered around 32.

Police in the worst-hit counties, Dorset, Devon, Wiltshire, Avon, Gloucesterhire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the West Midlands, reported their busiest weekend this year.

Two brothers, ages 21 and 12, were missing, feared drowned when a gas cylinder exploded aboard their yacht in heavy seas off the North Devonshire coast, police said.

The brothers and a 16-year-old girl took the yacht out of Ilfracombe harbor, fearing it would be battered against the wharf by driving winds. The girl was rescued by helicopter. org 4/27/81

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Fire Burns Close To Space Center

Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A fire came within two miles of facilities at the Kennedy Space Center yesterday before firefighters began to bring it under control, a Division of Forestry spokesman said.

The fire in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge had scorched up to 5000 acres of scrubland normally under water but dried by the lingering drought, said forestry official Ray Edwards.

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Baseball-sized hail, winds batter Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Thunderstorms pounded North Texas with baseball-sized hail, rain and winds up to 90 mph, killing one motorist, knocking out power and causing damage estimated Saturday at tens of millions of dollars.

A similar storm killed one man in Oklahoma and injured eight other people, doing damage estimated at $2 million by the Highway Patrol.

Hardest hit in Texas was Fort Worth and surrounding Tarrant County, where storms Friday night and early Saturday caused damage that could "as much as double" the $45 million in damage from a hail storm last year, said Ben Meyers of the county Civil Defense.

Alan Moller, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said that in Fort Worth "damage was intense and easily into the millions of dollars."

Despite the widespread damage — which included hundreds of broken windows, caved-in roofs and many downed power lines — only two people in Fort Worth were injured. Both suffered minor cuts from flying glass.

Near Aledo, west of Fort Worth, a tornado reportedly touched down Friday night, wrecking several mobile homes and injuring one man slightly. "The tops came off and the walls came down" on the homes when the twister hit, said resident Bill Pounds.

On Saturday afternoon, two tornadoes swept Bell and Hill counties in Central Texas, about 75 miles south of Fort Worth. One twister damaged barns and a cotton gin, but no injuries were reported.

"We had some looting out in Lakewood, but we've curbed that pretty well," Tarrant County Sheriff's Sgt. J.P. Burns said Saturday. Lakewood is a Fort Worth neighborhood.

At least three 18-wheelers were blown over on a Fort Worth freeway, said police Sgt. Larry Spigler. And the power outages knocked the Dallas-Fort Worth area's three major television stations off the air for a time.

Heavy rain moved across Oklahoma and East and North Texas — bringing up to 7.5 inches of rain in Burkburnett, Texas, some 130 miles northwest of Dallas-Fort Worth. Up to 5 inches of rain fell in other areas.

Some flooding was reported, forcing scattered evacuations in Dallas, Arlington and Grand Prairie and washing out railroad tracks and closing two roads in Tarrant County. Chron 5/10/81

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Jurors convict California trio in robbery trial

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By BILL STEWART
Columbian Writer

Three California men, referred to in a Vancouver trial as "three musketeers," were convicted Friday on charges stemming from a March robbery of a Hazel Dell tavern.

The jury reached its verdict at 8:45 p.m., slightly more than seven hours after being handed the case by Clark County Superior Court Judge J. Dean Morgan.

Morgan, who was playing the trumpet in the orchestra for the Peanut Gallery musical "Carousel," was called away during the first act to hear the verdicts.

The weeklong trial brought tight security because sheriff's deputies feared a possible breakout attempt might be staged by the trio's friends. Some spectators were searched outside the court by a contingent of deputies armed with a portable metal detector.

Judge Morgan, seeking to protect his jurors, kept them together day and night. Other than a brief scuffle in the stairwell to the jail, the trial was quiet. The scuffle resulted in bruises and a cut eyebrow for one suspect, and a window was shattered.

One of the three defendants goes on trial Monday before the same judge on a charge of robbing Diamond Jim's Restaurant. And that man will be tried a week later with one of the others on a charge of being ex-convicts in possession of firearms.

The defendants, and their verdicts from Friday, include:

Peter Charles Acuna, also known as Anthony Wayne Blackhorse, 35, was found guilty of first-degree robbery of the Stable Tavern, guilty of second-degree assault by threatening a man with a gun during that robbery, guilty of first-degree possession of stolen property (a car), and guilty of second-degree possession of stolen property (money from the Stable). The seven women and five men in the jury also returned special verdicts which found Acuna used a deadly weapon in the robbery and assault, thus requiring a longer minimum prison sentence.

Vincent Allabush Epker, 31, charged in the Diamond Jim's robbery, and Robert Leon Stanton, 27, were convicted on identical charges of possessing the car stolen from a Portland car dealer, possession of money from the tavern, and rendering criminal assistance to Acuna after the robbery.

Deputy Prosecutor Roger Bennett withdrew a pending charge of possessing a firearm which had been filed against Stanton, saying there was insufficient evidence. That meant there are no other actions against Stanton, so Morgan agreed to sentence the man sometime this week.

Sentencing of the other two was postponed until after their other trials are completed.

The jury decided that Acuna robbed the tavern, and that the three then shared the money and a six-pack of beer. One of the three defense attorneys, in closing arguments, characterized the men as the three musketeers, a phase then repeated in Bennett's closing comments.

Japanese N-plant ordered shut down

...ESDAY, MAY 20, 1981 — Nuclear Project 2 —

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government Tuesday ordered a nuclear power company to shut down its Tsuruga plant for six months while an estimated $11.6 million worth of safety measures are put into effect.

International trade minister Rokusuke Tanaka previously pledged to "rigorously punish" the Japan Atomic Power Co. for its failure to report a series of radioactive spills at the reactor 200 miles west of Tokyo.

Tanaka, touring the western Japan plant, said he would extend the shutdown unless he is satisfied by the security measures.

Officials said the disciplinary action, the first of its kind ever taken against a nuclear power company, was harsher than an indictment.

The maximum fine that could have resulted under criminal prosecution would have been $465, Tanaka's aides said.

The company announced five board directors will be reprimanded and 18 employees held responsible for the accidents will be disciplined. The punishments were not announced but were expected to be pay cuts.

The latest leak, discovered March 8 and termed by authorities the worst in Japan's nuclear history, exposed 56 workers to low-level radiation.

The company insists the workers were never in danger, and the international trade ministry said in a report that Tsuruga at no time threatened to become an accident similar to the one at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island.

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Outages, snow hit Spokane

SPOKANE (AP) — A wave of power outages blacked out about 25 percent of Spokane and some outlying communities Monday morning as a rare May 4 snowstorm made its way through the region. Some areas received an inch or more of snow, but most of it had melted by midmorning.

However, Washington Water Power Co. spokesmen said not all the outages were weather-related.

The outages blacked out traffic signals in many parts of the city, turning intersections into "free-for-alls" and causing a rash of minor traffic accidents, Spokane police said.

The trouble started at 3:45 a.m. with equipment failure, said utility spokesman Stanley Witter Jr. That problem put a large area of Spokane out of commission until 6 a.m.

Crews rerouted transmission service and restored power to most of that area, but scattered outages caused by the equipment problem continued through noon.

At 7:23 a.m., the utility "lost a transmission line into the substation," Witter said.

He said the fallen power line shorted out distribution lines, blacking out a large part of southeast Spokane.

Witter said service to most customers was restored by 9:30 a.m., but several schools reported problems throughout the morning.

Another area was blacked out when the same transmission line knocked out power at the Ross Park Substation, Witter said.

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Violent rains bring death, destruction, chance of relief

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By ANDREW TORCHIA

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A month of violent rain has killed hundreds of people, threatened the lives of thousands more and drowned tens of thousands of goats and sheep in East Africa. But the rain, if it continues, promises the first good harvests in several years and partial relief from endemic famine.

In Tanzania, the rain came as if in answer to a president's prayer. Julius Nyerere, asserting that his country faced the gravest food crisis in 20 years of independence, told 18 million Tanzanians in mid-March that a third of them could face starvation if it did not rain before the month ended.

The weather met the deadline, breaking the worst drought in 40 years.

Somalia's two main rivers, the Juba and Shebelle, were at their lowest levels in 30 years when rains came there. Hippopotamuses were standing shoulder to shoulder in shrinking pools, and the two rivers, the main water sources for more than 4 million Somalis and more than a million refugees from Ethiopia, were down to an estimated 10-day supply.

Across a region stretching 1,875 miles north to south, peasants and Western aid workers rejoice in a seeming last-minute reprieve from a disaster of huge proportions. But food experts say there is no end in sight to eastern Africa's long-term food shortages, the result of changing diets and populations that grow faster than grain production.

Spokesmen for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome say it is too early to say whether the rain has saved the region from famine. One heavy rain is not enough to restore crops, they say, and it takes years to rebuild livestock herds virtually wiped out by drought.

Even in normal times, eastern Africa is no longer self-sufficient in the domestically grown cereals, mainly maize (corn) and sorghum, on which it depends. It has also become a heavy wheat importer because it grows little wheat, and demand, particularly in urban areas, is growing.

By all predictions, Western donor countries, already providing tens of millions of dollars in food aid every year, are going to be asked for more in the years ahead.

Allocations last year from World Food Program stocks included $18.8 million for Somalia, Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya. There were sizable additional donations from other agencies and individual countries.

Donors from 27 countries and the European Common Market have earmarked $34 million and 1.56 million tons of grain for eastern Africa since September, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization.

A Western farm analyst in Tanzania said the rain may prevent an emergency.

"The harvest definitely won't be normal, but it may just mean belt-tightening rather than famine," he said.

After three years of poor crops, diplomats say Tanzania will need rain extending into June, longer than the usual wet season, to build up reserve stocks.

Meanwhile, East Africans are coping with the most widespread floods in years. Floods killed at least 20 people and left more than 100,000 homeless, nearly a third of the population, in coastal Djibouti, the former French territory at the entrance to the Red Sea. After two years of severe drought, it rained more in five days there than in all of 1980.

Flash floods in central Somalia threatened more than 70,000 Somalis and refugees. The country lacked helicopters and had only a few boats for evacuation.

Dozens of other deaths were reported from floods and avalanches in the eastern region.

Police said 13,500 goats and sheep were washed into Lake Turkana in northern Kenya. Floods tore a 330-foot hole in a dam on an irrigation project at Katilu, which produces the only maize grown in the arid, nomad region near the lake.

In Ethiopia, 12,041 sheep, 181 cattle and 142 camels were reported swept away by floods into the Rift Valley near Dessie, a northern administrative center.

Here is a country-by-country rundown on food and weather conditions in East Africa:

— KENYA: Self-sufficient in maize until about four years ago, Kenya will import 450,000 tons of maize this year, according to statisticians. The United States is expected to donate 70,000 tons.

The Food and Agriculture Organization reports that about 275,000 Kenyans are receiving famine relief, about the same number as last year. Livestock herds, cut in half by nearly two years of drought, could take 8 to 10 years to recover.

Government forecaster Stephen Njoroge said: "Most areas of the country will get above-average rain. We are also forecasting a very good spread of rain over the season. We should have a good crop."

— SOMALIA: Deputy Planning Minister Mohammed Omar Giama estimates a grain deficit of 470,000 tons this year. Somalia is expected to produce 345,000 tons. The United States appears set to provide 60 percent of the donated food, aid officials say.

— TANZANIA: Farmers who planted four times last year and watched each crop wither are switching from maize to less palatable but more drought-resistant crops such as sorghum, millet and cassava. Foreign exchange reserves, needed to buy grain in world markets, are near zero.

The Agriculture Ministry recently asked the Bank

— UGANDA: The rain has broken a drought in Karamoja, the arid and neglected northeast region where all 250,000 Karamojong tribesmen have been living on famine relief for nearly nine months.

"We think we can stop the feeding entirely in August, after the harvest, if all goes well," said Nils Enquist of Sweden, the World Food Program representative.

"Cattle raiding has subsided. The Karamojong are planting more than they have in years. They have never had it so good."

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Reactor shut down

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The N
reactor at Hanford was shut down Mon-
day morning because of a suspected
failure in one of the reactor's 16,000
fuel elements, a spokesman said.

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Two-car accident cuts power to area

A traffic accident that left a Portland woman with minor injuries also left 1,147 Cascade Park-area residents temporarily without power Saturday afternoon.

Sheriff's deputies said the 2:45 p.m. crash occurred at Southeast McGillivray Boulevard and Chkalov Drive. The two-car crash caused an estimated $1,000 damage to a Clark County Public Utility District switching module, according to the report.

Drivers were Thomas J. Terrill Jr., 1403 S.E. 147th Ave., and Ethel L. Morrison, Portland. Neither was cited. The woman was treated for minor injuries at St. Joseph Community Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said.

The crash left most of the customers without power for 50 minutes, a PUD spokesman said. He said 128 of the customers had to wait until about 5:45 p.m. for their power to be restored.

The switching module is a metal box containing a mechanism that allows work crews to cut off power to specific areas. The module was not repaired Saturday, but workmen were about to run temporarily lines around it to restore power to the area, the spokesman said.

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Florida farms dry up; federal relief sought

MIAMI (AP) — Florida's agriculture secretary asked for federal aid Tuesday to provide water to drought-stricken pastures, while fires continued raging across normally swampy parts of the southern half of the state.

"Ponds and streams are going dry as the drought clings to the peninsular area" of Florida, Agriculture Secretary Doyle Conner wrote to the U.S. Agriculture Department. "Relief of any kind would be welcomed."

Conner asked the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to help farmers drill wells and install pipelines to pastures to relieve the feedgrass shortage. He said federal emergency feed assistance programs were in effect in 35 counties and seven more might be added.

Water management authorities planned a meeting Wednesday on further restriction of water usage in populous southern Florida where, as of May 18, only 10 inches of rain had fallen since Jan. 1. During the same period last year, weather officials recorded 17.06 inches at Miami International Airport.

Forest fires spread through southern Florida's Big Cypress Preserve, scorching more than 100,000 acres. New fires erupted in the central section of the state, authorities said.

Late in the day, thundershowers in the Panhandle and off the Gulf Coast raised hopes for relief in hard-hit central and southern Florida.

"That's an indication of the potential," said forecaster Bob Casey at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

About 7 feet of water is needed to bring the water level in Lake Okeechobee — the central water supply for South Florida — to its normal 17½ feet above mean sea level.

"I hate to say it, but we almost need a hurricane," said Larry Nunn, spokesman for the South Florida Water Management District.

Officials said the lake was within inches of the point at which water would stop flowing into the canal system — increasing chances the district would order water usage cut in half.

Nunn said the water level in Lake Okeechobee dropped about another inch Tuesday, to a level of 10.74 feet above sea level.

"The magic figure is 10.5," he said. "At 10.5 we experience great difficulty in moving any water to South Florida from the lake because it will have dropped to a point where it is equal to the level of land."

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Island ruled disaster area

HONOLULU (AP) — Acting Northern Marianas Gov. Francisco Ada declared volcano-ravaged Pagan Island a disaster area Tuesday and was considering asking President Reagan to do the same — a move that would make the trust territory eligible for federal disaster funds.

All of the island's 53 residents were evacuated Saturday, after a day of suspense in which authorities were uncertain whether they had survived the explosive blast that belched ash 40,000 feet into the air and sent lava streaming to within 300 yards of their village.

They were picked up by the Japanese freighter Hoyo Maru after taking refuge from excessive heat and a rain of hail and lava in seaside caves.

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Aqueduct Shut

Earth movement in the area of the big Sylmar earthquake has damaged the Los Angeles Aqueduct, forcing officials to close the 338-mile system that brings 60 percent of the city's water for repairs.

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Rivers recede; many stranded

By GARRY J. MOES

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Floodwaters receded Sunday in western Montana, but hundreds of people were still stranded by high water or unable to return to their flooded homes. More rain was forecast.

In addition to the people evacuated after the flooding started Thursday, about 150 people were evacuated early Sunday from flooded homes along the Clark Fork River between Clinton and Missoula, on the western side of the Continental Divide.

Five members of one family, including a 6-month-old child, were rescued in a National Guard helicopter Sunday morning from the Crow Creek area in the Elkhorn Mountains near Townsend, east of Helena, where they had been trapped by high water.

The worst flooding was near Missoula, where the Clark Fork crested Sunday morning at 13.3 feet — 2.3 feet above flood stage, according to the National Weather Service.

Hundreds of homes and businesses also were flooded in other areas, principally in the Helena Valley just east of the Continental Divide.

Scattered thunderstorms were forecast over western Montana Sunday and were expected to become more numerous Monday. The National Weather Service said some of the storms could produce brief heavy rain that could cause small streams to leave their banks again.

State, federal and local government officials were assessing damage in preparation for a request for a presidential disaster designation and emergency funding. Sketchy preliminary estimates put the damages well into the millions of dollars.

Gov. Ted Schwinden visited the state's flooded Boulder River School and Hospital for the severely handicapped, southeast of Helena, and said high water and loss of power and heat were posing a "really serious problem."

"But they're hanging in there," he said.

All of Boulder River's patients were being kept in one building. Electricity was restored by Sunday morning, but the facility was without heat.

Schwinden praised National Guard troops and local law enforcement officers for preventing any "serious people problems, in terms of life-threatening situations."

Emergency crews were ready for a break.

"My wife and I are starting to wonder what our kids look like," said Rick Leavell, head of disaster services in Missoula County, whose wife has been working with him as a volunteer.

At Belt, along Belt Creek southeast of Great Falls, officials said there was hope that scores of homeless people could return to their houses by Monday morning.

Church services were canceled Sunday for two Helena Valley congregations — Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and Valley Baptist Church — in the floodwater area. Officials of a new church nearing completion — Green Meadow Community Christian Reformed Church — said flood damage would delay its opening until June.

Forecasters said the Clark Fork River would drop slowly Sunday but remain above flood stage. The crest was predicted to reach St. Regis near the Montana-Idaho border during midafternoon.

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In Florida

2 new sinkholes swallow land

By IKE FLORES

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Two new sinkholes opened up Thursday, one just five miles from the huge sinkhole that has swallowed part of Winter Park. Police blocked off the areas and residents of threatened homes hurriedly moved out.

A crater that threatened two homes here was discovered when Dominick Cipollone went out to water his garden — and found it was gone.

"There was this big hole and it hadn't been there last night," said Cipollone, 76. "You read about Winter Park but you never think it can happen here. But it can happen here."

"I was shocked. I never expected that," he said as neighbors helped him move his belongings out of the two-bedroom house.

While Cipollone and neighbor John McClellan were moving out of their homes on either side of the sinkhole in this suburban Orlando town, people living nearby "have been alerted as to possible evacuation," said John Spolski of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department.

The crater was just north of the huge Altamonte Mall, one of Florida's largest shopping centers.

A third sinkhole was reported Thursday in Auburndale, about 45 miles southwest of Orlando.

Auburndale police spokeswoman Angie Kidwell said no houses were threatened immediately by the 60-foot-wide, five-foot-deep sinkhole, which was nibbling at a road in an area of orange groves. Police blocked all traffic from the road, she said.

Geologists said the sinkhole here was about 50 feet wide and 40 feet deep in the center.

"Nobody can guarantee anything, but I personally think the subterranenan activity has ceased," said Seminole County engineer Bill Bush.

The limestone cavern that created the hole when its top collapsed "may have filled itself up," Bush said. "We're going to stay here and monitor to see if there's any further danger, but the probability is it has stabilized."

As spectators gathered, Seminole County deputies blocked off a three-block area. Utility workers cut off power to the two threatened homes and several other nearby houses.

"It's frightening really," said Mary Williams, who lives near the Cipollone and McClellan homes. "When you don't know what you're going to find when you get up in the morning, that's something."

Soil engineer Bryant Marshall said central Florida has a geological history of "ancient sinkhole activity." He said many of the lakes and other depressions in the region were formed by sinkholes thousands of years ago.

"Due to the porousness of the area, we still have some of that sinkhole activity, as you can see," added Bush.

Power outage hits Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A flash fire sparked by a flooded electrical vault knocked out power to a large part of downtown for about an hour Monday, stranding some people in high-rise elevators, officials said.

Dallas Power & Light Co. turned off power to the northeastern quarter of downtown at about 10:30 a.m. EDT after the fire broke out, said Terry Griffin, community service manager.

Heavy rains during the weekend flooded an underground electrical vault, where equipment is stored, causing an underground cable to short out, he said.

The utility said most service was restored by 11:27 a.m.

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Weekend storms rock Arkansas; 5 injured

By The Associated Press

Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms roared across Arkansas late Saturday and early Sunday, leaving at least five people injured and more than 50 houses damaged. Some minor flooding also was reported.

In Colorado, a welcome weekend storm dropped up to 11 inches of snow in tinder-dry mountains, where the forest fire hazard had been rated high, and also dropped more than an inch of rain on the eastern plains, officials said.

In Arkansas City, Kan., a funnel cloud spawned high winds Sunday that tore off most of the copper dome at the Union State Bank and collapsed the roof at the civic auditorium, authorities said.

The winds also caused roof damage at several downtown businesses and some homes, shattered some windows and knocked down trees in the south-central Kansas city of 14,000 people three miles north of the Oklahoma state line.

No injuries were reported, but police estimated damage in the thousands of dollars.

A tornado watch was issued Sunday for parts of Oklahoma and Kansas, and heavy rain in northwest Kansas was causing flooding along the Smoky Hill River.

The Dumas area in southeast Arkansas was the hardest hit by the weekend storms, with preliminary property damage set at about $400,000, said George Cosey, director of the state Office of Emergency Services.

Twisters, storms slam nation

By United Press International

Thunderstorms hurled tornadoes across the South, destroying much of tiny Hurtsboro, Ala., and killing two people, then spread eastward Thursday.

Westerners braced for another spring snowstorm gathering over Colorado.

Storms packing hail and high winds Thursday stretched along the Atlantic Coast from Florida to New York — remnants of fierce storms that left two dead and 23 injured in Alabama.

Twisters struck Wednesday in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia — one not far from former President Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga. Torrential rain, hail and lightning were reported from Mississippi to South Carolina. Damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

Winds up to 75 mph and more than an inch of rain lashed Jacksonville, Fla., and hail pounded Cecil Field and Orange Park, Fla. Nearly an inch of rain soaked other areas of Florida.

In the West, plagued this spring by a series of storms, another snowstorm was gathering in Colorado and northern Arizona.

Quarantine Ends

Newport Beach

A quarantine has been lifted on seven miles of Orange County coastline where 6 million gallons of raw sewage poured into the ocean from a broken sewer line. However, Newport Bay, which received the bulk of the contamination, remained closed.

Associated Press

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Carrier's impending return sparks controversy

By WILLIAM CHAPMAN
LA Times-Washington Post Service

TOKYO — The impending return to port of the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway sparked a new anti-nuclear controversy Thursday, prompting Japan at one point to suggest that the ship's arrival be postponed.

The mayor of Yokosuka, the carrier's home port, presented the top U.S. Navy official in Japan with a request to delay the Midway's expected return next week, and the city made a similar appeal to the Japanese government.

The government, worried about the rising anti-nuclear sentiment, tentatively asked U.S. officials here if it would be possible to postpone the ship's docking, according to reliable sources.

Officials at the U.S. Embassy threw cold water on the suggestion. By the end of the day, Japanese sources said the government would not press the issue with a formal request.

But the fact that American officials were tentatively sounded out on the possibility of delaying the ship's port call was taken as a sign of the intense pressure felt by the government on the nuclear issue since the controversy erupted over U.S. ships carrying atomic weapons.

A statement by Rear Adm. Donald L. Felt, however, expressed irritation at the Yokosuka mayor's request that the Midway stay out of port a bit longer, saying the effect on morale for 3,000 dependents would be "devastating" if the ship's return is delayed.

Publication of statements by former American officials that U.S. ships have routinely carried nuclear weapons into Japanese ports began the controversy 10 days ago, forcing the government on the defensive. Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki persistently has denied those statements.

The Midway has become the new focal point of attack by leftist and anti-nuclear forces, which have planned to stage a large demonstration when the ship docks at Yokosuka. It is expected June 5, although no date has been officially announced.

The Midway carries F-4, A-6 and A-7 fighter and attack planes that normally are believed to carry nuclear weapons. It has been away from port since Feb. 23 on deployment in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

Since the controversy erupted last week, public sentiment against nuclear weapons has been noted most frequently in port cities such as Yokosuka, where ships of the U.S. 7th Fleet call frequently.

Yokosuka Mayor Kazuo Yokoyama presented a citizens' appeal to Felt Thursday, asking that the Midway's return be postponed because of "deep concern" about nuclear weapons. It said the docking would be "inappropriate" at a time when citizens have such "deep suspicions" about whether U.S. ships bring those weapons into ports or Japanese waters. Nuclear weaponry is still a sensitive topic in Japan.

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Trojan worker struck; clothing contaminated

A Westinghouse Corp. employee preparing the reactor at the Trojan nuclear power plant near Rainier for refueling had his clothing contaminated early Monday when he was struck by a piece of machinery used to loosen bolts on the reactor head.

Bill Babcock, a spokesman for Portland General Electric Co. which operates the plant, said it was believed at first that the worker, John Nix of Spartanburg, S.C., might have a broken leg, so he was transported to St. John's Hospital in Longview, Wash.

Although Nix was only bruised, Babcock said, he was found to have picked up a small amount of radioactive contamination on his clothing. The "barely detectable" contamination was not found until Nix had reached the hospital, Babcock said, but no one received a serious exposure.

The amount of contamination, Babock said, was four to five times less than the natural radiation contained in the materials of a gas-fueled lantern mantle. There was no contamination of Nix's skin, he said.

Babcock said the machinery that struck the worker had just been used to loosen the bolts on the reactor head and was being lifted clear of the reactor vessel by a small crane when it dropped, striking the worker as it bounced. The accident occurred about 1:40 a.m., he said.

He said the contamination apparently occurred as Nix was moved into an air lock in the plant's reactor containment building and a protective suit was removed. "He must have brushed against something on the way in," Babcock said.

The plant has been shut down since May 1 for refueling, and the reactor head must be removed to extract old radioactive fuel rods and insert new rods.

Nix had returned to Trojan later in the morning, Westinghouse officials said, but was not expected to return to work until he had recuperated from his bruises.

The mishap triggered what is termed an "unusual event" at the plant, which is the lowest category of accident that can occur. Accidents are labeled as unusual, emergency, site emergency or general emergency, depending upon their severity.

Under the regulations of the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, any accident must immediately be reported to county, state and federal governments.

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Three Mile N-plant cites bankruptcy fear

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (UPI) — The operator of the accident-stricken Three Mile Island nuclear power plant could go bankrupt at tax time next month, a senior plant official says.

Robert Arnold, chief operating officer of General Public Utilities Corp. Nuclear Group, warned Wednesday that the plant's financial condition is "as serious as it has been since the (nuclear) accident" two years ago.

The firm facing possible bankruptcy is GPU's subsidiary, Metropolitan Edison Co., which operates Three Mile Island.

The cost of the 1979 nuclear accident has been estimated at $3 billion, with $1 billion to go for decontaminating the highly radioactive facility and $2 billion to pay for replacement electricity.

Arnold said Wednesday that Met-Ed needs $22 million from its banks to pay Pennsylvania taxes on April 15.

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Ill-fated cruise ship steams toward Miami

By NICOLAS B. TATRO

ABOARD THE NORWAY (AP) — The SS Norway, the world's largest cruise ship, steamed toward Miami Saturday after its second breakdown in eight months left 1,780 passengers without electricity and water for 24 hours. Some passed the time watching the crew throw chickens to circling sharks. Others fumed.

"This is definitely my first cruise and my last cruise," one woman yelled when all hot food service stopped Friday. She declined to be identified or say how much she paid for the seven-day cruise, which cost as much as $1,450 for some.

Capt. Aage Hoddevik said the Norway received sufficient power to start again early Saturday. He insisted the ship was never in any danger during the outage and no passengers had suffered health problems. "Of course, it was not an emergency," he said.

The Norway was expected in Miami Monday after canceling a scuba-diving stop. The Norwegian Caribbean Lines in Miami said the firm was working on a refund program, and that the boiler breakdown was not as serious as the electrical wiring outage that paralyzed the ship for 28 hours in August.

The plush, 15-year old, 1,034-foot-long ship, formerly the SS France, underwent a $50 million renovation in 1980. But all the luxuries provided little relief for sweltering passengers during the ordeal.

Ralph Doran, 38, of Toronto, bedded down under the lifeboats to get a breeze that his non-functioning air conditioner couldn't provide. "If I'd known we were going to camp out I'd have stayed at home and gone to the woods," he said.

Anne Coyne of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said: "I love this ship and I would go again. It's a real Cadillac but maybe it's a lemon." She said she was grateful the ship was moving again. "I'd use an oar to row it there if necessary," she added after a night in an airless cabin.

Eileen Newton of Fort Lauderdale, noting that many of the passengers h[a]d not been able to wash, said, "N[o] we want is the water. That's [the] worst part."

Ill-fated tourist from space?

The as-yet unidentified flying ing object seen by several pers plant last Tuesday morning sho headlines as the anniversary of M

It's certain that some will co however much informed opinio investigation may reveal all the related to drug smuggling, as la suspected.

Until that or some other revelation is nailed down, however, we'll all be free to speculate about the UFO.

Our theory is that word of the volcano has passed through space to the Intragalactic Travel Agency, and Tuesday morning's event was the first tourist bus from Alpha Centauri making the Mount St. Helens tour.

Maybe it was no such thing, but can all the committees trying to decide what to do with the mountain overlook the possibility?

Probably.

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Killer storms sock Midwest

United Press International

Thunderstorms pounding the Midwest with hail, rain and heavy winds for the fifth day spun tornadoes across Kansas and Missouri and unleashed lightning that was blamed for at least one death and two serious injuries.

A woman in Kincaid, Ill., was electrocuted Monday night when lightning struck a telephone line while she was talking to her grandmother, causing the phone to explode in her hand.

Christian County Coroner Thomas E. Doyle said Vicky Foster, 29, the mother of two children, was killed instantly.

The storms that battered the Midwest Monday in Rochester, Minn., with second-degree burns over 10 percent of their bodies.

In Jackson Junction, Iowa, two high school girls were struck by lightning while crossing a field near Turkey Valley High School. They were in serious condition at a hospital

The storms that battered the Midwest Monday downed trees and buildings and swelled rivers to near flood stage.

At least one tornado and numerous funnel clouds raked Kansas, but no injuries.

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Tornadoes slash Texas

By United Press International

A cold front gripped tornado-plagued Plains states and thunderstorms threatened flooding in Colorado and portions of the Southwest Friday.

Five tornadoes touched down in Texas Thursday, including three near Sundown, southwest of Lubbock, and twisters were reported near Joplin, Mo., and Denver. No injuries were reported.

Thunderstorms flailed Colorado, triggering a tornado watch Friday for the eastern part of the state.

Sections of the Texas Highway 70 were submerged under more than a foot of water.

Flash flood watches were posted Friday for the eastern foothills of Colorado, Kansas, southwest Oklahoma and the eastern panhandle of Texas.

A cold front extended from Arkansas into the Plains region.

A twister was sighted about 20 miles east of Joplin, Mo., and high winds toppled trees in downtown Joplin. Golf-ball size hail pelted the region.

Winds blasted through Haskell, Texas at more than 60 mph and into Thalia, Texas at over 65 mph.

Heavy rains, accompanied by golf ball-sized hail, lashed southwestern Arkansas and central Texas Thursday.

In Frederick, Okla., about 3 inches of rain fell in an hour and water was 3 to 4 feet deep in some streets.

About 3 ½ inches of rain fell in a few hours at Monkato, Kan., where a flood watch was posted. Heavy rain fell as far north as northwest Nebraska, where more than 2 ½ inches pounded the town of Valentine.

A flash flood watch was still in effect for low-lying areas near Mississippi's Tombigbee River — swamped by more than 9 inches of rain during the past few days.

Rainshowers doused Iowa and dotted most of the Mississippi Valley.

Some scattered showers lingered over the Atlantic Coast, hitting parts of northern Maine, and stretching into the eastern Ohio Valley.

Clear skies prevailed over the Southeastern half of the nation, the northern Plains and over the Great Basin.

Thundershowers fell Thursday over parts of drought-stricken South Florida where temperatures soared into the 90s.

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N-sub's sonar detected fated ship

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A U.S. nuclear missile submarine cruising at periscope depth made sonar contact with a Japanese freighter moments before colliding with the cargo vessel.

But the Navy said Tuesday that the officer directing the submarine's movement at the time did not acknowledge receiving the information.

"At this stage in the investigation it is not clear that the collision could have been avoided had the sonar information been acted upon promptly," a Navy report said.

Sonar contact is obtained by bouncing high-frequency sound waves off nearby objects.

The preliminary finding backed the submarine commander's report in saying the sub left the scene without attempting to pick up survivors because no one on the sub or in a nearby Navy plane knew the Japanese vessel was sinking.

Japanese authorities filed a $2.7 million claim for damages against the Navy Friday in the collision of the USS George Washington and the Nissho Maru in the East China Sea, the report said.

The small freighter, two of its crew and its cargo of 1,200 pounds of raw cotton were lost. The submarine sustained only minor damage to its conning tower.

The 3½-page report was timed to coincide with the U.S. visit of Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, and was delivered to him in New York. It generally takes months for such a report to be completed.

The collision provoked charges in Japan that the submarine, loaded with 16 nuclear-tipped Polaris missiles, refused to surface and search for survivors because it did not want to risk exposing nuclear secrets.

The collision occurred April 9 on a rainy, overcast morning with visibility ranging from good to poor, the report said. The sub was running at periscope depth en route to South Korea.

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Sewage dumped in harbor

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — The world's largest pleasure boat harbor and five miles of beach were quarantined because a section of a pipeline burst, forcing officials to pump more than 6 million gallons of untreated sewage into the waters of Newport Harbor. Officials warned Sunday that other places along the line could also burst.

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Texas flood death toll reaches 10

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — Residents in the Texas capital dug out Tuesday from foot-deep mud left by the worst flooding in a half century. Cleanup crews pulling cars from mud-choked streams found 10 victims and fear the death toll will rise.

A 7-inch downpour sent Shoal Creek — normally a picturesque, meandering stream — roaring out of its banks during the Memorial Holiday weekend, wreaking damage in the "multi-millions" of dollars to homes and businesses.

The four reported missing are believed drowned, including a woman and child swept away by the flood. Police and volunteers trudged along creek banks throughout the day in search of more bodies.

Mayor Carole McClellan immediately asked Gov. Bill Clements to declare Austin a disaster area. Authorities described the flooding as the worst in the city since 1935.

While city crews pulled cars from streams and ditches, neighbors along Shoal Creek in one of the city's oldest and plushest residential areas, helped each other drag mud-covered furniture from their flooded homes to dry.

"I've lived along this creek since 1947 and it's never been like this," said Sam Kinch Jr. as he surveyed Shoal Creek Boulevard and yard after yard filled with furniture. "It's miserable. These people are in shock."

Heavy property damage also occurred in a commerical area near Shoal Creek, with at least five car lots in the area suffering extensive damage. The creek was choked with cars.

Most of the dead were caught in cars washed from crossings by the rapidly rising water that turned normally placid creeks in Texas' hill country into raging rivers. At one point, water from Shoal Creek lapped the bottom of traffic lights 30 feet high.

The flood peaked early Monday before many residents awakened and by late afternoon, Shoal Creek had drained and picnickers and joggers enjoyed the sun in parks nearby.

Others searched for friends who were missing.

Johnny DeLeon and fellow workers from an auto dealership took off work to join the search.

"We're looking for a friend's girl friend," DeLeon said, wringing water from his gloves and wiping sticky mud from his shirt. "She disappeared last night after 9 o'clock and hasn't been seen since. She was supposed to pick up her grandmother at the hospital this morning, and she never showed up. Her car also is missing."

Later in the day, police confirmed his friend was among the dead.

It also was a day for remembering heroes like Steve Treadwell, who saved a man barely clinging to a stop sign as water kept rising.

"I couldn't turn my back on the old boy," said Treadwell. "I would have felt like a heel. Someone had to help him. The guy was obviously getting so tired, he was about to let go and he would have been sucked right up to the bridge and he would have drowned."

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Japan leaders fuel anti-U.S. fervor

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TOKYO (UPI) — Japan canceled a joint navy exercise with the United States because of fishermen's protests and the main opposition party Friday announced a 20-day nationwide campaign against Japan's alliance with America.

The latest strain in U.S.-Japanese ties came at the end of a week in which Secretary of State Alexander Haig put off a visit to Japan after disclosures that U.S. vessels armed with nuclear weapons have visited Japanese ports under a secret agreement.

The Japanese government has steadfastly denied the existence of such a pact in the nuclear senstitive nation whose policy forbids the manufacture, possesion or introdcution of nuclear weapons because of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II. But the chief opposition Socialist Party planned to question the government policy Friday.

The questioning will center on Japanese commitments to increase its defense budgets following a summit meeting between Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Ronald Reagan, May 7-8, and the wording of the communique that spoke of a Japan being part of an alliance with the United States.

"We will continue to pursue this matter at the Diet (parliament), but we need to generate a popular grass-root movement so that the issue will not peter out," said Party Chairman Kazuo Asukata.

Asukata and party officials said the party will begin a 20-day nationwide campaign to protest the U.S.-Japan alliance with demonstrations in major cities and around U.S. bases. The protest, they said, will culminate with a rally of 100,000 Japanese on June 10.

"The meetings will oppose the U.S.-Japan military alliance contained in the joint communique," Asukata said of the protests.

Both the Japanese Defense Agency and the U.S. Navy said Friday they have called off a five-day Naval exercise in the Northern Sea of Japan because of fishermen's protests that U.S. naval vessels sliced salmon nets in the first week of the maneuvers.

The U.S. contingent, a 12-ship squadron led by the missile cruiser Bainbridge, and 10 Japanese warships began steaming away from the the war game zone Friday.

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Alaska peak spews steam

GULKANA, Alaska (AP) — Mount Sanford, a 16,208-foot peak in southeastern Alaska with no known volcanic history, spewed a plume of steam and ash Saturday, according to the pilots and passengers of airplanes flying nearby.

The pilot of a Japan Air Lines 747 reported to the flight service station at Gulkana that a plume of steam and ash extended about 50 miles southeast of the peak in the Wrangell Mountains, about 200 miles northeast of Anchorage.

Dana Anderson, who was at the Gulkana airport when the report came in, said she and some companions flew to within five miles of the summit. She said a steam plume was rising about 1,500 feet above the mountain and that ash was visible on the snow and ice as far as 15 miles south of the peak.

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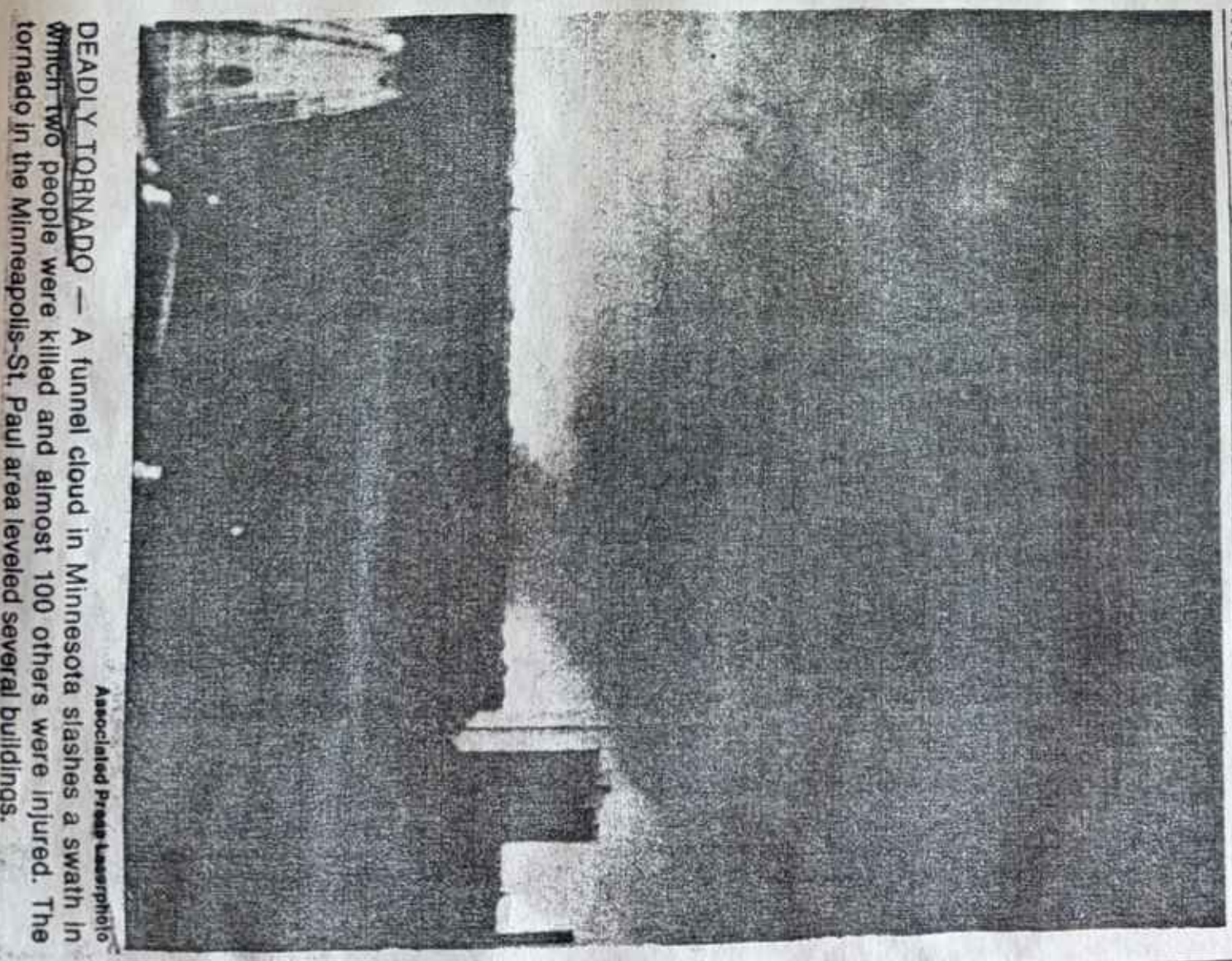

DEADLY TORNADO — A funnel cloud in Minnesota slashes a swath in which two people were killed and almost 100 others were injured. The tornado in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area leveled several buildings.

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Fire stops reactor

LOUISA, Va. (AP) — An electrical transformer fire sent smoke billowing from a nuclear power plant Friday, frightening people who live near the isolated plant.

There were no injuries and no release of radioactivity, and evacuation of the Virginia Electric & Power Co.'s North Anna plant was not required, Vepco spokesman August Wallmeyer said. He said the reactor shut down automatically and at no time was there any danger.

The fire was extinguished in about an hour at the plant, which is about 90 miles southwest of Washington.

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Joyrider bent on ruin catches town dozing

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — A 47-ton stolen bulldozer was taken on a destructive pre-dawn joyride Friday, smashing 17 cars and trucks, snapping power poles and ramming through the walls of three apartment buildings, police said.

Damage along a 2½-mile stretch of this sprawling coal mining town in northeastern Wyoming was estimated in the millions of dollars.

No serious injuries were reported, but a policeman, who pumped shotgun slugs into the bulldozer's engine in a futile effort to stop it, sprained his ankle.

About 30 people were evacuated from eight townhomes when the 24-foot machine, which stands 12 feet tall, cut into a natural gas line.

Nearly a half mile of streets were torn up and six utility poles and a light pole were toppled during the hour-long siege.

The bulldozer finally stalled after its driver bailed out and it crunched through the wall of an apartment building, police said.

Police accused John D. Thompson of bailing out of the still-moving machine as it approached the occupied fourplex, police said.

Thompson was being held Friday on $100,000 bond in the Campbell County Jail after he was arraigned in justice of the peace court on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

But County Attorney Terry Preuit said he expected other charges to be filed early next week.

"Before you can file a destruction of property charge, you have to have a ball park figure of what the damages were," he said. "That may be a little bit coming."

Thompson's next court appearance will be in district court, where a judge will consider a defense motion that the man is mentally unfit to proceed with the criminal prosecution. No date has been set for that hearing.

Gillette Police Chief Don Schneider said Thompson was arrested about 5:20 a.m. Friday after a policeman spotted him two blocks from the spot where the machine came to halt.

Police declined comment on a motive.

Police said the incident started about 3 a.m. when somebody stole the tractor from a lot on the east edge of Gillette. The bulldozer was the type used to strip coal in the mines that surround the city.

The driver took off into an nearby residential section and started crushing cars, driving through utility poles, ravaging lawns and knocking down fences.

DESTRUCTION PATH — Vehicles and apartments lie in ruin after stolen bulldozer cut path through Gillette, Wyo., early Friday morning. Damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

The tractor finally came to rest on the garden-level floor of a fourplex apartment building after it crashed through the side and stalled, the roof of the building resting on its cab.

J.C. Carnes, who lived in the lower apartment, said his bed ended up "curdled" in front of the tractor blade, but that the four people in the apartments escaped before the Caterpillar hit.

Police said witnesses reported seeing a man bail out of the cab before its final crash.

Dennis Tjaden, who lives in an adjacent apartment building, said he watched the bulldozer demolish his car, then drive out onto the street and head back toward his apartment building.

It gouged into the corner of the building, ripping open a corner bedroom where a 9-year-old boy had been sleeping, he said. The machine then crashed through the wall of the neighboring fourplex and came to rest.

Spot power outages were triggered by collapsing power poles.

Gillette Fire Investigator Dave Mueller said the townhomes were evacuated when the gas line was broken by a "ripper tooth" mounted on the rear of the tractor to break up rocky soil. Police said the driver periodically lowered the tooth into the streets during his drive.

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Doomed jet 'held no secrets'

United Press International

DEATH SCENE — Crews examine wreckage of an Air Force missile-satellite tracking plane in a field near Walkersville, Md. The aircraft blew up Wednesday and plummeted "like a fireball," witnesses said. All 21 persons aboard the plane were killed.

WALKERSVILLE, Md. (UPI) — Air Force research teams Thursday began investigating the mysterious crash of a $50 million missile-satellite tracking plane that apparently exploded on a training mission, killing all 21 persons aboard.

Military officials insisted that no classified equipment or materials was aboard the EC-135N, the military's version of the Boeing 707 jet, which was on a routine training mission from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Sources at Wright-Patterson said, however, that $50 million plane was carrying 30,000 pounds of computer equipment. The EC-135N tracks missiles and unmanned satellites.

Andrews Air Force Base officials, who rushed research teams to the scene, said it could be weeks before the cause is determined. The FBI and Federal Aviation Administration also sent investigators.

Witnesses said the plane appeared to explode in a "fireball," raining hunks of metal and military documents on the countryside.

Military and civilian officials said radio and radar contact was lost with the EC-135N at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday when it was about 28,000 feet over Maryland. The aircraft was due to return to Wright-Patterson after making a U-turn over the Atlantic Ocean.

Merhle Duvall said he heard "another jet" in the area as the EC-135N went down and speculated that the Air Force plane may have been trying to avoid the other jet in overcast skies when it began to go into a spin.

However, Sgt. Cleveland Parker, a spokesman at Andrews Air Force Base, said he had "no report at all" of another plane in the vicinity.

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With documents and debris from the EC-135N scattered over 8 square miles of rolling Maryland farmland from Wednesday's crash, authorities ordered portions of the area cordoned off for a search Thursday by Air Force brass and investigators.

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Storms kill 207

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Hundreds of families were homeless and at least 207 people dead after two tropical storms and a tornado struck in rapid-fire succession, officials said Sunday.

Officials said tropical storm Lynn caused mud slides and brought torrential rain when it slammed across the main island of Luzon on Saturday. Bridges were torn out and three towns in the Aurora province northeast of Manila isolated.

The official Philippine News Agency reported 10 fishermen drowned during the storm's approach.

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Hazardous problems targeted at nuclear plant

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ATLANTA (AP) — The Savannah River Plant, the sole source of raw materials for U.S. nuclear warheads, has been experiencing problems that the plant operator says have "nuclear hazard potential," a newspaper reported Sunday.

Aging equipment and human errors are threatening the safe operation of the 27-year-old nuclear reactors at the plant, 25 miles downriver from Augusta in South Carolina, The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution said in their combined Sunday editions.

The newspaper said its report was based on more than 700 pages of previously secret internal plant safety documents that were opened for a reporter's inspection by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"The number of incidents due to personnel and equipment failures has been trending upward since 1975," according to one safety report covering the last half of 1978. It was prepared by E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., the contractor that designed and built the plant for the government and has operated it since 1953.

"The exact causes are unknown," the report said, "but a combination of more thorough reporting of incidents, aging of equipment and personnel turnover are possible contributing factors."

The plant's acting manager, Richard Denise, said the number and type of the reported incidents "is not considered alarming."

In the most recent reports, Du Pont says that twice a week last year the plant suffered some incident that had "nuclear hazard potential." Each such incident created a risk of radiation exposure for workers or the public, the newspaper said.

Such episodes totaled 38 in 1975, 54 in 1976, 49 in 1977, 72 in 1978 and 108 in both 1979 and 1980, the newspaper said.

An example of such incidents, it said, occurred in May 1978 when a spacing device, used to separate reactor fuel elements stacked in an underwater storage area and to ensure against radioactive chain reactions, was found to be missing at one reactor. The device had been omitted for two years and no one had noticed.

The upward trend was anticipated because of personnel turnover and increased requirements for reporting such incidents, said Denise, who formerly was assistant director for licensing for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"The number of incidents broadly defined as 'having nuclear hazard potential' are of concern, but an examination of the type and severity of these incidents established that this categorization is often not indicative of an actual nuclear hazard," he said.

The plant, located inside a 300-square-mile pine forest just north of the Georgia border, originally had five nuclear reactors. The newspaper said three of those still were in operation.

The newspaper said none of the reactor incidents ever has been announced publicly, and that the safety reports are not filed with any federal or state regulatory agency.

Nevertheless, the newspaper said no employee ever has been injured by a radioactive process at the plant.

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11 persons die as storms sweep over Midlands

United Press International

Thunderstorms that lashed the Plains from Texas to Michigan with heavy rain, wind and tornadoes spread to the Southeast Friday. At least 11 deaths and scores of injuries were blamed on the storms and dozens were left homeless.

Persistent rainshowers stretched Friday from Texas to the Carolinas, already soaked by more than an inch of rain.

Heavy rain was reported in Alabama, southern Mississippi and the western portion of the Carolinas.

Texas was hard hit by fierce storms Thursday, and 22 tornadoes roared across southeast Missouri the night before.

More than 30 people were injured and 80 left homeless in the Missouri twisters. National Guard troops helped weary emergency crews in cleanup duties Friday, and state officials promised aid was on the way.

The storms were blamed for 11 deaths — two in Texas and three each in Missouri, Michigan and Louisiana.

Three people were killed in a head-on collision of a pickup truck and a car during a rainstorm in Benson, La.

Michigan authorities said a small airplane crashed in rain and thick fog, killing all three men aboard. Rescuers searched three hours in dense fog before finding the wreckage.

Two people were killed by tornadoes in Missouri, and an elderly man died of a heart attack when a twister struck his community.

Near Houston, one man was killed while trying to land his small airplane at the height of a thunderstorm that roared across southeast Texas, flipping mobile homes and knocking out electrical power.

A three-vehicle accident on a rain-slickened highway in Houston killed one person and injured several others.

Parts of Texas were drenched with 2 inches of rain an hour. Wind up to 60 mph downed power lines, felled trees and overturned trailers and vehicles from Columbus to Beaumont.

Twenty people were injured in Sealy, one of the hardest hit towns. The American Legion Hall was used as an emergency shelter.

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Cause of power outage sought

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Utility engineers searched Sunday for the cause of a power failure that left more than a quarter-million homes and businesses without electricity in steamy, record-tying July heat.

Saturday's outage, which knocked out trollies, traffic lights, air conditioners, telephone computers and radio stations across the city and up to 40 miles away, was first blamed on a tree entangled in power lines.

However, "it's not resolved yet; it's still being studied," said Jack [illegible], vice president for engineering of M. South Utilities.

The power failure came as the thermometer hit a humid 96, tying a July record set in 1951.

The blackout affected customers of three utilities and extended from Covington and Slidell on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain to the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish. It began at 4 p.m. Most power was restored by 7:45 p.m.

[illegible] range of service ... 5,000 employees are ... The state and union are $50 million apart on what they want in a contract, a spokesman for the state negotiating unit said.

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Copter crash kills four

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — A "Sea Stallion" cargo helicopter on a training exercise crashed Sunday on the deck of the amphibious landing ship USS Guam and burst into flames. Four Marines were killed and 11 other Marines and sailors injured, the Navy said. The helicopter smashed onto the deck of the 592-foot vessel and burned during amphibious manuevers by a Pennsylvania Marine reserve squadron. All four Marines killed were aboard the helicopter.

Building falls into bay

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Firemen doubt that anybody was inside an abandoned two-story building that collapsed through Pier 64 and into San Francisco Bay Sunday. "It sounded like an explosion and caved in quickly," said Jesse DeJesus, who was fishing nearby when the building collapsed. He said he thought he heard hammering from the direction of the building just before it fell.

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Submarine collision still a nautical puzzle

By J. RICHARD NOKES
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THE PRELIMINARY report of the Reagan administration to the visiting Japanese prime minister concerning the tragic sinking of a Japanese merchant ship after a collision with an American submarine leaves major questions unanswered. They probably will not be answered until the results of a court of inquiry, and possibly a court martial, are known.

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The first report, in which the United States accepts responsibility for the collision and resulting loss of two lives, was issued hurriedly in an attempt to head off any unpleasant questions by Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in his discussions with President Ronald Reagan.

The submarine, the USS George Washington, was engaged in an exercise in foul weather in which Navy patrol planes were hunting the nuclear craft. At one point the George Washington raised its periscope and made radar sweeps without detecting the surface ship because of high seas. The boat's underwater sound gear (sonar) did detect the Japanese freighter when it was close by, and the sonar shack notified the conning tower, which failed either to note the information or to acknowledge it.

That brings up serious question No. 1: Why did not the sonar officer keep repeating the information until it was acknowledged? It is mandatory procedure on shipboard for the officer of the deck, who is in operational command of the vessel during his watch subject to orders of the captain, to acknowledge any communication. The fact that such a piece of vital information was not acknowledged should have elicited immediate repetition from sonar. A second question would ask why the information was not received by the conning tower or why it was ignored if received.

According to the report, the submarine's captain, Cmdr. Robert E. Woehl, ordered a search after the collision and saw the merchant ship but after short observation concluded it was not in any distress. He then ordered the submarine to an area about eight miles from the collision scene.

This brings up other major questions: Why was the search for and examination of the Japanese vessel such a casual thing? Should not the captain of the submarine at least have exchanged signals with the merchant craft to ascertain if it were or were not in distress? Apparently, that vessel attempted to radio a distress signal, but its antenna was crippled by the collision.

The submarine did advise a naval command in Japan of the collision but did not indicate its seriousness, so the shore command did not immediately advise either the Japanese government or Washington, D.C. Since a collision at sea, especially in peacetime, is one of the most serious of all sins in the Navy, this raises another serious question: When a nuclear submarine, one of the prides of the fleet, is involved, should not a shore command be alert to transmit the word to the highest authority at once instead of waiting 24 hours?

So far there is no indication that under the seagoing rules of the road the freighter was anything but innocent of blame. Certainly the Japanese will not be quick to forget and forgive.

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Power outages shift shuttle tracking duty

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Two power failures at this base that was to track the space shuttle's landing and coordinate with chase planes forced the work to be switched to Edwards Air Force Base less than an hour before touchdown Tuesday, the Air Force said.

Vandenberg's primary power source failed at 8:55 a.m., and backup generators broke down when a cable burned out 45 minutes later, said Capt. Frank Bradley.

The shuttle made a perfect landing at Edwards at 10:22 a.m.

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5 burned by steam

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Five workers at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Sequoyah nuclear power plant were burned Sunday by non-radioactive steam that leaked during tests, a TVA spokesman said.

Spokesman Alan Carmichael said no nuclear fuel had been loaded in Unit 2, where the leak occurred, and there was no danger of radiation.

"They were disassembling a valve on a steam line and had closed others upstream," Carmichael said. "But when they started taking the valve apart, it began releasing steam and five men were burned." Oreg 4/20/81

Note: "Meteors?" Perhaps. Perhaps a UFO meteor?

Meteors light sky

MIAMI (AP) — A spectacular meteor shower lit up the early morning Florida sky Sunday in a blue flash visible from the Keys to the Panhandle.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Chris Nettles in Miami said that after receiving numerous inquiries about a mysterious light, he called the Civil Defense National Warning Center in Olney, Md., and was told it was "Lyrid's Meteor Phenomenon."

"It's fairly common for this time of year," Nettles said.

Gerald Mays of the Civil Defense warning center said the official explanation was a meteor shower, which he said was reported to the center at 12:59 a.m. Sunday and apparently was seen by people as far south as the Florida Keys and as far north as Panama City in the Panhandle. Oreg 4/20/81

Note: Ha ha! Not "marsh gas"? Or gwens

Aurora borealis

Light show prompts calls

It wasn't Mount St. Helens, and it didn't have anything to do with the space shuttle. Rather, it was a spectacular and somewhat rare show of an aurora borealis that had Western Oregon residents staring into the sky Sunday evening.

Callers from throughout the area reported a show of red, yellow, blue or green lights in the sky around 8:15 p.m.

Norman Smale of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry confirmed that the lights were an aurora borealis, or "northern lights." Smale said that while such displays are not common in Oregon, Sunday's event was even more unusual in the range of colors observed. "We seldom see the yellows, the blues and greens here," he said.

The phenomenon results when sun spots shoot out charged particles which are caught by the Earth's magnetic field. As they pass through the atmosphere, they glow, much like charged particles in a neon tube.

The different colors result from different gases becoming ionized.

The lights are most commonly seen in more northerly latitudes.

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Predictable fallout from Trojan accident

URGENT: The Trojan nuclear power plant shut down under emergency conditions this morning when a pump blew up in the face of an electrician . . . It was not immediately known whether any radiation was released.

The preceding urgent news report, released last Monday by The Associated Press in New York, is a scare story, albeit an unintentional one. It earns that label not because of gross inaccuracies but because of incompleteness. In short, it was premature and speculative; consequently, it risked inciting panic.

Ever since the accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania in 1979, the news media nationally have grappled with the problem of how news gatherers should respond to a real nuclear disaster. Our recommendation: with caution.

Monday's initial reporting by KGW radio and, subsequently, The Associated Press suggests that caution and restraint can get sideswiped by perceptions that a potentially catastrophic event — a big news story — is breaking. That other major news agencies in Oregon did not leap on this wagon demonstrates that some of the media lessons learned from Three Mile Island are being observed.

Nevertheless, there was predictable fallout from Monday's premature wire service report. News teams in New York and Los Angeles were alerted to prepare to fly to Oregon. A Japanese news agency was aroused. The inflammatory words in the "urgent" bulletin — "emergency," "blew up," "radiation" — sent false signals to other news agencies, suggesting to them that Oregon might be undergoing a Three Mile Island repeat.

News agencies confronted with tips of a possible nuclear power plant accident should pin down the essential facts before presenting the story to the public. Responsible coverage of a potential or reported nuclear accident dictates verifying the details, preferably with a variety of sources. Single-source reporting on such a sensitive story — one that has the potential for panicking the public — serves everyone poorly.

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Tornado levels church; toll of 9 dead feared

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A tornado smashed a country church filled with Easter worshipers Sunday night, killing at least four and possibly nine people, police said.

Bixby police dispatcher Lloyd Blalock said an undetermined number of people were hurt when the Liberty Heights Freewill Baptist Church collapsed shortly before 9 p.m.

The twister also slammed into a nearby trailer park, police said.

Police said rescue workers were still searching 1½ hours later for occupants of the church in Bixby, south of Tulsa. Police reports of the number of deaths ranged from four to nine.

Details were sketchy after police cordoned off the area to reporters.

Bixby sustained widespread storm damage, as power and telephone lines fell throughout the area. Blalock asked a radio station reporter to call the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Red Cross for him because his radio system was dead.

The tornado was part of a severe storm that snapped power and telephone lines throughout the Tulsa area and destroyed an undetermined number of homes, authorities said.

Cheryl Blonsky, a Red Cross worker, said officials were looking for space to set up a shelter for the homeless.

A Civil Defense spokesman said police were asked to help control looting that broke out in Bixby soon after the evening storm abated.

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Car hits PGE pole; power loss results

A car that crashed into a Portland General Electric power pole Sunday afternoon on Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard knocked out electricity for about 1,000 customers, a PGE spokesman said.

A feeder line serving the Palatine Hills area of Southwest Portland and parts of downtown Lake Oswego lost power about 3 p.m., spokesman Bruce Landrey said. Power was restored in half the homes by about 3:22 p.m. and the rest at about 4:15 p.m., he said.

The driver of the car was not injured in the crash, in the 11000 block of Terwilliger, Portland police reported.

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Reactor shut down

RICHLAND, Wash. (UPI) — The N reactor at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation was shut down Wednesday morning when a speed control device failed on one of the reactor's drive turbines.

The reactor could remain shut down for several days while repairs are made, officials said.

The dual-purpose reactor is operated for the U.S. Department of Energy by UNC Nuclear Industries.

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Power failures cripple island

NASSAU, Bahamas (UPI) — Workers toiled Wednesday to restore electricity to the Bahamas, which has been hit by a 6-day-long series of power failures that left residents foraging for food and sparked a mass exodus of nearly 10,000 grumbling tourists. Lights blinked on in half the city's business district Tuesday, but after four hours they went off. The other half of the city got some steady electricity for the first time since Monday, when the whole of New Providence Island went dark after a weekend of partial power failures. The government-owned Bahamas Electric Corp. struggled to repair equipment they said fell into disrepair during a three-week slowdown by protesting employees. The general manager of the utility said he hoped to have power restored to residential areas by Wednesday night.

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3rd leak at N-plant admitted

TOKYO (AP) — The Japan Atomic Power Co., under fire for covering up a major radioactive waste overflow last month, disclosed Saturday that 45 workers were exposed to radioactive waste in another unreported accident at the same plant in January.

Power company officials said radioactive materials dripped out of three holes in piping connecting waste-water condensing tanks Jan. 19 and 21 at the Tsuruga plant 192 miles west of Tokyo.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which has been investigating plant operations since it was disclosed recently that 16 tons of radioactive waste water spilled out of a tank in a March 8 accident, said the January leak was small and confined to the tank room.

Ministry officials said the 45 workmen involved in repairing the piping and cleaning up the waste were exposed to a maximum of 92 millirems — a measure of radiation — and an average of 55 millirems per day. The power company safety standard allows exposure of 100 millirems a day.

Officials of the Tokyo-based power company said the leak was not reported because it was minor and occurred when the plant was closed for a periodic safety check.

But ministry officials, who were said to be "chagrin'" by the latest in a series of revelations of slipsh. operations at the Tsuruga plant, ordered an imme. ate investigation into the leak.

The Yomiuri Shimbun, a major daily newspaper, also reported that the radioactivity of the glutinous waste material was so high that work to fill up the holes had to be carried out with workers rotating every five seconds.

The accident was the fourth this year that Tsuruga plant officials failed to report to the government.

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Quake jolts Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked western Greece early Saturday, causing panic but no casualties or serious damage, authorities said.

The Athens observatory said the quake measured 5.5 on the Richter scale and was centered in the Ionian Sea, 175 miles northwest of the capital.

Police said the tremor sent people in the town of Ioannina rushing into the streets as power supplies were cut and some houses sustained minor cracks.

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Explosion in flight kills 21 aboard jet

By LINDA DUFFIELD

WALKERSVILLE, Md. (AP) — A military jet exploded into a "ball of fire" over a farm Wednesday, killing all 21 crew members and scattering bodies, debris and possibly classified documents over a wide area, authorities said.

Air Force Major William Campbell confirmed that all those aboard the sophisticated missile-and-satellite tracking aircraft were killed. Authorities at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington reported 20 bodies had been recovered by late Wednesday.

Residents who witnessed the crash just north of this western Maryland community described the $50 million EC-135-A plane as a mass of flames before it struck the ground.

"It looked like a ball of fire," said Edward Watson, vice president of operations for the Maryland Midland Railroad, which halted service on its line adjacent to the crash site.

"It apparently blew up in the air," said A.E. Appleby, police communications officer at the Frederick state police barracks.

The Pentagon said the aircraft, which looks like a Boeing 707 with a huge, bulbous nose, was based at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where it was assigned to the 4950 Test Wing.

A Wright Patterson spokesman, Air Force Maj. Edward Robertson, denied reports that the jet was carrying d documents. "There were no d documents on board the aircraft," he said.

But a source in the Pentagon, who asked not to be identified, said Wednesday evening that there were classified documents aboard the aircraft.

Robertson said an Air Force crew was on the scene, attempting to identify the bodies that had been found and to locate the missing body.

The cause of the crash remained undetermined Wednesday evening. Robertson said he had no evidence that the plane had been sabotaged.

"I don't have anything that would go one way or the other on that one," he said.

The Air Force said the plane, an advanced range instrumentation aircraft, was carrying sophisticated radar equipment and equipment used to track missiles and satellites. It was on a test flight and left the base early Wednesday morning.

The area in central Frederick County was sealed off by state police and military officials from nearby Fort Detrick were sent to the scene. Members of the media were taken in groups of eight to the site late Wednesday afternoon.

"There were bodies all over the place," said state police Lt. Grover Sensabaugh, who was at the site shortly after the crash.

Local radio stations were asked to broadcast state police requests that residents who found documents from the aircraft turn them in to local authorities, according to Jane English of WZYQ-FM in Frederick.

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Power line tower felled

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah Power & Light Co. tower carrying a 345,000-volt power line was chopped down by "saboteurs" Saturday, a company spokesman said, but there were no power outages.

Grant Pendleton, the spokesman, said the three-pole, 90-foot wooden structure was toppled by someone wielding a saw or ax. He said the company was considering the incident "an act of sabotage" and that the FBI was investigating.

However, FBI supervisor Bill Rumph in Salt Lake City said, "The facts do not indicate any jurisdiction by us."

"That's a big line. It can carry at least 400,000 kilowatts. It's the highest voltage line on our system," Pendleton said. He said the line was a main transmission artery to the Four Corners area where the boundaries of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona meet.

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Severe droughts causing devastation in many parts of world

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By CHRIS ANGELO
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From India to Africa to Brazil, drought has withered crops, dried up water holes and reservoirs and driven thousands, especially women and children, to unfamiliar lands in search of food and water.

February storms broke the drought in the U.S. Midwest and Northeast. Although weather officials described it as being one of the largest abnormally dry periods in the world, the effects were nowhere near the drought devastation in other parts of the world.

It will be at least another few weeks before forecasters can say if there is any relief in sight for East African countries, where drought, combined with civil strife and impoverished economies, is causing the greatest human suffering.

"I have talked to people who had walked 28 days to get to a food station, women who started with six children and arrived with only two. The rest died on the way," said a United Nations official who recently visited the East African region. He asked not to be identified.

Many women in food-short, drought-stricken areas try to breastfeed children up to 6 years of age, said Beth Griffin of Catholic Relief Services in New York, one of numerous voluntary agencies providing aid. Often the women are so malnourished that they have stopped lactating and their last attempt to save their children fails.

Women, children and elderly men crowd refugee camps and feeding stations, aid officials say. Younger men stay behind with their herds or have been killed in political violence.

The East African drought affects Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Uganda, Kenya and extends south to Tanzania.

Also drought-stricken are parts of southern and western Africa, India, China, northeastern Brazil and Australia.

The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service estimates that about 15 million people are affected by the combination of drought and other problems in East Africa, where for several years rains have been insufficient or come at the wrong time or in such heavy downpours that there were droughts and floods at the same time.

The outlook for this year's rains will be known in late March or early April, when the rainy season begins, he said. He said crop prospects for this year, however, are "very bad."

There is no reliable estimate of drought-related deaths because many of those victims are nomads who move across borders or refugees fleeing political violence. Also, drought deaths cannot be separated from those of other refugees.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania said recently that his country "is facing its most severe famine in 20 years of independence." Three years of poor harvests have worsened the impact of drought, and the country no longer has the funds to buy large amounts of food abroad, he added.

Leon Davico, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said two important riverbeds at a remote refugee camp in Somalia are dry and he has seen people "scratching the ground with their nails in an attempt to dig for water."

Here is a summary of the situation in some of the other most seriously affected drought areas:

SOUTHERN AFRICA — In Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, particularly Kwazulu and other parts of Natal province along the Indian Ocean, and South-West Africa, crops and cattle were affected in varying degrees in 1980. Water had to be trucked to many locations and some cattle died, but there were no reports of mass human starvation.

In Mozambique, probably the hardest hit in southern Africa, two years of drought cut agricultural production in half. Now the problem is floods that have caused further crop losses and hampered relief operations, the official news agency AIM reported.

South Africa, the breadbasket for much of Africa, will have to import wheat this year for the first time in more than a decade. But there also, the problem now is floods.

WESTERN AFRICA — In general, the last rainy season, from April to September, was good and the situation is greatly improved from the severe drought several years ago, according to Galal Magdi, executive secretary of the U.N. Capital Development Fund and an adviser on the Sahel region. Aid is still needed and will be for about three more years, until development projects yield results, he said.

INDIA — In Rajasthan state, bordering Pakistan, three consecutive dry years have forced herders to seek pasture in neighboring states and farmers to switch to jobs on relief projects, building roads, deepening canals and working on mining projects.

More than 15 million people, half the state's population, are suffering from the drought, but it has caused no deaths, Bhatnagar said. The situation is expected to worsen as people await the monsoon rains which normally arrive in July.

BRAZIL — Farmers in Brazil's drought-ridden, impoverished northeast flee by the thousands each year to urban coastal centers in search of a better life. But often they are trapped in a web of urban poverty, living in the shanty-towns that border the wealthy neighborhoods of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and other cities.

Some 13 million people live in Brazilian states most severely affected by drought, which annually sears thousands of acres of crops and is blamed for the deaths of thousands of head of livestock.

NORTHERN CHINA — The area has received lower-than-normal rainfall for the past 1½ years. A U.N. disaster relief coordinator's mission said the drought, particularly in Hebei Province, was the worst in 37 years. "More than 20 million people are seriously affected by losses of 30 to 50 percent" of agricultural production due to drought and floods, the officials said.

AUSTRALIA — Ninety percent of New South Wales, the country's most populous state, has been under a drought declaration for 18 months. Also affected in the southeastern part of the country are southern Queensland and parts of Victoria, and in the west, southwestern Western Australia.

The drought is blamed for the loss of 5.6 million sheep, or about 4 percent of the national flock. Drinking water has been rationed in some areas.

MEXICO — Rainfall has been abundant so far this season, ending last year's prolonged drought, described as the worst in half a century. The most recent count indicated 40,000 cattle died and another 120,000 had to be slaughtered before reaching full weight, leaving herds 20 percent below normal this year.

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11 tornadoes rip across Midwest

By LINDA WEINSTEIN
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Tornadoes and thunderstorms packing high winds, heavy rains and hail tore through parts of the Midwest, injuring a dozen people and causing extensive property damage in at least three states, officials said.

Nine tornadoes hit Iowa and two touched down in Indiana Friday, the National Weather Service said.

Thunderstorms rumbled across parts of Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, producing flash floods and knocking out power in some areas.

In Iowa, a tornado ravaged Melbourne, a town of 660 people in the central part of the state, Marshall County authorities said.

Six people were slightly injured, and 65 were left homeless by the twister, which damaged 25 houses and several mobile homes as it cut a path a quarter-mile wide and nearly four miles long, officials said.

Three other people were injured in an auto accident as the tornado swept five cars off a highway south of the town, authorities said. They were taken to a Des Moines hospital.

The tornado, which touched down shortly after 6 p.m. Friday, also blew down power lines and damaged gas lines, which began to leak, the Marshall County sheriff's department said.

Authorities also reported tornadoes in Wayne, Decatur and Marion counties.

High winds in Sumner, a town of 2,200 in the northeastern corner of Iowa, caused heavy damage to at least two houses and also damaged a low-rent housing project for the elderly and three schools. No injuries were reported, however.

Henry Hochberger, manager of the housing complex for the elderly, said several windows were broken by high winds and blowing debris.

He said one woman had gone to bed just moments before a board crashed through a window where she had been sitting.

Sumner Elementary School lost one-third of its roof, authorities said. Windows were reported blown out of the high school and the junior high also was damaged.

In the Des Moines area, near-zero visibility, high winds and slick pavement were blamed for an accident in which three people, including a 2-year-old girl, were injured.

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Navy accepts merchant ship collision blame

By RICHARD HALLORAN
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman Jr. announced Monday that the Navy has accepted liability for the sinking of a Japanese merchant ship after a collision with a U.S. nuclear submarine.

The accident occurred April 9 when the George Washington, the first American submarine to carry nuclear ballistic missiles, and the Nissho Maru, a freighter carrying cotton, collided in the East China Sea.

The captain and the first mate of the freighter were lost at sea while the rest of the 15-man crew spent 18 hours in life rafts before being rescued. They claimed that the submarine surfaced but left the scene almost immediately.

Lehman's statement said the Navy had accepted liability "to preclude lengthy litigation and permit the Navy to enter promptly into negotiations with all involved parties." Japanese lawyers have advised the Navy, officials said, that total claims may come to $4.2 million.

That would include compensation for the 2,350-ton Nissho Maru, 1,200 tons of cotton and claims made by survivors and relatives of the lost seamen.

The quick action by the Navy also appeared to have been taken in an attempt to dampen a storm of criticism in Japan, where the incident has given anti-American elements an emotional argument against Japan's alliance with the United States.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, who is scheduled to visit Washington early next month, has said that he intends to bring up the incident when he meets with President Reagan and other senior administration officials.

The Navy is conducting an investigation by questioning the survivors of the sinking and the captain of the George Washington and its officers and crew in Guam, where the submarine sailed after the collision.

Lehman's statement said that accepting liability "in no way is intended to predetermine the personal liability and responsibility of the commanding officer and the crew members of the George Washington." Cmdr. Robert D. Woehl was listed as the captain of the submarine.

Navy Declares War Against Stray Cats

Norfolk, Va.

The Navy has declared war on stray cats that have infiltrated the Norfolk Naval Air Rework Facility, destroying important documents, startling employees by jumping from under desks, and leaving their mark in other ways.

The Navy at first set 15 cat traps that operate like rabbit traps.

Although the traps worked, some facility employees began aiding and abetting the enemy. They put out food and water for the cats and liberated some of the trapped animals.

Frank Purdy, a safety and health official, has warned employees in a message that "more drastic action" will be taken if they don't stop helping the cats.

"I love cats," Purdy said in his message, "but the work site is not the place for them...This is causing unsafe and unhealthy conditions for both the employees and the cats."

Six to 10 cats prowl the naval facility's offices and hangars, according to Sharon White, a spokeswoman for the huge complex at Norfolk Naval Air Station where about 4200 workers renovate jet planes and missiles.

As for where the cats are coming from, she said, "We don't know for sure." Reports indicate that they may be from nearby Navy and civilian homes.

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Florida area requests aid

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Bob Graham was asked Wednesday to declare 16 counties a drought disaster area as Lake Okeechobee fell to a record low 9.84 feet above sea level and temperatures soared.

"We have been in touch with the governor's office and the Bureau of Disaster Preparedness, but we haven't received any formal word back yet," said Enid Atwater, spokeswoman for the South Florida Water Management District.

If Graham grants the declaration, the district could become eligible for state aid, which district officials hope will pay for a possible cloud-seeding project over Lake Okeechobee, a vital source of fresh water for South Florida.

The water district's governing board will meet Friday in Plantation Key to decide whether to begin seeding clouds. Ms. Atwater said the board probably would approve a seeding plan because the lowness of Lake Okeechobee is becoming more critical daily.

"The reason we're under the gun is unless the program is started by August 1st the meteorologists tell us there probably isn't any sense in starting it at all," she said.

If the board approves the plan, seeding could begin by July 24, she said.

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From wind turbine

Damaged generator, blade to be removed

Crews next week will begin removing the 94-ton generator and 100-ton blade from atop the 200-foot tower of the world's largest wind turbine near Goldendale, Wash.

The wind generator, one of three dedicated May 29, was damaged June 8 when the 350-foot blade failed to feather and ran too fast, burning out the generator, said Joe Holmes, a spokesman for Boeing Engineering and Construction Co.

The last 45 feet of the tip of the blade is designed to feather automatically like an airplane propeller to maintain a constant speed of 17½ revolutions per minute in any wind up to 45 miles an hour. In last month's incident, the speed of the rotor reached more than 20 rpms for a minute before it automatically shut down, Holmes said.

He said the gear box, which steps up the 17½ rpms to 1,800 rpms to turn the generator, was undamaged, but the generator will have to be replaced. The nacelle that houses the generator and blade also will be removed for further tests to help determine the cause of the malfunction.

Cost of the repairs has not been determined, Holmes said. The experimental units, which cost about $4.6 million each, are financed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The project is administered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in cooperation with the Bonneville Power Administration, which will market the 7,500 kilowatts of power that will be generated by the three turbines when they are in full operation.

The other two wind generators, which had been operating since December 1980, have been shut down until the cause of the June malfunction is determined. No date has been set for resumption of operational tests of the two undamaged units, said Gene Tollefsen, a BPA spokesman.

The generators, designed to produce more power than any other operational wind turbine in the world, are located 17 miles southeast of Goldendale on the crest of the Goodnoe Hills.

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Storms batter Asian coasts; toll hits 277

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — Tropical storm Lynn sent giant waves crashing into 11 coastal towns, leaving more than 65,000 people homeless and bringing the death toll from two storms in the past week to 220, relief officials said Monday.

"I have never seen waves as big as those," said Rosauro Francisco, 51, a former police chief in Palo, one of the storm-thrashed towns on Mindoro Island.

Another storm lashed northern India Sunday, leaving 57 people dead and forcing more than 2 million to rush to high ground as swirling rivers flooded their banks, officials said.

Soaked villagers clinging to their meager possessions waded through floods in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Tripura in an attempt to escape the rushing muddy water ripping apart their mud and thatch houses.

Fifty-seven people drowned or were crushed to death by falling walls in the impoverished flatlands of Uttar Pradesh during a week of incessant rain, officials said.

More than 5,000 villages populated by nearly 1.5 million people have been marooned as road and rail lines disappeared under brown water in Uttar Pradesh, they said.

Lynn, meanwhile, was heading for Hong Kong, where the government opened its 124 typhoon shelters and the carrier USS Midway put out to sea to avoid causing havoc inside the storm-swept harbor.

Lynn struck Friday and left 16 people dead and two missing. Tropical storm Kelly, which pounded the Philippines at midweek, killed 194 people, the National Disaster Coordinating Center said.

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Train spill forces hundreds to flee

THORP, Wis. (AP) — Hundreds of people were evacuated for several hours in two northwestern Wisconsin counties Friday after a train derailed, spilling about 17,000 gallons of a corrosive chemical that formed a slow-moving cloud.

Two Soo Line employees and a sheriff's deputy were taken to the hospital at Stanley after the chemical spilled from two holes in a tank car. The workers did not require treatment, but Deputy Mark Cattanach, 24, of Neillsville remained hospitalized. His condition was not immediately known.

The derailment, three miles east of Thorp, caused formation of a cloud of gas that moved slowly to the northwest.

Evacuations were ordered in the towns of Thorp and Withee in Clark County and the towns of Taft and Aurora in Taylor County.

Dave Weitz, a spokesman for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said the chemical, acetic anhydrite, can cause respiratory and eye damage. It is described as corrosive rather than toxic.

About 600 people sought refuge at Thorp High School, but most had been permitted to return home by midmorning after the chemical was neutralized with lime.

Acetic anhydrite is normally used in the manufacture of cellulose acetate and is a dehydrating agent also used in the handling of fatty and volatile oils.

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Blackout spoils vacations

NASSAU, Bahamas (UPI) — Some 10,000 tourists who flocked to New Providence Island to enjoy its beaches, quaint Bahamian streets and lively casinos instead found sweltering rooms, dark restaurants and scant fresh water. Three days of flickering power outages became a total blackout Monday and tourists lured to the island by the annual "Goombay Summer" promotion fled from an airport gettin[illegible] electricity from emergency gener[illegible]. "It's the worst vacation I ever had in my life," said Barbara Oliveto of New York City. Officials blamed the blackout on electrical equipment that fell

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Official found shot to death

DONORA, Pa. (AP) — A state official was found shot to death in his basement one day after a grand jury named him in an investigation of alleged government corruption. Authorities believe he killed himself.

"I feel in my heart I did nothing wrong, but I know I can't stand the pressure I'll have to bear," said an unsigned note found beside the body of field auditor Lloyd Hickman, 60. Penn. P 12/81

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Subway wreck in NYC kills 1

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NEW YORK (AP) — One subway train plowed into the rear of another when 63-year-old signal lights failed outside a Brooklyn subway station Friday, officials said, killing a motorman and injuring more than 100 passengers.

John Simpson, president of the Transit Authority, said the signal lights that failed had been installed in 1918, adding that their failure was only one symptom of the decaying transit system.

The accident occurred less than 14 hours after the basic transit fare was boosted to 75 cents.

The motorman of the Manhattan-bound No. 2 train that ran through the lights was pinned in the wreckage for about three hours after the accident and was pronounced dead when he was removed by emergency service personnel.

Authorities said they did not know whether the motorman, who was identified as Jessie Cole, 36, died on impact or while rescuers tried to extricate him.

Cole began as a conductor in 1970 and became a motorman in 1971, according to the Transit Authority.

Simpson said the lights were under repair Friday and went out completely five minutes before the accident, which occurred at 1:50 p.m.

He said the second train apparently went though a failed signal without making a radio check and rammed into the first train at about 10 miles an hour.

"It would appear to be human error," Simpson said. But he acknowledged the failure of the signal lights provoked the mishap.

An estimated 1,000 passengers were aboard the two trains.

The city's Emergency Medical Service said about 100 people were injured, with 60 taken to three hospitals and about 40 treated at the scene.

Two of the hospitalized passengers were unconscious and more than a dozen were taken out on stretchers, but hospitals later reported no critical injuries.

The accident occurred outside the Utica Avenue station, when one No. 2 train ran into another. Both trains were Manhattan-bound, according to transit police.

Police said service on the No. 2 line was terminated at Atlantic Avenue during the rescue efforts.

The crash occurred the same day the basic fare was raised from 60 cents to 75 cents. Transit officials have said a second fare increase, to $1, may be neces- provided as an

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2 die in derailment

TRINIDAD, Colo. (AP) — A freight train hit a bridge washed out by a flash flood Friday and two locomotives plunged into 25 feet of water, killing two crewmen.

The accident, which occurred about 15 miles east of Trinidad, claimed the lives of the engineer and head rigman, said Joseph Reyes, a Colorado & South-

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Eugene flier, 4 others perish in Alaska crash

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — An Air Force team flew Tuesday to a remote landing strip in the Aleutian Islands to determine what caused the crash of a Strategic Air Command reconnaissance plane with a crew of 24 aboard.

Five airmen were killed and a sixth was missing and presumed dead in the crash Monday, said Lt. Col. Floyd McKee, director of public affairs for the Alaska Air Command.

The RC-135, a military version of a Boeing 707, crashed while landing on Shemya Island, 500 miles east of Siberia, after a five-hour flight that began at an Air Force base near Fairbanks.

Killed in the crash were: Maj. William R. Bennett, 36, Eugene, Ore.; 1st Lt. Loren O. Ginter, 28, Collins, Mo.; Capt. Larry A. Mayfield, 34, Knoxville, Tenn.; Master Sgt. Steven L. Kish, 37, Williamsport, Pa.; and Staff Sgt. Harry L. Parsons III, 24, Chula Vista, Calif.

Officially listed as missing but presumed killed was Staff Sgt. Steven C. Balcer, 24, Addison, Ill, an Air Force spokesman said.

The 18 survivors, six of them seriously injured, were transported 1,400 miles to a hospital at Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage. The six were listed in serious but stable condition with injuries that included burns, severe bruises, a broken leg and fractured ribs, said McKee.

"The airplane is down on a runway and it burned in an extremely hard fire," said McKee.

Investigators from March Air Force Base near Riverside, Calif., were sent to try to determine the cause.

The RC-135 was outfitted as a "high-altitude collection platform used for worldwide strategic reconnaissance," the Air Force said. It began its flight at Eielson Air Force Base, near Fairbanks.

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Wind rips into fiery east Texas

By United Press International

High wind that preceded the season's first tornadoes in the Southwest moved Wednesday into the tinder-dry region of east Texas, already charred by wildfires burning out of control.

Winds and tornadoes Tuesday raked New Mexico and Texas, flipping mobile homes and bringing traffic to a standstill. There were no serious injuries.

A funnel cloud was reported near Wichita, Kan., and thunderstorms gathered over Kansas and Oklahoma.

Strong wind that whipped fires out of control in seven Southern states for the last four days subsided Wednesday, and forecasters said there was a chance of rain in some areas.

But a Texas Forest Service spokesman predicted that Wednesday would be the worst day for fires in east Texas in a long time. Fires powered by 20 mph wind gusts already have charred 600 acres.

The spokesman said 54 fires were reported Tuesday and some continued unchecked.

Thousands of acres have been blackened from Florida to the Carolinas, routing residents from their homes and ruining millions of dollars worth of timber.

In west and north Texas, two injuries were reported in tornadoes and high wind that toppled barns, clipped trailer homes and tore down power lines.

In Gainesville, two men suffered minor injuries when wind gusting to 65 mph toppled a tree onto their vehicle.

Severe thunderstorms drenched much of west and north Texas. Several tornadoes were reported in Denton County.

Another tornado was spotted on the ground at Josephine, Texas, knocking down a barn, and authorities said other buildings were damaged by wind clocked

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Short circuit stops Trojan temporarily

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The Trojan nuclear plant shut down for more than seven hours Monday and an electrician suffered first- and second-degree burns when a short circuit flared in the plant's electrical system that controls water supply to the steam-powered generators.

The plant's reactor core was not involved in the accident, and no release of radioactivity was reported.

Harald Johnsen, 37, of Longview, Wash., a Portland General Electric Co. electrician, was listed in stable condition with burns to the face and hands at St. John's Hospital in Longview, across the Columbia River from the 1,100-megawatt power plant. He was being kept overnight for observation, according to a nursing supervisor.

Johnsen was working on an electrical circuit breaker to a service water booster pump in the plant's turbine building when the short occurred in the breaker, PGE officials reported. The booster pump helps raise the pressure of cooling water for various room coolers, emergency deisel units and auxiliary cooling units.

The electrical mishap occurred at 8:54 a.m. when the plant was operating at about 88 percent of capacity. The plant went back on line at 4:10 p.m., gradually bringing capacity up to 40 percent.

"The plant will hold at that capacity level for 24 hours, at which time conditions will be evaluated," said Dave Eagon, a PGE public information officer.

Eagon noted that since April 13, plant operators had been decreasing its power capacity by about 1 percent daily to prepare for a complete shutdown May 1 for annual refueling and maintenance. That shutdown normally would last about 65 days, he said.

It was not known yet how the Monday accident might affect the refueling and maintenance schedule, Eagon said.

He added that PGE was studying the exact cause of the short circuit to determine if it was a mechanical failure or worker error.

The short circuit caused the valves, which control the flow of water to the plant's four steam generators, to fail to properly control that flow of water, company officials said.

When the water level in the generators then fell below a set minimum, control rods were automatically dropped in the reactor core, effectively shutting the plant down, PGE officials added. The generators produce the steam to turn the four power turbines at the plant.

"The plant shut down exactly as it was designed to do," Bruce Landrey, another PGE public information officer, said.

Landrey said the damaged circuit breaker was to an auxiliary water booster pump that was not in use at the time of the accident. He said the short circuit caused damage to the surrounding electrical system.

Officials with the state Department of Energy who monitor the plant reported that Johnsen was using an electrical meter when the short circuit occurred.

Jim Hanchett, a public affairs officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regional office in Walnut Creek, Calif., said two NRC resident inspectors were assessing the company's response to the accident and that primary investigation of the accident would be done by PGE. "Right now, we don't have any problems with the way they are responding and following up," he said.

He said electrical malfunctions are probably one of the primary causes of unscheduled nuclear reactor shutdowns across the country. If the malfunction was caused by workman's error, Hanchett said he would expect the company to "take some procedural steps to make sure the error is not repeated."

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N reactor starts, stops

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The start-up of Hanford's N reactor was interrupted late Saturday due to the apparent malfunction of an oil pump on one of the reactor's drive turbines, officials say.

The reactor was initially shut down March 31, when technicians had to replace malfunctioning components in a flow meter on one of the reactor's 1,003 process tubes.

The start-up will be resumed, spokesmen said, when the nature of the malfunction is officially determined and the necessary corrections are made.

The dual-purpose reactor produces plutonium and steam for electricity. It is operated for the Department of Energy by UNC Nuclear Industries.

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Southern forests in flames

By United Press International

Tired firefighters and forestry officials Thursday hoped that lingering rainshowers would turn to downpours to extinguish raging fires that have blackened thousands of acres of Southern timberland. An epidemic of fires has erupted from North Carolina to Texas in recent weeks, fed by high winds and by dry conditions dating back to the drought of last summer. Arson, however, was blamed on fires in Texas and the Carolinas. Rainstorms Wednesday doused many of the blazes, but officials said a heavy soaking is needed to eliminate the fire threat.

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Soviet east flooded

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan has had as much rain in two days as sometimes falls in a whole year, and floods have killed three people and injured several, the government newspaper Izvestia said Friday.

Izvestia did not say how many inches of rain fell, but said the flooding had washed away much acreage of planted cotton and caused unspecified property damage.

The Soviet press also reported that an unseasonably late snowfall in the southern Soviet republics of Armenia and Turkmen damaged fruit trees already in bloom.

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Killer tornado saws through Tulsa

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TULSA, Okla. (UPI) — A tornado ripped through southeast Tulsa and its nearby suburbs Sunday night, killing at least five people, injuring dozens of others — some in a church — and destroying dozens of houses and mobile homes.

Four other bodies were found earlier and officials said all the victims came from a small mobile home park in Bixby that was wiped out by the twister which apparently touched down at least four times late Sunday.

Killed were Zeak Taylor, 69, of Broken Arrow, who was visiting his daughter at the mobile home park; Michael McCaslin, 28; his wife Charlotte, 27; their daughter Tonya, 10, and their son Chris, 6.

The Highway Patrol said 10 people were admitted to hospitals and dozens of others received less serious injuries.

"They were flying people out of here so fast we really couldn't keep track. We lost all our power and everything, so it really made it rough," a Bixby police dispatcher said. The power was restored Monday. Public Service Co. of Oklahoma said 5,800 homes were without power for a time.

Property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

Tulsa police blocked off a strip 1 mile wide and 2 miles long in an industrial section of south Tulsa and officials in Bixby also barricaded an area to prevent looting.

The storm sent a cover over an apartment complex parking lot in Tulsa crashing onto cars.

At least 56 people were injured and dozens of houses and mobile homes were damaged or destroyed as the tornado smashed through southeast Tulsa County, authorities said.

A number of the injured were rushed by emergency helicopter to Tulsa's St. Francis Hospital.

Hospital officials said of the injured, 46 people were treated at hospitals. Three people were listed in St. Francis in critical condition and and five others were in serious condition.

Most of the injuries involved lacerations and fractures, authorities said.

Witnesses said the tornado hurled a telephone pole through a pick-up truck.

The Red Cross opened up a shelter in a Tulsa elementary school for people left homeless.

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Drought disaster declared

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Bob Graham declared a disaster emergency Monday in parched Southeast Florida, freeing up to $100,000 in state money for a cloud-seeding project aimed at replenishing shrunken Lake Okeechobee.

Florida has received only 2.5 inches of precipitation in this year's "rainy season," a far cry from the average 16 inches, according to Jack Maloy, South Florida Water Management district director.

"We still don't seem able to break the back of this drought," Maloy told Graham. Orig 7/21/81

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Etna's lava oozing toward city, river

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Molten lava streaming from Mount Etna threatened to engulf a nearby town of 12,000 people Wednesday and to cut the flow of water to a power station.

The lava, which split from two to three streams Wednesday, is moving toward the Alcantara River, which meanders through the town of Randazzo.

One of the streams stopped within half a mile of Randazzo, 25 miles north of Catania and perched on the northern slope of Europe's tallest and most active volcano.

The lava cut two railway lines and has destroyed vineyards, woodlands and vacation homes in its path. No casualties had been reported.

If the lava reaches the river, which provides hydroelectric power and irrigation to eastern Sicily, it could disrupt the water flow enough to cut the input to the power station.

Professor Mario Cosentini of the Catania International Vulcanology Institute said the lava flow has slowed considerably.

"If it keeps up its present pace the third stream may reach the river sometime overnight," Cosentini said. "The situation is fluid and unpredictable, but there seems to be no immediate danger to the people."

Hundreds of soldiers and paramilitary police were standing by for possible evacuation of the town where some people fled their homes during the night, returning at daybreak.

Experts continued helicopter flights over the volcano to check the situation.

The volcano began showing signs of restlessness in late February with a series of minor eruptions. Numerous tremors jolted the area Monday and Tuesday, followed by a violent eruption early Wednesday.

A spectacular explosion in 1979 killed nine tourists during the volcano's strongest eruption in 24 years.

Since then the upper rim of the two mile high volcano has been closed to tourists. Orig 3/19/81

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Giant sinkhole threatens town

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — A giant sinkhole gulped down a house, six expensive imported cars and part of a car lot Saturday in this central Florida town and was nibbling at other buildings and a municipal swimming pool.

"It started last night, and it started growing really fast this morning," a police dispatcher said Saturday afternoon. "When I was out there about an hour ago, it was at least two city blocks wide. You couldn't get close enough to the edge to see the bottom."

Observers said the sinkhole, which severed water and power lines for a few hours, was as much as 1,000 feet wide and 170 feet deep at 5:30 p.m. and was still growing a few inches an hour.

Sinkholes, common in much of Florida, often result when underground water tables are lowered, allowing soil to dry out and shrink. They also may form when water dissolves limestone layers.

Residents and owners of homes and businesses near the sinkhole, warned to leave until it stopped growing, hastily rented trucks and began moving furniture and inventories.

The engulfed house was described as a small, wood-frame cottage. For most of the afternoon it was mostly intact, resting at a slant inside the hole, but later in the day it slipped from sight.

The cars, all said to be expensive Porsches, were from a car lot on one side of the sinkhole, the Orlando Sentinel Star reported.

City and utility crews worked to reroute severed water, telephone and power lines and police kept curious spectators from getting too close to the edge.

By evening, the hole had swallowed away the dirt around the swimming pool and it looked "like it's going," said Barbara Nuff of the Winter Park police. The backs of two businesses also began to fall into the pit, she said. The hole also claimed a camping vehicle.

Mysterious hole in Winter Park, Fla., is devouring town.

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Florida fires still burning

MIAMI (AP) — Fires in southern Florida that have scorched nearly 100,000 acres of grasslands in and around the Everglades spread further Wednesday. Weather forecasters said no rain was in sight.

"We need a good rain, 2 or 3 inches," said dispatcher Peter Karayeanes of the state Forestry Division in Dade and Monroe counties. But forecaster Allen Cummings of the National Weather Service in Miami said no relief was expected.

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Hundreds of fires rage across forests in South

By DAVID L. LANGFORD
of The Associated Press

Wildfires by the hundreds crackled through tens of thousands of acres of woods and brushland of the South on Monday, fueled by blustery storm winds and unchecked by a sprinkling of rain.

The fires, many of them deliberately set, have killed one man, injured several firefighters, and razed several buildings in a renewed outbreak that began over the weekend in Alabama, Florida, the Carolinas and the Virginias.

In Alabama, where 5,488 fires so far this year have charred about 210 square miles — more than was claimed all of last year — 47 of the state's 67 counties were under a fire alert, including three added Monday. More than $5.7 million in timber already had gone up in smoke, officials said.

Cynthia Page, a spokeswoman for the Alabama Forestry Commission, said thunderstorms which moved into parts of the state Sunday night did more harm than good with inconsequential rains and high winds "drying out the land that much faster and spreading the fires that were already burning."

She said 201 fires covering 19,828 acres were still burning Monday. A home and a church were among several buildings destroyed.

In the Florida Panhandle, a fast-moving fire had burned about 6,000 acres of prime pineland about 10 miles south of Bronson in Levy County and was still out of control late Monday afternoon in what officials called one of the most damaging fires in an already severe season.

"It has got miles of dry woods ahead of it and the wind is blowing it fast," said District Forester Marvin Mills of Ocala.

Winds gusting to 50 mph Monday uprooted trees in the Piedmont region of North Carolina and also fanned the fires that had claimed about 6,500 acres since the weekend.

Tom Hegele of the North Carolina Forest Service said that of the 229 fires reported since Sunday more than a third were deliberately set.

"I imagine it could be as high as 35 percent," Hegele said. "Arson appears to be higher than what we normally have."

By Monday afternoon, Hegele said 36 fires, which blackened 580 acres, had been contained.

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Twisters, hail wreak havoc over Midwest

By United Press International

More than 80 mph wind and blustery thunderstorms streaked across the Plains states into the Midwest Saturday, spawning hail and tornadoes and forcing a jetliner to make an emergency landing.

At least three people were killed Friday and up to 30 homes were destroyed when a tornado touched down in West Bend, Wis.

The twister lifted two railroad cars off the tracks and triggered power outages in the West Bend area.

Another tornado in Oshkosh, Wis., blew off a 40-foot section of wall at a manufacturing plant south of Oshkosh.

A 2-year-old boy was killed Friday when a series of tornadoes ripped through Iowa.

Warren County officials said Gayle David Kennedy, of Sandyville, was being carried by his mother from their mobile home when high winds toppled a tree. A sheriff's deputy said the tree "landed on the kid's head."

Thunderstorm and tornado warnings were posted over the Mississippi Valley Saturday.

Winds up to 87 mph Friday in northern and central Illinois forced a United Airlines DC-10 to make an unscheduled stop at O'Hare International Airport. At least five people were seriously injured and 25 to 35 suffered minor injuries when the aircraft hit severe turbulence during a flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J.

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N-firm admits mishaps

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TOKYO (AP) — The Japan Atomic Power Co., under fire for covering up a major radioactive waste overflow last month, disclosed Saturday that 45 workers were exposed to radioactive waste in another unreported accident at the same plant in January.

Power company officials said radioactive materials dripped out of three holes in piping connecting waste-water condensing tanks Jan. 19 and 21 at the Tsuruga plant 192 miles west of Tokyo.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which has been investigating plant operations since it was disclosed recently that 16 tons of radioactive waste water spilled out of a tank in a March 8 accident, said the January leak was small and confined to the tank room.

Ministry officials said the 45 workmen involved in repairing the piping and cleaning up the waste were exposed to a maximum of 92 millirems — a measure of radiation — and an average of 55 millirems per day. The power company safety standard allows exposure of 100 millirems a day.

Officials of the Tokyo-based power company said the leak was not reported because it was minor and occurred when the plant was closed for a periodic safety check.

But ministry officials, who were said to be "chagrined" by the latest in a series of revelations of slipshod operations at the Tsuruga plant, ordered an immediate investigation into the leak.

The Yomiuri Shimbun, a major daily newspaper, also reported that the radioactivity of the glutinous waste material was so high that work to fill up the holes had to be carried out with workers rotating every five seconds.

It was the fourth accident this year that Tsuruga plant officials failed to report to the government in what has become a major scandal in this nuclear-sensitive nation.

The plant was closed on April 1 when a worker disclosed that cracks in a cooling water tank on Jan. 24 had allowed the release of small quantities of radioactive materials. It then was revealed there had been a similar mishap Jan. 10.

The company had failed to report these two incidents at the time and they did not become evident until a major spill, the third incident unreported by the company, was revealed a month after it occurred.

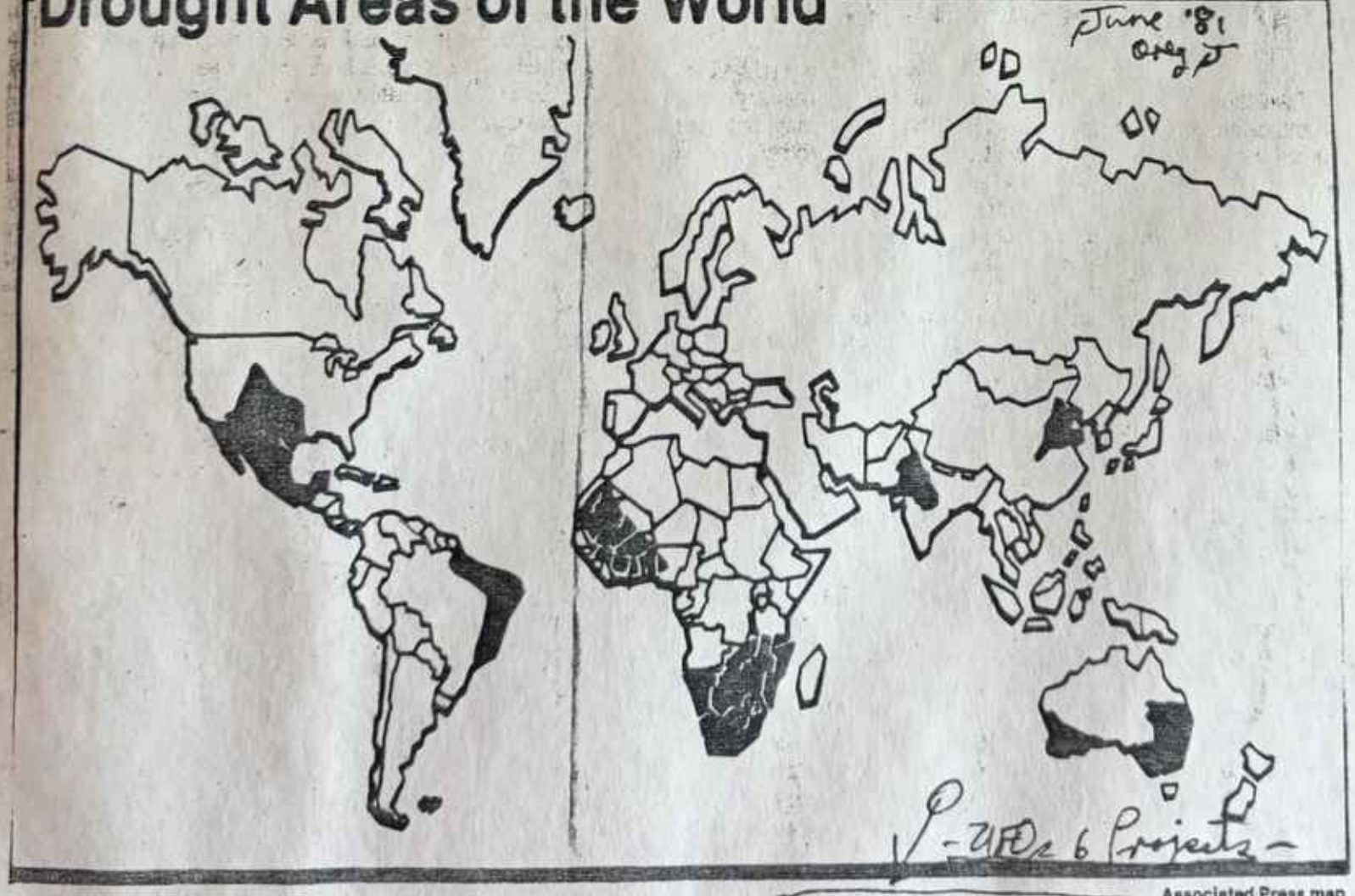
After it was found that seaweed near the plant recorded levels of radioactivity 10 times normal, plant officials disclosed that on March 8 a worker forgot to shut off a valve and 16 tons of radioactive sludge poured out of a storage tank, with some seeping into the sewage system running to the sea.

A total of 56 workers were engaged in cleaning up the spill, some using buckets and mops, but the company has denied that any worker was exposed to dangerous levels of radioactivity.

Newspapers reported that Koichi Takagi, mayor of Tsuruga City, a port town of 63,000 eight miles from the power plant, said that with the series of accidents "we can no longer trust the government. Every nuclear power plant in Japan should suspend operations for comprehensive checks."

Japan has 22 operating nuclear reactors, supplying 12 percent of the nation's electricity needs.

Drought Areas of the World



Associated Press map

PROBLEM AREAS — Droughts (dark areas) throughout world are reported the severest of recent years.

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Agent Orange cleanup complex

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By MIKE HENDRICKS

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) — This city's tallest building, centerpiece of a modern, multi-million-dollar downtown government complex, is a landmark of the chemical age, an empty monolith filled with deadly dioxins.

What started out as a routine electrical fire in the State Office Building on Feb. 5 eventually released some of the most toxic chemicals on Earth throughout the interior of the 18-story structure.

Only a few people wearing protective garb and respirators are allowed inside. The 725 state employees, separated from their offices and files, are working elsewhere while officials try to figure how to make the building safe again.

Officials who initially approved a routine cleanup, and called it off when the gravity of the situation was realized, are awaiting advice from a panel of international experts. Those who once thought the cost of the cleanup would run into the thousands of dollars are talking about millions of dollars. More than $1 million was spent on the aborted cleanup attempt.

What happened in the building Feb. 5 apparently has never happened before in this country, but authorities say it could happen again in most of the nation's large office buildings.

Binghamton Fire Chief Ed Faughnan says his investigators have not completed their study of the fire, but they do know that more than 180 gallons of coolant laden with toxic polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly known as PCBs, leaked out of the building's electrical transformer into the fire.

The intense heat and oxygen combined with the PCBs to produce an even more deadly poison, dioxin, the same form of dioxin found in Agent Orange, widely used as a defoliant during the Vietnam War. Lawsuits by veterans in America blame Agent Orange for a host of physical ailments and birth defects.

The poisons spread through the building, coating ventilation shafts, desks, drapes and restroom facilities with what appears to be a layer of black soot. In the early cleanup, contaminated water from toilets inside the building was flushed into the city's sewer system.

The severity of the situation was not immediately understood. The deadliest chemicals were not discovered until eight days after the fire, after several workers had walked through contaminated areas without protection.

"We've been trying to comprehend the magnitude of this incredible, astounding incident, which, quite frankly, none of us could believe was happening for the first time anywhere right here in quiet Binghamton," said Dr. Arnold Schecter, the Broome County health director.

Schecter, who is a professor of preventive medicine at the state university's medical school here, walked through a contaminated area in his street clothes. He doesn't mince words when discussing the seriousness of the problem.

"We now have a new environmental hazard to live with," he said in a recent interview. "We have a unique event here that could only happen in the 'chemical age.' Nothing quite like this has ever happened before, not in an office building this way, not in a city. What happened here had happened only in the laboratory.

"The question that is raised by all this is: Do we have this health hazard in most office buildings across the country?"

Transformers using coolant containing PCBs are common throughout the country, Schecter said. In 1979, after a similar, but less extensive, incident in Toronto, the Canadian government banned such transformers.

The Binghamton fire and explosion came at 5:30 a.m., Schecter said.

"If this had happened at 9 a.m. in a building like the World Trade Center (in Manhattan), there would have been a lot of dead people, and a lot of people whose health would have to be monitored the rest of their lives, and a lot of bab[illegible] problems. There wou[illegible] Schecter said.

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cleanup workers who unknowingly tracked dioxins in with them, Schecter said.

"We're faced with a problem we don't know much about," he said. "We don't know much about the medical consequences or exposure to low level PCBs and dioxins."

The chemicals contaminating the building have been linked to cancer, are known to attack the liver and nervous system, cause fetal damage, and remain in the human body, he said.

Two workers involved in the initial cleanup say they will sue the state, contending they were not informed of the dangers they faced.

The reactions of state officials have ranged from alarm to attempts at humor.

Gov. Hugh Carey, for example, offered to drink a glass of PCBs and clean the building with a vacuum cleaner. The remarks caused a small furor in Binghamton, and the governor later backed off, saying he had only meant to warn New Yorkers of what he called overreaction to the contamination.

Schecter said that a glassful of the toxins in the building would kill Carey. "It's Agent Orange, essentially, not just PCBs in that building. They're all bad," he said. "Depending on the governor's system, he would be dead within a few minutes or hours."

— UFOs & Projects —

New Orleans power restored after outage

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A power failure left more than a quarter-million homes and businesses without electricity for hours in humid, 96-degree heat Saturday, and utility officials said the cause of the outage might take days to trace.

No emergencies or serious problems were reported from the blackout within a circle encompassing Covington and Slidell on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain and the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish.

The problem at first was blamed on a tree entangled with a power line leaving the Little Gypsy power plant at Norco, just west of New Orleans. But officials later ruled that out.

Spokesmen for three power companies said power, which was interrupted at 4 p.m., was restored by 7:45 p.m. to almost all of the affected customers.

The blackout came to an area that thrives on air conditioning at the hottest and most humid time of year.

Not only air conditioners went out when the power failed. So did traffic lights, trolleys, radio stations and computers serving telephone circuits and other electronic systems. Hospitals and other emergency services immediately went to backup generators.

Some people were trapped in elevators between floors at the downtown Hilton Hotel but were rescued quickly, police said, and the New Orleans Police Department crime computer bombed briefly, but no serious disruptions were reported.

Those affected included about 180,000 of 200,000 customers of New Orleans Public Service Inc. in the city, another 100,000 or more people served by Louisiana Power & Light Co. in New Orleans' eastern and western suburbs, and some of the 40,000 others served by Central Louisiana Electric Co. in St. Tammany Parish.

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Missouri readies for heat

By United Press International

A band of thunderstorms rumbled from the Plains into southern New England, threatening low-lying areas with more flooding Friday, and Missouri officials braced for a "lion in summer" heat wave.

The 30-day National Weather Service forecast for July predicts peak daytime temperatures in Missouri to range between 87 and 97 degrees. Even though forecasters said the range is only 3 degrees above the normal high, state officials are bracing for what they call "the lion in summer."

"A heat wave acts like a lion going through a pack of antelopes," said Hugh Mooney of the city's Health Division. "It picks off the weak ones."

A year ago this week record-high temperatures were blamed for killing the sick and elderly people in St. Louis. When the heat abated in August, more than 100 people had died.

Scattered thundershowers fell in southwestern Texas and southern New Mexico.

In Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas, more than 2 inches fell and about an inch hit in Lafayette, La.

Another set of thunderstorms stretched over much of the East, from the lower Mississippi Valley to New York.

Isolated thunderstorms in the South prompted a tornado in Florida. A twister reportedly touched down about 4 miles west of Carol City. No injuries or damages were reported.

Flash flood watches were posted Thursday night and early Friday for southwestern Nebraska, western Maryland, northwestern Virginia and eastern Colorado.

Torrential rains spawned flash floods in the southern Nebraska Panhandle. Albin, Neb., got 9 inches of rain.

Up to 4 feet of water swamped a section along U.S. 30 near Bushnell, Neb.

"There were some cars in it, but everyone got out all right," a Kimball County sheriff's dispatcher said. "Water is over the highway in that whole area."

But the rain brought no improvement to moisture-short eastern Nebraska.

The storm hit as crop experts announced a drought, freeze and plagues of insects had already cost Nebraska winter wheat growers more than $100 million in lost yields.

About 2 inches of rain fell in Broken Bow, Neb. and more than an inch soaked Ainsworth, Neb.

Heavy rain and flooding brought agricultural losses in Indiana to more than $1.2 billion — twice the amount originally estimated. Gov. Robert D. Orr announced the estimate Thursday, saying damages were equal to nearly one-third the total value of the state's average annual crop.

Intense rains swept much of the East and the Southeast.

Nearly 3 inches of rain fell at Pinson, Ala. And 2 inches of rain fell on the Birmingham, Ala., area in a few hours, flooding streets northeast of the city.

Macomb, Miss., got an inch and a half of rain.

Heavy rains also were reported in parts of Georgia and Pennsylvania, but there were no reports of flooding or storm damage.

Another round of record cool settled over northern Florida, with temperatures in the 60s. But warm, humid weather hugged much of the rest of the South.

Fair skies and balmy temperatures were the rule in the West.

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Officials probe elevator fires

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By The Associated Press

Fire officials in Texas and Nebraska Wednesday began investigating explosions at two grain elevators that killed at least five people. The town of Bellwood, Neb., was evacuated because of fears that the weakened elevator would collapse on homes and businesses.

"It looks likes she's going to fall," Sheriff Leo Meister said of the Farmers Co-Op grain elevator in Bellwood, a town of 360 residents. A man was killed and two people critically injured Tuesday when the elevator exploded in a shower of tons of grain and concrete.

Later in the day, firefighters began the dangerous task of draining two 29,000-gallon propane tanks located underneath the structure.

In Corpus Christi, Texas, grain dust explosions and fires ripped the sides and tops off the Corpus Christi Public Grain Elevator's towering grain silos Tuesday. Four people died and 32 were injured. Two people were missing Wednesday.

In the Gulf Coast city, workers on bulldoze huge crane removed huge chunks of concret gled metal supports, glass and rubbish from t aged silos.

the elevator when it exploded. It can hold 5.6 million bushels.

Firefighters on a huge crane doused several small fires still burning on the catwalk of the elevator tower and in the damaged silos, said E.E. Irwin, acting fire chief.

Fires smoldered overnight on the roof and on a conveyor belt but had not reached the grain in the silos, Irwin said.

Many of the damaged silos were empty or half full when the explosion occurred, he said.

The crane also was used in the search for the missing.

"That's the only way we'll get them out," Irwin said. "That structure just can't hold people. There are no floors left."

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Floods claim 3,000 in China

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By PHIL BROWN

PEKING (AP) — Floods from a three-day downpour roared through China's most populous province, leaving 3,000 people dead, 50,000 injured and 400,000 homeless, officials said Friday.

Houses crumbled, bridges collapsed and survivors were chased to high ground by the province's worst floods in 76 years. Sichuan provincial authorities said.

By Friday, rescuers had saved all of the 300,000 stranded people, flooding abated, power was restored and most of the 650 affected enterprises resumed production, but river boat traffic was still suspended, authorities said.

Water began receding as runoff poured into the mighty Yangtze River after more than 18 inches of rain fell in the southwest Chinese province between Sunday and Tuesday.

"The major concern of the government is the 400,000 homeless masses who need the government to provide them with food and clothing and to help rehabilitate their production," said one provincial official.

Sichuan's floods are the world's deadliest since October 1960, when 6,000 people died in one flood in Bangladesh and 4,000 in another.

Losses have not been calculated, but more than [illegible] million acres of farmland were reported flooded and two-thirds of the crops ruined in the province, which has one-tenth of China's [illegible]

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Storms lash Midwest

By United Press International

Thunderstorms lashed the nation's mid-section, sending a tornado churning through Illinois farm country, and heavy rain drenched portions of the South Monday.

A tornado touched down at Prophetstown, Ill., Sunday, and golfball-size hail pelted Buffalo Lake, Minn. High winds raked across Iowa.

Property damage totaling thousands of dollars was reported in Illinois and Iowa, but there were no injuries.

High winds swept westward into the Sierra Nevada and the northeastern foothills of Colorado. Wind gusts reached 50 mph at Boise, Idaho, Sunday and nearly 90 mph at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Downpours stretched from the Mississippi Delta through the Ohio Valley Monday, bringing badly needed rain to parts of the midlands.

Meridian, Miss., reported nearly 3 inches of rain late Sunday, Columbus, Miss., had more than 2 inches and 1½ inches fell at Huntsville, Ala. Winds gusting to 55 mph lashed Gulfport, Miss.

An inch of rain soaked most areas of Tennessee.

More than half an inch of rain fell at Evansville, Ind., but officials, worried about the danger of fires in the state, hoped for even more moisture.

Indiana forestry officials, coping with drought-like conditions, said Sunday two blazes during the week destroyed 350 acres.

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3 fires rage in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three major fires continued to rage out of control Monday in Utah, burning more than 72,000 acres, but the high winds and lightning that hampered weekend firefighting efforts died down.

"The weather has definitely changed in our favor," said Melody Fairbourne, public information officer for the Interagency Fire Center in Salt Lake City. However, fire officials could not predict Monday when the blazes would be contained.

The fires began Friday and Saturday when lightning ignited juniper, cheat grass and sagebrush near City in western Utah and at Promontory Point at rth end of the Great Salt Lake.

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TWISTER'S WRECKAGE — A tornado whipped through the small south Alabama town of Hurtsboro Wednesday and virtually no structure escaped damage. The death toll was put at two with a score injured.

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Tornado devastates Alabama town

By SCOTT SHEPARD

HURTSBORO, Ala. (AP) — A tornado swept away shanty homes and splintered wood-frame dwellings in this Alabama hamlet Wednesday, roaring through with a force that "blew the town away." Officials said two people died, a score were injured and at least 160 were left homeless.

Virtually no structure escaped damage, as the twister demolished walls, ripped off roofs, and wrecked homes and commerical buildings for about a half-mile on either side of the main thoroughfare through town.

It leveled dozens of buildings in commercial and residential blocks, and left the town of 750 residents without water, power or communications.

Eight people were hospitalized with injuries and 15 others were treated at hospitals and released, said State Civil Defense spokesman John H. Lewis.

Lewis said 25 homes were completely destroyed, 12 were seriously damaged and 26 were moderately damaged, with some 160 residents either left homeless or forced to live with relatives or friends until repairs are made.

Red Cross workers said a door-to-door check turned up only 20 people totally without shelter Wednesday night.

"It literally blew the town away," said Russell County Sheriff Prentis Griffith of the twister, which struck at about 3 a.m.

Sixteen Alabama National Guardsmen were sent to handle traffic control, said Civil Defense duty officer Richard Cartwright.

Cartwright said that initially about 300 people sought shelter at a Red Cross aid station in the United Methodist Church.

Lewis said water was being trucked in by the National Guard and that officials hoped the water system would be operational again Thursday.

Alabama Power Co. officials said they hoped power could be restored by the end of the week. But they said perhaps 50 percent of the buildings couldn't accept power because of damages.

Many of the homeless were poor people who live in wood-frame or shanty homes, officials said, adding residents of more expensive, sturdier dwellings also were forced out by the tornado.

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Rocket payload lost at sea

TOKYO (AP) — The instrument payload from a Japanese experimental rocket plummeted into the Pacific Ocean Sunday when a parachute failed to open, Japanese space agency officials said.

Officials of Japan's National Space Development Agency sent search teams looking for the rocket nose cone containing the payload, but said the chances of recovery were "remote," the Kyodo news agency said.

An NSDA announcement said officials were investigating the mishap.

The 2.4-ton rocket was launched Sunday morning from Tanegashima Island in southwestern Japan to study whether high-quality semiconductors can be manufactured in the weightlessness of space, a space center official said.

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— Nevada PK —

Blaze injures 16 in Las Vegas hotel

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BY PATRICK ARNOLD

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A fire confined to a luxury suite on the fifth floor of Caesars Palace hotel-casino injured 16 people Wednesday and forced hundreds to flee the hotel's 12-story central tower, authorities said.

It was the third sizable hotel fire in the gambling resort city in less than five months.

Smoke poured from fifth-floor windows, and breaking glass showered the ground as people raced out to the parking lot behind the luxury hotel.

Fleeing guests and hotel employees made their way past gamblers, who continued to play blackjack, roll dice and pull slot machine handles in the casino despite a strong smell of smoke, after the fire erupted at 10:05 a.m.

Coincidentally, a convention of burglar and fire alarm companies is being held at Caesars Palace this week.

"You'd never think you'd find yourself in the middle of a casino with a nightgown on," said hotel guest Helen Ginsburg of Denver.

She and her husband, Morris, who were on the sixth floor just above the room that caught fire, said they reported the blaze to the hotel operator, then looked into the hallway and saw hotel maids pounding on doors to evacuate guests.

"I was right across the hall when I heard the (smoke) alarms going off," said maid Linda Holmes. "When I got down by the pool I saw all the flames coming out the windows."

Guests and employees later were allowed to return to all but the fifth floor of the hotel tower.

The cause of the fire that erupted in a five-room suite was not known immediately, said Clark County Fire Capt. Ralph Dinsman.

Nor was it known whether the suite was occupied.

The blaze was in a portion of the 1,736-room hotel that had no sprinklers, but Caesars Palace is in the process of installing them in the area, Dinsman said. Fire alarms and smoke detectors in the area worked, he added.

"We have 10 civilian injuries — most of these are minor — and six firefighters are injured. One is quite serious," Dinsman said.

Fire Capt. Donald Warren suffered second-degree burns and was listed in satisfactory condition in the burn unit of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

Dinsman said he did not know how many of the injured were hotel guests. Caesars World, in a statement from Los Angeles, said none of the injured was a hotel guest but declined to identify any of them.

The blaze broke out just across the street from the fire-ravaged MGM Grand Hotel, where a fire last fall killed 84 people. A fire Feb. 10 at the Las Vegas Hilton killed eight persons and injured 198.

Firefighters encountered heavy smoke at Caesars Palace, and "when they opened the door of the suite they were met with intense heat," Dinsman said.

He added: "This is the type of fire we have all the time at these hotels — a one-room fire. But because of the smoke spread, it could have been minor or it could have been serious."

— Utility projects —

Trojan, on 1 day, shuts off

After less than 24 hours of operation, the Trojan nuclear power plant near Rainier automatically shut down again at 7:40 a.m. Friday because of problems in a reactor cooling pump, Portland General Electric Co. reported.

PGE spokesman Bill Babcock said the plant was operating at about 35 percent capacity when technicians noticed a high temperature reading for a bearing in one of the four big cooling pumps that circulate water in the reactor. The pump's oil level also was low.

Crews were reducing power to examine the situation when the plant's control equipment "tripped" and shut it down automatically, Babcock said.

PGE had intentionally shut down the installation May 1 for refueling and maintenance and did not restart the reactor until Thursday. It was taken up to 35 percent of its 1,130-megawatt capacity at the rate of about 3 percent per hour in preparation for some tests required by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. But then the automatic shutdown intervened.

Babcock said Trojan may be inoperable "for a few days" while crews take care of the pump.

The shutdown was not expected to affect power supply to PGE customers because streamflow in the Columbia River still was providing enough hydroelectric power to meet demand, he said.

PGE had not anticipated taking the plant up to full power for at least another week, he said.

Babcock said Friday's incident involved no release of radiation or radioactive material.

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Southeast ravaged by forest fires

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By The Associated Press

Officials in the fire-ravaged Southeast have issued stern warnings to arsonists as this year's forest fires destroyed more than a half-million acres in three states, far surpassing the total damage from fires in 1980.

Fires raged Saturday in thick pine timberland, brushland and marshes of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Florida and Alabama despite bans on open-air burning.

Officials blamed March winds sometimes gusting to 50 mph, lack of rainfall, tinderbox-dry debris from the 1979 hurricane Frederic and arson.

At least six people have been arrested on arson charges in Florida, and officials said "several arrests" were possible in connection with fires on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Many of these fires are arson ... around half are deliberately set," said Paul Wills of the Florida Division of Forestry. "Some are set through bad motives and some through curiosity."

Despite the widespread destruction of commercial timberland valued in the millions of dollars, an industry spokesman said the fires have had little impact on the lumber business because housing starts are down.

More than 205,000 acres in Alabama have burned this year, topping 1980's total of 116,000 acres.

While the northeast part of the state is under a fire alert, nine counties in the south have been declared drought areas. The declaration means penalties will be imposed against open-air burning in forests, grasslands, wild lands, marshes or trash.

In Florida, where rainfall has been 12 to 18 inches below normal during the past six months, nearly 272,000 acres have been lost to fire in the first 2½ months of the year, said forestry spokesman Larry Amison.

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U.S. sub hits, sinks Japanese ship

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TOKYO (UPI) — A U.S. nuclear submarine collided with a Japanese freighter in the East China Sea, sinking the cargo ship and leaving 13 crewmen drifting in a rubber dinghy for 18 hours before their rescue by a Japanese destroyer, authorities said Friday. Two freighter crewmen are missing.

The U.S. Navy said the USS George Washington, the first of the strategic Polaris missile subs, sliced into the engine room of the freighter Nissho Maru Thursday morning 110 miles southwest of Sasebo, Japan. The 2,350-ton freighter sank about 15 minutes later.

The submarine, which was carrying Polaris missiles, sustained no damage to its nuclear plant or weapons systems, a U.S. Navy spokesman said. But a Pentagon spokesman said minor damage was done to the external area of the conning tower. None of the sub's crewmen were injured.

The Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said two members of the freighter crew are missing. Thirteen survivors were found drifting 18 hours after the collision in a rubber dinghy 40 miles off the Japanese coast.

Japanese officials said they did not know of the collision until Friday morning, nearly a day after the accident. The Japanese first received news of the freighter's sinking when the destroyer Akigumo picked up the survivors.

The George Washington surfaced after the collision to offer assistance to the freighter, but "the vessel disappeared from sight due to poor visibility caused by fog and rain," a Navy statement said.

U.S. aircraft operating with the submarine conducted a "low-level search of the area" after the crash but "sighted no vessels or personnel in distress," the Navy said.

The submarine then submerged. The Navy refused to say where it went. "We do not discuss submarine locations," the spokesman said.

The Navy statement, issued 36 hours after the accident, said American authorities "deeply regret this unfortunate incident" and that an investigation is under way.

Asked why the accident was not reported immediately to Japanese authorities, a U.S. Embassy official said, "Such matters will be the subject of an investigation.

"Further comments will not be appropriate at this time."

Japanese officials quoted the survivors as saying they saw a black submarine surface at the rear of the ship after the collision and then dive out of sight.

The George Washington was commissioned June 9, 1959, and was the West's first ship to be armed with ballistic missiles. The submarine has 16 tubes for Polaris missiles, but it was not immediately known whether it was carrying a full complement of the nuclear weapons.

The sub is 381 feet long and has a normal complement of 140 crewmen — 12 officers and 128 enlisted men.

Japanese officials quoted the freighter's survivors as saying they saw a "star insignia bordered with a white line" painted on the submarine.

Military experts noted that the area is one of the routes used by warships from the Soviet base at Vladivostok. The Soviet Union has 125 submarines, including 60 nuclear-powered craft, operating in the Far East, according to Western military figures.

— UFOs & Projects —

Tornadoes strike

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — An estimated 7,000 residents of southeastern Louisiana were without electricity Saturday after tornadoes and high winds ripped off roofs and tore away power lines.

No injuries were reported as three twisters and accompanying high winds and rains hopscotched through the area late Friday.

The winds pulled the roofs from a country club at LaPlace and a bank at Walker.

Gulf States Utilities reported Saturday that downed lines and other troubles stemming from the storms knocked out service to 5,800 customers in East Baton Rouge.

Another 1,200 customers in other areas also were affected, said utility spokeswoman Priss Gallagher.

One tornado was reported near Baton Rouge's Ryan Airport, but no damage was reported. Another tore a roof off a recent addition to the Belle Terre Country Club as 13 children and seven adults were sitting in the clubhouse.

At the small Livingston Parish community of Walker, deputy sheriffs said a tornado touched down in the middle of town about 5 p.m., lifting the roof off the Livingston Savings Bank and scattering road signs. A sheriff's spokesman said the bank was closed when the twister hit. org 7/12/81

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N-plant worker dies in plunge

SATSOP, Wash. (AP) — A Satsop nuclear power project worker fell 140 feet to his death Friday while working inside the WNP-5 reactor containment building, said Dale Dobson, Washington Public Power Supply System project manager.

The victim was identified as Michael H. Critchley, 41, a boilermaker from Tacoma, said WPPSS spokesman Richard Romanelli.

The man was welding on the containment building's steel shell for Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., Dobson said.

It was the third fatality at the project within a month. Two carpenters fell to their deaths March 9 while working on the WNP-5 cooling tower.

Preliminary reports indicated the man had his safety belt tied to a hook that gave way when he leaned back to perform some welding, plunging him to the bottom of the containment vessel, Dobson said.

However, Romanelli said later, "Our best information now is that Critchley was doing work that did not require him to be secured with a safety belt."

Romanelli said other types of work at that elevation require workers to be secured. He said Critchley apparently was on scaffolding and put his weight on a steel cable-and-post system set up for protection. Somehow, it didn't support his weight and he fell, Romanelli said.

Dobson said CB&I co-workers and other craftsmen walked off the job after the fatality in respect for the worker, not in protest.

Ebasco Services Inc., the construction manager at Satsop, was flying corporate safety officials to the site to launch an investigation, Dobson said. A WPPSS safety team and CB&I investigators also will probe the accident, he said.

Dobson said CB&I had logged 125,000 consecutive man hours without an accident before Friday's fatality.

He said the company, which is fabricating and erecting steel walls inside the two reactor buildings, staged a party for its workers last month in celebration of the good safety record.

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Spring storms leave 5 dead

By The Associated Press

Severe storms Thursday killed two people in Texas and tornadoes in southeastern Missouri left three dead and did about $10 million in property damage.

In Texas, a young man was killed in an auto accident on a rain-slicked San Antonio street, officials said, and a man was killed in the crash of his small plane outside Houston.

In Missouri, a 10-year-old girl died early Thursday of injuries suffered Wednesday night when a tornado leveled her South Prairie house. Other Missouri tornadoes flattened a bank in DeSoto, killing a bank officer, and an elderly man died of a heart attack after a twister damaged his home in Malden.

There was one tornado reported in Texas Thursday, touching down in the Magnolia Gardens housing project in Beaumont. Heavy rains flooded streets and accompanying winds and lightning tore down trees and power lines, which started several house fires.

There were no reports of injuries, and damage estimates were not immediately available.

The Department of Public Safety also reported extensive damage to mobile homes in Sealy, where many people suffered minor injuries.

An unidentified man died when a small plane crashed during a violent thunderstorm driven by 60-mph winds, police said. No damage or injuries were reported on the ground.

In San Antonio, a 19-year-old man, who also was not identified, was killed when a car in which he was a passenger skidded on a wet street, struck another vehicle and slammed into a utility pole.

The storm knocked windows out of several Houston buildings and downed power lines. Traffic was snarled by high water on freeways and streets.

Scaffolding and a steel beam from the 75-story Texas Commerce Tower being built in downtown Houston apparently were blown loose by high winds and fell on top of the fifth floor of an annex to the Houston Chronicle building across the street.

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ter leak shuts nuclear plant

By MICHAEL HOLMES

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Leaking radioactive water has shut down the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, but no radiation escaped into the environment, utility officials said Tuesday.

"There is no danger to employees or the public," said Roger Buehrer, spokesman for the Toledo Edison Co.

He said the nuclear plant near Port Clinton was shut down Monday night and will not return to service for several weeks.

The leak, located in a small tube in one of two steam generators, is less than a half gallon per minute. Although the water is radioactive, there is no danger of release of radiation in excess of Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards, Buehrer said.

He said the word "leak" is almost misleading because the radioactive water is going "from one system to another."

"It's not spilling onto the floor or going into the environment. It's in the system. It's being put back into a holding system."

Buehrer said the leak began "almost imperceptibly several weeks ago."

Toledo Edison officials decided to shut down for repairs now rather than later because electricity consumption in April usually is the lowest of the year. The company's coal-fired Bay Shore plant is expected to be back in service Sunday after six weeks of maintenance.

Computer failure

Columbia liftoff scrubbed by NASA

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia, the grand hope of America's future in space, was grounded Friday for at least two days while specialists sought to find the snag in a computer program that halted the crucial, final count to lift-off on the space shuttle's trial flight.

For six hours, astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen were strapped into the Columbia cockpit, tilted skyward on top of 500,000 gallons of volatile fuel, waiting for the "go" command that never came.

The $10-billion shuttle stood Earthbound when it should have soared. The nation, shut out of space flight for six years, had a little longer to wait.

Computer trouble stopped Columbia.

The countdown clock, which had been moving effortlessly to zero, stood still at 16 minutes. Instead of riding the first reflyable spaceship on its trial run, Young and Crippen crawled out of the hatch on their hands and knees, disappointment engraved on their weary faces.

"It was just one of those things," Crippen said.

"Y'all did real good," Young told his flight controllers. "We're sorry we didn't go."

Experienced test pilots both, they didn't let the setback get them down. They talked with their families, ate dinner, and planned to be in bed by 4:30 p.m., just as they did to be rested for Friday's wake-up call. For Saturday, they scheduled two hours of flying, practicing emergency landings.

Their next chance to fly the shuttle will come no earlier than Sunday morning — at 6:50 a.m. again — but officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had set no firm date.

(On Portland television — if the launch proceeds — KGW plans to start live coverage Sunday starting at 3 a.m.; KATU and KOIN plan to start coverage at 3:30 a.m.)

Hours after the flight was scrubbed, experts were still trying to find the hitch in a computer program that caused a backup computer to stop communicating with four primary computers. The computers control the spacecraft from liftoff to landing.

Delays and postponements have always been part of the U.S. man-in-space program, and the shuttle has had more than its share. Its first flight comes two years and billions of dollars behind schedule.

In the tense minutes between the launch target and the decision to scrub for the day, a Houston controller told the astronauts, "You have to excuse the delay, gentlemen; all the ducks weren't in a straight line."

Said Young: "That's okay."

The scrub came 3½ hours after Columbia was to launch into the first of its 36 planned orbits.

Later, when he followed Crippen out of the cockpit, Young plainly looked tired and discouraged. He managed only a wan half-smile.

Crippen, too, as he crawled on his hands and knees out of the small opening, appeared weary. Both men had been described as eager to take the Columbia aloft and frustration showed on their faces.

NASA experts isolated the problem in the program — or main set of instructions — fed into the five computers aboard the shuttle. But space center spokesman David Alter said, "That leaves 10 or 15 major test areas they still have to reach into."

Another space center spokesman, Paul Bohn, said, "It could be a wrong letter or a wrong word in the program."

"If we want to launch on Sunday, we'd have to have the problem well understood by late tomorrow," Neil Hutchinson, the launch team flight director at Houston, told reporters. "If we don't, it might be a while.

"There are a lot of meetings going on, trying to understand the timing down to the millisecond," said Hutchinson.

What was to have been the triumphant curtain-raiser on a new transportation system that would make up for America's absence in space, turned into a Friday morning fizzle.

A half-million people endured miles-long lines of traffic and lost a night's sleep only to have to turn around and fight the same traffic going home again in sunny midday.

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Jumbo jet lands safely after losing all power

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By H. JOSEF HEBERT

WASHINGTON (AP) — A United Airlines jumbo jet carrying 325 persons lost power in all four engines and dropped 13,000 feet Sunday, but each engine was restarted and the plane landed safely in Honolulu, federal and airline officials disclosed Wednesday.

An investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board has interviewed the crew of the Boeing 747, but so far no reason has been found for the engine failure, said board spokesman Brad Dunbar.

Each of the engines has been inspected and "found to be completely trouble-free," added FAA spokesman Fred Farrar.

United officials said the airplane is back in service. They said that while the engines were out, the plane glided in a gradual descent and the passengers probably were not even aware of the problem.

The incident over the Pacific Ocean about an hour east of Honolulu involved Flight 35, which was flying from Newark, N.J., to Honolulu with a stopover in San Francisco.

Reports to the FAA and the safety board revealed that the Boeing 747's No. 1 engine stalled as the plane was cruising at 39,000 feet about 3:10 a.m. Honolulu time Sunday. Within seconds, the other three engines also flamed out.

The crew attempted to use normal procedures for restarting engines during flight but were unsuccessful. The captain dipped the nose of the jetliner slightly to pick up speed and, using "ground-start" procedures, got the No. 1 engine started again, authorities said. A short time later, the other three engines were restarted.

FAA and safety board officials could not say how long the engines were out.

But United spokesman Charles Novak said in Chicago that the No. 1 engine was restarted "within seconds" and all three engines were running and stabilized in less than five minutes. The plane glided from an altitude of 39,000 feet to 26,000 feet while the engines were being restarted.

Dunbar said the safety board would continue its investigation into the incident.

He said the likelihood of all engines of an aircraft flaming out during flight is extremely rare and that in recent years he recalled only one other such incident, involving a jetliner flying off the Florida coast several years ago.

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Shuttle shot put off 2 days

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — A puzzling problem in the space shuttle's vital electronic brains Friday forced a probable two-day delay in the launch of astronauts John W. Young and Robert L. Crippen on the first orbital test flight of the Columbia.

Young and Crippen spent more than five hours lying uncomfortably on their backs in the shuttle's cockpit, only to learn that they will have to do it all over again.

The problem concerned one of five computers in the revolutionary spaceship, the most advanced manned spaceship ever built. The pesky computer was unable to communicate with the other computers.

The countdown came to within 9 minutes of blastoff at 6:50 a.m. when the computer problem developed.

Hugh Harris, the launch control spokesman, said the earliest date the astronauts can take off on the shuttle's maiden test flight is 6:50 a.m. Sunday. The problem must be resolved before the ship can be cleared for takeoff.

Crew fatigue was the overriding factor in the decision to call off Friday's launch try.

After engineers in Houston reported "no joy" in an attempt to clear up the computer problem, launch director George Page and Richard Smith, director of the Kennedy Space Center, made the "scrub" decision.

The Columbia is the world's first reusable spaceship. Its launch has been set back more than 2½ years by a variety of technical problems. Friday's problems, however, were of the kind not unexpected on a new spacecraft during the final hours of the countdown to launch.

It was apparent as the morning dragged on that the astronauts were getting tired of waiting.

"How are you holding out up there?" Page asked the astronauts at one point.

"Just laying here, you know," replied Young, the veteran flight commander who was strapped on his back in his spacecraft seat, a position doctors have said the crew could hold for no more than six hours.

"Getting uncomfortable at all?" Page asked.

"We're getting there, George," Young replied after a long pause. "We're getting there."

The Columbia is the first manned spaceship to rely so heavily on computers to perform critical operations. There are four redundant main computers and then the backup which could take over to perform the most critical functions if all the other units should fail.

Harris said Sunday is the earliest launch date, because it takes 24 hours to clear the ship's external fuel tank before it can be filled again with more than 500,000 gallons of frigid liquid oxygen and hydrogen.

The initial weather forecast for Sunday is encouraging. Air Force meteorologists said conditions similar to the excellent weather Friday are likely Sunday.

Hundreds of thousands of people on the grounds of the Kennedy Space Center and in surrounding areas were disappointed by the launch delay.

Young, 50-year-old veteran of four spaceflights, and space rookie Crippen, 43, crawled into Columbia's two-level cabin at 4:19 a.m. after smiling and waving to spaceport workers when they left their quarters.

"You wouldn't believe all the chow we have packed on this thing," Young said on a communications link to ground control center shortly after entering the spaceship's lower deck where the food is stored.

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27,000 without power in storm

By United Press International

Fierce thunderstorms packing 70 to 85 mph winds pushed across the southern Plains into the mid-Atlantic region, leaving about 27,000 people without electrical power. Temperatures soared past the 100-degree mark in the southwestern half of the nation.

Thunderstorms continued Wednesday in Oklahoma and heavy rain poured into central North Dakota. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms fell Wednesday over the upper Mississippi Valley and northern Rockies.

A mid-Atlantic thunderstorm Tuesday hit Virginia the hardest. Heavy rain poured into Oklahoma and Arkansas and scattered thunderstorms fell in southwestern Minnesota.

About 27,000 people in Norfolk and Richmond, Va., were left without electrical power. Authorities reported extensive damage at Virginia Beach Junior High School, where windows were blown out and a wall collapsed.

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(A joke, but abt.)

'Funny thing' in Forum

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game conference semifinal series against the Suns on Tuesday night.

Kansas City is a team which has learned how to live with adversity.

With 16 games left in the season, Phil Ford, who was NBA rookie of the year two years ago and started in every game last year, was sidelined with an injury to the orbital area of an eye and hasn't played since.

At the time, the Kings seemed on their way to a third-straight playoff spot since Fitzsimmons took over the reins after the 1978 season.

Without Ford, one of the NBA's premier guards, it didn't appear as if the Kings could make the playoffs for the third straight time — something that hadn't happened to the franchise since it was called the Cincinnati Royals and Oscar Robertson was in mid-career in 1965.

The Kings had lost their penetrator, the leader of the attack. Fitzsimmons had to regroup and slow the tempo down so that Kings could play without Ford.

Early in the second period, with the Blazers leading 41-26, it appeared that the Kings wouldn't make it to Phoenix, and all the Blazer bags packed for a 5 o'clock departure from Portland Sunday afternoon would be checked through to Phoenix.

"They had us on the ropes," admitted Fitzsimmons, who called timeout with his team trailing by 15 points. "We just told them no more bad passes, work the ball and get the game tight. A tight game was our game." THEN I STEPPED IN WITH PSI FORCE.

Two Southeast Conference products — Reggie King (Alabama) and Ernie Grunfeld (Tennessese) — were the key factors in the Kings' comeback.

King, who scored only 25 points in the first two games, led the Kings with 28 points, 20 of them in the second half as Kansas City, which had taken its only lead of the first half with 11 seconds left at 49-48, four times opened up 12-point leads in the fourth quarter.

"We got"

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Scientists

Kings oust Blazers

Last night the Portland Trailblazers pro ball team had Kansas City down by 15 points and was threatening to run away with the game... so I stepped in and used psi-force to turn the game around and make certain that Portland was beaten.

I have done this two years in a row. The reason for not allowing Portland to advance in the championship playoffs? Because my sons and I were humiliated on a Ch. 2 TV show in Portland. Since the Portland pro ball team is the big symbol for Portland... then I destroy the "symbol" each year. It isn't nice to double cross PK Man!

Owens

Four die as explosions demolish grain elevators

—6 Projects PK—

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (UPI) — Searchers Wednesday hunted for three missing workers in the rubble of a 14-story dockside elevator, ripped by a series of fiery explosions apparently touched off by machinery sparks. Three men were known dead and 33 were injured.

Several hours after the Texas elevator blasts, a grain elevator at Bellwood, Neb., exploded, killing one man and critically injuring two others.

One witness compared the Texas blasts, which occurred as line grain rolled into the elevator Tuesday, to an atomic bomb blast. Fires fed by plastic grain bags still were burning early Wednesday.

Damage to the nearly gutted Corpus Christi complex, which consists of three clusters of silos and a 180-foot-high concrete control tower located beside a channel to the Gulf of Mexico, was estimated at $30 million.

Four silos were blown apart and 54 of the facility's 153 silos were heavily damaged.

An official of the Federal Grain Inspection Service said the facility, owned by Producers Grain Co-Op of Corpus Christi, was one of the "cleanest" in the nation and said the explosions could have been much worse if it had not been so well-maintained.

Under the right conditions, an ounce of grain dust can be more explosive than an ounce of dynamite. To prevent such explosive conditions, the Texas company recently installed a dust collection system that cost about $3.5 million.

Officials early Wednesday identified the three missing people as employees of the Nueces County Navigation District and a security guard. Searchers hunted for them throughout the night.

Memorial Hospital identified two of the dead as Alfredo Canales, 52, and Richard Pierce, 44. The third victim, Jose Valdez, 32, died at Spohn Hospital.

Thirty-three workers also were reported injured. Army and Coast Guard helicopters had to dart through smoke to airlift victims — most suffering from burns — to hospitals.

The explosions occurred during the confusion of shift change, but the owners believed about 50 men were in the building at the time. Seven federal grain inspectors also happened to be on the scene — within 20 yards of the source of the explosion.

Six of the inspectors were hospitalized and two were in critical condition.

As the grain dust exploded, heavy concrete silos crumbled to the ground and roaring fires raced through the elevator complex. Smoke was visible for miles away. Workers in an iron foundry a mile away felt the severe vibrations.

"It blew one big piece of cement, about 10 to 15 feet wide and just as long, onto a nearby road," said Darrell Johnson, assistant manager of a grain terminal nearby. "It was at least 75 to 80 yards away and halfway imbedded into the blacktop."

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Electricity outage blackens Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — A power station failure knocked out electricity to most of Montreal Island and nearby areas for about an hour during the morning commuter rush Wednesday.

The outage affected an estimated one million electricity customers in and around this Canadian city.

Hundreds of businesses were temporarily closed, and people were reported trapped for a time in downtown elevators. But authorities said the city's subway system used reserve power to get trains to the nearest station, and Dorval Airport continued normal operations with emergency power sources.

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Damage heavy

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8 die as storms rake Midwest

By The Associated Press

Fierce winds and tornadoes flipped cars and mobile homes Saturday and left behind a crazy quilt of wreckage in a half-dozen states. Eight persons died, and an estimated 125 people were injured.

The National Weather Service said about 20 tornadoes and 121 severe storms were reported. Harry Gordon of the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., called it "the most widespread storm system so far this spring."

The storms also brought rain to the parched area. "They do some benefit, but they do some damage," Gordon said.

The weather service said 11 tornadoes were sighted in Iowa, three in Wisconsin, two each in Nebraska and Kansas, and one each in Illinois and Oklahoma. Other reports said two tornadoes touched down in Missouri, and high winds also struck Indiana.

Most injuries were minor, but the devastation was traumatic. "We had little children who had been cut by flying glass," said Jackie Wicklund of the West Bend, Wis., Red Cross.

Three people died, and at least 50 were injured in West Bend when high winds wrecked 90 structures. The police chief estimated damage at $15 million, while the mayor estimated damage at $6 million. Three other people were killed in storm-related traffic accidents.

"Its gone. There's nothing left. But the five of us are out and alive," Helen Urbaniak said of her West Bend home.

A twister touched down in Calumet County, Wis., about 50 miles north of West Bend, injuring six people in a mobile home park.

Rainstorms packing winds up to 90 mph lashed southwestern Illinois and parts of Missouri overnight. The storms wrecked houses, knocked out power and injured 20 people, 15 in Granite City, Ill., and five in Edwardsville.

Extensive damage was reported in Edwardsville, a city of 13,000 people. Officials cordoned off the city Saturday, barring all but emergency vehicles, cleanup crews and residents. Guards were posted to prevent looting.

In northwestern Illinois, some 130 cars were damaged by high winds in and around the Quad Cities Airport. Sixty houses were damaged in Milan, where police said three or four people were injured.

During a thunderstorm, a 2-year-old boy from Sandyville, Iowa, was killed by a falling tree limb. Virtually all of Iowa's 99 counties were under severe weather advisories Friday, and several tornadoes were sighted. Up to 2.57 inches of rain fell.

High-altitude turbulence was blamed after a United Airlines DC-10 fell 2,000 feet in a downdraft Friday over the Missouri-Illinois border. Twenty-one of the 154 passengers were injured, and seven were hospitalized. The jetliner made an unscheduled landing in Chicago.

In Joplin, Mo., a man was electrocuted when he touched a power line that had been downed by high winds. A friend was burned in a rescue attempt, and at least three other people were injured by high winds that raked the state.

Officials said the storm system spawned at least two tornadoes in Missouri. One damaged grain storage bins, a cotton gin and a water plant in Malden, said police spokesman Vernon Earnheart. The other tornado tore the roof from a farm building in New Hampton, authorities said.

Thunderstorms brought tornadoes, hail as big as golf balls, heavy rain and strong winds to Nebraska, sending temperatures plunging as much as 20 degrees in an hour Friday in Omaha — from 73 degrees to the mid-50s. Two inches of rain fell in Milford.

Many buildings were damaged or destroyed. In one case, a concrete block structure between two silos on a Lancaster County, Neb., farm was leveled except for a door frame and one tier of blocks, but the silos were untouched.

Winds up to 94 mph were reported Friday in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas, wrecking an airplane hangar and downing power lines. Major airports were closed briefly.

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Fruit fly spraying plan ready

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LOS GATOS, Calif. — If a last-ditch effort to get a restraining order fails Monday, the controversial aerial spraying to eradicate the Mediterranean fruit fly will begin just after midnight Tuesday in a heavily populated, 120-square-mile area in California's Santa Clara Valley.

Although Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. originally opposed the aerial application of the insecticide malathion because of possible human health hazards, he reluctantly ordered it Friday and said that he was forced to do so by the Reagan administration. Brown acted after Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block threatened an immediate federal quarantine on California produce if the governor did not authorize the aerial spraying sought by California agricultural interests.

Despite the federal concern, state officials said Sunday that Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger had refused to allow helicopters assigned to the spraying task to be based or to have use of any U.S. military bases in the area.

Weinberger overruled Secretary Block and Navy officials who had given permission to base the choppers at Moffett Field in Sunnyvale, state officials said. They had hoped to use the field 40 miles southeast of San Francisco for security, safety and convenience reasons.

The Pentagon said Sunday that no immediate statement would be available on Weinberger's action.

There has been strong opposition among some residents of the area to be sprayed — which contains 315,000 homes and an estimated population of 787,500. Officials have reported receiving threats that the helicopters would be shot down.

Asked if these threats were the reason that state officials had hoped to use Moffett Field, Jerry Scribner, deputy director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and director of the Medfly project, said, "We aren't ignoring those threats by any means, but we aren't over-reacting to them."

In announcing Weinberger's decision on the helicopters, Richard Rominger, director of the state Food and Agriculture Department, said, "He (Weinberger) had heard about the protests against the aerial applications, and he didn't want to be involved."

Scribner said, "There seems to be a conflict between the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of defense."

Rominger said that both he and Block had tried in vain to get Weinberger to change his mind.

"He flatly refused after I argued with him for quite a long time," Rominger said.

Meanwhile, a hearing was scheduled Monday morning in San Jose Superior Court on the request by Santa Clara County and several cities in the area for a temporary restraining order against the aerial spraying. A federal judge in San Francisco denied a similar request Friday.

If the request is again rejected, the aerial spraying will begin at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday in the northernmost areas of the Medfly infestation that threatens California's multibillion-dollar agricultural industry.

Project officials announced Sunday that the spraying area had been expanded into San Jose after maggots were found in three of the city's neighborhoods. A project spokesman said the spraying boundaries would probably expand again during the program.

The first night of spraying will cover 19 square miles encompassing parts of the cities of Palo Alto, Los Altos and Mountain View. This area contains more than 100,000 homes. The choppers will move southward through the Santa Clara Valley on three succeeding nights to cover the entire infested area. The aerial applications will be repeated five times.

The choppers will avoid sensitive areas such as hospitals and reservoirs, which officials said would be marked on the ground with portable searchlights and lighted balloons. The balloon

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Huge Floods Hit China

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Beijing

The heaviest rains in 32 years caused four rivers in southwest China to overflow their banks, killing or injuring 40 to 50 people, stranding hundreds of thousands and inundating nearly a million acres of farmland, officials said yesterday.

The rains, accompanied by high winds that uprooted trees, began Sunday in Sichuan province, officials said. The Jialing, Fu, Tuo and Min rivers and their tributaries overflowed. Train service was interrupted by cave-ins and many highway bridges collapsed.

Sichuan, with 100 million people, is China's most populous province.

The official Xinhua news agency said water from the four rivers would converge today to form the greatest Yangtze River flood peak since 1949, and would threaten the Gezhouba dam, China's biggest hydro-engineering project, now under construction on the river.

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U.S. units take trouncing in NATO competitions

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WASHINGTON — Tank and bomber crews from what are supposed to be some of the most combat-ready units in the U.S. military have been beaten in several recent military competitions by their NATO counterparts.

The poor U.S. showings, coming at a time when the Reagan administration's defense policy is focused on the need to buy more weapons, may offer further evidence that manpower and training problems are more critical than hardware needs.

The most dismal result occurred last week, when a squadron of four U.S. B-52 bombers finished last among seven bomber squadrons competing in an annual Royal Air Force strategic bombing contest in England called "Double Top."

The U.S. crews, part of a Strategic Air Command unit at Marham, England, finished 13th, 15th, 19th and 22nd among 22 bombers in the contest. They were beaten by crews of RAF Vulcans — medium-bombers which have far less sophisticated electronic equipment than the B-52H, the latest version of the B-52 used by the United States. Both bombers were first introduced in the 1950s.

An Air Force spokesman admitted that the U.S. showing was the worst in the recent history of the contest, which the British have won consistently since 1976, the last time U.S. B-52 crews won it. Lou Lambert, a spokesman for SAC headquaters in Omaha, Neb., said SAC officials "have not yet analyzed why we did so poorly."

An RAF source, who asked not to be identified, said the British fliers were stunned by the low U.S. showing. "Technically the B-52 should come out better," he said. "They have more redundancy, better avionics. The edge is the experience of our operators."

The contest consisted of a series of low-level bombing runs under the same conditions and in the same Northern European environment that the B-52s would confront in their primary wartime missions.

In a second major military competition, U.S. tank crews drawn from the 3rd Armored Division were beaten by units from Belgium and West Germany in the Canadian Army Trophy Competition, a tank shooting and maneuvering contest held in Germany in June.

• U.S. tankers, who have never won the contest since they first entered in 1977, finished 5,000 points behind the winning West German unit, 1,300 points behind the Belgians and barely 300 points ahead of teams from Canada and Great Britain.

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10 perish in vast heat wave

By United Press International

Cooling rainstorms lingered Wednesday over the northern Plains but offered little hope of quenching a sizzling heat wave from Nebraska to Florida. At least 10 deaths were blamed on the heat, including a baby whose temperature rose to 109.

More than a half-foot of rain and wind up to 63 mph lashed the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska Tuesday, dropping temperatures into the 90s. Only minor storm damage was reported. Remnants of the storms persisted Wednesday.

But the mercury soared past the century mark in southern Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma into Georgia and northern Florida. Forecasters said the hot weather will last through Friday.

At least 10 heat-related deaths were reported in the last four days of blistering temperatures and high humidity in Iowa. Five of the dead were elderly.

The latest victims were 20-month-old Floyd Holmes Jr., Robert E. Bonstrom, 60, and John Kemach, 88, all of Des Moines. Bonstrom was found dead in his home Tuesday, officials said. Wednesday's edition of the Des Moines Register reported that two other elderly persons died from the heat Sunday.

Bonstrom's death appeared to be heat-related, officials said, noting that there was no fan or air conditioner in the man's home — where the temperature was about 95 degrees.

The baby, who was found "unresponsive" in his crib Tuesday, had a body temperature of 109 degrees. Medical authorities tentatively blamed his death on heat stroke.

Health officials advised older people to stay in air-conditioned areas. About 200 donated fans have been distributed to elderly and handicapped residents in Des Moines this week.

Since Saturday, temperatures have peaked in the mid-90s across Iowa, with some locations reporting highs in the lower 100s. Humidity has been as high as 85 percent.

Savannah, Ga., recorded 103 degrees, breaking the record of 101 degrees set in 1951. Jacksonville, Fla., hit the 102-degree mark and Daytona Beach, Fla., broke a 1946 record with a reading of 99 degrees.

Fierce winds and rain swept the upper Plains.

In Omaha, Neb., Warren Anderson, 11, suffered two broken legs and head cuts when he was pinned under a huge limb that fell from a tree near his home as a thunderstorm pushed through the city.

He was pinned under the limb for 10 minutes before he was freed. Anderson and two other boys were playing in the street under the tree when high winds toppled two limbs. Anderson was taken to a hospital where he was listed in serious condition.

In Plattsmouth, Neb., heavy rain triggered street flooding and wind knocked down power lines. Power outages were reported throughout the city of about 6,400.

The basement wall of a home collapsed and at least four homes were damaged by falling trees. Many windows were broken by hail.

"It's been a real zoo," said Connie Mossey, a police dispatcher.

Wind damaged garages attached to two homes in Utica, Neb.

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N-plant shut down fifth time

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP) — The Crystal River nuclear power plant has been shut down for the fifth time this year, this time after a cooling fan and its backup both malfunctioned, Florida Power Corp. officials said Wednesday.

The huge 825-megawatt unit was pulled out of service late Tuesday. It is expected to be out of service for 10 days to two weeks while the fans are repaired, said Larry Shriner, spokesman for the St. Petersburg-based utility.

The 36-inch fans are used to cool essential cables and wiring in the reactor cavity — an area between the reactor vessel and an inner shield wall in the containment building.

No damage to the reactor was reported and no radiation release was detected, Shriner said.

The first fan malfunctioned Monday and technicians switched to the backup, Shriner said. That fan malfunctioned Tuesday, the temperature went from a normal 120 degrees to 250 and a shut-down was ordered.

"Too high a temperature from a lack of air flow could cause damage to the nuclear instrumentation system," Shriner said.

The plant, which helps supply electricity to 805,000 customers, was taken off line in mid-February because of deteriorating pump seals. A few weeks later, a worker accidentally tripped an emergency signal that caused a shutdown.

Later, a nut in the reactor core broke loose and set off an alarm system, again forcing a shutdown. And two weeks ago, lightning struck an electrical switching yard nearby, forcing the plant out of service.

The fans were made by Babcock & Wilcox, which designed the Crystal River plant as well as the Three Mile Island plant near Harrisburg, Pa., that was damaged in 1979 in the nation's worst commercial nuclear power accident.

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Navy Fires Live Missile Accidentally

Norfolk, Va.

A live conventional missile was accidentally launched from a Navy destroyer toward the Caribbean resort island of St. Croix but apparently dropped harmlessly into the sea, the Navy announced yesterday.

A Navy spokesman said the Harpoon missile, containing 215 pounds of "high explosive," was launched from its pad aboard the Norfolk-based guided missile destroyer Coontz Tuesday and disappeared without a trace. He said the Coontz tracked the missile on radar until it disappeared over the horizon.

Lieutenant Commander Ken Pease said the missile "was programmed to detonate on impact. When it hit the sea, it would go off."

Pease said the island of St. Croix was in the missile's trajectory and within its 60 nautical-mile range, but an "exhaustive search" turned up nothing to indicate it hit the island or any vessels.

The Coontz, which was participating in exercises with 18 other ships, was about 50 miles southwest of St. Croix when the incident occurred.

The Harpoon is programmed to find and destroy enemy ships. Navy officials said a target distance is set in its computer and it seeks the target on its own.

Pease said he did not know how the Harpoon was fired, but noted it took place during routine maintenance preparatory to a test-firing Sunday.

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United Press

Disaster status sought as flies spread

By LORETTA NOFFSINGER

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. asked President Reagan to declare three California counties a federal disaster area Wednesday, saying a spreading infestation of destructive fruit flies is out of control.

Brown's announcement came as officials learned that an infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies had spread closer to rich California farm lands while efforts to destroy it by spraying pesticide from the air fell further behind schedule.

"The increased magnitude of the infestation constitutes a disaster which is now beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities" of the state and local counties, Brown told Reagan in a letter released Wednesday night.

"California faces the threat of an economic disaster of unprecedented proportions by the virtual shutdown of the state's $14 billion agriculture industry by federal order," Brown added, referring to threats of a federal quarantine on California produce by the Reagan administration.

Officials of a joint state, federal and local eradication program had expected to spray 45 square miles with the pesticide malathion by early Wednesday. But after two nights of spraying, only 7½ square miles had been covered with the sticky mist while the area known to be infested by the Mediterranean fruit fly grew by twice that much.

Aerial spraying of malathion, a commonly used backyard pesticide, was begun in the hopes of halting the medfly in the residential neighborhoods of the Santa Clara Valley, south of San Francisco.

Some agriculture officials have predicted doom for the state's $14 billon farming industry, which produces half the nation's fruit and vegetables, if the medfly spreads to nearby commercial farm areas and southeast to the fertile San Joaquin Valley,.

Brown said the quarantine of the three infested counties he is asking disaster funds for already has affected 11,000 farms, ranches and businesses at a loss of $4.2 million.

Designation as a federal disaster area would make low-interest loans available to people, businesses and local governments that suffer losses because of the infestation and the fight against it.

A spokesman in Washington said Wednesday that the White House had not yet received Brown's letter and had not been contacted by Brown on the request.

The battle against the medfly began 13 months ago when the fruit flies were found in neighborhoods lush with peach, plum, orange, apricot, lemon and other fruit trees. More than $23 million has been spent in the unsuccessful attempt to wipe out the medfly, which officials think was imported here from Hawaii.

The eradication effort received a setback Tuesday when an outbreak was discovered in Milpitas, a community to the east of the previous 129-square mile infested area.

At a news conference Wednesday, project director Jerry Scribner said the Milpitas area had been added to the total spraying area. The new area is more than twice the size of the 7½-square-mile area sprayed by helicopter Tuesday and Wednesday, Scribner said, although the exact size was not known.

The discovery raised fears that the pest had spread far beyond the original boundaries of the infested area. Scribner was particularly concerned because the newly discovered larvae were at least two miles apart.

"It is disheartening in terms of the additional area that must now be included," he said.

He said the spraying program was behind schedule because there was not enough time to prepare. In addition, mechanical problems have cut into the scheduled helicopter force.

But Scribner was optimistic that the ground lost since early Tuesday, when the spraying began, would be made up.

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Fire destroys cable at Grand Coulee Dam

GRAND COULEE, Wash. (AP) — Fire broke out early Monday in an oil-filled, high-voltage cable tunnel that serves a generator at Grand Coulee Dam, the world's largest power-producing dam, a Bureau of Reclamation official said.

Nine cables that carry electricity to the dam's switchyard were destroyed, said bureau public affairs officer Craig Sprankle.

The fire was believed to have started in a cable carrying oil to cool high-voltage cables, Sprankle said.

The power unit was shut down while firefighters from the bureau's plant-protection unit and volunteers from nearby communities battled the smoky fire with water and foam, he said.

"We can't get into the tunnel, but we can see when the flames are beat back, and we can see that nine cables have been destroyed in the upper end," he said of the mile-long tunnel.

Sprankle said no power was lost because of the fire, although the capability to generate power was cut. He said the Bonneville Power Administration, which buys electricity from the dam's generators, switched to the Snake River dam system for the roughly 1,900 megawatts that the fire shut off.

"What happens is that all the power goes into one big pool. When the fire started, the BPA threw a switch and power from the Snake River system entered that pool to make up the difference," he said.

Damage could not immediately be assessed, Sprankle said.

"They noticed smoke coming out of the tunnel about 1:45 a.m., and we've been up there fighting it ever since. We're trying to keep a concrete wall divider cooled down to prevent the smoke from spreading into another cable tunnel," he said before the fire was contained about noon.

The gigantic concrete structure on the banks of the Columbia River produces 6,200 megawatts and has six of the largest electrical generators in the world.

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Midwest storms injure over 30

By United Press International

Flash flood watches were issued Tuesday from Missouri to Pennsylvania, where sudden cloudbursts, winds up to 77 mph and a half dozen tornadoes snapped power lines, flooded streets and injured more than 30 people.

The storms first whipped through Missouri and Illinois, leaving 25 people injured Monday in the St. Louis area and eight others hurt in Illinois.

A tornado plowed through a mobile home park in suburban Tulsa, Okla., later Monday, overturning a dozen trailers and injuring several people.

Power outages triggered by the storms left more than 107,500 people without electricity in Missouri and Maryland.

The storm reached into Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland late Monday and early Tuesday. A flash flood watch was issued for western Pennsylvania.

Two rivers in central Missouri, inundated by rain the past two days, were above flood stage and rising.

A fierce rainstorm rolled into Baltimore Monday, dumping a half-inch of rain in 20 minutes and knocking out power to about 7,500 people in the northwest section of Washington, D.C. and Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

Thunderstorms and winds up to 63 mph battered western Pennsylvania, ripping roofs off two buildings, damaging several homes and downing power and telephone lines in a widespread area.

In Wisconsin, minor street flooding was reported in Milwaukee and several twisters touched down near Oshkosh in Fond du Lac County.

Charles Budnick said he grabbed his 1-year-old daughter, Chloe, and ran when a tornado flattened his barn.

"I had just finished doing the dishes when all of a sudden I heard a loud sound of wind. I ran to the back of the trailer, grabbed my baby, ran outside and was going to run to the milk house (in the barn), but then I looked up and saw this funnel cloud bouncing up and down on top of the barn," Budnick said.

"I then ran across the street and laid in the ditch covering my baby. It (the tornado) was long and narrow . . . God it was spooky."

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Fires consume rangeland

By The Associated Press Oreg 7/27/81

Fires sparked by lightning consumed about 79,500 acres of rangeland and juniper and aspen trees Sunday in what fire officials said was the worst rash of blazes in Utah in years.

Four houses also were destroyed in the fires. The two biggest blazes were burning out of control near the western Utah community of Oak City, and officials feared the two might merge and threaten more property.

In Idaho, Burea of Land Management crews controlled an 87,000-acre range fire near Shoshone late Saturday. The blaze was the largest in Idaho this year.

Blast rocks propane plant

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. (AP) — An explosion early Sunday destroyed a building where propane gas is produced, forcing a temporary evacuation of the area and leaving 700 customers without gas, authorities said.

A railroad tank car holding 300,000 gallons of liquid propane behind the building and two tanks with 45,000 gallons were undamaged, but another tank filled with vapors buckled.

If any of the cars or tanks had exploded, they would have destroyed all buildings on the street and threatened the business district about two blocks away, Fire Chief Jerald Fournier said.

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U.S. loses control of mine

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With the help of a French oil company, Canada has wrested control of one of the world's richest mines away from the United States over U.S. government objections.

The development was part of a $3 billion acquisition of Texasgulf Inc., a major U.S. minerals and oil firm, announced Tuesday by the French-government controlled Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine, one of the world's 10 largest oil companies.

As part of the deal, the Canada Development Co., which owns 37 percent of Texasgulf, will trade its shares for the Kidd Creek Mine, discovered and developed in the mid-1960s by Texasgulf as a major zinc, copper, silver, lead and cadmium mine.

The mine is located on 110,000 acres near Timmins, Ontario. Its 1980 production was 4.3 million tons of rich ore.

The U.S. government made a futile attempt to block the takeover two weeks ago when the Committee on Foreign Investment, headed by the Treasury Department, asked Elf Aquitaine and the Canadian company to put off attempts to buy Texasgulf stock. The firms refused.

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10 hurt, 3,000 flee in Utah propane fire

MOAB, Utah (UPI) — A bolt of lightning triggered an explosion at a giant underground propane reservoir Saturday, shooting flames 100 feet into the sky, seriously burning 10 people and forcing 3,000 others to flee a 10-square-mile area for four hours.

Firefighters spent hours after the blast late Friday hosing down burning surface pipes and small tanks atop the reservoir to prevent fire from spreading into the reservoir itself and igniting the 5 million gallons of stored propane.

"It's (the fire is) just about out now," Grand County Sheriff Jim Nyland said at about 4 a.m. MDT. "We don't think there's any danger anymore so we're going to let people go back home."

The Moab Police Department had evacuated a 10-square-mile business and residential area at midnight near the natural salt formation reservoir because officials had warned that if the main reserve of propane ignited "it could take everything within a mile-and-a-half radius with it," Grand County Sheriff's Sgt. John Meacham said.

Nyland said propane pipelines feeding into the main reservoir had been shut to prevent further spread of the fire and officials would let the fires still blazing on a couple of 30,000-gallon propane surface tanks burns themselves out.

Police said eight of the injured were tourists camping at a recreational camp ground separated from the reservoir by a fence. The other two were workers at the propane storage facility.

Hospital officials said all ten were in "critical to serious" condition.

"The trailers and the cars that were parked right next to the fence were just totally destroyed," one police official said.

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Tornadoes rip Plains states

United Press International

Thunderstorms that battered the northern Plains with tornadoes, hail and winds up to 75 mph whipped across the region again Monday. There were no reports of severe damage or injury.

Thunderstorms persisted over southeastern Montana and the western Dakotas Monday. A severe thunderstorm watch was issued for most of South Dakota through the morning.

Hail 2 inches in diameter pounded Billings, Mont., Sunday and winds up to 75 mph were recorded at Medora, N.D.

Tornadoes struck Shelby and Hardin, Mont., and several twisters hit Minnesota. Another tornado was reported in south central New Mexico.

The tornadoes knocked down trees and power lines in Red Lake, Minn. The storm also knocked out power for a brief time, and marble-sized hail shattered several business windows.

Rainstorms also stretched from Arkansas to Michigan and over South Carolina. Storms in Arkansas Sunday dropped up to 2 inches of rain in one hour.

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Flood, snow kill 12 in Europe

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VIENNA, Austria (UPI) — The Danube River, swollen by some of the heaviest rains in 124 years, flooded highways and rail lines and left provincial towns accessible only by boat Thursday although the high water was reported receding.

The torrential rains coupled with a freak summer snowstorm left 12 people dead in eastern and western Europe.

Floodwaters blocked the main highway and a railroad line along the Danube's right bank and traffic had to be re-routed because the river rose over the emergency level of 24 feet, officials said.

But officials said the danger of a new crisis appeared over with an end to the heavy rains earlier in the week.

A few villages along the Danube could be reached only by boat because of flooding in provincial areas of Austria.

"We have had the heaviest rainfalls since 1857 in the past four days," an Austrian government official said. "The damage done by the floods cannot yet be estimated, but it will certainly run into millions of dollars."

Four people were reported drowned in the Danube as result of the flooding.

In West Germany, four people, including a 2-year-old girl, were reported drowned in floods. Three mountaineers were found frozen to death in a remote hut blocked by avalanches in the high Alps of France.

In Czechoslovakia, one person was drowned in the floods of the Vltava River in the western outskirts of Prague during rescue actions, the CTK news agency said.

"Hundreds of houses had to be evacuated along the Elbe River that flooded large parts of the rural area near the town of Melnik in central Bohemia," CTK said.

Floods on the Danube from Germany threatened Austria.

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Floods hit in England

LONDON (AP) — A line of violent thunderstorms swept across Britain Thursday, triggering widespread flooding but bringing some relief from the hottest weather of the summer.

In the northwest industrial center of Manchester, where 3½ inches of rain fell in 24 hours, a landslide damaged a major suburban highway. Other flooding was reported in Staffordshire and Cheshire, where a police officer said: "It has been almost like a monsoon for three hours. The drains could not cope."

In London, floodwaters shorted out sections of the city's subway system, and the Blackwall tunnel under the River Thames was closed for a time.

The black storm clouds were so dense that the capital's streets at noon were as dark as night.

At Heathrow airport, a ground technician was knocked to the runway by lightning. His ears were singed, but he was otherwise unhurt, an airport spokesman said.

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California steps up war on Medfly

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LOS GATOS, Calif. (UPI) — California, target of quarantines by other states fearing spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly, is intensifying its attack on the destructive pest.

Ground stripping of fruits and vegetables was expanded Friday to more than 900 square miles, including 26 cities.

Officials said a 500-member "police force" of civilians and state workers will go door-to-door to enforce a massive stripping order issued to 1 million residents of the Santa Clara Valley.

In Washington, D.C., five states told the U.S. Supreme Court that their quarantines against California produce are necessary to protect public health and local agriculture.

The arguments were in response to California's challenge to the blockade of fruits and vegetables the states imposed to prevent the spread of the fruit fly.

California earlier in the week asked the high court to stop Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina from "prohibiting or restricting the movement" of its fruits and vegetables.

Trucks carrying California produce have been turned back at roadblocks in several states.

California officials told the court that the states' restrictions are more severe than necessary. They also maintained that because the infestation is confined to three counties, the regulations are unnecessary because most produce being shipped is grown in other areas of the state.

In the Santa Clara Valley, south of San Francisco, aerial spraying of malathion in the $53 million war to destroy the pest was increased to include 227 square miles of the three-county quarantined area where 161 nests of larvae have been found in such fruits as apricots, peaches and apples.

Stripping of all fruit, originally ordered by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. July 1, was complied with only partially, prompting the stricter enforcement, officials of the eradication project said.

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Iranians say thousands may be dead in quake

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NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — At least 700 people were killed in southeastern Iran's second earthquake in six weeks, and the final death toll could be between 3,000 and 4,000, Iranian officials said Wednesday.

First reports listed 700 people dead and 440 injured in the quake that struck Kerman province Tuesday night, and "efforts to recover the bodies of other victims are continuing," Tehran radio said.

Abdolhossein Sayeh, governor-general of the province, told Iran's official Pars news agency that the final death toll from the quake could be between 3,000 and 4,000.

He said that as many as 90 percent of the houses were demolished in some villages.

Pars said rescue squads immediately started digging bodies and survivors from the ruins and evacuating the injured to emergency field hospitals set up at Kerman, the provincial capital.

Helicopters were being used to fly in rescue teams and evacuate hundreds of wounded because the earthquake blocked mountain roads.

A Pars correspondent reporting from the area said terrified people rushed into the streets when the first tremors struck, shouting "Allah Akbar" — "God is great" — and kneeling down to pray.

The stricken area is less than 50 miles from the village of Goldbagh, flattened by a June 11 quake that killed 1,000 and injured 1,500 others.

The Tehran Seismological Institute said the latest quake measured between 6.7 and 7 on the Richter scale.

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Thunderstorms, twisters hit eastern U.S.; 5 hurt

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By United Press International

Powerful thunderstorms carrying 60 to 70 mph wind hurled tornadoes into southeast Ohio and Virginia Tuesday. Five people, including two children, were injured.

The storms left more than 3,000 Missouri residents without electrical power and gully-washing rains forced residents from flooded homes in Oklahoma and Indiana.

A severe-thunderstorm watch was posted late Tuesday over eastern Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Chesapeake Bay.

A tornado hit both sides of the Ohio River at St. Marys, W. Va., and Newport, Ohio. The tornado ripped through four house trailers in a wooded area near Newport Township, Ohio — injuring five people.

A Coast Guard helicopter plucked three persons from a sinking sailboat in Canadian waters of rainswept Lake Erie. The three, all identified as residents of Lorian, Ohio, were in good condition, authorities said.

A tornado also touched down in Chantilly, Va. No injuries were reported.

Strong 60 mph wind blasted Vienna, Va., and 70 mph gusts were clocked at Staunton, Va., and Hickory, N.C.

Heavy rain in Hobbs, N.M., flooded streets and some houses and businesses, causing dozens of cars to stall. National Guard troops were placed on standby to assist in possible evacuations, said Joe Harvey, city manager.

Storms dumped up to 8 inches of rain on northeast Kansas and Missouri Monday, flooding several highways and roads and forcing at least one family from its home near Brown Grove, Kan.

Backed-up rain water triggered the collapse of a 100-foot section of a concrete block basement wall at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant at Topeka. There were no injuries.

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Mexico shaken

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An earthquake registering 6.5 on the Richter scale hit Mexico's Pacific Coast near the resort of Zihuatanejo Saturday night and rocked buildings in this capital more than 200 miles away, authorities said. No injuries or deaths were reported.

A spokesman for the Tacubaya Seismological Center in Mexico City said the epicenter of the tremor was 217 miles southwest of the capital. It struck near the mouth of the Rio Balsas in the state of Guerrero, close to the industrial port of Lazaro Cardenas, the spokesman said.

India floods take 41 lives

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Flash floods killed 41 people Sunday in Rajasthan, raising the 10-day toll of flood-related deaths in the northwestern state to more than 1,000, United News of India reported.

The agency quoted local officials as saying floods in the Chaksu region, 155 miles southwest of New Delhi, destroyed 40 villages and killed more than 400 residents during the past three days. Army troops and government workers rescued nearly 7,000 marooned people Sunday, UNI said.

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By United Press International

More than 6 inches of rain drenched the Midwest and East, stranding thousands of New York commuters and forcing 150 Missouri residents to flee the Salt River, swollen above flood stage Tuesday by a planned release of floodwaters.

The violent thunderstorms, part of the same system that swirled across the Midlands during the weekend, brought gray skies and cool temperatures to the northern half of the nation.

Heavy rain persisted from Texas to Indiana, where flash flood watches were posted through early Tuesday.

In northeast Missouri, floodwaters that had backed up behind a temporary dam protecting the Clarence Cannon dam project coursed down the Salt River Monday, flooding fields and threatening homes and businesses.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released the floodwaters to save the dam project by cutting a 400-foot-wide notch in the cofferdam. Officials went door-to-door warning about 150 people to leave their homes and farms in the path of the swollen river.

The river was expected to rise 13 feet above flood stage at New London, Mo., Tuesday and even higher if more rain falls.

"The only thing we know for sure is that it will go above 32 feet at New London," said Mel Doernhoefer, spokesman for the corps. "It depends on what kind of rain we get."

Bob Mount, president of Airmasters Sheet Metal Inc. in New London, evacuated much of his equipment.

"We expect to be in 5 feet of water when it is all over," he said. "It's going to be one heck of a cleanup."

The floodwater release was expected to set construction back about a year on the $254 million project.

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5,000 feared dead as Iranian quake flattens villages

ANKARA, Turkey (UPI) — A powerful earthquake rumbled through Iran's southeastern Kerman province, killing at least 700 people and injuring 400 others, Tehran Radio said Wednesday. The area's governor said the toll could go to 5,000.

The quake, measuring 7.3 on the open-ended Richter scale, was centered in the Anduhjerd region, 520 miles southeast of Tehran and 35 miles from the city of Kerman, the provincial capital, Pars news agency said.

Tehran Radio, stressing its death toll of 700 was based on the first report from the area, said at at least 40 deaths and 400 injured were in Kerman city.

Kerman Governor-General Abdolhossein Saveh told Pars "4,000 to 5,000 people are predicted to have lost their lives" in the Tuesday evening quake. He did not elaborate on the estimate.

The quake rocked the area at 8.53 p.m. Tuesday, shortly after Moslem residents of the area broke their Ramadan fast. It rumbled through and flattened villages in the Anduhjerd, Shahbaz and Golbaf regions.

"About 90 percent of the area has been destroyed and a great deal of casualties have been inflicted," Pars said. It said roads in the area were blocked and officials are trying to open them to speed rescue operations. Doctors were flown to the area to aid stricken residents, it added.

Pars said rescue helicopters had trouble reaching the affected villages because of the height of the mountains in the region, but that a team of doctors had gotten to Kerman.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Washington said the quake measured 7.3 on the Richter scale.

At least 3,000 people died when another quake struck the area June 11. Another 7.7 Richter quake in 1978 at Tabas, north of the Kerman region, killed more than 15,000 people.

Pars said three days of mourning have been declared for the victims of the latest disaster.

Blast kills 5, levels building

GRANTSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A pre-dawn blast turned an explosives manufacturing plant into a fireball Thursday, leveling the concrete building and leaving "not a trace" of the five people working inside, officials said.

A federal investigator said the blast may have been sparked by lightning or a mechanical malfunction.

Another blast was averted after workers capped a leak in a 10,000-gallon tank of flammable material.

"If all the people were in the plant — five — we can only assume they are all dead," said Tooele County Sheriff Walt Shubert.

The concrete building was "blown away" shortly after 4 a.m. MDT by the first in a series of blasts, Shubert said. "There is just a hole in the ground" 35 feet deep where the plant was, he added.

As fire from the first blast at the Mining Services International plant spread to containers of solid and plastic explosives, at least two other explosions occurred, officials said.

"It's highly speculative at this point, but apparently some spark or some sudden shock set it off," Nicholas Dereta, resident agent for the Salt Lake City office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said Thursday afternoon.

"It could have been a bolt of lightning striking the area — that would have been enough of a shock to cause the explosives to detonate. It could have been some kind of machinery shorted."

He said investigators had determined the center of the blast was in an area near the plant's holding tank, where explosives are stored in a semi-liquid form before packaging or further processing.

The federal agency's investigation by three field agents and a support staff of three could take up to 10 days, Dereta said. Even then, investigators may never pinpoint the exact cause of the blast.

"There are just too many variables and not much to go on when all you've got left is a . . . crater. I'm not sure we'll be able to pinpoint exactly what happened," he said.

Debris from the 4,000-square-foot building rocketed three-quarters of a mile in all directions, and there was "not a trace" of human remains in the wreckage, Shubert said.

Generator fire to curb NW power

By United Press International

A cable fire that knocked out power production in three Grand Coulee Dam generators Monday will have an reduce federal power deliveries to California and Pacific Northwest utilities, a Bonneville Power Administration spokesman said.

Gene Tollefson said before the fire broke out BPA "was running a heavy generation schedule," sending 3.8 million average kilowatts of power from the Columbia River system to California and 2 million to private Northwest utilities. He said this distribution of non-firm power was because of the availability of surplus water.

Idle generators in federal Snake River dams were started up to replace the 1.9 million average kilowatts lost because of the Grand Coulee fire.

"However, we can't do that for long — only for a matter of hours," said Tollefson.

He explained that operating more Snake River generators reduces the supply of water in the dams' reservoirs.

"It is only a makeshift measure to carry out our schedules" of power deliveries, he said.

A cutoff in this non-firm power delivery

SI's have begun their attack on U.S. economy.

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Gold cheating bared

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WASHINGTON — With a minimum of publicity, Treasury agents have raided coin dealers in several U.S. cities and have seized fake gold Kruggerand coins. In Houston, for example, the costly counterfeits were so well minted that they even fooled jewelers.

Most of the bogus coins were forged from lead and painted with gold. The forgers sought to capitalize on the public's covetous interest in almost anything that glitters.

This raises a question that goes beyond petty scams: Could big-time criminals, with the right connections, tamper with the gold ingots in international commerce?

In an earlier report, I revealed that ingots, certified as 99.9 percent pure, had been found by a variety of assayers to contain traces of silver, nitrate, copper, zinc, iron and other elements. The impurities would make a difference in value of thousands of dollars in a 1,000-ounce gold bar.

The allegedly diluted ingots came from Engelhard Industries, one of the giants in the bullion business, whose spokesman said he was "shocked" at the discovery. If this should be at all typical of the ingots locked in the nation's bank vaults, the enormity of the scandal would be beyond normal newspaper adjectives.

"We can make mistakes in other areas," said Engelhard's vice president, Joe Feldstein, "but in this case, we have to be purer than Caesar's wife."

This raises still another question: Who oversees the purity of the precious metal that is traded on the open market? The disturbing answer is that the testing is controlled by a tight little cartel of bankers and refiners.

They are loath to let the sunlight into their boardrooms or to change their archaic procedures, even when confronted with evidence of slipshod

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The ASTM standard calls for holes in specified locations to chemistry of sample ingots. Spo for the society acknowledge t standards aren't designed to " fraud" but merely to "facilita merce." But an ASTM insider society officials he could produc bar loaded with impurities wh pass the standard.

The hole-drilling, say critics, i tiquated and inadequate metho venting gold tampering. Some contend it is no more effective crude assaying method that th scientist Archimedes discover years ago.

He became so excited watchi overflow at a public bathhouse, to legend, that he ran home wi clothes, shouting "I have found he had found was that some being more dense than others, more water. He applied the less bathhouse to prove that his kin wasn't pure gold, but was fla alloyed silver.

Far more than a king's cr stake in today's burgeoning go Yet, incredibly, no one seems cerned about the ineffective tes ards. Officials of the Comm change, the gold trading mark pear indifferent to the possibil bullion they are offering may impurities.

And federal bureaucrats, who will raise a ruckus over the size of the paper used for letter writing, are not disturbed over the industry's testing methods. Wrote an official of the U.S. Mint: "We're not in the business of certifying or recognizing assayers or assaying techniques."

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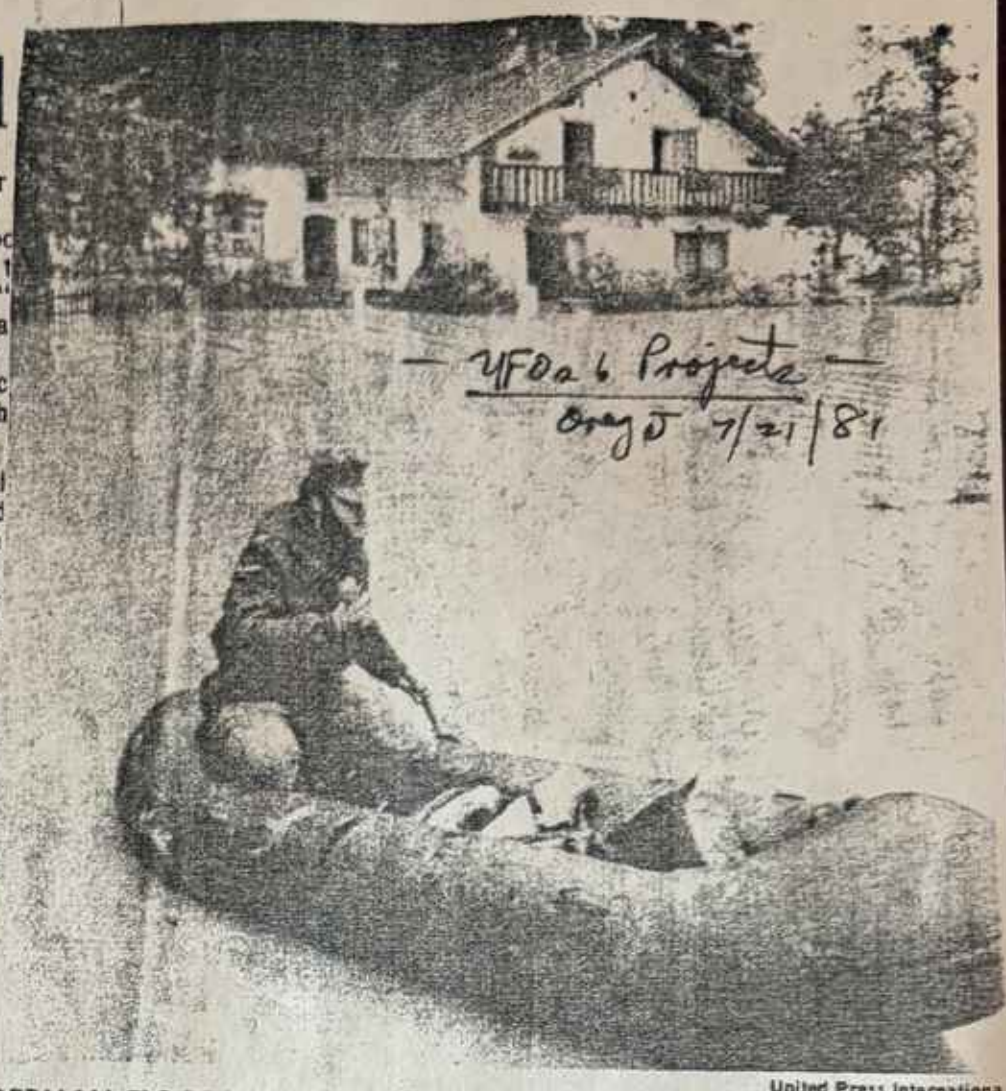

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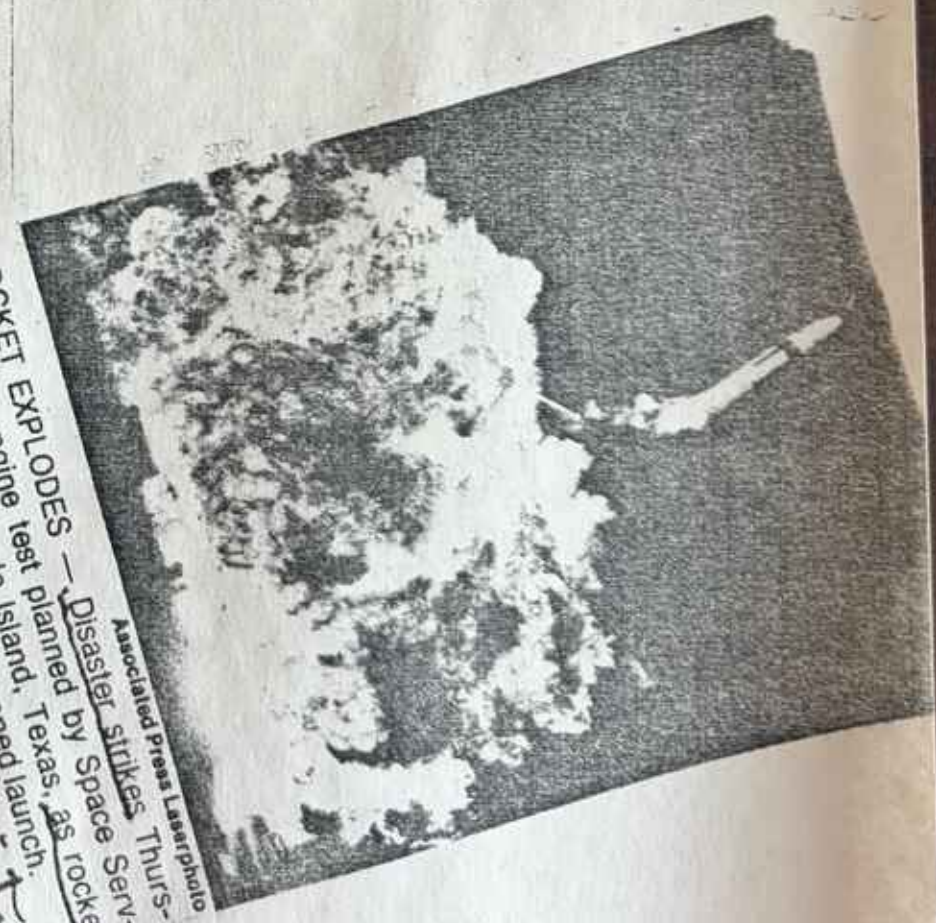
GERMAN FLOODS — A West German soldier paddles an inflatable rubber boat around the village of Wasserburg Monday to inspect damage caused by the worst floods in the Inn Valley since 1899. The valley flooded following a heavy downpour.



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ROCKET EXPLODES — Disaster strikes Thursday rocket engine test planned by Space Services Inc. on Matagorda Island, Texas, as rocket exploded, causing a brief unplanned launch.

Test explosion setback to firm

LA Times-Washington Post Service

MATAGORDA ISLAND, Texas — The first private rocket designed to orbit the Earth blew into four pieces on the launch pad at the south end of Matagorda Island Wednesday, sending debris more than 500 feet in the air but injuring no one.

Charlie Chafer, a spokesman for Space Services Inc. of Houston, which owned the rocket, said: "No cows, no alligators, no whooping cranes, no people are hurt. All I can say is: Welcome to the rocket business."

It was a severe setback for the group of Texas entrepreneurs who hope to send the first commercial flights for profit into space. Chafer said the fledgling firm cost $1.2 million and set back the rocket venture at least six months. This is p

"But we aren't going to stop.

"We're damned exciting," he said.

The explosion occurred at the end of a five-second test designed to determine whether the thrust from the engines would be adequate for the flight, scheduled Aug. 12.

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QUAKE TOLL — Death toll in Iran's Kerman province in second devastating earthquake in seven weeks is es- tim N

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ANKARA, Turkey (UPI) — Working through the ruins of smashed villages in sweltering heat, rescue teams dug out scores of bodies Friday to raise to more than 1,300 the official death toll in Iran's devastating earthquake, Tehran Radio said. U.N. officials estimated 8,000 were killed.

Tehran Radio said rescue workers recovered another 100 bodies from the rubble being cleared since the quake — measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale — struck southeastern Iran's Kerman province Tuesday night.

In Geneva, the U.N. Disaster Relief Organization said an estimated 8,000 people were killed in the quake and another 1,000 hospitalized. Tehran Radio said searchers have recovered the bodies of more than 1,300 victims.

Iranian relief teams Thursday flew more tents, food and medical supplies to as many as 60,000 people directly affected by the earthquake that hit Kerman province Tuesday, toppling buildings and flattening a string of villages.

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Midwest storms claim three lives

By United Press International

Thunderous rainstorms that dropped nearly 6 inches of rain and hurled tornadoes across the Midlands pushed rivers near flood stage from Texas to Indiana Monday. At least three people drowned and as many as eight others were missing in the weekend storms.

More than 1½ inches of rain within two hours forced closure of a 10-mile stretch of the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey. Heavy rains also caused flooding in the New York subway system, and lightning knocked out rush-hour train service for 60,000 commuters from New Jersey.

A flash flood warning was issued for northern Indiana, where Bowmen Creek spilled its banks near South Bend on Sunday.

A flash flood watch also was posted in Texas over the lower Rio Grande Valley, south-central areas and the coastal bend.

A wall of water up to 8 feet high crashed through a canyon filled with swimmers and campers east of Tucson, Ariz., Sunday, sweeping away as many as eight people. The body of one drowning victim was recovered, and about 20 people were rescued by helicopter.

The search for victims was suspended late Sunday and was to resume Monday. Sheriff's Lt. Vincent Becerra said it had rained hard about 12 miles north and east of the canyon, but not in the camping area so the people were not expecting a flood. "Reports vary from 6 to 8 feet, a wall of water that came rushing down and caught the people by surprise," Becerra said.

An Elkhart, Ind., firefighter and a man he was trying to rescue drowned in a rain-flooded drainage ditch Sunday. Two other men swept into the culvert were rescued from a drainage pond a block away.

Thunderstorms and tornadoes rolled across northern Indiana late Saturday and Sunday, washing out two bridges near South Bend and damaging roofs and cars west of Lafayette. Goshen received nearly 6 inches of rain.

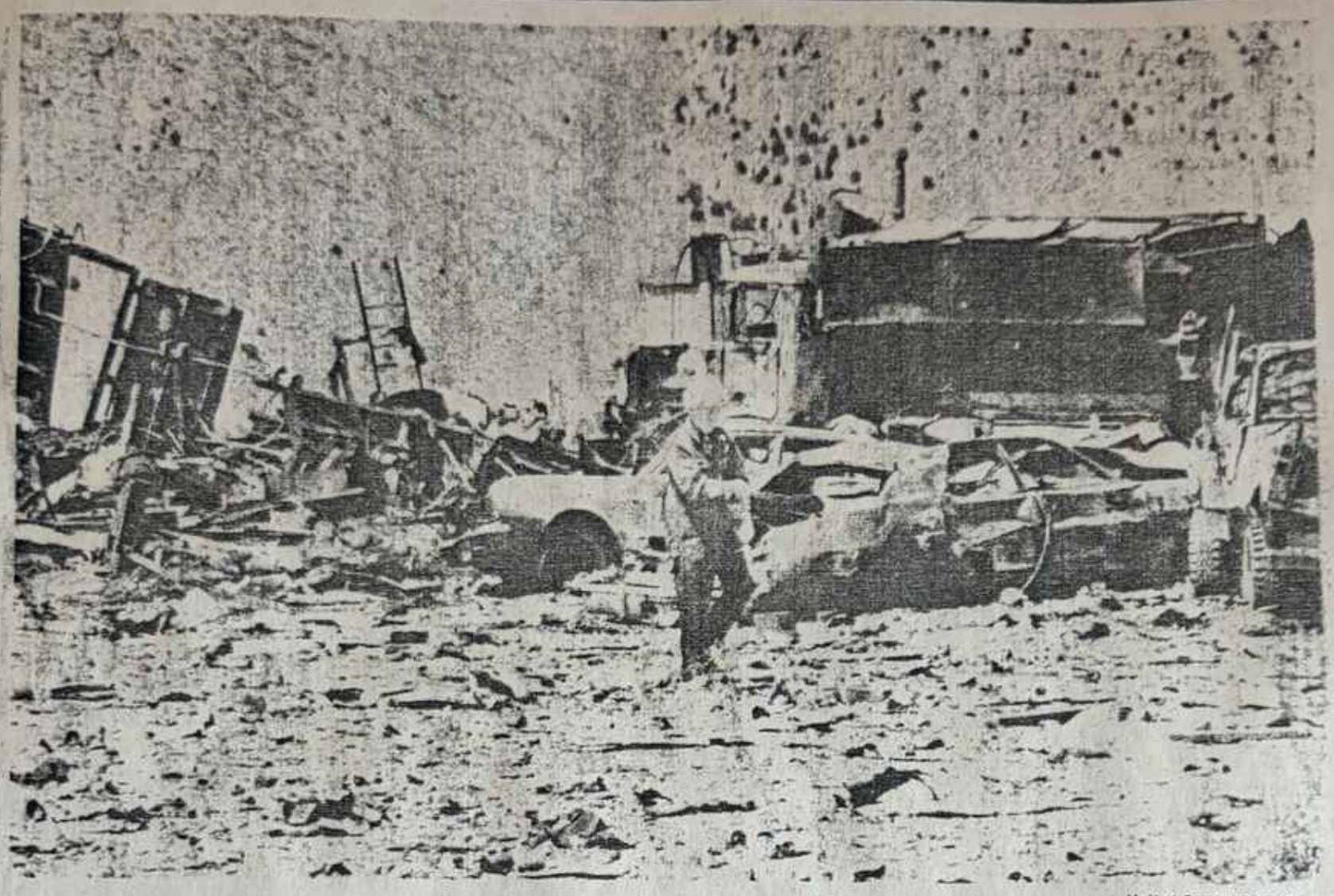
More than 5 inches of rain soaked Kansas, closing at least one highway and a bridge and swirling floodwaters over streets.

Heavy rain swamped three counties east and south of Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday. Further south, more than 2 inches of rain fell at Waynesboro, Ga.

Tornadoes were reported in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and West Virginia. Winds subsided in Utah, allowing crews to make some headway in curbing two lightning-sparked fires that charred 60,000 acres and had threatened Oak City, a Mormon community of 425 people. Firefighters controlled a 7,000-acre fire west of the Great Salt Lake and were cutting a circle around an 11,800-acre blaze on Promontory Point north of the lake.

A tornado ripped the roof off a hotel in Indiana, Pa., forcing the evacuation of 40 guests. Windows were shattered and several cars were damaged, but no one was injured.

A twister near Neese, S.C., lifted a mobile home and "when it came back down there wasn't much left," said a sheriff's dispatcher.



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EXPLOSION DEBRIS — Warren Wheeler of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms walks through the wreckage left by a series of explosions in a Utah plant that killed five persons. The workers vanished in a 50-foot crater left by the huge blast. Only their cars, behind Wheeler, remained.

Utah explosive plant blast kills 5

GRANTSVILLE, Utah (UPI) — Federal agents say they may never know what triggered three violent explosions Thursday that disintegrated a mining detonator manufacturing plant and its five workers.

But residents of the small farming community of Grantsville will never forget the day a huge fireball reduced the factory to a moon-like crater on the western Utah desert.

"We estimate the first blast had the force of 14 tons of TNT," said Nick Dereta, agent in charge the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Utah. "They never knew what hit them."

The plant manufactured a high-intensity explosive used as a "booster charge" to ignite less-volatile blasting material used in mining. The booster is 1.4 times as powerful as TNT.

Dereta said the cause of the blasts may never be determined. He said the explosions probably were accidental and may have originated in the plant's chemical mixing area.

But another BATF agent, Warren Wheeler, said they might have been touched off by a lightning storm that buffeted the region 50 miles west of Salt Lake City during the predawn hours.

All the victims who vanished in the explosions lived in the town of 3,000. Among them was one of Utah's outstanding high school athletes — Phillip Diderickson, 18, who graduated from high school in June after winning state titles in football, baseball, basketball, tennis and track.

"I can't remember anything that comes even close to this," said Larry Harrison, a resident for 16 years and coach at Grantsville High School.

"This is a tragedy no matter what," Harrison said. "But when it hits a community the size of Grantsville, there isn't anyone who isn't touched by it. This will be a source of conversation here for a very long time."

Raging fires sear southern Greece

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) More than 4,000 army troops aided by special firefighting planes and helicopters battled fires raging across southern Greece, including one threatening the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

The fires, some of which have been burning for a week, have destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of woodland, killed at least three people, injured 35 people — most of them firefighters — and destroyed scores of houses, four factories and a cinema in the suburbs of Athens.

The blazes in the southern Peloponnese have destroyed more than 100,000 acres of forest and pasture land, a half-million olive trees and 10,000 goats and sheep.

The flames raged Friday within 5 miles of ancient Olympia, threatening the age-old giant pines around the birthplace of the Olympic Games across the river Alfios.

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MOAB, Utah (AP) — An explosion at a propane storage plant sent a ball of fire roaring into an adjacent campground, injuring 10 people and forcing the evacuation of some 3,000 Moab residents, authorities said.

An 8-year-old boy died Saturday after being burned in the Friday night blast, which Police Capt. Daniel Ison said apparently was touched off by lightning.

Nine other people were injured, several of them critically, in the 10:15 p.m. explosion at the Doxol Storage Plant north of this southeastern Utah town. Two of those injured were employees of the bulk propane plant, Ison said. The other injured were staying at the Slick Rock Campground.

The dead boy was identified as Mike Davies of Montrose, Colo., according to John Dwan, a spokesman for the Unversity of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

The explosion knocked out power to about 7,000 households in the area for most of the night, forcing delays in airport flights and hampering communications, said Grand County Sheriff Jim Nyland. Power was restored at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. John Maecham estimated that 3,000 people were evacuated from the north end of town following the explosion. They were sent to churches and schools and were allowed to return home about 3:30 a.m. after the fire was contained, Ison said.

A small fire burned at the propane plant through midmorning, police said.

"It appears a lightning strike may have ruptured a main feeder line," Ison said. Electrical power flickered, and then came an explosion with "about a 250-foot fireball," he said.

Ison said crews had to shut valves feeding three 20,000- to 30,000-gallon propane tanks before the fire could be contained. The ruptured line fed those tanks from two underground 5-million-gallon warehouses of propane and butane.

"The tanks themselves did not explode," he said.

Nyland said flames shot from the propane plant and struck vehicles parked in the back row of the privately owned campground.

The injured were first taken to Allen Memorial Hospital in Moab and to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo. Spokesmen at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City said six of the injured were flown to the center's burn unit, with another awaiting transportation from Grand Junction.

All of those taken to Salt Lake were in critical condition. Two people were in critical condition at Grand Junction, and a 16-year-old boy was in critical condition in a Denver hospital.

The blast was the second major explosion in Utah in two days. Early Thursday, a blast at an explosives manufacturing plant near Grantsville, 20 miles west of Salt Lake City, killed five people, sent a 500-foot fireball into the sky and left a 150-foot-deep crater.

The cause of the Grantsville explosion has not been determined.

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Sink hole swallows lake

SACRAMENTO, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico, never known for its abundance of water, is even drier now that a 3½-acre lake has disappeared down a funnel-shaped sinkhole.

Crystal Lake at Camp Wehinahpay in the Sacramento Mountains has disappeared down a sinkhole that suddenly appeared in the lake's limestone bottom.

Roy Chrisman, camp ranger at the Consquistador Boy Scout Council retreat, said most of the fish that lived in the lake also disappeared down the sinkhole.

However, Bob Dugas, scoutmaster of Troop 270 in Carlsbad, said about 40 fish were saved when they settled into a small pond at one end of the lake bed. He and Chrisman scooped up the fish by hand and transferred them to clean water outside the lake, Dugas said.

The hole in the lake's bottom looks like a 20-foot-deep funnel, Chrisman said. It is 12 feet in diameter at its top, in the floor of the lake, and 18 inches at its base.

He estimated that it took about 10 hours for the lake, which is 8,000 feet high, to run dry.

However, Chrisman said he believed the hole could be patched with concrete and drilling mud. "It seems very repairable," he said.

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Defense satellite has new problem

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — Air Force space engineers have stopped their new military communications satellite from wobbling in its orbit above the equator but they have not solved its electronics problems.

There are problems with the power system of the satellite, which was launched Aug. 6 from Cape Canaveral as part of a worldwide communications network, the Air Force said Wednesday.

The 4,100-pound satellite "wobbled" when fired into stationary orbit 22,300 miles over the equator. Gray said that problem has been overcome.

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200 lightning fires burn 20,000 acres

Nearly 200 fires sparked by lightning burned across 20,000 acres of Oregon Friday night as firefighters struggled to contain the blazes.

Friday afternoon, firefighters controlled a 7,230-acre blaze that had jumped fire lines about 25 miles north of Vale, said Don Smurthwaite, a Bureau of Land Management spokesman.

A fire is "contained" when fires lines are built around it and it is kept from advancing. Firefighters have a blaze under "control" when crews begin to reduce its size.

The rangeland fire north of Vale had been contained Thursday afternoon, but winds gusting to 50 miles per hour caused the flames to leap across fire lines Thursday night and head east. Firefighters who had been [illegible] from the blaze [illegible] the BLM [illegible]

Another fire, reported at 4:30 p.m. Thursday on BLM and private land about 40 miles northeast of Burns, is expected to be contained by Saturday morning, Smurthwaite said.

The fire had burned about 2,000 acres of grass and brush by late Friday, and officials could not estimate when it would be controlled.

The blaze was one of about 40 lightning-caused fires reported by the BLM Friday. The fires on BLM lands have burned more than 12,000 acres. The state Department of Forestry reported 52 new fires, and the U.S. Forest Service reported 100 fires of 10 acres or less that either started during a night of lightning and thunderstorms or began Friday. The numbers fluctuated into the night.

The largest covered about 1,500 acres of sagebrush and timber about 20 miles northwest of Burns. Crews contained that fire about noon Friday, he said.

Smurthwaite said the thunderstorm that touched off the fires resulted in as many as 100 lightning strikes per hour, according to the BLM equipment that monitors such storms.

State Forestry Department crews were busy Friday evening with 52 fires in Northeast and Central Oregon, said Linda Gabrielson, a department spokeswoman.

The largest of those fires were the 700-acre Squaw Creek fire near Pendleton, a 350-acre fire south of Baker and a 450-acre fire near Unity.

Ms. Gabrielson said crews had contained all the larger fires and most of the smaller blazes.

A 700-acre fire started at midday Friday southwest of Maupin and was burning through grass, juniper and brush toward the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. The cause of that fire, which started on private land, was unknown, Ms. Gabrielson said.

Fire crews were carefully watching the skies, as the U.S. Weather Service forecast more thunderstorms for the northeastern part of the state Saturday afternoon.

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Trojan nuclear plant shuts itself down twice in week

Oregon's Trojan nuclear power plant twice this week shut itself off unexpectedly, but both times returned to operation within a few hours, Portland General Electric Co. reported Wednesday.

At 9 p.m. Sunday, the reactor shut down automatically after a water pump stopped circulating water to the cooling tower because of a false signal that oil pressure in the pump was low.

The pump was not damaged and power production was resumed by midnight, PGE spokesman Bill Babcock said.

At 1 p.m. Monday, technicians checking oil pressure switches on the plant's circulating water pumps inadvertently caused the reactor to shut itself off. The plant was producing power again by 4:30 p.m., Babcock reported.

Last week, Trojan operated at 85 percent to 100 percent of capacity. Extreme heat outdoors kept the plant's cooling tower from functioning properly at full power production, so electricity output was cut back to a level that produced a volume of heated water the cooling tower could cope with.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The Rancho Seco nuclear power plant was shut down Thursday, probably for 45 to 50 days, because of broken blades on a turbine in a non-nuclear portion of the facility, its operator said.

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District noticed high vibrations just before 4 a.m. in one of three steam-driven turbines that generate electricity at the plant, said district spokesman Brad Thomas.

He said some of the blades on the turbine rotor appeared to have broken off, throwing it out of balance.

Plant superintendent Pierre Oubre estimated the shutdown at 45 to 50 days, Thomas said.

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Soviets report heavy flooding

MOSCOW (UPI) — Dozens of villages were inundated and thousands of buildings destroyed in floods caused by torrential rains in the Soviet Far East, newspapers reported Wednesday. There was no report of casualties in the flooding that struck the Khabarovsk region, near the border with China.

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Missile downs errant blimp

CUDJOE KEY, Fla. (AP) — A runaway military radar balloon was shot down by a U.S. Air Force fighter over the Gulf of Mexico to "preclude an airspace safety hazard," officials say.

The 180-foot balloon, laden with $3.5 million worth of radar equipment, was located Tuesday.

The experimental zeppelin, nicknamed "Airman Fat Albert," had snapped a 12,000-foot cable as it was being pulled home Monday night to Cudjoe Key Air Force Station, officials said.

The tether broke during a "routine inhauling" because of impending stormy weather, 20th Air Division spokesman Sgt. Larry Reetz said.

Fishermen spied the drifting balloon and gave chase. The search was joined by the Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy.

"Fat Albert" was finally downed by missiles fired from an F-4 aircraft about 165 miles west-northwest of Key West after airmen spotted it at an altitude of 25,000 feet, Lt. Susan L. Hankey said from Fort Lee Air Force Station, Va. Air Force personnel planned to retrieve the downed balloon, she said.

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Floods devastate Nevada farm area

Oreg 8/13/81

OVERTON, Nev. (AP) — Residents of the Moapa Valley were digging out from under tons of sticky mud Wednesday as disaster officials tried to assess the damage left by floods that swept through several small farming communities.

Gov. Bob List asked President Reagan on Tuesday to declare the valley — a fertile strip of green winding through desert — a disaster area to make it eligible for federal funds.

Two floods spawned by a thunderstorm Monday night swept through the valley and hit Overton, a community of 1,700 persons on the shore of Lake Mead, forcing some 700 people from their homes.

There were no major injuries, although one elderly woman was swept away by a 4-foot wall of water and found Tuesday buried to her hips in mud. She was hospitalized in Las Vegas and reported in stable condition.

Granville Bowman, the Clark County public works director, said officials had not yet determined the amount of losses.

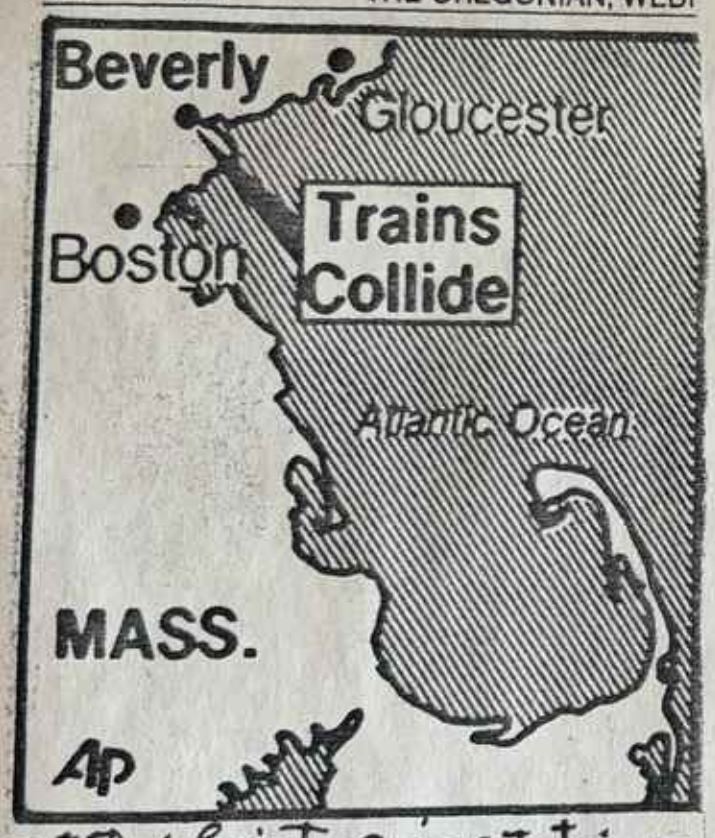
"If someone gave me $5 million right now, I bet you we could spend it in a hurry up there," he said.

He said the "majority of the homes" in the area were "hit some way or another."

County health officials said drinking water in some areas of Overton, Glendale and Logandale was contaminated when pipelines from water wells were ruptured by the flood. Residents were urged to boil their drinking water.

The first flood, which came when a levee ruptured in a canyon, swept without warning through a mobile home park and damaged many of its 120 residences.

The second flood occurred about four hours later when small earthen dams on the normally placid Muddy River gave way.



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Trains collide head-on; 3 die

Oreg 8/12/81

By FRED BAYLES

BEVERLY, Mass. (AP) — A commuter train filled with homeward-bound sunbathers collided head-on Tuesday with a freight train channeled onto the same track because of construction. Authorities said at least three people were killed and 27 were injured.

"Somebody got the wrong train orders," said Roger Bergeron, a Federal Railroad Administration inspector. "One of those trains was given the wrong information."

The dead included either two or three bodies still inside the wreckage late Tuesday, said state police Detective Lt. Francis O'Connor. He said railroad offi-

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Rains sweep India

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NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Monsoon rains and flooding rivers swamped several districts of central and western Indian on Monday, knocking out power and communication lines and isolating

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Power lines kill skydiver

SHERIDAN — A Kennewick, Wash., woman was killed Sunday when high winds blew her into Portland General Electric Co. power lines while she was skydiving.

Katherine Marie Zettergren, 44, jumped with three companions when the wind blew her away from her colleagues and into the power lines near Rock Creek Road, west of here, said Yamhill County Sheriff Sgt. Jim Carroll.

Carroll said Ms. Zettergren had jumped 43 times before the accident that killed her and knocked out power in the area.

"She just didn't seem to come down in the jump area," said Kathy Raymer of Pacific Parachute Center. Ms. Raymer said the jump area is about 5 acres.

Dr. Lloyd Ragan, Yamhill County medical examiner, said, "She had injuries but the cause of death was probably electrocution."

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State still swelters in blistering heat

Oregon continued to swelter Sunday as record temperatures drove residents to public pools and beaches, and plagued firefighters battling a blaze that burned 2,500 acres on the outskirts of Redmond.

Before the Redmond fire, the U.S. Forest Service issued a special "red flag" alert Sunday. Forest Service firefighting crews in Oregon and Washington were alerted, and all days off were canceled, according to Tony Percival, a Forest Service spokesman.

"A red alert means an east wind will sweep down the Cascade slopes over exposed slopes, drying out (the forests)," Percival said. "A west wind has more moisture in it, so this makes forest fire danger extremely high.

"From now on it will be extremely dangerous," Percival said. "The high temperature is drying things out and the east wind (gusting to 40 mph) adds to the problem."

Forecasters for the National Weather Service said the dry, hot weather would continue Monday and Tuesday with highs exceeding the 100-degree mark in many locations.

The weather service hinted at some relief in its three- to five-day forecast, calling for a gradual cooling trend in Western Oregon. Highs Wednesday through Friday are predicted to be in the relatively cooler 90-100 range.

Portland's high was 105 Sunday. The previous day's 107-degree high matched the city's record high temperature, which was set July 30, 1965.

In Medford, where the temperature rose to a record 114 degrees Saturday, the high Sunday was 111 degrees. Eugene's 108-degree temperature broke that city's all-time high, and Salem's 108 matched its all-time high.

Although the central and southern coastal areas reported cool temperatures in the 60s and 70s, Tillamook had a high of 102 and Astoria had a high of 96 Sunday.

Firefighters controlled a 500-acre fire in Klamath Falls Sunday afternoon. The blaze destroyed a mobile home and threatened at least 42 other dwellings.

The fire began Friday on private land adjacent to a 1,700-acre area that burned a week ago. Oregon Department of Forestry officials said about 300 firefighters were on the scene Sunday.

There were at least seven recreation-related drownings during the weekend in the Portland area, but no substantial number of pet or livestock fatalities were reported from the heat.

At Multnomah County's Rocky Butte Jail, 4,500 pounds of ice was delivered Saturday and Sunday in an effort to help inmates keep cool, officials said. The ice was set in front of fans to cool the air. Multnomah County Fire District 10 hosed off the roof to help keep temperatures bearable.

Across the Columbia River at Vancouver, Wash., Clark County Jail inmates not satisfied with relief provided from the heat broke two wash basins in the north tank, causing flooding. Four light fixtures were also destroyed.

The inmates were returned to their cells after cleaning the mess following the 1 p.m. disturbance, said Sheriff Frank Kanekoa. There were no injuries and no damage estimate was available.

Meanwhile, in Portland, there were 10 cases of heat exhaustion reported Saturday to area hospitals, and hospital officials said persons began calling early Sunday seeking advice on how to stay cool and avoid heat-related problems.

Portland area department stores reported increased demand for air conditioning units, fans and other cooling items.

"We've sold everything we could get our hands on — the warehouse is empty, and the phone is ringing constantly," said Bill Trabeck, a manager of a Fred Meyer store in Beaverton.

Minor power outages as a result of overloading, winds and overheated power lines were reported in Southeast and Southwest Portland.

Two workers missing in rocket lab explosion

By BOB ROBINSON

KEYSER, W.Va. (AP) — An explosion ripped through a rocket propellent laboratory along the Potomac River, scattering debris more than 1,000 feet and leaving no trace of two workers apparently killed in the blast, officials said.

The explosion late Monday left a large crater where the wooden laboratory had stood. The concussion was felt seven miles away.

It was the third fatal explosion in 20 years at the Navy Ordnance System Commands Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, a sprawling complex in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. The center is operated by Hercules Inc. under a Navy contract.

"It happened so quickly. It's just one big ball of fire, and it's over," said M.P. Thompson, Hercules manager of general services.

Authorities could find no remains of Charles W. Folk, 26, of Mount Savage, Md., or Bruce LeGeer, 25, of Cumberland, Md.

Hercules officials said the men were inside the building at the time of the blast. Dr. James Bosley, Mineral County coroner, signed death certificates after viewing the scene.

The blast scattered debris "a thousand feet away," said John Burch, the center's quality assurance director. "There is no building any longer."

The 1,000-square-foot, wooden building was surrounded by timber earth so that, in case of an explosion, the force would be vented skyward to protect propellents in other buildings. About 100 similar buildings are evenly spaced throughout the complex.

"They're all designed to do exactly what it did — contain an explosion right there," Thompson said.

The explosion was felt in neighboring communities in West Virginia and Maryland, but Thompson said some workers in the 425-acre complex did not realize anything had happened.

"I felt it in my apartment, and I'm seven miles away," said Steve Richards, a newsman for Cumberland, Md., radio station WTBO. "It was like a rumbling sound. The place shook like a bad thunderstorm."

Propellents were mixed in the building for a variety of rockets and experimental models, Thompson said.

A center spokesman said rocket propellent ingredients are classified information, but Thompson said all were explosive.

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Canadians balk at U.S. flight aid

By United Press International

Some flights between the United States and Canada were delayed or rerouted Monday as Canadian air traffic controllers, saying the strike by U.S. controllers has made border skies unsafe, refused to handle the traffic.

The Air Transport Association, representing major U.S. airlines, reported controllers in Montreal and Toronto began refusing early Monday to clear flights into the United States. Delta Air Lines also said one of its flights was turned back at Montreal, where an Air Canada spokesman said some controllers were claiming equipment problems.

No delays were reported in flights out of Winnipeg, Vancouver or Calgary.

The Canadian government threatened disciplinary action against any controllers who refuse to handle U.S. flights.

FAA spokesman Dennis Feldman said there had been "sporadic refusals" by Canadian controllers Monday morning, but he said the protest did not appear widespread.

"All we can tell you is that there have been a couple of instances where they refused to grant clearances, but it's not very widespread. . . . It's been so minor that we haven't been able to get a handle on it," Feldman said.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis was optimistic.

"A number of countries have started this," he said Monday, citing a turnabout over the weekend in France. "We've worked them all out. We're working with the Canadian government."

However, the boycott threat forced U.S. officials to reroute international air traffic that normally flies over Canada and Feldman reported that Canada's government used some supervisors early Monday to handle some U.S. flights.

"The Vancouver controllers have been replaced with three supervisors who are handling the traffic normally," Feldman said, after one flight from Alaska to Seattle was diverted over the Pacific Ocean.

Transport Canada warned its air traffic controllers that every refusal to handle flights between Canada and the United States could result in a fine of up to $5,000 or a jail term of one year.

Announcement of the boycott was made late Sunday by the Canadian Air Traffic Controllers Organization, which vowed to stop handling all but emergency U.S. flights to back up some striking 12,000 members of their U.S. counterpart, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization. 8/10/81

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Fires scorch 83,000 acres

By The Associated Press

Forest fires raced unchecked across 83,000 acres of timber and brushland in five Western states Monday, chasing hundreds of people from their homes and sending at least 35 buildings up in smoke.

Erratic gale-force winds and record heat that topped 100 degrees in places helped fuel the flames that pushed across parts of California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho and Utah.

In Nevada, about 600 firefighters, backed up by three air tankers, battled a dozen fires started during a lightning storm Sunday. About 400 residents were evacuated, but they were allowed to return Monday afternoon.

One of the fires, on Mount Rose about 15 miles south of Reno, had destroyed about 5,000 acres and 25 structures while the second was burning out of control over 2,600 acres halfway between Reno and Carson City. Officials were not sure how many of the structures were homes.

Robert Platt, an emergency room physician at the Washoe County Medical Center, said several people were treated for smoke-related injuries.

In Northern California, 10 fires had consumed nearly 43,000 acres and several buildings. The exact number of structures destroyed was not known because firefighters could not get into some areas.

Temperatures in parts of Northern California were climbing toward 110, including the area of an 18,000-acre fire in Lake and Mendocino counties that destroyed at least 10 structures, including the Scott's Valley Community Center, at least two homes, a $150,000 microwave television relay station, a mobile home and two barns.

There were reports of 20 homes burning, but Beth Tustin, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry, said firefighters had not been able to get in to check. "It's still too hot," she said.

About 700 firefighters were battling that blaze, aided by six air tankers, six helicopters and 27 bulldozers.

The Lake County sheriff's department evacuated the outskirts of Lakeport, a city of 3,800 residents about 110 miles north of San Francisco, as the fire headed that way Monday morning.

Two other fires in the area burned about 3,800 acres, officials said, and a fourth, 18 miles north of Lake Berryessa, burned about 7,000 acres.

Five homes were lost in a fire that burned 1,500 acres in the Inyo National Forest on the east side of the Sierra Nevada, according to Forest Service dispatcher Larry Armas. Officials said that fire was started by children playing with matches.

East of Sacramento, in El Dorado County, a fire started by a traffic accident charred about 2,600 acres of timberland and forced officials to close Highway 50 in the area.

In Idaho, a wind-whipped range fire ignited by sparks from a train eight miles east of Dietrich had claimed 30,000 acres of sagebrush and range grass and still was out of control, according to Dale Chatteron, a fire dispatcher for the Bureau of Land Management.

More than 250,000 acres of grazing land in the Shoshone district of southern Idaho has been burned by range fires this summer.

In Utah, winds up to 50 mph fanned flames over 2,000 acres of brush in Echo Canyon, near Coalville. The winds blew smoke over Salt Lake City, 40 miles away. 8/11/81

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No quick relief likely from high-rise mercury

Oregon 8/10/81

Oregon's 1981 record-breaking heat wave entered its fifth day Monday with only slight relief expected by midweek, according to the National Weather Service.

Elsewhere, thunderstorms were reported throughout the western United States to Arizona, but they were not far enough north to break the hot spell in the Pacific Northwest. Flash flood watches were posted over southwestern Utah and northern Arizona and a high wind warning was in effect over northern Utah.

The hot spell in Oregon has contributed to a rash of fires and power outages, the latter blamed in part on the heavy demand for air conditioners. At least eight persons have drowned in Oregon during the heat wave. Portland area hospitals treated a number of cases of heat exhaustion.

Temperatures in Portland rose above 100 Sunday for the third straight day and things look much the same for Tuesday with the high expected in the 100 to 105 range.

Sunday's high reached 105, shattering the old Aug. 9 record of 102 set in 1967. The reading was still two degrees short of the city's all-time top of 107 set in July 1965.

Another 100 or more degrees Monday will not set a new record for consecutive 100 degree days in Portland. In July 1941, the city saw five straight days with readings of 100 or more.

The inferno started Thursday when temperatures reached 99. Friday saw a high of 102. Saturday it hit 107 — tying the city's record high — and Sunday saw a top temperature of 105, recorded between 3 and 4 p.m. at Portland International Airport, the city's official recording station.

Some other high temperatures Sunday around the state included 111 in Medford, 108 in Eugene which was a record high, Salem 108, and Astoria 96, exceeding the record for the month.

Several temperature records tumbled in Washington Sunday. Olympia's 104 degrees broke an all-time high and 99 degrees at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport tied the previous record. A record 97 degrees was recorded at Quillayute.

Multnomah County Sheriff's deputies Monday were to resume searching for a man about 40 years old presumed to have drowned in the Sandy River Sunday afternoon after jumping from the Troutdale Bridge. For about two hours, deputies dragged the area where he was seen swimming about 5:30 p.m., but they quit when their boat developed problems.

A 16-year-old Eugene youth drowned Saturday evening after his boat capsized at the mouth of the Nestucca River in Tillamook County.

Mike Davis and a companion were boating in the surf at the mouth of the river when the accident occurred, said a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard.

A Coast Guard helicopter from the Astoria air base spotted the body in the ocean Saturday night about ¾-mile south of the mouth of the river.

But an attempt to retrieve the body failed when it slipped from its life jacket. A search helicopter returned to the area Sunday.

Two boys drowned in separate incidents Saturday afternoon.

Robert Richard Tweet, 10, of Milwaukie, died Saturday after he slipped from his inner tube on the Clackamas River near the west end of Cross Memorial Park.

Rescuers found the youth pinned beneath a large rock, but were unable to bring him to the surface, Clackamas County sheriff's deputies said.

Levi Harley Pesterfield, 5, of 2831 SE 59th Ave., drowned during a family picnic Saturday at Ben[illegible] was swimm[illegible] time[illegible] T[illegible]

Emanuel Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Two men who drowned Friday in the Seine Creek inlet to Hagg Lake have been identified as Santiago Martin-Garcia, 19, and Abel Mandujano Martinez, 28, both of Cornelius.

A spokesman for the Washington County sheriff's office said one of the men waded into the creek and called for help when he got in over his head.

Two men went in to help, but Martin-Garcia's brother, Raymon, 25, was the only one to return.

A door left open in the hot weather let in more than a cool breeze Saturday. An armed robber took advantage of the easy entrance and escaped from a Southeast Portland residence with jewelry and an undetermined amount of cash.

The heat wave also set the scene for health problems, with the state Department of Environmental Quality terming the air "unhealthful" this weekend. They continue warning people with respiratory ailments to avoid exertion and to stay indoors.

Portland communities may feel the effect in more ways than dripping foreheads, however, [illegible]

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Pilots given fake commands

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three times since air traffic controllers went on strike commercial aircraft have been radioed bogus commands — once in Florida and twice over the center of the country — the Federal Aviation Administration said Friday.

The FAA, the Federal Communications Commission and the FBI all are investigating those incidents, FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said.

"We have no evidence of who's doing it," he said.

"We have nothing to do with anything like that," Robert Poli, president of the striking Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, told the Los Angeles Times, which first reported the "phantom voices" and investigations Friday.

"If I found out about anything like that happening, I would turn the people in myself," said the union chief, who said he has warned striking controllers any type of sabotage would "destroy us."

(There has been no interference with communications at Portland International Airport, according to Harold John, tower chief.)

Sending a bogus transmission to a pilot would violate FCC regulations and any charges involving endangering public safety likely would have to come from the Justice Department, said Farrar.

"In no case has a hazardous situation resulted. In each case, either the controller or pilot involved recognized the instructions as false and they were either ignored or countermanded," said the FAA spokesman.

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San Joaquin Valley faces spraying as pest spreads

By PETE JACOBS

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP) — The Mediterranean fruit fly has spread to the San Joaquin Valley, the heartland of California's $14 billion-a-year farm industry, and officials said Friday that aerial pesticide spraying would be started immediately in the area.

Worried agriculture industry officials said winds could spread the fly over the entire valley within days.

The discovery Thursday of six of the crop-destroying flies in the town of Westley represents the biggest setback in state officials' 14-month effort to keep the pest from spreading from largely residential areas to important commercial farms.

Authorities said aerial spraying of malathion would begin just after midnight Friday over a 30-square-mile area 12 miles southwest of Modesto.

Gordon Tween, deputy director of the medfly eradication project who flew by helicopter to the newly infested area, said the federal government would quarantine at least 81 square miles by late Friday.

"Quarantine is going to be tough in here because you've got commercial produce right next door that moves to other parts of the country and the rest of the world," said Tween, who called the latest discovery "a very grave risk" to the state.

Three counties near San Francisco — Santa Clara, Alameda and San Mateo — already are under federal quarantine, which requires that produce be treated with chemicals or cold before being shipped from the area.

More than 500 square miles of Northern California have been sprayed with malathion and more than $25 million has been spent on eradication efforts, but the fly has continued to spread.

The pest lays its eggs in 200 varieties of fruits and vegetables; California grows half the nation's produce.

Three flies were found Thursday in traps in Westley, 20 miles southwest of Modesto. They were confirmed as wild male Mediterranean fruit flies, said Richard Steffen, a eradication project spokesman.

Previous spraying has been done by helicopter, but officials said they may bring in fixed-wing military aircraft. Project director Jerry Scribner ruled out blanket spraying of the San Joaquin Valley, saying massive spraying would cost the state millions of dollars and "you're not guaranteed you're doing anything but pushing the fly down to levels that are undetectable."

immediate, we mean immediate. Today."

The summer harvest of peaches, apricots, tomatoes and grapes is under way in the valley. California produces 66 percent of the nation's peaches, 97 percent of its apricots and 92 percent of its grapes.

The state's aerial spraying program was ordered by a reluctant Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. when the federal government threatened a quarantine of the entire state, which farmers say could mean economic disaster.

The latest area to be sprayed was Livermore, 14 miles west of the San Joaquin Valley. Three helicopters dropped bait laced with malathion on the city of 48,000 Thursday night after the discovery of a fertile fly there Monday.

Project officials announced Thursday that an area north of Santa Cruz and outside the main quarantine area would be sprayed next week as a result of the discovery of a fertile fly there.

A 9-square-mile area near Milpitas was added Thursday.

In Sacramento, Assembly Minority Leader Carol Hallett said Friday that she will initiate impeachment proceedings against Brown unless he turns the fruit fly battle over to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

She accused Brown and Scribner of "reacting to the medfly instead of taking the preventative measures called for long ago."

Brown could not be reached for comment. Gray Davis, his chief of staff, called the impeachment threats "pure political posturing." org 8/15/81

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High wind, heavy rain lash central states region

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By United Press International

Scattered thunderstorms packing 60 mph winds lashed the Midwest late Friday, dumping more than 5 inches of rain in Iowa and sparking a tornado in Illinois. No injuries were reported.

Heavy rains pushed across the southern Rockies, through the Midwest and into the Northeast late Friday.

A severe thunderstorm watch was issued early Saturday over Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. A flash flood watch was also posted for Lake, Cook and Bureau counties in northern Illinois.

Several highways in northern Illinois were closed because of flooding Friday, the Illinois Department of Transportation said.

The Savanna, Ill., Fire Department said a tornado touched down at the southern edge of the city. No injuries or damages were reported.

Blustery winds were clocked at more than 60 mph in Milledgeville, Ill., and Clinton, Iowa.

About 5 inches of rain soaked Clinton, Iowa, and 2.5 inches of rain fell in Des Moines in just 30 minutes. Des Moines officials said water was standing 4 feet deep in some parts of the city.

Madison, Wis., was hit with almost 2 inches of rain and almost an inch fell in Chicago.

Heavy rains in the West prompted flash flood watches early Saturday for western Arizona.

Richard Rominger, director of the state Department of Food and Agriculture, said the spread to the San Joaquin Valley "was really not unexpected. Entomologists have been predicting we'd be very fortunate if something like this didn't happen."

"We anticipated that it might happen, but we find it extremely devastating," said Clark Biggs, spokesman for the California Farm Bureau Federation, saying that prevailing southerly winds could spread the flies through the valley within a couple of days.

"It scares the bejabbers out of us," said Les Hubbard of the Western Growers Association.

State Assemblyman John Thurman, D-Modesto, chairman of the Assembly's Agriculture Committee, said the new find means "we must have immediate spraying of that area, and we must put out many more traps. And when we say

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Fire danger remains high as crews fight NW blazes

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Fire danger continued high to extreme in Eastern Oregon Saturday as firefighters battled timber and rangeland blazes set off during thunderstorms late last week.

Lightning has caused nearly 200 fires since Thursday, and at least six of those continued to burn out of control Saturday.

A fire that burned 6,240 acres of private and federal land 50 miles northwest of Condon was contained by crews at 6 p.m. Saturday, according to the Bureau of Land Management. Firefighters expected to control that blaze by 10 a.m. Sunday.

Don Hostetter, BLM public affairs officer, said a blaze near Vale called the Sheeprock fire covered 500 acres of federal land six miles north of Castle Rock by Saturday afternoon. Fire dispatchers could not predict a containment or control time for that fire Saturday night.

A 7,200-acre fire 30 miles north of Vale that had jumped fire lines earlier this week was again contained late Friday. The BLM said the blaze continued to burn within lines into Saturday.

About 50 miles to the west, firefighters worked to control a 2,000-acre blaze near Beulah Reservoir. That fire was contained late Friday.

A fire is contained when fire lines are built around it and it is kept from advancing. It is controlled when firefighters begin to reduce its size.

The King Mountain fire, five miles north of Unity, was controlled Friday evening after burning 700 acres of private grassland, said Kevin Smith, a spokesman for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The Salisbury Junction fire, 10 miles south of Baker, was contained Friday afternoon, and 80 firefighters were on the line Saturday working to control the blaze, Smith said. The fire covered 400 acres of private land.

There is no containment time estimated for the Squaw Creek fire, 18 miles east of Pendleton, which has burned 750 acres, Smith said.

Another fire in the same area also has not been contained, he said. The Telephone Ridge fire, 13 miles east of Pendleton, received five loads of fire retardant Friday after it began to spread rapidly, Smith said. The fire has burned 650 acres.

Four miles south of Ukiah, a 90-acre fire also is uncontained, Smith said, adding that 80 firefighters were working to contain that blaze.

Meanwhile, five blazes scorched nearly 1,500 acres in Idaho, and 35 small fires were reported scattered across Washington, The Associated Press reported.

In Idaho, one blaze burned 800 acres of land about 20 miles east of Burley, said acting fire management officer Fred Wood. A few acres of private graze land were burned, but no buildings were threatened, he said.

A second fire in Idaho burned 650 acres on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation about 15 miles southwest of Pocatello. It was contained Friday afternoon, Wood said, and declared out Saturday night.

A third Idaho fire burned about 15 acres of mountainous area before crews extinguished it at 4 p.m. Saturday.

All the Idaho fires were caused by lightning, Wood said.

Lightning also sparked at least 35 small fires in Eastern Washington Friday in the Wenatchee National Forest. All the fires, which burned on less than an acre each, were contained quickly, but fire management officer Lana Thurston said more lightning-caused fires were expected.

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39 airmen drug probe suspects

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AP) — Thirty-nine airmen, including 14 security policemen and nine who had access to sensitive information, are suspected of using or selling drugs at Offutt Air Force Base, the Air Force says.

Master Sgt. Sam Curley of the base public relations office said Friday the 39 airmen were singled out in an investigation conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

"The investigations indicate that there was some on-duty use of marijuana," said Curley, who declined to release the names of suspects. "There was no on-duty sale or transfer of marijuana."

Nine of the airmen, Curley said, had "duties involving classified information or they worked in restricted areas." He would not elaborate.

Offutt is the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command.

Curley said the nine have been denied access to the information and restricted areas pending results of the investigation, which also involved amphetamines.

The airmen are from nine units. The results of the investigaton will be given to unit commanders who will decide what, if any, penalty will be imposed.

Curley said the 14 security policemen have been removed from normal duties pending the outcome of reviews of their cases. Others allegedly involved are weathercasters, maintenance workers, medical technicians and medical administrative specialists.

The units are the 3902nd Air Base Wing, the 3902nd Civil Engineering Squadron, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, the 3902nd Secuity Police Squadron, Air Force Global Weather Central, the First Aerospace Communicatons Group, the Strategic Communications Division, the Ehrling Bergquist Regional Hospital and the 554th Intelligence Exploitation Squadron.

"Seven of the airmen are allegedly involved with sales and transfer of marijuana and other dangerous drugs, while 32 are allegedly involved with the possession and use of marijuana," Curley said.

Some of the investigations go back as far as last March, Curley said. He said he did not know when the cases would be resolved by the unit commanders: "It could take a week to a month for these reviews."

Because "there are a wide variety of actions a unit commander can take," Curley said he would not speculate on possible penalties for airmen found guilty of using or selling drugs, but, "removal from the Air Force is an option for a proven serious offense."

Curley said most of those under investigation have been airmen for less than five years and are between the ages of 18 and 26.

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Fires blacken six Western states

Record temperatures for the fifth straight day have sparked a series of fires in six Western states that have blackened thousands of acres of valuable forest, farm and rangeland, caused evacuation of hundreds of people and burned several homes.

Fires were reported burning Tuesday in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California and Utah.

The tinder-dry conditions have resulted in closing broad sections of Oregon and Washington forest lands to logging and other activities that might spark fires.

Firefighters battled two out-of-control range fires in the Steens Mountain area south of Burns that have blackened more than 4,600 acres. One of the blazes, believed sparked by an unattended campfire near the Blitzen River 15 miles from Frenchglen, consumed an estimated 3,600 acres in a remote area that is difficult to reach.

Another Steens fire, started by lightning, had burned 1,000 acres by Monday night.

A fire in steep terrain south of Mount Ashland on the California-Oregon border destroyed a house near Colstin Monday afternoon and threatened to spread from the Klamath National Forest into the Rogue River National Forest.

Conditions were termed "hot, dry and miserable" near Tiller, 30 miles southeast of Roseburg, where 200 firefighters succeeded in trailing a fire early Tuesday that consumed 500 acres and threatened a schoolhouse and several homes.

Wayne Miller, administrative assistant for the Douglas Forest Protective Association, said no structures were burned but that it was touch and go for a time.

A barn was reported afire Tuesday morning near Azalea. It was filled with animals and "millions of dollars of precision instruments." Another barn burned near Canyonville Monday night.

A brush fire that blackened 3,000 acres on the outskirts of Redmond and caused evacuation of nearly 150 people was controlled Monday. It left at least six homes destroyed, four people injured and more than $1 million damage.

A new brush fire was battled during the night Monday north of Redmond, but no homes were threatened.

Flash floods and high wind added to the problems in Nevada where several hundred persons fled their homes.

Major highways were closed because of the flooding. Police reported that several people were unaccounted for, although there were no confirmed deaths or injuries. At one point, temperatures in Las Vegas dropped within minutes from 100 degrees to 75 while 70-mph winds kicked up sand and debris.

A range fire burned out of control Tuesday near Lake Tahoe, one of two that have turned 9,000 acres of suburbs and brushland into a federal disaster area.

More than 2,000 firefighters were reported battling blazes in Western states, hampered by above 100-degree temperatures in many places and gale-force winds elsewhere.

A large grass fire was reported near Rattlesnake Mountain on the Rockwell-Hanford facility in Washington, but no structures were threatened.

In the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, dust kicked up from the crater of Mount St. Helens made visibility poor.

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Dams collapse in downpour

By TIM DAHLBERG

GLENDALE, Nev. (AP) — Several earthen Muddy River dams collapsed as a "terrible downpour" lashed southern Nevada, releasing a wall of water that trapped an elderly woman in mud, drowned cattle and forced 700 Moapa Valley residents to flee.

The dams burst as a fast-moving summer storm dumped more than an inch of rain on southern Nevada Monday night. The storm's 68 mph winds knocked out power at 100,000 homes in the Las Vegas Valley.

"We worked the areas over and we feel there is nobody dead," said Lt. Don Wellington of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police.

An elderly woman was swept away when a four-foot wall of water rushed through an Overton trailor park. Wellington said Lillian Martin, 85, was found Tuesday buried up to her hips in mud. She was in stable condition at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas.

Overton, at the valley's south end, was hardest hit. A police spokesman said the south end of the community was "under water."

Authorities said up to 300 cattle were killed and 1,000 cattle were missing in the Moapa Valley, a dairy area about 60 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"There was a terrible downpour out there last night," said Red Cross spokeswoman Cathy Whitney. "At this point I'm really not certain about the true extent of the damage."

Meanwhile, in Tucson, Ariz., about 40 families were evacuated from their homes as a 5-foot wall of water rolled through the Canada del Oro wash on Monday. Winds were clocked up to 80 mph as severe thunderstorms rolled across the state.

The storm knocked out electrical service for about 100,000 Las Vegas customers of Nevada Power Co., said spokeswoman Jane Strobel. Traffic signals were out and tree limbs were reported down all over town.

At McCarran International Airport, air traffic backed up over the storm until ground conditions permitted landings, said Federal Aviation Administration specialist George Mankey.

A United Airlines 727 jetliner carrying 135 passengers from Chicago ran low on fuel and was forced to land at the tiny Needles, Calif., airstrip. The pilot landed safely on the 5,000-foot runway 100 miles south of here, and the passengers and crew were bused to Las Vegas.

At Kingman, Ariz., a mobile home lost its roof and another was damaged in the winds. Rains caused flash floods there and in southern Mohave County, the National Weather Service said.

Officials said the evacuation in Tucson began at about 3:30 p.m. but families were allowed to return to their homes early in the evening. Officials reported no injuries or major property damage in the flood, which began to recede about 5:30 p.m.

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More fruit flies found in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — The discovery of a fifth Mediterranean fruit fly in east Tampa sent spray crews Saturday into an area outside the original infestation zone.

The discovery was outside the 17-square-mile spray area zoned by agriculture officials after the discovery of the other four Medflies, but still was within the 48-square-mile quarantine area imposed by federal and state agriculture departments.

The discovery was a blow to agriculture officials, who had gone almost five days without any trace of a Medfly, and increased the threat to the state's $4 billion produce industry.

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Furious rain, wind, hail batter nation from South to California

By United Press International

Thunderstorms lashed parts of the South and the West Thursday as tornado-like wind estimated at 120 mph overturned 30 railroad cars and ripped roofs from buildings in Southern California.

Heavy rain prompted flash flood watches Thursday in Arizona, southeastern Nevada and northern New Mexico. A flash flood warning was issued Wednesday night for central Utah.

Officials said the wind knocked over 30 cars of a freight train standing in a Southern Pacific yard. About six of the cars were empty petroleum tank cars.

"We estimated the wind at about 120 mph," said fire Capt. Felipe Aguilar. He said he thought the storm was a tornado.

A National Weather Service spokesman in Indio could not confirm whether the blast was a tornado.

A severe thunderstorm watch was posted late Wednesday for the southern tip of Nevada, southeast California and western Nevada.

Dime-sized hail pelted southern Nevada about 100 miles north of Las Vegas. One-inch hail was reported about 70 miles east of San Diego, Calif.

The furious 15-minute storm Wednesday in Indio, Calif., unleashed wind that toppled mobile homes and damaged palm trees. Police said no injuries were reported, although blown-out traffic signals sparked a rash of minor car accidents.

"It cut a path through the eastern portion of the city," said police Lt. Warren Holcomb. "It knocked down telephone and power poles and blew off portions of rooftops to numerous residences and businesses."

Tucumcari, N.M., got nearly 2 inches of rain in six hours and Clovis, N.M., got nearly an inch.

A frontal system spread showers and thunderstorms into the south Atlantic and Gulf Coast states Wednesday. Stronger storms dumped hail at Phenix, Ala., near the Alabama-Georgia border.

Firefighters sweating in sizzling heat slowly gained the upper hand over range and brush fires that charred more than 126,000 acres in five Western states, destroying dozens of homes and $30 million worth of timber.

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Moth damage soars in Northeast

New York Times News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gypsy-moth caterpillars did a record amount of damage in the Northeast in 1981, eating the leaves off trees covering at least 9 million acres from Maine to Maryland, according to estimates by forestry experts. That was twice the area defoliated last year, they said.

"This is the greatest defoliation or infestation that has ever been recorded in the Northeastern United States," said Peter W. Orr, an official of the U.S. Forest Service at its regional office in Broomall, Pa.

Next year will be as bad or even worse in the Northeast, Orr predicted, unless the moths — which are in a stage of their life cycle when they do no damage — are controlled by parasites, predators, weather or disease.

Moreover, there have been indications that the gypsy moths were spreading across the nation, pest-control officers for the state said. Minor infestations have been reported in Virginia, West Virginia and Arkansas, and male moths have been trapped in North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Illinois and Ohio, and as far west as California. Previously, the moths were confined to the Northeast.

Forestry experts disagreed on how long the gypsy-moth problem would last.

"This should be the tail end of an upswing in the population cycle," said Dr. Warren Johnson, professor of entomology at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Nature has a way of controlling population explosions."

But Michael Birmingham, chief of the Forest Inspection and Disease Management Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, said, "We have had four years of gypsy-moth damage, and each year it seems to get a little worse."

A more accurate indication of the 1982 crop of gypsy moths will come this fall, when teams of foresters go into the woods and start counting gypsy-moth egg masses.

The economic effects of the damage caused by the moths, particularly in the loss of growth of timber trees, were described as enormous, although no precise figures were available. One estimate, made in the 1970s, indicated that timber losses could average about $14 an acre over a period of five years. If that figure holds, it could mean a loss in 1981 alone of at least $28 million for the Northeast.

California, Florida step up medfly attack

By The Associated Press

California crews expanded efforts to track the Mediterranean fruit fly Sunday after the discovery of an egg-laden fly outside a three-county area under quarantine because of the destructive pest.

Meanwhile, authorities in Florida readied a single helicopter for a dawn pesticide assault Monday on a Tampa neighborhood where three dead medflies were found last week, the first trace of the tiny fly in Florida in 18 years.

Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, Calif., where the fertile female fly was discovered, scheduled a meeting to discuss the problem Monday, the first day of the apple harvest.

The fertile fly was found 30 miles outside a 267-square mile area under quarantine where officials announced Saturday the discovery of two other female flies, neither of them fertile. One was found in San Jose, and the other was discovered in nearby Morgan Hill, according to medfly eradication project spokesman Dick Thompson.

An expanded, intensified attack on the pest was to be launched in California this week. But workers immediately began expanding their fly-trapping program.

Florida officials set up traps in and around an area where ground-spraying crews doused trees with the pesticide malathion over the weekend in hopes of containing any possible fly infestation.

In Texas on Sunday, state House members voted 100-1 to give Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown more authority and money to deal with the fly threat.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, allows the commissioner to order inspection of vehicles entering Texas for evidence of pests or diseases without first declaring a quarantine.

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Canadians disrupt air traffic flow

United Press International

Trans-Atlantic travelers faced more delays and flight cancellations Tuesday as a boycott by Canadian controllers choked the flow of U.S.-European air traffic.

Flights between the northeastern United States and Europe were rerouted south of Canadian air space — cutting off the most direct flight path. The action by Canadian air traffic controllers also continued to disrupt some flights between the United States and Canada.

At the same time, U.S. authorities braced for more possible snags because of plans by Australian controllers to refuse to handle U.S. flights, effective Tuesday. A similar boycott beginning Saturday is planned by Portugese controllers. Dutch controllers said they will decide Tuesday or Wednesday whether to act.

"There will be delays (in all trans-Atlantic flights) and the recommendation is that international travelers keep in contact with their own local carriers," said spokesman Dick Stafford of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We expect the delay situation to continue through the greater part of today."

Groups representing foreign controllers charge that U.S. flights have become unsafe since President Reagan fired 12,000 controllers, now in the ninth day of a nationwide strike, and began manning U.S. control towers with non-striking controllers, supervisors and military controllers.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration Tuesday planned to resume its attempt to persuade an administrative law judge to decertify the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization as the bargaining unit for striking U.S. controllers, who walked out Aug. 3. Further federal court action also was pending Tuesday on massive fines against the union.

A meeting to set long-term flight schedules until the air traffic system returns to normal — the administration says it could take two years to rebuild the air traffic system — was set Tuesday among airline representatives, Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis and FAA chief Lynn Helms.

At New York's Kennedy Airport, some European flights arrived at least 10 hours late Tuesday, but airport officials said they expect no delays in departures. In Britain, a spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority said the normal flow of summer season air traffic — 450 flights a day — had been cut to only four flights per hour because of the Canadian boycott.

Airlines across Europe were given an average of five hours notice of when each would be able to claim one of the quarter-hourly take-off slots, creating airport chaos and disappointment for travelers.

At London's Heathrow Airport, Europe's busiest, nine U.S.-bound flights were scrapped Tuesday morning, and a spokesman described the situation as "chaotic."

British Airways, which canceled five U.S.-bound planes, put out a sign warning "it is impossible to predict [illegible] times" and stopped checking Canadian flights.

William Robertson, head of the 2,200-member Canadian Air Traffic Controllers Association, charged Tuesday that "trans-border flight safety has been severely jeopardized" by the U.S. air controllers strike.

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5 days of searing heat bake state

The heat goes on, but relief is on the way.

After a fourth straight day of temperatures of more than 100 degrees in Portland Monday, the National Weather Service is predicting a Wednesday high of 88 degrees. Tuesday, the temperature was expected to reach 98 degrees.

Monday's high of 107 degrees, recorded at 4:10 p.m., only tied Portland's all-time high temperature, set in July 1965 and matched Aug. 10 1978.

Although Monday's high temperature reached in July 1965 was enough to shatter the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's office reported Tuesday that there has been a substantial increase in deaths of elderly people, "some of which may be heat-related." He added that some of the victims may have been suffering from heart or lung disease and the current heat wave intro-duced stress that they could not take.

Medford on Monday continued to receive the brunt of the onslaught of hot as temperatures reached 110 and above for the fourth day in a row. Only once before — in July 1946 — had the temperature hit 110.

High temperatures elsewhere around the Pacific Northwest included 109 in The Dalles; 107 in Salem; 106 in Eugene; 104 in Walla Walla, Wash.; 101 in Yakima, Wash. and Olympia, Wash.; 101 in Seattle, and 99 in Pendleton.

The heat provided the opportunity for some mighty sick humor from the National Weather Service. In its 3:40 p.m. weather forecast Monday, subscribers to the weather service wire were told the "chance for measureable rain or snow . . . zero through Tuesday night."

Those seeking comfort from electric fans or ice found it hard to come by. Liz Lane, of the disappointed local stores last weekend.

Official high temperatures for the past week, as monitored by the U.S. Weather Service at Portland International Airport, were:

Tuesday	81
Wednesday	86
Thursday	99
Friday	102
Saturday	107
Sunday	105
Monday	107

Many Portland residents returned to work Monday after a weekend of jostling through crowds at area beaches, lakes and parks in attempts to escape the heat. Many fled to the cooler temperatures where temperatures were in the 70s. But many motorists faced with massive traffic jams along coastal roads grew heated anyway when faced with substantially lower

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Navy jets down 2 Libyan fighters

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two U.S. Tomcat fighters, fired at by a pair of Libyan warplanes, shot down the Soviet-built jets in a minute-long dogfight Wednesday over disputed waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the Pentagon said.

The U.S. government formally protested what it called the "unprovoked" attack by two SU-22 Libyan jets, which it said occurred "in international air space over international waters in the south-central Mediterranean Sea."

However, a Libyan diplomat in London charged that the U.S. fighters violated his country's air space over a section of the Gulf of Sidra covered by a broad territorial claim by Libya that is not recognized by the United States.

A Libyan military spokesman, quoted by government-run Tripoli radio, charged that eight U.S. fighter planes attacked the two Libyan jets as they were carrying out "routine reconnaissance and inspection flights" over the Mediterranean. He charged that the incident "endangered world peace."

THE PENTAGON SAID the F-14s, stationed on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Nimitz, were taking part in a 6th Fleet exercise about 60 nautical miles off the Libyan coast when they were approached and fired upon.

UPI

BATTLE SCENE — Map details area where U.S. Navy fighters shot down two Libyan warplanes after they attacked the F-14s from carrier Nimitz.

They downed the Libyan jets with heat-seeking missiles, then returned safely to the Nimitz. The pilot of one of the single-seat SU-22s was seen parachuting from his downed aircraft, the Pentagon said.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the formal U.S. protest was lodged through diplomatic channels in Belgium.

In Brussels, a special meeting of the NATO Council was called at American request. Diplomatic sources said the United States was expected to inform the council of the attack and the downing of the Libyan jets.

Weinberger, relying on the official U.S. position on the limits of Libyan sovereignty, insisted the 6th Fleet exercise was not intended to provoke Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy, whom the Reagan administration has labeled a ringleader of international terrorism.

"No, I couldn't consider it a provocation because they are international waters," he told a morning news conference. "There's no basis for any claim in the area where this incident took place that they were national waters or anything other than international waters."

IN LOS ANGELES, vacationing President Reagan was awakened and informed of the attack at 4:24 a.m. Vice President George Bush, other members of the National Security Council and congressional leaders also were notified.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "We regret the attack that made it necessary to take the action," but reiterated the U.S. position that the exercises were being held in international waters.

The Pentagon said the U.S. jets were fired upon, then "took action in response and shot down both Libyan aircraft at 1:20 a.m. EDT."

Weinberger and Gen. Phillip Gast, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the two Libyan planes were flying north, away from Libya, and first were spotted by the American planes on radar.

After making visual contact, one of the Libyan planes fired a Soviet-made Atoll missile while the other fired his guns at the U.S. planes.

Both American aircraft answered the attack by firing AIM-9L Sidewinder missiles, which struck their targets, downing the Libyan planes.

"THEY WERE FOLLOWING international rules of engagement that would govern this kind of situation and carried out their instructions and carried them out extremely well," Weinberger said of the response by the U.S. pilots.

The SU-22 is one of the Sukhoi series of Soviet-built fighters — an updated version of the plane used by Syria during the 1973 war in the Middle East and is considered a poor match for the more sophisticated F-14.

Pentagon officials said the encounter lasted only about one minute.

The Defense Department last week announced that the 6th Fleet would hold maneuvers off the Libyan coast, within the 120-mile limit Khadafy has set for his country's territorial waters.

As late as Tuesday, the State Department reiterated for reporters the Reagan administration's contention that the exercises would not encroach on legitimate Libyan territorial interests as recognized by the U.S. government.

"The U.S. government is protesting through diplomatic channels this unprovoked attack, which occurred in international air space over 60 nautical miles from nearest land," the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Weinberger told reporters there was no reason to have expected the Libyan attack.

However, less than 24 hours before the attack, an editorial by the government-run Libyan news agency JANA called the U.S. maneuvers "armed provocations" and vowed that Libya would "fight in defense" of its territory.

"THE FACT THAT these maneuvers are taking place proves America's real intentions and proves the bloodthirsty terrorists are pressing ahead with their plans to continue their aggression against the Libyan people," the editorial said.

The Pentagon said the 6th Fleet exer-

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Dennis churns up Atlantic Seaboard

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MIAMI (UPI) — Tropical Storm Dennis churned up the Atlantic Seaboard with renewed vigor Wednesday, leaving south Florida swimming in nearly 20 inches of rainfall.

Forecasters warned residents along the Georga and Carolina coasts to prepare for a possible hurricane.

No injuries were reported in Dennis' three-day visit to Florida, but forecasters warned that the tenacious storm could become more of a threat to life and property in the next few days.

Gale warnings were posted for the coasts of extreme northeast Florida, Georgia and South Carolina as the storm, with peak winds of about 50 mph, moved up the Atlantic off northeast Florida.

The center was about 40 miles east-southeast of Jacksonville, Fla., and moving northward at about 10 mph. It was expected to maintain that course but slow somewhat later Wednesday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami warned of severe thunderstorms, gusty winds and the possibility of a tornado or two in the coastal regions of Georgia and South Carolina on Wednesday.

It also said conditions generally favor strengthening of the storm's velocity but added that the proximity of land would slow the process.

Forecaster John Hope said late Tuesday that if the storm did gain strength, it could approach hurricane strength of 74 mph during the day.

Hope urged residents along the coasts of North and South Carolina to "monitor the progress of the storm closely as a threat to those areas will develop today if the storm strengthens and maintains its projected north northeasterly course."

Many south Floridians who were hoping Dennis would help alleviate the state's months-long water shortage got more than they bargained for — flooded streets, power outages, evacuations and snarled traffic.

Over three days, Dennis dumped 19.83 inches of rain on suburban Kendale Lakes and 18.84 inches on the farming community of Homestead. Both are south of Miami.

Forecasters, meanwhile, were watching a new tropical depression that formed Tuesday in the central Atlantic, 1,200 miles east of the Leeward Islands. Hope said the depression, with highest winds of 35 mph, is expected to move west for several days and could intensify into a tropical storm.

Lightning plagues NW firefighters

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Lightning, striking as frequently as five times per minute, ignited numerous fires Tuesday afternoon and night east of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon.

About 20 fires were started in the Burns district alone in Oregon. Most of the blazes were small, however.

Two fires merged into one 50 miles northeast of Lakeview and had blackened 5,000 acres by Wednesday morning, the Bureau of Land Management reported. Another 3,000 acres burned near Steens Mountain.

There were scattered rain showers, sometimes strong enough to knock down wheat, but not where they were of much help against the fires, BLM officials said.

Elsewhere in Oregon, planes dumped retardant on a lightning-caused fire near La Grande in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and a stubborn fire 16 miles southwest of Klamath Falls that started Sunday was brought under control.

Jim Fisher, spokesman for the Oregon State Forestry Department, said 21 new fires were reported on state-protected land, 13 of them lightning-caused. Eight were in the John Day area and five near Klamath Falls.

All were under control and in mop-up stages Wednesday.

Lightning set a substantial blaze in the Pasayten Wilderness in the Okanogan, Wash., area, abutting the Canadian border. It is in an area where crews must be brought in by helicopter, or hike three hours.

Allen Gibbs, Okanogan National Forest spokesman, said significant winds were forecast for Wednesday afternoon, and the fire already is crowning, or burning from treetop to treetop.

The blaze, however, is in an area of green meadows, and fire bosses hope to use them as a natural firebreak.

More than 16,000 gallons of retardant were dropped on the blaze late Tuesday.

Contained is a 388-acre fire at Blue Lake west of Tonasket, Wash. It has been burning out of control since Sunday.

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Jet runs off runway; 3 passengers injured

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A Pan American World Airways Boeing 727 ran off the end of the runway at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Monday while attempting to take off, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Firefighters and paramedics immediately evacuated the jetliner, said FAA spokeswoman Gerri Cook in Atlanta.

Three passengers suffered minor injuries, and there was some damage to the aircraft, though the extent was not immediately determined, said FAA spokesman Jack Barker.

Spokesman Dick Stull at Broward General Hospital said a woman was treated for possible head and neck injuries, and her husband was also being treated. A third man suffered a sprained ankle, Stull said.

A short time later, a firefighter who had been sprayed in the eye with foam was brought to the hospital, Stull said.

Cook said the landing gear of Pan Am Flight 953, bound for Houston and Las Vegas, collapsed when the jet aborted a takeoff, ran off the end of the runway and became mired in the mud.

Barker said National Transportation Safety Board investigators were at the scene, along with FAA inspectors.

"It appears the pilot aborted the takeoff, but why we don't know," Barker said.

The FAA spokesman said reports that a "mystery voice" had ordered the pilot to abort the takeoff were false.

"That's the first thing I checked when I found out it was Fort Lauderdale," Barker said.

Last week, several airports around the country, including Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International, reported "mystery voices" had tried to give bogus instructions to pilots.

The jet carried 58 passengers and a crew of seven, said Harvey Berman, an airline spokesman in New York.

"I want to emphasize this had nothing to do with the air traffic controllers strike," Berman said.

Airliner, light plane nearly collide

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By WILLIAM G. BLAIR
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NEW YORK — An airliner carrying 118 passengers and a private light plane were reported to have nearly collided over New Jersey Sunday evening, but just how close they came was in dispute Monday between the pilots.

The airline pilot, who filed a near-midair collision report with the Federal Aviation Administration after landing at Newark International Airport, claimed the private craft had flown within 200 feet of the larger plane, according to Irving Moss, a spokesman in New York for the federal agency.

Moss said the private pilot, in an interview Monday with the FAA, maintained that the closest he got to the airliner was 2,000 feet. An investigation was opened into the incident, reportedly the second "near miss" over New Jersey since the unionized air controllers walked off the job Aug. 3.

Moss said there were no injuries in the incident and "no indication of controller error." The Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, the union representing the 12,000 controllers who went on strike, has been contending that the use of substitute controllers endangers the lives of air passengers.

For one passenger aboard the fully loaded Boeing 737 of People Express Airlines, there was no doubt about the nearness of the light plane, which the FAA said was being flown by Richard R. Hough of Morristown, N.J.

"I thought I was going to die," the passenger, Emanuel Kelmenson of Jericho, N.Y., said Monday. "It was right in full view, coming toward us at a right angle, and I thought it was going to shear off the wing." Both planes veered up and away from each other, he added.

"I'd never experienced anything like that before — right there in living color!" Kelmenson exclaimed. "I don't plan to fly again until things are back to normal."

The incident occurred shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday at an altitude of 5,000 feet about 25 miles northwest of Morristown as the Boeing 737 was descending on its approach to Newark Airport. The plane, one of nine 737's that make up the fleet of the recently established airline, had left Buffalo at 6:35 p.m.

Harold Pareti, manager of the People Express, said it "appears from the company's preliminary investigation that our flight was under positive air traffic control by the New York air traffic control center and was at its assigned altitude and location."

"Upon visually sighting the other aircraft," Pareti continued, "the People Express captain took all of the necessary and correct procedures." The airline declined to identify the plane's captain.

The FAA's Moss said the private plane, a Grumman Widgen, which seats five, was flying under visual flight rules at the time of the incident. These rules, he said, require the pilot to "look out for other planes and avoid them" but they do not specify the distance to be kept.

Moss said Hough had told the FAA he "saw the People Express aircraft from a distance of 3,000 feet, made a right climbing turn and did not come any closer than 2,000 feet from the other aircraft."

Nevertheless, Hough, a 63-year-old businessman with 20 years of flying experience, said in an interview with a reporter, "It was much too close for comfort."

After the incident, Moss said, the Widgen continued its flight and landed at the Mercer County Airport near Trenton.

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Light planes collide over San Jose; 1 dead

By JOHN RICE

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Two light planes collided over San Jose and crashed onto the grounds of the main library Monday, killing one person and injuring two, police said.

"They just crashed in midair," said Norma Rodriguez, a secretary at the library. "There was no other sound than the sound of the two planes colliding. I looked up and they were just spinning down toward the grounds."

The 12:50 p.m. accident involved a Cessna 172 two-seater and a four-seat Piper Cherokee, both bound for San Jose Municipal Airport, according to the Federal Aviation Administration tower at the airport.

The pilot of the Cessna, James Elbert Moses, 47, of Santa Clara, was killed, police said. The injured, both aboard the Piper, were Robert Short, 54, of Mountain View and pilot Bruce Marlow, 25, of Los Altos, according to San Jose Hospital spokesman Richard Peryam. He said they were both in stable condition.

"They were talking to the tower, but they had the responsibility for separation between themselves," said an FAA spokesman, who hastily hung up the phone before giving his name.

Both were operating under visual flight rules, he said.

Ira Furman, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, also said preliminary indications were that the pilots were flying under visual flight rules and were not under the jurisdiction of controllers.

"The tower had cleared the 172 to land, and the other plane had not contacted the tower for clearance," said FAA spokesman Alex Garvis.

FAA investigators were sent to the scene, and firefighters were at the crash site.

One plane landed in a grassy area just behind the library building, and another landed on top of two cars in the library parking lot, said Ms. Rodriguez. She was outside at the time.

"I started running back to work. I thought they had landed right on top of the library," she said.

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COLLISION DEBRIS — Wrecked planes lie on ground near San Jose, Calif., library after colliding in midair Monday. One plane fell onto parked cars (upper right); the other landed across street. The pilot of one plane died.