

Vicious Storm Backlash Ravages East Coast

Weather Forecast

Portland, Willamette Valley — A2, rain Thursday, Friday, Cloudy, low 45.
Oregon, Washington — Cloudy, rain.
Portland's temperatures Wednesday: High 54, low 36.

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President Says Cuts In Tariff In U.S. Favor

25-Nation Agreement To Reduce Levies On Both Imports, Exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 25-nation agreement to cut tariffs on many industrial items by about 20 per cent was announced Thursday by the White House.

President Kennedy termed it "highly advantageous to the United States."

Most of the reciprocal tariff reductions will involve the United States and the industrial nations of Western Europe. The details were worked out in almost a year of negotiations in Geneva.

The United States is claiming a 4 to 3 advantage from the agreement, on this basis: Whereas the U.S. tariff cuts will involve \$1.2 billion of imports from the other 25 countries, the foreign negotiators agree to reduce levies on \$1.6 billion of U.S. goods. The figures were based on world trade in 1960.

Major items affected include new automobiles, chemicals, drugs, industrial and electrical machinery, Scotch whisky, textiles, canned fruits, some steel products and glassware.

Taking autos as an example, the White House estimated the average American car will cost \$126 less in European markets once the lower tariffs go into effect. The cost of a European car purchased in the United States would be down an average of \$21.50.

In most cases, the cuts will go into effect in two stages—the first due by June 30 and the second a year later. A few tariffs will be reduced over three years.

Kennedy told Congress that, in order to forestall a threatened collapse of the negotiations, he agreed last September to lowering certain U.S. tariffs below the levels which the tariff commission had found necessary for the protection of American producers.

He said that had he not done this, the United States would have lost substantial trade in the long run and would have blocked the way to greater economic cooperation with Western Europe.

In addition to claiming that the United States received larger concessions than it granted, the White House said the six-nation European Common Market agreed to renew talks soon on proposals to lessen discrimination against American farm imports.

The announcement termed this a fundamental change in the European position.

Kennedy sent congress a special message in which he said U.S. negotiators were sometimes hamstrung by the inflexibility of the Trade Agreements Act which expires June 30. He said the limited tariff reductions permitted by the law were a big factor in his decision to allow some tariffs to drop below officially designated "peril points."

That decision was almost un-

YREKA, Calif. (AP) — James Peter Reis, 13, Gervais, Oregon, was killed in a two-car collision at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday one mile south of the quarantine station on U.S. Highway 99.

California Highway Patrol officers investigating said that Reis, a Navy man, had hitched a ride in a car driven by Charles E. Brown, 19, Oakland.

Brown's northbound vehicle collided head on and side-swiped a southbound pickup driven by Chester E. Pierson of Oregon.

Pierson is in Siskiyou County General Hospital with major head injuries. Brown was admitted with minor injuries. Two other sailors and a civilian were also taken to the hospital for observation, according to the California Highway Patrol.

JFK Asks Steel Men For Peace

Kennedy Also Urges Speed In Arms Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy appealed Wednesday for quick new starts a week from Wednesday toward peace in the U.S. steel industry and toward peace in the world through disarmament.

Kennedy didn't tie these topics together in any particular way — except indirectly by means of a single date, the importance he gives them, and the fact that they were top subjects at a presidential news conference.

The date is March 14. Kennedy teed off his session with reporters with word that he had dispatched telegrams to steel company executives and President David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers Union asking a resumption of bargaining on a new contract by then.

Negotiations on a contract to replace one expiring June 30 were broken off last Friday. McDonald suggested they not be resumed before May 1, whereas the administration has been pressing for an early settlement in the interests of economic stability.

There were indications in both labor and management camps that Kennedy's plea would be heeded.

March 14 also is the date an 18-nation disarmament conference opens in Geneva.

Kennedy called it an extremely important meeting. He said, too, it would be entirely proper to discuss there the problems of Berlin and Southeast Asia. And he said that even if the United States resumes nuclear tests in the atmosphere it still will keep pressing for a test ban to head off a perpetual nuclear arms race he said would be risky for the future of the human race.

Garbed in gray, standing before 385 newsmen, Kennedy had some casual announcements, but few details, in response to questions. He said, for example that:

— The administration intends to put \$1 billion into arming B52 eight-jet bombers with air-to-ground Skybolt missiles. The missiles have a range of 1,000 miles, and Kennedy said putting them on the B52 will prolong the effective life of the plane.

— Some suggestions will be made to the Japanese government in the next few days on the question of more self-government for Okinawa while keeping defense needs in mind at "a very vital base."

— A presidential letter was sent today to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev containing suggestions on peaceful exploration of space.

Along the way, Kennedy had nothing to offer about U2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers. He said he had no "criticism at all of the pace of Congress" and expects legislation "to come real" pouring out of these committees "in the next month or two. Sizing up the national economy, he said he figures it has "more vitality than some of its premature mourners."

Weather Plays Part Seymour Wolfbein, deputy assistant secretary of labor, said the figures to some degree reflected better weather conditions in February than in January, but also indicated economic improvement.

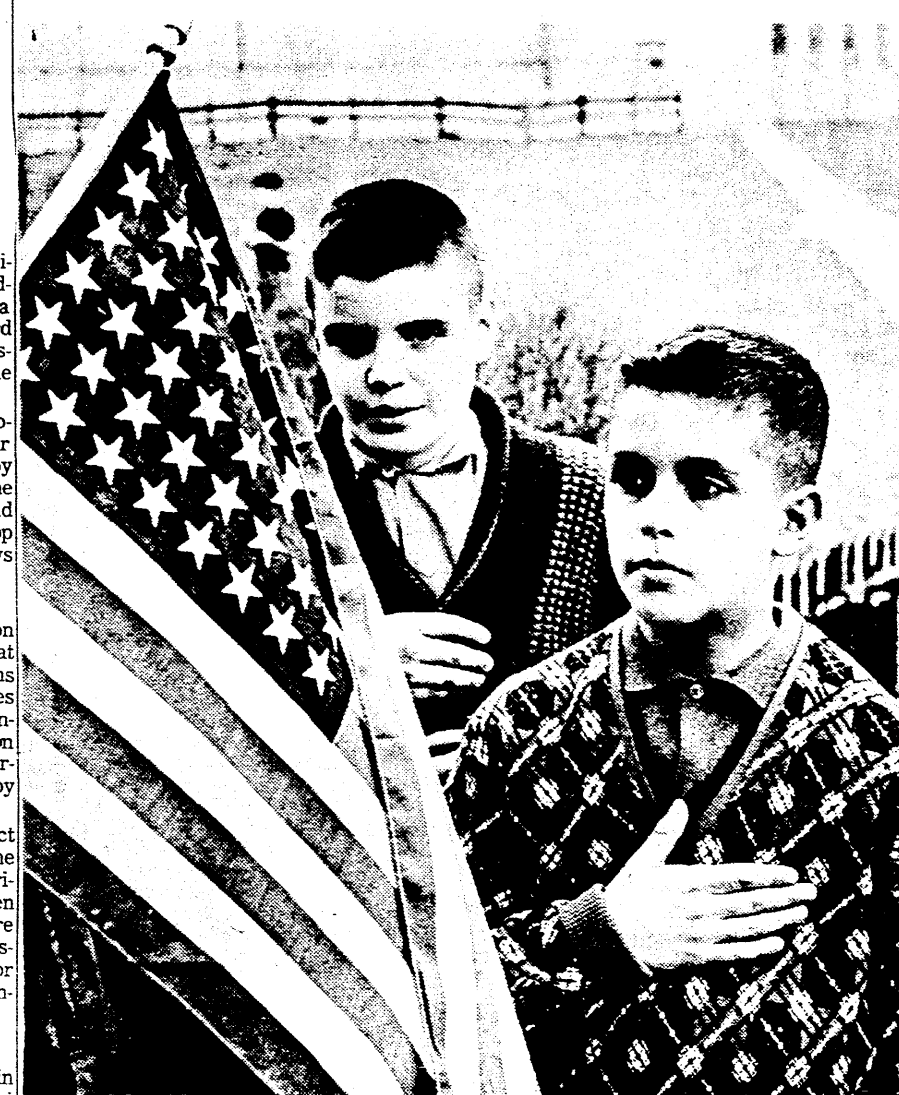
Long term unemployment—the total of workers jobless 15 weeks or longer — rose by

seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment declined from 5.8 per cent in January to 5.6 per cent in February.

This was the lowest idle rate for any month since July 1960. A year ago at the low point of the recession, the unemployment rate was 6.9 per cent.

Employment — rose 731,000 from January to 65,789,000. The normal seasonal increase would have been only 130,000.

Tidal Wave Of Cuban Children Flows Silently Out Of Country



A NEW PLEDGE comes slowly to Cuban children who nonetheless put conviction in the halting phrases. Richard, left, and Roger, both 9, have been sheltered at St. Mary's Home for Boys since October waiting for their parents to come to them.

More Pictures On Picture Page The best kept secrets of 67 American cities — including Portland — were let out late Wednesday.

There were 8,000 secrets; each one a Cuban child, a refugee from his troubled homeland.

Wednesday 53 local Catholic Charities offices across the United States received a wire from National Catholic Welfare Conference offices in Miami, Fla.

"Release to local press all general information regarding Cuban children in your city."

In Portland 37 Cuban children were introduced to the press. They have been living in foster homes. St. Mary's Home for Boys and Charities

sponsored boarding houses. Only the first names of the 37 children were released.

Their parents are still in Cuba and there is a possibility of reprisals.

"Operation Exodus" has been bringing Cuban children to the United States since November of 1960. They arrive in Miami, Fla., by commandeered boats, by legitimate airlines flights and passenger ships. In the early days of Operation Exodus many of the children — all between six and 18 years of age — were smuggled out of Havana by anxious parents.

They still come at the rate of 20 per week.

Of the 8,000 who have come, 3,486 have been funneled into foster homes or institutions

across the United States. The remainder are still in semi-secret transit camps in the Miami area.

All are waiting to be reunited with their parents. It may be a long wait.

The well-kept secret began to crumble a few weeks ago. In the face of rumors and gossip concerning Operation Exodus, Catholic Charities decided to make the Wednesday announcement.

Operation Exodus is financed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and supported by the Jewish Family Service and Protestant Service Bureau, although 95 per cent of the children are Catholic.

The program was started by one welfare worker in Miami more than 15 months ago. Operation Exodus now has a staff of 325 persons.

Parents Phone Children Rev. Morton E. Park, director of the Portland Charities office, said parents in Cuba telephone their children in the Portland area at least twice a month.

A boy at St. Mary's came to the United States after his father, a high ranking Communist official, arranged for his departure. Father Park told The Oregonian.

Another boy's father was imprisoned last month when Castro police found a gun in his possession.

The mail flows heavily from Cuba to Portland and the telephone lines hum steadily.

12 Riders Die, 100 Hurt As Italian Train Derailed

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — A 10-car express train barreled through a switching point early Thursday and jumped the track, killing at least 12 persons. Another 100 were injured in the twisted mass of telescoped cars.

Rescuers feared the death toll would rise once they worked their way through two badly mangled coaches. The train carried almost 200 passengers.

Trains Speed Up Railroad officials said the train should have been moving 16 miles an hour as it passed the station at Castel Bolognese, 31 miles southeast of Bologna. Instead it was roaring along at 55 m.p.h. They didn't know why.

The Italian State Railways train was moving through north central Italy on its way to Milan, in the north, from Lecce and Bari in the heel of the boot.

The line divides bus outside Castel Bolognese, one branch going to Bologna.

The locomotive turned over after leaving the tracks, dragging the entire train clear of the roadbed. Coaches sliced into each other.

First Lady's Exit Billed Thursday WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy will go to the airport Thursday to see his wife, Jacqueline, off on her trip to India and Pakistan.

The First Lady will leave at 12:30 p.m. for New York City aboard the Kennedy family plane "Caroline," the White House announced today.

She will stay overnight in New York, then take off at 7:30 p.m. Friday from Idlewild Airport aboard a commercial plane for Rome, her first stop.

NELSON, B.C. (AP) — Dynamiting of a 300-foot power line tower by unidentified terrorists caused major industrial shutdowns Wednesday in southeastern British Columbia.

The provincial government offered rewards of \$10,000 each for conviction of persons involved.

The blasts Tuesday night pitched the big tower into Kootenay Lake, 30 miles northeast of here.

UNESCO ADDS 104TH PARIS (AP) — Tanganyika Wednesday became the 104th member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

4 Counties Approve Fast Time

Group Petition Would Outlaw Clock Changes

Washington and Columbia counties joined Clackamas and Multnomah Wednesday in a decision for daylight time, beginning April 29.

Hood River County is expected to reach the same formal decision at a meeting March 14.

Coincidentally, a group has begun circulating petitions to place on the November ballot a measure which would outlaw the fast time in any part of the state.

The Washington and Clackamas County Court votes were unanimous. Washington County Judge Joe A. Jaross, joined by Commissioners Clayton Nyberg and Barbara Wilcox, said they chose fast time "because we didn't want to create confusion and chaos." Their order was signed at 10 a.m. in Hillsboro.

Judge John W. Whipple and Commissioners Louis J. Wesser and O.D. Clark of Columbia county signed their order at 1:15 p.m. in St. Helens.

"The county court," Judge Whipple said, "felt that it should abide by the wishes of the people in Columbia County concerning daylight saving time."

"We find that the industries of our county are going on daylight time, regardless, and a survey taken of all five cities in the county indicates that an overwhelming majority favors daylight time. Another factor that influenced our decision was the fact that our county would be in a state of confusion (if we were not the same as) Hood River, Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah County." He said that he expects Hood River County to take the same action.

The five counties are the only ones in Oregon legally able to switch from standard time under Legislative action. Informally, some other areas and cities also followed suit last year.

Standard time supporters who are pushing petitions hope to make the unchanged clock mandatory all year in Oregon. They hope to put the question to voters on the November ballot.

A proposal to authorize statewide daylight saving time will also be on the November ballot. It was referred to the voters by the legislature.

Herman Sites, chairman of a group circulating the standard time petitions, said: "The Oregon Legislature referred a measure to the voters providing for daylight saving time throughout the state. Defeat of this DST measure would leave us with the present law which permits the lack of uniformity we had last summer, unless we provide this new means by which people can vote for uniform time of one kind or another."

Most State Island Oregon, but not all of it, was an island among three states where the clocks were an hour ahead of standard time last year.

Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Hood River and Columbia counties decided to keep pace with California and Washington's daylight time, as officially sanctioned by the Legislature. Some cities and areas followed suit.

Some towns were on daylight time, and neighboring communities a few miles away on standard. In Bend, there was only partial switch to daylight time. It left the Bend Bulletin with a composing room on standard time and its news room on daylight time.

Solar Unit Orbits C A P E CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A solar observatory satellite was fired into orbit Wednesday to learn how solar radiation influences the weather and other conditions on earth and how great a threat it is to manned space flight.

The satellite, nicknamed OSO for Orbiting Solar Observatory, was packed with instruments to give scientists their first clear look at basic mysteries of the sun.

DOCTORS STUDY EDEN BOSTON (AP) — Sir Archibald Eden underwent a medical checkup Wednesday at New England Baptist Hospital.

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Property Damage Mounts Steadily: Thousands Flee

NEW YORK (AP) — A vicious backlash from one of the worst winter storms on record ravaged the East Coast Wednesday from New England to Carolina. Surging tides, violent winds and waves as high as a four-story building caused damage in the millions, exceeding that of many a full-fledged hurricane.

"The storm is the worst we ever had," said Lester Wise, 45, a Maryland refugee. The U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington was inclined to agree.

At least 27 persons lost their lives in a seven-state coastal area. Five children from one family were swept to death by flood waters at Bowers, Del. A patient died for lack of oxygen at a storm-battered hospital in Sea Isle City, N.J.

Property damage in North Carolina stood at nearly \$3 million. Atlantic City, N.J., alone estimated its losses at over \$5 million.

Tides up to 10 feet above normal rolled completely over coastal islands as thousands fled for their lives. Whole communities in southern New Jersey were covered by up to five feet of water.

Helicopters, boats and amphibious vehicles were used to evacuate refugees. Power was out in some sections. Food and water were dangerously low in some communities. On Staten Island, 86 elderly persons were evacuated from a nursing home in advance of rising waters.

The nation's missile research program received a setback when flood waters inundated Wallops Island, Va., a launching site for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Waves 40 Feet High Winds hit gusts of 84 m.p.h. Waves were reported 40 feet high on the Atlantic Ocean.

The Weather Bureau in Washington said winds from the retreating storm at a time of normally high tides combined to batter the coast. In Norfolk, Va., the water rose to within a foot of the record high.

The main path of the wind out of the northeast was along a line extending from about 300 miles off Cape Cod to the Carolina Coast. The storm hit at a time when sun and moon together were exerting their tidal pull on the sea.

Meteorologist Eugene Hoover said the wind velocity was exceptional for a winter storm and that the wind and water probably made this the worst winter storm of record from the standpoint of battering the coast.

Police chief Jerry Sullivan said of hard-hit Atlantic City: "The damage from the 1944 hurricane was \$5 million. It is safe to estimate this will be more — much more."

Gov. Richard J. Hughes asked that the New Jersey Coast be declared a federal disaster and declared: "This appears to be one of the worst disasters of recent years in New Jersey."

The storm moved up the coast Tuesday, dropping up to three feet of snow in Virginia before it veered out to sea. But its effects on wind and tide lingered long after skies cleared and a bright winter sun emerged.

Metropolitan New York spared any heavy snowfall, was buffeted by winds up to 50 m.p.h. Ferry service was disrupted. For the second day in a row, the Long Island Railroad's Long Beach Branch was knocked out. Hotels and apartment houses were evacuated in the Rockaways. Flooded Jersey Meadows halted commuter trains to New York. Brooklyn's Belt Parkway, Manhattan's East River Drive and Hutchinson River Parkway in the Bronx were blocked by water.

Streets in lower Manhattan were flooded, water covering parked cars in some areas. Coney Island was virtually awash. At least 35 summer cottages were destroyed on Fire Island, and farther along the South Shore of Long Island 14 homes were washed away at Westhampton Beach.

At Ocean City and Wildwood on the Jersey shore, fires ravaged homes and business houses as firefighters were blocked by flood waters. Some firemen fought the flames from rowboats. The fires were blamed on short circuits caused by the water.

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