

Weather Report

Temperature for the 24-hour period ending at 5 p.m. yesterday, maximum 58, minimum 47.

Monterey bay area—Partly cloudy with a chance of a few showers today; rain tonight; showers tomorrow; little change in temperature; high today 56 to 63; low tonight 48 to 53; south or southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

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Defense Department Hints Moon Rocket Within Year

Washington (AP). — A rocket could be sent to the moon this year, using existing missiles, in the opinion of Defense Department officials.

This was one facet of space information which came out of an official Pentagon briefing.

Newsmen learned that using the Air Force's Thor intermediate range ballistic missile, together with other existing rockets as additional stages, "a payload could be sent to the moon this year."

The payload would include transmitters for sending data back to earth in flight and spotter charge to mark the rocket's impact in the moon.

However, the defense department has not issued any order yet for the airforce to undertake such a project.

Dr. John P. Hagen, head of the Vanguard satellite project, has told congress it may be time in about a year to try to fire a rocket to the moon.

Testimony he gave the house armed service committee earlier this week indicated that Hagen thinks existing rocket engines could be used for such a shot.

He said an attempt to send instruments to the moon, without interfering with the drive to perfect intermediate range missile weapons, might be made "when either the Thor or the Jupiter gets to a production phase, where they begin to have a backlog of missiles."

"I believe it is true," Hagen said, "that these vehicles are supposed to be available in quantity toward the end of this calendar year."

Secretary of the Air Force James Douglas also has said rocket engines already in existence apparently have the potential, if used together, to carry a vehicle beyond the moon.

In the Pentagon briefing on space age weapons, some of which are in existence, others under development; newsmen learned from prepared statements and answers

tons of nuclear force carried in more than 10 hydrogen-headed intermediate range ballistic missiles. The first atomic submarine equipped to fire the Polaris is being built; others are planned.

Plans are being drawn for firing 1500-mile range IRBM's from far-ranging, high-flying planes, possibly driven by atom power or chemicals. This weapon system will succeed "Hound Dog," the supersonic missile launched from a B52 which can hit with "pin-point accuracy for many hundreds of miles." But it may be as much as five years before the plane-IRBM combination is ready.

Radar eyes in Massachusetts now watch missile launchings in Florida. This is an easy trick for the new 3000-mile range equipment designed for detecting ballistic missiles headed from Russia toward America.

Actual "hardware" to go into antimissile missiles is being fabricated in connection with the development of such weapons. Contracts have been let for building the warning line in the far north to sound the alarm of approaching intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Decoy missiles—"Bull Goose" and "Green Quail"—have been created. These are intended to confuse an enemy's defenders by saturating his detection system, concealing the true war-headed missiles hidden in the diversionary, phony flock of iron birds.

No Detour These Boys



More Showers Due Today

Storm Drains Clog Under Yesterday's Heavy Rains

By Don Becker

A heavy flash rainstorm flooded many city streets yesterday when overtaxed storm drains failed to function, but the threat of a flooding San Lorenzo river had subsided.

The river, which posed a serious threat Friday, when it rose to within two feet of the bank in some areas, had dropped to normal winter levels by last night.

Reason for the river falling more than five feet in a 24-hour period was the almost complete stoppage of rain in

the San Lorenzo valley area. Yesterday's storm, which pelted down 1.37 inches of rain in the city late yesterday morning, hardly touched the valley. Normally the valley receives nearly twice as much rain as the city. Had the storm not taken on these almost freakish proportions, imminent flood danger might still exist.

The weatherman predicted scattered showers for today. Heavy rains could quickly bring the river back to flood levels. The ground in the valley and in the Santa Cruz mountains is heavily saturated and almost all new rain is rolling quickly into the tributaries that flow into the river.

Police were deluged with hundreds of calls yesterday when the storm struck. City storm drains couldn't handle the water and it was slopping over the curbs in many areas.

No damage was reported.

At the storm's peak around 12:30 p.m., the Soquel and Seabright intersection was heavily flooded as were parts of Church, Sumner, Chestnut and Mission streets. The Morrissey intersection at Soquel and Water streets was also flooded.

Street supervisor Don Bruce yesterday explained that the undersized storm drains are unable to handle the runoff from a flash rain. Street workers closed off several streets to facilitate drainage.

Yesterday the river was below a five-foot reading, police

City Council:

Floods Won't Be Threat In Future Years

This is the last winter season in which the downtown business area will face the threat of flood, City Manager Bob Klein said yesterday.

Klein said levies along the San Lorenzo river in the main business section of the city will be completed by sometime this summer.

The whole flood control project is expected to be completed by the summer of 1959, thereby alleviating flood dangers along the river anywhere in the city.

Tomorrow morning, Klein and members of the city council will meet at the Avenue grill to thrash over two resolutions regarding flood control which are included on the agenda for Tuesday's council meeting.

The council will be asked to approve a resolution giving assurance to the army corps of engineers that they will pay off

East German Reds In Purge

Berlin (AP). — Walter Ulbricht beat off a challenge to his tough Stalinist rule yesterday, firing three top lieutenants accused of "liberalism."

Fred Oelsner, the party's leading ideologist, who was thrown out of the Politburo. It was not clear whether he will remain on the Central Committee.

and threw its support behind the purge.

The East German Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland said the Central Committee decided unanimously

Peter Sherwood and Carl Cardoza, a pair of Pacific Grove lads who were attending the music festival in civic auditorium yesterday were forced to ford a watery path to their car. Heavy downpours near noon overtaxed the storm drains and caused a flooding of the streets. The drains began functioning later and the Venice look was

against department missiles experts that:
A single Polaris missile submarine will be able to vaporize inland targets with over 100 million

The Bomarc long range anti-aircraft missile of the air force "can defend the entire United States with less than 45 squadrons" of the weapons.

Preliminary Hearing In Cab Murder Continued To Thursday

A lengthy preliminary hearing on murder charges against Moses Meza, 19-year-old Salinas youth accused of killing and robbing Ora Jones, 47, Salinas cab driver, was continued until next Thursday in Watsonville municipal court Friday.

District Attorney Dick Drobac called several witnesses to the stand during the unusually long session, but none testified that Jones definitely died of a blow on the back of the head.

Meza has admitted hiring Jones' cab in Salinas last December 26 for a trip to Watsonville and several witnesses delivered testimony to further establish this fact.

The defendant, however, has not admitted either striking or assaulting Jones. He contends Jones leaped from the cab while driving on San Andreas road near Watsonville.

Dr. Ernest Simard, a Monterey

pathologist, testified Jones may have died from a blow by a pistol butt, but would make no definite statements. Meza was carrying a pistol at the time of the robbery.

Drobac maintains that under the law, Meza must be certified to Superior court to stand murder charges because Jones died during the commission of a felony and the subsequent murder charge is automatic.

The hearing will reopen at 11 a.m. Thursday.

FERRY COLLIDES WITH TANKER

New York (AP). — A Staten Island ferry with about 500 passengers aboard collided last night with a 12,238-ton British tanker in New York harbor. Two ferry passengers were hospitalized. Police said 28 others were injured, none seriously.

The party boss also ordered a nationwide crackdown on independent minded Communists who oppose his tough line in restive East Germany. The purge was the biggest since the East German workers' uprising in June 1953. Booted out of the ruling hierarchy were:

Karl Schirdewan, Ulbricht's longtime top deputy, who was expelled from the party Central Committee and the all-powerful

the secret police boss. He was fired from the Central Committee and accused of "criminal failure" in his police work.

The Kremlin apparently ignored the popular opposition to the bearded old party leader

Morgan Is New Foreign Affairs House Chairman

Washington (AP). — A switch in the Democratic leadership of the important house foreign affairs committee was made public yesterday. The new committee head promptly pledged support of bipartisanship on foreign policy.

Rep. Thomas S. Gordon (D-Ill.) said that because of ill health, he was bowing out of the active chairmanship in favor of Rep. Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa.).

Morgan outlined what he termed his middle-of-the-road foreign policy views and said he aims for a non-political committee approach on foreign affairs.

He made plain that he intends the bipartisanship to apply to President Eisenhower's major foreign policy legislation of the session—a four billion dollar foreign aid bill which the committee will start work on later this month.

Sentinel Honored For Promotion Series By CNPA

The Sentinel received honorable mention in the statewide competition for best newspaper promotion for dailies under 100,000 circulation.

The awards were presented at the 70th annual convention of the California Newspaper Publishers association held at Coronado yesterday.

The Sentinel's entry was the series of advertisements, currently being run, telling the story of "Only One Can Do It." The advertisements tell why The Sentinel is best for local readers and advertisers.

meeting lasting from Monday to Thursday.

A report by the committee secretary, Erich Honecker, charged that Schirdewan and Wollweber advocated a liberal line in East Germany while Hungarians were in revolt in Budapest in 1956.

In Bonn, West German government sources said the purge was the result of bitter personal feuding rather than political questions.

A spokesman for the All-German Ministry, which follows closely events in the Soviet zone, said Ulbricht had considerably strengthened his position by sacking the so-called liberals and promoting loyal buddies who would support his tough line.

Storm Drain Vote Set For November

A new storm drainage system for East and West Santa Cruz will be put up for vote in the November general election by the city council, Robert Klein, city manager said yesterday.

Complete cost figures will be available when final plans have been completed. Plans for an up-to-date drainage system are being worked on now, according to the city manager. Overseeing the job is Assistant City Engineer William Busby. A major part of the work for a storm drain system on the East Side is almost complete, Klein said.

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Board To Hear Site Reports For Schools

A report on site acquisition for another elementary school and a second high school are the top items on the agenda of the city school board at a meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the administration building.

Old business the board members plan to tackle includes a report on a cost breakdown of the Mission junior high school gym floor and approval on completion of work on the boys' temporary shower and locker rooms at the Santa Cruz high school.

The board building committee has an important report to make. Bearing attention is a report on the land title searches for various school sites. This is a report on school board findings concerning the titles to certain district properties.

Other reports scheduled to be taken up include schedule for the 1958-1959 budget, financial reports on the elementary high school districts, and the school testing program.

New business includes a recommendation for approval of a practice teaching agreement with San Jose state college.

an additional \$300,000 for increased costs of the flood control.

Klein said the city had no recourse but to pay the additional costs. Thus far the city has paid \$147,000 for its share of the federally-sponsored project and will now have to pay \$308,000 this July to complete payment.

Klein said the city would get some money back if costs did not meet expectations.

The other resolution requests the army engineers to add the modification of the Water street bridge over Branciforte creek and the complete reconstruction of the Riverside avenue bridge across the same creek, to the flood control project.

Cost of the bridge work, an estimated \$100,000, will be paid by the state department of water resources.

Klein said the city would provide the plans for the bridges and the army would act as the contracting agency.

The two resolutions were placed on the council agenda as a result of Klein's talks with army engineers in San Francisco last week.

The group will also discuss procedures to expedite property acquisition relating to the flood control project.

WANT TO BET?

Washington (AP). — The defense department says it has "every reasonable expectation" that the navy will put a satellite into orbit with its Vanguard launching system, despite two failures to date.

reported, as compared with last Friday peak of 9.9 feet. The fast rushing muddy river waters of Friday, had subsided to a considerably slower flow by last night.

The water was neatly exiting into the ocean. Debris carried to the ocean in the storm, piled up heavily on Seabright beach. The tides pulled heavy logs and other floating refuse from the river mouth and jammed solid the popular summer spot.

The ocean, which took on a muddy hue as far down as Twin Lakes beach, was returning to its natural color.

Branciforte creek functioned and flowed well yesterday as did the Soquel creek in Capitola.

While Santa Cruz was receiving more than an inch of rain, Ben Lomond reported little more than half an inch while Felton had only .43 inch of precipitation.

Capitola came closest to the Santa Cruz rainfall figure with 1.35 inches.

Weatherman Robert Burton said yesterday that rainfall in Santa Cruz for February was already outstripped every year since 1945 when 8.58 inches fell during February of that year. So far this month, 6.48 inches have been recorded.

Burton noted that on February 1, 1945, 5.01 inches of rain fell for the all time 24 hour high rainfall figure in local history. The highest rainfall figures for any month of February is 14.74 which fell way back in 1901.

The recent rains have brought the rainfall total for the season to an unusually high of 26.37. The yearly normal to date is 17.39 inches, while only 9.44 inches had fallen at this time last year.

Mayor's Son Hurt In Auto Mishap

Marshall White, 12 year old son of Mayor Olin Carl White may have suffered minor head injuries yesterday morning when the car his father was driving slid into the back of a truck on a rain-slick bridge on the outskirts of Yuba City.

According to incomplete reports, White's car hit the truck from behind when the auto could get no traction on a wet bridge. Marshall was taken to a nearby hospital for X-Ray examination.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED

San Francisco (AP). — Charles Wortman, 62-year-old real estate man, was struck by a car and killed last night as he crossed the street near his office at 1127 Irving street.

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Heavy Going



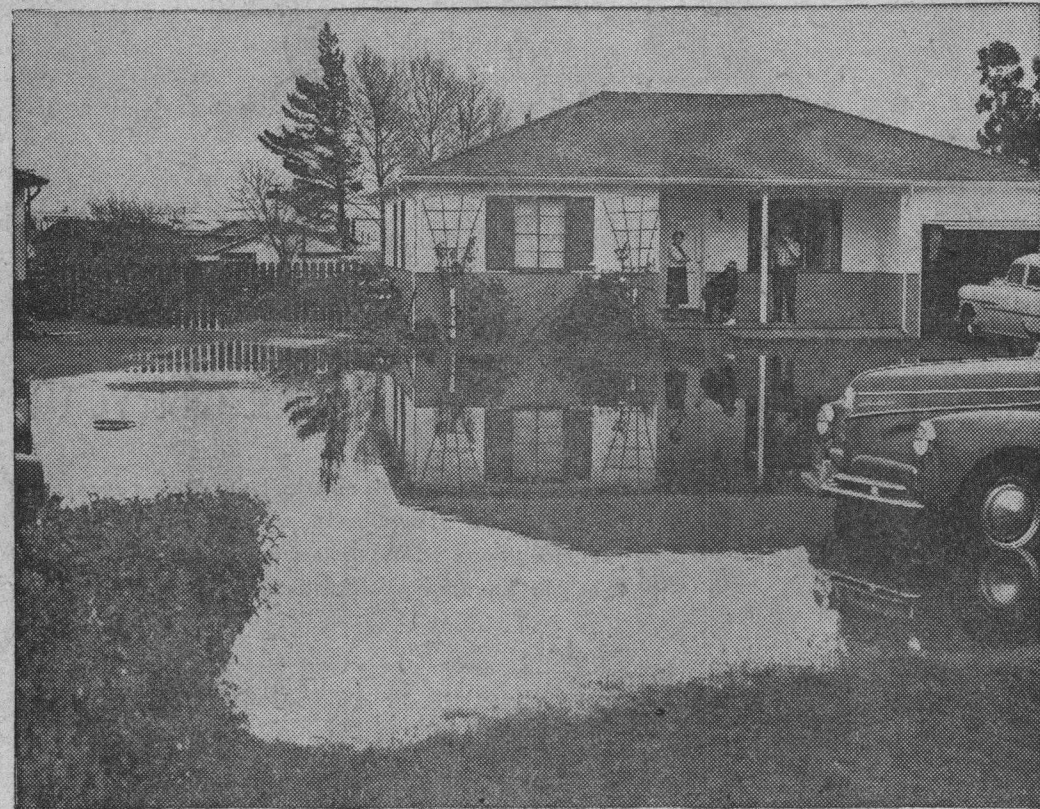
Autos on Morrissey boulevard at Soquel avenue yesterday

were forced to blow their way through rain water that was

sloping over the curve. Storm drains were unable to handle

heavy downpours that struck late yesterday morning.

Front Porch Lake



Lazar Milinovich of 129 Ladera drive had a newly-established lake running up to his

door step yesterday. The oversized puddle was caused by a storm drain that couldn't handle the heavy morning down-

pour yesterday. The drain just quit functioning and the water piled up.