

Over 150 Die In Flash Floods

Combined UPI, AP Reports
RAPID CITY, S.D. — Rain-flood flash floods collapsed a dam and sent a torrent of water roaring out of the Black Hills upon Rapid City and surrounding towns, touching off fires and explosions and sending more than 150 persons to their deaths Friday night and Saturday.

The death toll was expected to keep climbing.
The South Dakota Civil Defense, the spokesman for disaster information, said at least 155 persons were dead and "many, many more are feared dead."

The death count was set by Civil Defense officials and police who imposed a 9 p.m. curfew for all but emergency personnel to prevent looting and keep curiosity seekers out of the disaster area. Authorities said they expected the death toll to climb even higher.

On a one-in-a-century weather conditions caused the floods that battered houses, uprooted trees and swept away cars, mobile homes and some bridges. Landslides and explosions added to the devastation; gas lines ruptured and triggered fires; electricity was cut off temporarily, and communica-

tions were spotty. Bodies continued to be uncovered as the flood—caused by up to 10 inches of rain in only a few hours—subsid. The victims were found in trees, cars and along the edges of ditches. The Red Cross in Minneapolis said 600 cots and blankets were being flown into the western South Dakota region, declared a disaster area by President Nixon. A chain of supermarkets donated four carloads of perishable foods for distribution at the Red Cross centers in Rapid City. A Red Cross spokesman said 900 persons had been treated at hospitals in Rapid City and 2,000 persons were being served supper at the various shelters in this summer resort city of 43,000.

Damage was estimated in the millions. The rains started at about 6 p.m. Friday night. By 10:30 p.m., the flood waters began to rise and ran over into Canyon Creek, a small pond protected at its lower end by an earthen dam. The dam collapsed half an hour later, spilling up to five feet of water through the area and into the western business district of the city. Don Warner, a sports writer with the Ogden, Utah, Stand-

ard-Examiner, was vacationing with his wife and two children at the trailer home of his wife's parents in Rapid City. At about 4 a.m., he said, the family was awakened by his wife's mother screaming "Flood, flood." "We opened the door and the water was about waist deep," he said. "By the time we got away from the trailer the water was up to my shoulders and to the women's necks. We could hear people crying and screaming in the darkness." Warner said the family finally reached high ground and waited there for rescuers. The Omaha district of the Army Corps of Engineers de-

clared the disaster a Class A emergency, making all Corps facilities available to alleviate suffering and restore utilities. A spokesman said cleaning debris away from clogged stream channels had high priority in order to provide more rapid drainage and aid in carrying away any additional rainfall. At one point during the day, when the death toll stood at 105, Sheriff Glenn Best said he believed only a third of the dead had been found. In declaring the region a disaster area, Nixon made emergency federal aid available for the recovery effort. Regular Army troops were en route from Ft. Carson, Colo., and 1,800 National Guardsmen, who had been training in the area, moved in. Looting and shooting incidents were reported in the stricken city of 60,000. Water supplies were turned off for fear of contamination. Rapid City was a devastated city. Cars were washed by the flood tide into tangles of what amounted to scrap metal. Dwellings were collapsed, swept into streets, deposited in golf courses, or simply washed away. Survivors told of riding for

their lives on the flood-borne roofs of homes, or trying to snatch bodies from the rushing waters. Many of the homeless had lost everything but the clothes they were wearing. Rapid City residents who still had homes opened theirs to those who did not. Three emergency Red Cross centers were established to aid other refugees. The disaster began when up to seven inches of rain started pouring down on the rugged Black Hills surrounding the lowland city of Rapid City (See "Flash Floods..." Page 2)

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Democrats Report Debts

Nixon Campaign Has \$10 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Republican warchest was raised before the law with its strict disclosure requirements went into effect April 7.

The Nixon committees adhered to the law by not disclosing contributors before that date so some of the biggest GOP donors may never be known.

Common Cause, the self-styled citizens lobby, said in a statement that disclosure of pre-April 7 donors is just as im-

portant as disclosure of those afterward and criticized the Republicans for not following the "spirit of the law."

Four committees operating under the umbrella of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President reported collecting \$10.2 million before April 7 with \$9.8 million on hand as of May 31. The committee chairman, former Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans, has said the

GOP expects to spend some \$30 million on Nixon's re-election campaign, about what it reportedly spent in 1968. Besides the four key committees working just for Nixon, the Republican National Finance Committee reported cash on hand of \$1.2 million; the Republican National Committee reported \$443,860; the Republican Campaign Committee reported \$430,601, and the Republican National Associates listed \$215,501.

Only about two dozen of some 280 Republican committees had their reports in before the GAO closed for the day. Reports from more than three dozen state arms of the national Nixon committee apparently were delayed in the mail. The Democratic National Committee showed cash on hand of \$33,526 and debts of

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Tenure Since 1945 Was Record

State High Court Judge Frank Haymond, 85, Dies

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Judge Frank Cruise Haymond, whose tenure since 1945 on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals was a record in state history, died Saturday afternoon.

Judge Haymond, 85, was stricken ill while shopping in a supermarket and died a short time later in Charleston General Hospital. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Along with his law clerk, Robert M. Harvey, and a secretary, Judge Haymond had worked on opinions in his state capitol chambers until about 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon. He apparently went directly from there to the Kroger store where he was stricken.

He had been hospitalized twice for surgery in recent weeks. He underwent prostate surgery last month. In April he underwent surgery to correct a hip ailment stemming from an automobile accident several years ago.

Haymond, a Fairmont native and Harvard law graduate, was appointed to a Supreme Court vacancy in July, 1945, after having served six years as judge of Marion County Circuit Court. In 1946 he was elected for a six-year unexpired term on the Supreme Court and was re-elected for 12-year terms in 1952 and again in 1964. His current term would have expired at the end of 1976.

He had served six times as Supreme Court president, most recently in 1969. The presidency is rotated annually among the five judges.

Judge Haymond's death left the Supreme Court with two vacancies. The other was



FRANK C. HAYMOND

created by the recent resignation of Judge Harlan M. Calhoun. One of the three judges still serving, John E. Carrigan, is expected to be appointed made by Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. after the death a year ago this month of Judge Chauncey Browning Sr.

Moore, who eulogized Haymond as "one of the great jurists and great minds of our time" in a statement released shortly after the judge's death, ordered flags throughout the state flown at half staff.

"He was noted not only for his vast knowledge of law but also for his decisions that coupled wisdom and intellect in total propriety that did honor to the entire legal profession," Moore said.

"In addition," the governor said, "Judge Haymond was a lifelong personal friend."

In almost 27 years on the Supreme Court, Judge Haymond had written his opinions in numerous major cases which established or changed precedents in West Virginia law.

One of his most noteworthy opinions in recent years was an especially vigorous dissent when the court majority declared unconstitutional West Virginia's requirement for 60 per cent approval in local bond issues and tax levy elections.

His dissent was vindicated several months later when the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the state tribunal's action in a decision which upheld the 60 per cent requirement and Haymond's dissent.

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(Ring Register is designed to guard your right to know and to be helpful to readers. Ring Register at 253-2441 at any time day or night except from 12 to 11 a.m. or write The Register when you need information or know of situations that need looking into.)

Question: Some of the stores in the Beckley area stay open on Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, possibly Decoration Day and different holidays and they don't pay their personnel time and a half for those days worked. Is there a state or federal law that says on a declared, recognized holiday you must be paid time-and-a-half?

A: Ring Register has consulted an attorney who says the answer, in his opinion, is no.

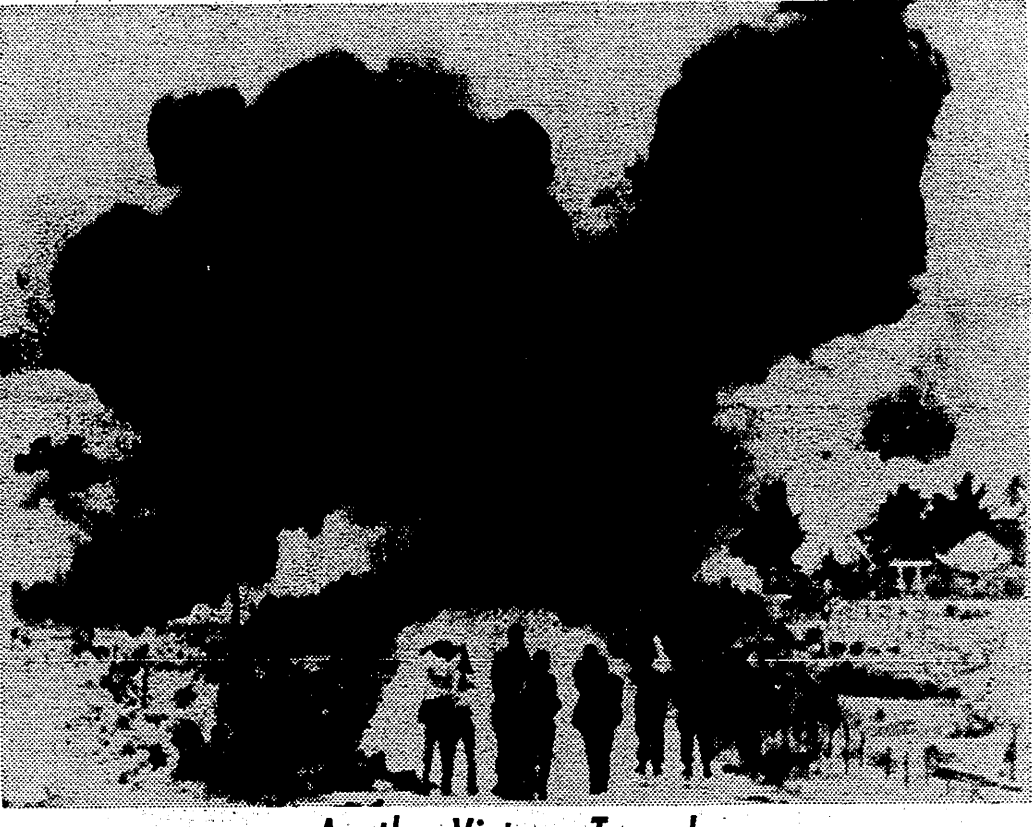
What our caller may have in mind is that employees may contract for time-and-a-half pay for agreed upon holidays, in which case there might be a contractual, though not a statutory, obligation.

Q: Are there any plans in the future to build a paved road on the Old Eccles Road right off of Oak Grove?

A: H. F. Schulte, Jr., district engineer with the State Department of Highways said your question is vague in that it is not clear if you mean Route 18, Route 18-5, 3-18 or 3-21. "However we do have plans for some of Route 3-18 and Route 18," Schulte said. He said if the caller wishes to be more specific, he can write the State Department of Highways office in Princeton.

Q: Is it illegal to dig ginseng in a national forest?

A: D. P. Fenwick, information and education staff officer of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service in Elkins said it is illegal to remove any products from National Forest lands for personal gain (profit) without first obtaining a permit from the District Ranger and paying a fee. Free use permits are issued to remove forest products for personal consumption, such as berry picking and cutting firewood, he said.



Another Vietnam Tragedy
As newsmen and soldiers watch in horror, South Vietnamese bombers accidentally napalm the village of Trang Bang. At least four children were killed along with one woman and several South Vietnamese troops. All were running up the road when the bombs fell. (UPI photo)

William Watson Chairs Party Young Rockefeller Crowd Takes Over State Democratic Party Organization

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (UPI) — A young lawyer who helped guide John D. Rockefeller IV into the driver's seat became the new chairman Saturday of the West Virginia Democratic Party, which also awarded a statewide post to its youngest officer in history.

William E. Watson, 35, of Wellsburg, left his legal practice behind to join the Rockefeller campaign last August. He succeeds another lawyer, Rudolph DiTrapano, in the party's top job.

The party's executive committee also named Debbie Phillips, 18, of South Charleston, its associate chairman. Miss Phillips became the youngest West Virginian in history to file for public office when she ran for a delegate post to the national convention this year.

Watson called his election "a very proud moment," and said he planned no vast changes that of the south pole. Scientists said that so far they had been unable to make out the outline of a cap for sure. Mariner 9 began resending pictures Friday after two months' inactivity while it passed through a critical survival mode. Cameras and instruments were turned off to conserve energy while the spacecraft operated on battery power as it passed behind the planet out of the sun's view. When the order was given, the cameras resumed operating perfectly.

Watson viewed the selection of Miss Phillips to a statewide post as proof that the state's new young voters prefer the Democratic Party. "We expect to get a great percentage of the young people's support in the fall," Watson said.

The new chairman said the party would wage an intense, grassroots campaign against the Moore administration, bearing down on environmental problems, economic troubles,

B52s Strike Just 15 Miles West of Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — American B52s bombed suspected Viet Cong positions west of 15 miles Saigon during the night Saturday day hours after Communist ground troops overran two government posts just south of the capital.

The U.S. command said the huge eight-engine bombers struck near Duc Hoa where Viet Cong guerrillas driven out of Trang Bang two days earlier were believed to be hiding.

Duc Hoa is 15 miles west of Saigon and Trang Bang is 20 miles north of the capital.

The bomber raids were the closest to the capital in almost three years. One day earlier, the bombers hit within 27 miles of Saigon.

The ground attacks near Rach Kien, 15 miles south of Saigon, and similar assaults near Hue closely followed a prediction by President Nguyen Van Thieu that Saigon and Hue might be the next targets in the Communist offensive which started March 30.

Ten other B52 missions were flown near Quang Tri, Hue and Kontum, and an additional nine against North Vietnamese supply bunkers just north of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Vietnam.

"We're going to be taking the issues directly to the people, into the hollows, at the creeks, wherever we have to go to reach them," he declared.

Watson spoke confidently of a Democratic victory in November.

"There's no question in my mind that this is going to be a Democratic year in West Virginia," he said.

Rockefeller, the party's standard bearer in the state after handily disposing of two lesser primary foes, attended

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Weather

Sunny, Cool

BECKLEY AND VICINITY: Sunny and continued cool today with a high in the low 60s. Fair tonight, low near 40. Partly cloudy and warmer Monday with highs in the low 70s. Probability of precipitation near 0 through Monday.

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Romney Praises Consumer Advocate

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (UPI) — George Romney, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said Saturday that Ralph Nader "has done more for this country than anyone in government."

Romney told the 2,100 graduates of Bowling Green State University that while he did not always agree with Nader, men of "faith and reason" were needed to revitalize government and society.

Current Troop 'Withdrawal' Merely Shift To Thailand

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Several squadrons of Marine and Air Force war planes will be shifted from South Vietnam to Thailand during the next few weeks to help bring the troop level in the combat zone down to President Nixon's goal of 49,000 men by July 1, Pentagon sources said Saturday.

From their new bases in Thailand, the planes would be able to keep up around-the-clock attacks against North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam, but they would no longer be counted as among the U.S. forces stationed in the South.

American troop withdrawals have continued despite the Communist offensive, which began Easter weekend. While American ground troops have been coming out of Vietnam, however, personnel involved in the air war have been going in, thus slowing the pace of total withdrawals. Almost 11,000 men must come out of Vietnam during the next three weeks to meet the President's goal. Sources said transferring four Air Force squadrons and three Marine squadrons from Da Nang, South Vietnam, to new bases in Thailand would result in a reduction of about 8,000 men. This includes maintenance and logistics personnel as well as air crews.

The big base at Da Nang will be turned over to the South Vietnamese after the transfer, the sources added. This will leave the United States with only one base in Vietnam, Bien Hoa, compared to a peak of eleven air bases earlier in the war. There are now about 40,000 U.S. servicemen in Thailand, with combat aircraft operating from six bases there. In addition there are 42,000 Navy personnel off the coast of Vietnam who are not counted among the totals. Sources said the Air Force squadrons from Da Nang probably would be sent to U.S. bases at Korat and Takh Li in Thailand. The three Marine squadrons likely will go to Nam Phong, being readied as a seventh U.S. base in Thailand.