

Hurricane Debris Clean-up Started

Operation clean-up and fix-up moved along slowly Monday in the hundreds of Pennsylvania towns where Hurricane Hazel unleashed its storm-packed fury, the Associated Press reported.

Cooler weather across the Keystone State piled more discomfort on top of inconvenience for thousands of families still without electricity.

Miles and miles of wire that carry the electric current were still

Red-Backed Strike Spreads In Great Britain

LONDON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Britain's Communist-backed waterfront strikes spread today to Liverpool and Birkenhead, but leaders of London's bus strikers called for a return to work Wednesday.

The busmen's delegates recommended a return to work so negotiations could be started with the London transport management on wage increases and changes in working conditions. The men want a minimum of \$28 a week, about \$4 more than they are making now.

The 20,587 striking drivers and conductors, who have tied up more than half of London's 7600 buses, may or may not accept the delegates' recommendation.

With the London dock area paralyzed, strike organizers struggling to tie up all shipping around the United Kingdom riveted their attention on Liverpool, Britain's second port.

The dispute centers on overtime. Since January, the National Assn. of Stevedores and Dockers has banned compulsory overtime. The union leaders say working overtime should be a voluntary proposition.

Spokesmen for the shipping industry, affected so much by tides, argue that compulsory overtime is a vital part of a contractual agreement. The industry refuses to discuss any labor matters with the association while the ban on overtime exists.

GOP, Demos, Predict Wins

HARRISBURG, Oct. 18 (AP)—Republicans and Democrats alike were confident today of controlling the 1955 General Assembly through victories in the Nov. 2 election.

Sen. M. Harvey Taylor, Senate president pro tempore, predicted the GOP will again have a majority in the senate—where it held a 32-18 margin in the 1953 session.

House Speaker Charles C. Smith of Philadelphia put it this way in discussing both chambers: "Prospects are excellent for another Republican Legislature."

"The Senate probably will be very close—one vote, one way or the other," it was stated.

Stringfellow Resigns as Candidate

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 18 (AP)—A Utah Republican congressman who admitted his tale of wartime heroics was a hoax today submitted his resignation as a candidate for reelection.

But Rep. Douglas R. Stringfellow left to a meeting of the State Central Committee a final decision in the drama-filled case.

Republican State Chairman Oral J. Wilkinson called the 18-member committee into session after Stringfellow admitted his fraud and said he would leave his political future to his party's leaders.

He went a little further today, however, submitted his formal resignation as a candidate from Utah's 1st Congressional District, and urged that it be accepted.

He took complete responsibility for his story of wartime espionage. "No member of my staff," he said, "was at any time aware of the true story of my war record. The staff accepted my version completely, believing in me to the last. I and I alone bear complete responsibility for these fabrications."

A member of Stringfellow's staff said he is not resigning from Congress, noting that less than three months of his term remains. It would take that long, he noted, to wind up his affairs anyway.

Wilkinson, in asking Central Committee members to meet, urged them to sample public opinion in their home communities.

Sheppard Trial Begins

CLEVELAND, Oct. 18 (AP)—The first degree murder trial of Dr. Samuel Sheppard got under way today with the selection of the first juror. The trial judge refused a defense plea to delay the case.

Eisenhower Extends Speaking Schedule

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower, stepping up his speaking schedule in the last two weeks of the congressional campaign, will make two half-hour talks in New York Wednesday and Thursday. The White House billed them as "non-partisan."

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said today "the

President has something to say which he can't cover in a few minutes." Hagerty did not announce the subjects of Eisenhower's speeches, but in response to questions he said "it could be" that the President would discuss foreign policy Wednesday.

Eisenhower is slated to leave Washington by plane early Wednesday, going first to Hartford, Conn., to accept an honorary degree from Trinity College and take part in a public celebration of the birthday of Gov. John Lodge of Connecticut, who is running for reelection on the Republican ticket.

Thursday morning he will visit the campaign headquarters of Sen. Irving Ives, Republican nominee for governor of New York, and speak briefly to 500 GOP candidates and party workers. The gathering will be in New York's Roosevelt Hotel.

Today the President authorized \$500,000 in federal assistance to Connecticut areas torn up by hurricanes Carol and Edna. The money will be administered by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in conjunction with Connecticut authorities.

Federal assistance was ordered for North and South Carolina yesterday.

Flood Waters Receding

MARIETTA, Ohio, Oct. 18 (AP)—Flood water trickled into the streets of Belpre, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va., today as the crest of the rain-bloated Ohio River continued its southerly course.

down and weary utility crews, working around the clock, didn't expect to get all service back into operation until Thursday.

The Philadelphia Electric Co. said that 20,000 homes in the greater Philadelphia area had no electricity. Many thousands of homes were without telephone service.

Sixteen Philadelphia area schools, also without power, were closed today, giving students an unexpected holiday.

The electric utility said that customers in outlying suburban sections, especially in Montgomery and Bucks counties, will have to be without electricity until Wednesday.

All told, the savage storm had left 300,000 of Philadelphia Electric's million customers, 100,000 in Philadelphia alone, without electricity. But valiant efforts by utility workers restored a greater part of the service promptly.

Hazel killed 20 persons as it swept northward through Pennsylvania last Friday. Today another person died—an indirect storm victim.

Daniel Smock, 25, of Newportville, Bucks County, was electrocuted by a 4,000-volt wire in Upper Dublin Twp. west of Ambler. Smock was climbing a utility pole to repair storm damage when he touched a metal crossbar which had been electrified. He fell 25 feet to the ground.

Some 200 residents in Whitmarsh Village, a Philadelphia suburb, cut off without electricity, got a break. A trucking company parked a refrigerator trailer on a street and residents stored frozen food there. The truck has a capacity of 40 thousand pounds.

Already 12 dead have been counted and millions of dollars in damage reported as rain-swollen rivers and creeks overflowed.

Hard hit by the debris-laden waters were Turtle Creek, Latrobe, Braddock, Butler, Meadville and Connellsville.

Erie City Council Asks Mayor to Resign

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 18 (AP)—City Council today asked Mayor Thomas W. Flatley and two policemen to resign because of their arrests on charges of accepting bribes from members of a 20-million-dollar a year gambling syndicate.

The mayor refused to resign but said he will do so "after I am exonerated . . . and forever divorce myself from filthy politics."

The police officers—Chief Inspector Jack Martin and Vice Squad member Edward Camilli—did not say whether they will give up their jobs.

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Communists Win East German Election

BERLIN, Oct. 18 (AP)—Communist candidates for Parliament in Soviet-occupied East Germany won 99.3 per cent of the votes in yesterday's single-ticket election, the Red government said today. This was a drop from the 99.6 per cent claimed by the Reds four years ago.


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