

# 23 School Children Die As Bus Falls Into River

PRESTONSBURG, Ky., Feb. 28 (AP)—A loaded school bus hit a wrecker and an auto on a lonely mountain road today and dropped into a rain-swollen river, apparently carrying 23 children and the driver to their deaths.

## Police Seize Hidden Arms In Algeria

BONE, Algeria, Feb. 28 (AP)—Police today removed three tons of arms from a Flying Fortress and kept a guard on its part-American crew despite official word the men are free to leave. The World War II vintage bomber landed here Tuesday because of engine trouble on a flight from Israel. The four-man crew was quoted as saying the plane was bound for Venezuela.

But when the cargo, listed on a manifest as spare parts in boxes, turned out to be arms and ammunition, the French slapped a blackout on the landing until they investigated. They suspected the weapons were intended for Algeria's rebels. The French Foreign Office broke the story in Paris with the announcement that the plane is at liberty to leave when it wishes and the crew members are not under restraint.

## UAW Blasts Kohler On Strike Threats

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—A regional director of the United Auto Workers denounced the Kohler Co. today as an "arrogant and dictatorial" firm that wanted a strike. Testifying before the Senate Racket Committee, Harvey Kitzman, UAW's Region 10 chief in Milwaukee, accused the Wisconsin plumbing fixtures firm of building a company arsenal, training antistrike troops and making "open and brazen preparations for industrial warfare."

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# Flood Danger Remains High In Eastern Pa.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—The worst flood threat in two years abated somewhat today in the northeast as a heavy rain and wind storm moved off toward Canada. The storm soaked some areas with more than three inches of rain.

Flood danger continued in parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. But in New York and New England, officials said the danger seemed past.

At Allentown, Pa., the Lehigh River rose rapidly and a crest of 16 to 18 feet was forecast. Flood stage is 14 feet.

The Pocono Mountain area, hard hit in the 1955 floods, was being eyed apprehensively because of a heavy runoff from rainfall and melting snow.

Elsewhere in Pennsylvania, there was scattered local flooding. Traffic jams developed in Philadelphia suburbs after the Schuylkill River went over its banks and flooded highways.

The Delaware River was 10½ feet above normal and still rising at Easton, Pa.

## Chessman Loses Appeal

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (AP)—Convict-author Caryl Chessman today lost what may be his last chance in his 10-year fight to avoid death in the gas chamber.

# West to Press Reds At UN on Disarming

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The United States and its European Allies have decided to press Russia to resume disarmament talks in the United Nations despite a Soviet threat to boycott such meetings.

Diplomatic officials who disclosed this today said the Soviets would be asked to attend a meeting in New York in about three weeks of the 25-nation Disarmament Commission.

To set the stage for this, Allied diplomats are reported ready to appeal privately to Moscow to abandon its boycott threat for the sake of breaking the six-month disarmament deadlock.

Soviet leaders have repeatedly vowed they would have nothing to do with the commission on the grounds that its membership is stacked 4-1 in favor of the West.

Anticipating a possible Russian refusal to back down, the Allied nations are understood to have decided to turn to the UN Security Council for new instructions if the Soviets stay away.

The Allied plan, reportedly agreed to in Paris yesterday by the 15-nation Atlantic Pact Council, became known as Harold Stassen fired a new volley of criticism at the government's disarmament policy.

Stassen, who quit two weeks

ago as White House disarmament specialist, called for U.S.-Soviet agreement at a summit conference to halt nuclear testing without a cutoff in nuclear production.

Stassen flatly disagreed with President Eisenhower's apparent view that the Atlantic Pact Allies would object to his plan.

Stassen has been replaced as disarmament negotiator by James J. Wadsworth, deputy chief delegate to the UN.

## Senate OK's Increase On Present Mail Rates

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The Senate tonight voted 732 million dollars worth of postal rate increases. It then passed pay raises for 1,500,000 federal workers totaling more than the new rate revenue.

The Senate wrapped 320 million dollars worth of postal pay hikes into the rate bill.

fled through an emergency door and windows before the bus sank into 30 feet of water. The National Safety Council called it the worst highway accident involving children in the nation's history.

Twelve hours after the disaster, rescue workers called off the search. A loudspeaker across the river announced the parents agreed to suspend operations until daybreak. No explanation was given.

Shortly before the announcement two bulldozers were put on each side of the flooded river with cables dragging the stream in hopes of snaring the vehicle and bringing it to the surface.

Before starting down an incline, the bus had stopped to pick up nine students at a wooden suspension bridge, just 200 feet from the scene of the mishap on U.S. 23 about three miles from here.

State police said the nine were among those listed as missing and presumed drowned.

Donald L. Horn, driver of the wrecker, said he answered a call to pull a truck out of a ditch about three miles from here.

"I was trying to pull it across the highway," he recalled, "when the bus rounded a curve and struck my wrecker from the rear." Horn said the bus then veered into a parked car and headed for the river.

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