

Flood survivors fear the worst

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Numb flood survivors braced for more possible rain yesterday, and officials cast a wary eye on five area dams already filled to the brim.

The National Weather Service forecast thunderstorms and issued a flash flood watch for most of western Pennsylvania through today.

Included was the Johnstown area where at least 51 people died last week after a torrential rain turned streams and rivers into a cascade of death and destruction throughout the Conemaugh River valley.

"We have a very careful watch on five dams. They are large water supply dams that are near capacity — they're filled," Lt. Gov. Ernest Kline said at a news briefing.

He said the dams, all more than 50 years old, appear to be "in reasonably good shape . . . but no one is absolutely certain."

Four dams crumbled in the flooding that devastated seven western Pennsylvania counties last Wednesday, including the Laurel Run Dam. The dam burst and flattened the community of Tanneryville with 100 million gallons of water.

The roar of bulldozers mingled with the peal of church bells in Tanneryville yesterday as residents paid tribute to friends and loved ones who were swept away by the onrushing water.

"There are different ways people are going to believe God worked here," said the Rev. James McGinnis, pastor at the Albright United Methodist Church.

"Some will think that God made the flood. Others will think God has taken some of his children, but hopefully everyone will realize that God is with us in Tanneryville and this time, God is mourning too."

Meanwhile, the impact of the flood became more clearly focused as cleanup operations continued.

The death toll was expected to climb even higher as volunteers began to probe heaps of rubble in outlying areas. In the Tanneryville area alone, estimates on the number of missing range from 25 to 35.

The corpses that have been found have been taken to a temporary morgue where they are sterilized. Those not claimed are placed in state-issued metal caskets and stored in a green tent outside the building.

The damage estimate for the seven-county area has been placed at \$200 million and a Red Cross survey shows at least 7,491 families had been displaced by the flooding.

In Cambria County alone, nearly 500 homes and small businesses were destroyed and more than 3,700 homes were damaged to some degree.

The disaster has also left thousands without jobs.

Bethlehem Steel Corp., whose 11,000 workers makes it the area's largest employer, said it is uncertain when operations at its Johnstown mills will resume.

"Our first priority is to restore electric power and water service," a spokesman said, adding that workers will be called back as needed to assist in the cleanup.

Temporary unemployment offices have been set up in three locations and officials say the normal workload — about 3,800 claims per week — has shot up to about 25,000 applications.

The city, however, groped its way back to normal.

Telephone and electric service gradually came back on, although adequate supplies of uncontaminated water were still a concern. National Guard tank trucks holding 5,000 gallons are stationed throughout the city to help alleviate the situation.

Kline said another major problem is the dumping of rubble into rivers and creeks.

130 locals bail out waterlogged burg

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Four busloads of people from the University travelled to flood-stricken Johnstown Saturday to aid the city in its clean-up operations.

Undergraduate Student Government President Grant Ackerman, faculty and staff members, students and townspeople went to Johnstown.

The volunteers were sent by city authorities to four locations in Johnstown for work assignments: Hornerstown, Woodvale, downtown Johnstown and one of the area hospitals. Originally, one of the buses was assigned to work at the Johnstown High School, but no one from the city was at the school to give instructions when the bus got there.

The volunteers on that bus went to work in Hornerstown.

There was a lengthy delay in the trip to Johnstown, Ackerman said. The buses had gotten permission to enter the city before they left the University, since no unauthorized vehicles were allowed into Johnstown on Saturday. However, Ackerman said, the buses had to stop in Ebensburg to obtain final clearance before entering the city.

The buses, bag lunches given to the volunteers and the work gloves and shovels issued to them for the work were all paid for by the University, Ackerman said.

The volunteers did various types of work in the flood-stricken city. Some people shoveled thick mud out of residential driveways, some cleared debris out of basements and off sidewalks and some removed appliances and other large objects from flooded homes.

One of the buses broke down on the way back to the University, Ackerman said. Three of the buses arrived at the HUB at about 8:30 p.m., but the last bus came in at about 12:30 a.m., Ackerman said.

Ackerman said that two more buses are being organized to travel to Johnstown on Tuesday. He said that USG is putting up the money for the buses, but that he hopes they can be reimbursed with donations from State College merchants.

Volunteers must bring their own lunches on Tuesday, along with work gloves and a shovel, Ackerman said.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for Tuesday's clean-up trip should call the USG office at 863-0295.



Photo by Charles Callaghan
A headless mannequin faces a flood-devastated Johnstown street as clean-up workers take a short rest from their labors. Four busloads of University students helped with the clean-up on Saturday. Another crew is scheduled to go to the stricken area tomorrow. Volunteers may call 863-0295 to sign up.

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Welfare, schools may suffer

'Big money' budget cuts likely

HARRISBURG (AP) — Hefty cuts in the big money agencies such as welfare and education will be likely in the next budget version due today from the legislative conference committee, its chairman said.

"What we have to do is really move in on some of the big areas," said Sen. Henry Messinger, D-Lehigh.

The proposal to raise school subsidies is one target. At one time, \$225 million was earmarked in additional aid for local school districts.

That was cut late last week to \$125 million and "there's practically nothing of that left" in the new proposal, Messinger said.

"I think by the time we're done everybody's going to be hurting," he said. The conference committee hoped to

trim another \$250 million or more from the \$5.4 billion budget proposed but withdrawn last week.

House and Senate leaders failed twice last week to convince rank and file members to vote for budgets that needed increased taxes.

The first proposal need \$529 million in taxes. That would have increased the 2 percent income tax to 2.6 percent.

The proposal was out of committee only four hours when leaders picked up the message it wouldn't pass.

They then came out with a budget that needed \$388 million in new taxes. That one lasted overnight and was sent back to committee the next day.

Sen. Robert Mellow, D-Lackawanna, leader of the no-tax band, has said he wants the conference committee to make further concessions and deliver a no-tax budget.

Messinger said there may not be votes for a no-tax budget either.

Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo has ordered the city legislative troops to shoot down any no-tax budget.

Philadelphia schools are counting on at least \$84 million in increased state aid. A new financing plan was worked out with city banks contingent on the state aid.

The drawn-out budget battle will only be solved if the hardliners on both sides of the taxes issue agree to compromise, Messinger said.

The pressure for compromise may build this week, the last before the state's emergency funds run out.

Messinger feels a floor vote is long overdue. Once a budget formally goes up or down on a floor vote, then maybe compromise can be reached, he said.

Egypt says war over, Libya says fight still on

By United Press International

Egypt said its bombers smashed two radar stations and two key airfields in massive raids against Libya yesterday, and President Anwar Sadat announced in Cairo his troops had ended the six-day border war.

But across the desert separating the two Arab nations, Libya made no mention of a cease-fire.

The Tripoli government's news agency, which said it was "crushing" the invasion force, reported Libyan anti-aircraft gunners, fighter pilots and militiamen shot down 15 Egyptian planes. A military spokesman appealed to civilians to take up weapons and fight "to the very last one."

Sadat declared a truce during a meeting with Algeria's President Houari Boumediene, who had just arrived from Tripoli and talks with Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy, Cairo radio said.

Egypt announced no details of its cease-fire. But the Palestine Liberation Organization said Boumediene brought to Egypt Khadafy's acceptance of a proposal by guerrilla chief Yasser Arafat for "halting military operations by both sides and getting talks started between them for the stabilization of a cease-fire."

As Egypt's truce was announced over Cairo radio, Libya's Arab Revolution News Agency reported "the enemy is now trying to occupy the village of Jaghoub by dropping paratroopers from helicopters."

The agency said a Libyan military spokesman appealed to villagers to "carry weapons in defense of their soil and honor to the very last one."

Military spokesmen in Cairo said waves of Egyptian bombers launched major airstrikes Sunday against two key Libyan airfields and two radar stations, smashing anti-aircraft missiles, a half-dozen planes parked outside their bombproof hangars, tanks and a reported training camp for saboteurs.

Two radar stations, one 30 miles and the other about 100 miles inside Libya, were "totally destroyed," a military spokesman said.

Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said Egypt's bomb-

ing raids since Friday have killed several Soviet technicians serving in Libya, which has received an estimated \$1 billion in military assistance from Moscow during the past 18 months.

Egypt said it lost two planes during the attacks yesterday. Libya said it shot down 15 of Cairo's bombers, including one Soviet-made Sukhoi-20 bomber shot down by militiamen over a border village.

"The popular resistance of men and women is now engaging the enemy in combat and destroying it a group at a time," the Libyan news agency said, quoting a military spokesman.

Observers in Cairo said the fighting since Tuesday was the climax of a bitter, four-year feud between Sadat and Khadafy. Sources said they believed Sadat was bent on forcing Khadafy's overthrow by more moderate elements in Libya.

Political sources in Israel said the Tel Aviv government promised Sadat it would not "exploit in any fashion the military tension," a development that left Egypt free to move troops away from the Suez Canal and concentrate in Libya.

Sadat, who has branded Khadafy a "madman" in a nationwide speech, said Friday Egypt was "forced to repel Libyan aggressions."

"Egyptian strategic warplanes are bombing civilian targets in Libyan towns and villages," the Libyan news agency said last night. "Egyptian warplanes are being shot down inside Libyan territory, while our forces are not engaged in any military activity on Egyptian soil," the Libyan spokesman said.

"The regime of President Anwar Sadat has declared war against the Libyan people — and without any excuse except his black hatred for the Libyan people," the news agency said. It also reported an air strike against the Kufra desert oasis 500 miles south of the Mediterranean killed a number of "innocent Italian workmen" at a construction project.

Egypt said its bombers stuck to military targets.

Gas levy 'sails' through House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Democratic leaders were so firmly in control of President Carter's energy package last week that the heretical idea of doubling the federal gasoline tax sailed through a special committee.

The special panel was designed as a melting pot for the two major parts of the energy package — tax matters which were first handled by the Ways and Means Committee and nontax matters of the Commerce and Banking Committees.

But most of the decisions were made in advance, either in leadership meetings, White House conferences or in a caucus of committee Democrats Tuesday, the day before the ad hoc energy committee begins deliberations.

Thundershowers

Showers and thundershowers today, high 80. Showers ending this evening, clearing late tonight, low 60. Mostly sunny tomorrow, high 77.

The Democratic leadership was so firmly in control, in fact, that the ad hoc committee completed its work far ahead of schedule Friday night and quickly became excess congressional baggage.

Advocates of natural gas price deregulation, seeing the panel stacked against them, chose to ignore it and instead carry their fight to the House floor, where a week of debate begins Aug. 1.

The committee thus spent its time in unstructured debate over amendments, such as doubling the federal gasoline tax from four cents to eight cents a gallon. But the fate of the tax — favored by Carter and the House Democratic leadership — was a foregone conclusion.

Republican frustration was such that Rep. Clarence Brown, R-Ohio, asked at one point, "Is there any reason for Republicans to spend any time in here?"

And Rep. John Anderson, R-Ill., spoke of the "utter disdain the majority has shown throughout these proceedings."

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Tex., stood around in a committee room while Democrats caucused nearby behind closed doors. "If the Republicans were in the majority and we were making all the decisions in secret like this," he said, "we'd be hearing from Ralph Nader and Common Cause and everybody."

Rep. William Steiger, R-Wis., asked, "where is the bipartisanship that was supposed to characterize the national energy policy?"

Committee Chairman Thomas Ashley, D-Ohio, sought to counter the criticism. "On no issue, to the best of my recollection, has the majority acted with unanimity," he said.

Said Steiger: "I am not suggesting you have unanimity. But you sure as hell have 21 votes."

To which Ashley replied, "The gentleman is really complaining about what happened on the first Tuesday of last November (election day)."



Photo by Sally Hunter
Pickin'
Straight-faced guitarist Jon Pousette-Dart is accompanied by John Curtis on mandolin. The Pousette-Dart Band concert, held last Saturday night at the Westerly Parkway Junior High School football field, was sponsored by MBAssociates.

Israel 'reassures' battling Egypt

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — Israel told Egypt it will not take advantage of the current border crisis with Libya, a Tel Aviv newspaper reported yesterday.

Israel passed the message on to Cairo through a third party, presumably the United States, the Yedioth Ahronoth daily said.

In a front-page story quoting political sources, Yedioth said: "Israel clarified to Egypt that it has no intention to exploit in any fashion the military tension existing on the Egyptian-Libyan border, and that there would be no violation of the agreement on the separation of forces in Sinai by Israel."

"The message was intended to

reassure the Egyptians and not to tie their hands, if they may want to move forces from one point to another for military purposes," the report said.

A foreign ministry spokesman declined to comment.

When Syria moved troops in early 1976 into Lebanon during the civil war there, Israel passed on a similar message to Damascus, foreign reports said at the time.

The state-controlled Libyan news agency said of the reports, "This reveals that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's aggression against the Libyan people has taken place with complete coordination with the Zionist enemy."

"It has been proved, once again,

that the agent Sadat has sold his soul to the devil and has reached the point of no return in treachery . . ." the agency said.

Whether Egypt pulled troops back from its Suez Canal front and transferred them to its border with Libya is not known publicly in Israel.

The military spokesman refused to comment although Israel's electronic eyes and ears certainly have been able to monitor the situation along the canal and on the desert border separating Egypt and Libya.

It probably can count on help from Washington, which watches the Middle East from spy satellites and a U-2 spy plane based in nearby Cyprus.

Lower drinking age bill snagged

House Bill 905, which would lower the drinking age in Pennsylvania for all alcoholic beverages to 19, may not reach the House floor until this fall, State Rep. Helen D. Wise, D-77th, said.

According to Wise, the House, which has been concentrating on the budget this summer, will continue to work on the budget until it is resolved, while bill 905 remains in committee.

The bill passed the Senate in early June, and from there went to the House Liquor Control Committee, headed by

James Barber, who opposes the bill. The bill has also met opposition from religious groups who feel lowering the drinking age would increase many social problems.

State Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-34th, said he felt the bill has little chance of passing the House.

However, Wise, who is not on the Liquor Control Committee, said she felt the bill has a reasonable chance of passing, though the vote may be very close.

Wise told The Daily Collegian in June that many Philadelphia and Pittsburgh legislators who previously thought lowering the drinking age would increase violence in their areas are now supporting the bill.

Since the bill has not yet come out of committee, it presently has little support on the House floor, Wise said.

A previous bill to lower the drinking age introduced in the 1975-76 session passed the state Senate, but was defeated in the House, 93-100.