

Weather Report

Temperature for 24-hour period ended at 5 p. m. yesterday—Maximum 55, minimum 35.

Monterey Bay Area—Partly cloudy today and tomorrow, little change in temperature; southerly winds, 8-18 m.p.h.

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Exhausted City Greet New Year

Congress Leaders Lay Groundwork For New Session

Washington (AP).—Foreign policy and farm aid legislation take top billing as congressional leaders return to Washington for the opening of the 1956 legislative session Tuesday.

Sen. Wiley of Wisconsin, top Republican on the foreign relations committee, said yesterday recent statements by Russian leaders Nicolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev will spur a strengthening of "our overall military-diplomatic position."

Suggesting that congressional leaders adopt a New Year's resolution to "try to keep partisan politics out of our international relations," Wiley predicted the Red leaders' comments will prompt senate and house committees to "give the armed forces the benefit of the doubt on proposed increases" in appropriations.

"If anything, we should be intensifying our guided missiles, nuclear and related programs," Wiley said.

Wiley predicted nevertheless that administration plans to seek an increase in foreign aid funds will face a fight in congress.

Another big battle is shaping up over farm legislation, which Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic flood leader, said will get early attention.

Johnson, back in Washington at-

ter what his doctors called "a most satisfactory recovery" from a heart attack last July, said the senate will meet briefly Tuesday and then recess until Thursday, when President Eisenhower's state of the union message will be read by clerks in both houses.

"There is no priority on any bill right now," Johnson told reporters. He indicated that farm legislation and disaster relief bills inspired by flood damage at both ends of the county this year will get early consideration.

Tax cut proposals appeared relegated to the background for the time being.

There was an air of sweetness and good will among the lawmakers as they streamer back to Washington to take their places in the opposing firing lines. This may have been due to the holiday season as well as to the absence of any immediate crises.

House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts said for example that he doesn't think the coming session is going to be "as stormy as some people think."

"It looks like a normal election year session," Martin told a reporter. "I don't think there will be any bitterness."

"Of course," he added, "there will be politics—you have to expect that."

Flood Causes Policemen To Cancel Ball

Another flood casualty came to light today—the annual Policemen's Ball.

Detective Sgt. Ernest Marengi, chairman for the ball which had been scheduled for February 11 at the Coconut Grove, announced publicly today its cancellation.

"Many persons—particularly downtown merchants—were hit pretty hard by the flood," Marengi said. "The committee discussed the matter and came to the conclusion that it would not be right to sell tickets for our cause under existing conditions."

Arrangements for cancellation of the dance were made with the approval of Chief Al Huntsman. The Seaside company and the orchestra which had agreed to perform cooperated by scrapping their contracts, Marengi said.

The affair—it would have been the third annual Policemen's Ball—was to have provided money for the department's emergency and widows and orphans fund.

When serious illness or death touches a policeman's home the fund is used to ease resultant financial strain on the family's budget. Marengi said he hopes the current balance will carry the fund over to next year, when another ball will be staged unless a fresh catastrophe intervenes.

The 1954 and 1955 dances were entertainment highlights of the winter season and drew capacity crowds to Coconut Grove.

We have received encouragement from a number of persons to go ahead with this year's ball as planned," said Marengi. "However, we feel the circumstances are overriding."

Ludwig Lewisohn Dies In Florida

Miami, Fla. (AP).—Ludwig Lewisohn, 72-year-old novelist who wrote 31 books during his career,



Valley Chamber Will Maintain Flood Information Office

"The San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce will continue to maintain its information service for flood victims at the County bank at Felton as long as there is a need," President Mario Esposito reported yesterday.

He said more than 50 persons in the valley have used this service. A card index is being kept of those being helped and the information is being relayed to the

Traffic Toll Drops From Yule Record

By The Associated Press
Deaths in traffic accidents were adding up only about a third as fast New Year's as they did during the record-breaking Christmas weekend.

Safety officials called the slower pace "gratifying" but said it still was too early in the holiday period for optimism.

At 9 p. m. (EST), 74 traffic fatalities had been counted through the nation. Eleven fire deaths and nine from miscellaneous causes upped the overall accident toll to 94.

A total of 210 highway deaths had been reported at the corresponding hour of the recent "Black Christmas" period, which produced an all-time holiday record of 609 traffic fatalities.

The Associated Press survey of New Year fatalities began at 6 p. m. (local time) Friday and will continue to midnight tomorrow.

Santa Cruz Has Rain, Hail Storm

Santa Cruz area residents were awakened yesterday morning with a hail storm and many areas reported snow and more than an inch of rain.

Here is the rain report from local weather stations:

	24 hrs.	1955	1954
Santa Cruz	.66	24.86	11.01
Soquel	1.03		
Live Oak	1.21	21.47	10.52
Empire Grade	.50	62.60	34.75
(snow)			
Felton	.90		
Ben Lomond	.92	44.45	24.69
Cave Gulch	1.50	34.92	14.48
Scotts Valley	1.18	28.98	17.45
Davenport	.45	19.55	6.39
Capitola	1.15	21.60	9.62
Mt. Hermon	1.28	35.05	17.88

Restoration Task To Be Attacked Again After Rest

The Year of our Lord 1956—the gloomiest New Year in local history—stole across the Santa Cruz mountains today as midnight wrote finis to the Year of the Great Flood.

In Santa Cruz, men and women exhausted by the work of the nine days following the flood today paused for a refreshing day or two of rest before attacking the task of restoration anew.

Piles of debris, ruined merchandise and water-soaked papers still lined curbs in the downtown area.

Mud still caked some pavements. Twisted buildings still littered the river lowlands.

Pumps, their motors silenced for the present, stood like sentinels pointing out the buildings from which the flood waters have not been emptied.

Smashed store fronts told mutely of the visitation of the San Lorenzo river during the late night and early morning hours of December 22 and 23, 1955.

There is no "Happy New Year" for the families and friends of the dead and the missing.

But as the first week of accounting ended, as Santa Cruzans took stock of the damage and sized up the job ahead, the pall of destruction showed its underlining of bright hope.

Federal assistance agencies are on the scene, promising to do all in their power to restore the vigor of the business community.

Local officials, with Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge and City Manager Robert Klein in the forefront, are laying swift plans for building a better Santa Cruz from the debris.

The city council has sanctioned plans that would ultimately change the complexion of downtown Santa Cruz.

By authorizing Mayor Tom Polk Williams Sr. to appoint local residents to a city redevelopment agency which will work hand-in-glove with the federal urban renewal administration the council may well have turned the hinge that will swing Santa Cruz into a new future.

Williams last night was still

ing applications for federal 3 per cent loans on stricken businesses. It will resume operations Tuesday morning.

The department of commerce also has opened an office in the same location.

A Red Cross representative is working with the SBA. In cases where the SBA cannot extend aid in part or in full, the Red Cross will give consideration for Red Cross grants—outright financial gifts—to businessmen.

A list of local citizens nominated for appointment to the loan advisory committee which will have a say in the granting of SBA loans is in the hands of SBA Regional Administrator Edward Turkington.

Confirmation of appointments is expected within the next few days, at which time the names of committeemen will be announced.

The Red Cross continued through the weekend its program of long-range aid to families affected by the flood.

By yesterday, the Red Cross disaster headquarters at civic auditorium had disbursed \$11,137 in immediate relief. Grantees used the money for food, clothing, rent, medical expenses and like expenditures of urgent necessity.

Some 350 families had registered for Red Cross aid, and disaster area Director William Wallace Read said it might take another five to seven weeks to assure that families seeking help were placed on pre-flood economic footing.

The local Salvation Army unit, which jumped into the relief

Russian Switching Of Policy Is Boring, Bewildering US

Washington (AP).—The latest burst of optimism about the world outlook from Premier Nicolai Bulganin of Russia has left official Washington slightly bored and more than a little bewildered.

The zigs and zags of Soviet policy, as reflected in statements by Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, Communist party secretary,

Christmas message expressing a vague hope for freedom for the satellite peoples. Eisenhower responded that peaceful liberation of the satellites will continue to be a major American aim.

While denouncing Eisenhower for "interference" in the internal affairs of their satellite empire, the Reds are openly trying to in-

so contradictory that even the experts are getting dizzy.

A few anchor points stand firmly amid the confusion:

The clash this week between Khrushchev and President Eisenhower shows that the Soviets are still determined to wheedle or force the Western powers into accepting as permanent their absolute control of half a dozen Eastern European states from Poland through Albania.

Khrushchev and Bulganin apparently hoped to win this goal by good will and blandishment at the Summit conference last July. They failed.

Now Khrushchev is willing to risk the final shreds of his good relations with Eisenhower by denouncing the president's routine

Ben Lomond Rec Board May Seek US Aid For Dam

Ben Lomond's recreation board Friday night met to take stock of its park and dam which was overwhelmed by the juggernaut of flood waters and cast a collective eye toward federal aid.

Tom Polk Williams Jr., civil engineer from Santa Cruz, made a sight survey of the property and found the following to be in such a condition as to cause a hazard:

1. Rushing waters eroded the earth away along the long retaining wall, exposing the drain pipe in places and filling the pipe with silt. The gravel bed on which the pipe rests also has been washed away.

2. A large tree, weakened by the storm, is leaning dangerously over the river. If it toppled into the water it might cause a jam hazard.

3. A corner of the children's wading pool in the park has been undermined.

Williams was requested to make the survey by Mrs. Alice Wilder with the oral permission of the board chairman, W. S. Kewer. The engineer did not charge for his services.

The board passed a motion to authorize Williams to make a report to the attorney, Philip T. Boyle of Watsonville.

Another motion authorized Mrs. Wilder to start negotiations with federal aid authorities and to look into what is required of the board to apply for aid to the district.

Kewer was given authority to employ a workman to clean the rest rooms and repair the water and sewer system.

Kewer said Boyle will be present next week for a meeting and will make a report.

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timents of India and other Asian countries. Their campaign to bind the Asian neutrals to Russia and to spread their influence in the Middle East is aimed at the ultimate spread of communism and Soviet power into new areas.

The cold war will go on for a long time, and while the lines in Europe are likely to remain fixed for a few years at least the situation in the Middle East and Asia is one of fluid conflict. This is likely to be one of the chief themes of President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to congress next week. He is expected to call for new, long range foreign aid authority on the ground that it is a necessary weapon for fighting communism in the underdeveloped lands.

The major points of collision between Russia and the Western powers appear quite clear. The Russians, like the West, no longer seem so afraid that an atomic war may break out. The lessening of that fear on both sides probably was the most permanent achievement of the Geneva Summit conference last July.

Ike Still Is Mum On Plans

Key West, Fla. (P).—President Eisenhower, seeking fuller recovery of his health in the Florida sun, faced up to the new year last night still keeping publicly mum on a momentous matter—whether to seek re-election.

Maybe he talked about it in the quiet and privacy of a small family group who gathered here with the president's personal physician for a subdued observance of the midnight arrival of 1956.

But the indications still are that any public announcement of his political plans will be deferred until another full-scale physical examination by his doctors in mid-February.

Mrs. Eisenhower flew from Washington yesterday morning to be with her husband for New Year's Eve and the holiday weekend.

The first lady was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver, and Mrs. Howard M. Snyder, wife of the White House physician who arrived with the president Wednesday.

Mrs. Eisenhower had remained in the capital until yesterday to be with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Eisenhower, who gave birth last week to a fourth child, Mary Jean. The mother and baby now have left Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington and are at their home in Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Here also with the president for last night's welcome to 1956 was his youngest brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, head of Pennsylvania State university. Milton, whose counsel the president often seeks, has been assisting with the chief executive's State of the Union message to congress, January 5.

It's likely that if the president is talking privately to anyone about his political plans, he is doing so to Milton.

Lewisohn suffered a heart attack last Wednesday, shortly after he arrived here for a brief vacation with his wife.

He is survived by his widow, the former Louise Wolk, and a son, James.

The German-born Lewisohn was librarian and professor of comparative literature at Brandeis university in Waltham, Mass. He was one of the 13 original members of the Brandeis faculty.

MAN DROWNS

San Francisco (P).—Yoshio Serizawa, 32, of San Francisco was drowned yesterday when a small outboard motorboat in which he was riding with his brother, overturned in the choppy seas just inside the Golden Gate.

The list is checked with the Red Cross which is empowered to give immediate grants to those who need money to rehabilitate their homes or small businesses.

Many offers of household goods and clothes for flood victims have been received.

There have been ample offers from valley people to help maintain this service since they heard over Radio Station KSCO that volunteers were needed, said Espino.

With roads in many of the flooded subdivisions still out, property owners have been unable to get to their homes. For the convenience of non-resident property owners who may be in the valley this weekend the county road department office will be

Injury Mishap Is Reported

The California highway patrol last night had a report of an automobile accident on the Ocean Shore highway near Davenport which resulted in an injury. No other details were available at press time.

WOMAN IS KILLED

Santa Rosa (P).—Mrs. Frances Van Duren, 20, of San Francisco was killed last night as a section of the Harrison grade road collapsed and the car in which she was riding toppled over a 75-foot embankment.

And Snow Fell On Empire Grade



Looking as though it might model without any artistic embellishments for a grade A

Christmas card is this fir tree on Empire Grade, bowed down with the weight of Friday morning's snow, which saw some six

inches of Mother Nature's winter landscaping fall on the area high above Santa Cruz.

Of Lime Offered Santa Cruzans

Dr. Russell S. Ferguson, Santa Cruz county health director, last night said one-pound containers of chloride of lime, suitable for use in homes and small business places, are available at the temporary county health department offices in the Holy Cross auditorium.

He said the offices will be open today and tomorrow for the benefit of Santa Cruz area residents who are trying to clean up their homes and business places and need disinfectants. The chloride of lime is offered free.

Dr. Ferguson also reported he has five-pound containers of hypochlorite of lime, suitable for use in large warehouses and buildings.

The lime may be used in the cleaning of basements and floors and also on river mud around homes and stores.

120 Killed In Stampede At Japan Shrine

Tokyo (P).—About 120 Japanese assembling for New Year's worship were killed today by crumbling walls and a stampede at a shrine 150 miles northwest of Tokyo, police reported.

An estimated 90 others who had gone with the break of the New Year to worship at the shrine in Niigata were injured.

Latest police reports said death came at Iyahiko shrine when 35,000 Japanese tried to crowd into the small compound which surrounds it.

Under the human crush, a six-foot ancient stone wall on high ground gave way. It came hurtling down on the throngs below, crushing many victims.

This touched off a stampede and many more worshippers were trampled.

Police and rescue teams were clearing the rocks and debris in search for more victims feared crushed to death.

Metropolitan police said the toll might be higher.

The tragedy came one hour after midnight and while the bells in Buddhist temples throughout Japan still were ringing in the new year.

FIRE IS QUELLED

Flame leaped from a fireplace at 803 East Cliff drive Friday, burning a divan and blistering wall paint before the fire was doused by the occupant, Sylvia Harkness. Firemen from the east side station were summoned but the danger had been eliminated when they arrived scant minutes later.

MAN FEARS AUTOS, KILLED BY TRAIN

Lake City, Tenn. (P).—Simpson K. Hill, a 68-year-old Baptist preacher, customarily avoided walking along the highway because he feared being hit by an automobile. He was killed yesterday by a diesel locomotive while walking along a railroad track.

the redevelopment organization will have to face and overcome.

The mayor is expected to be able to announce the makeup of the agency by Tuesday, when the New Year weekend is over and the work of recreation descends once more on the city in full scale.

URA spokesman Earl Newkirk told the council Friday that the federal government will advance the cost of drawing designs and plans for redevelopment of flood-blighted areas where the city considers it feasible.

If an acceptable program is adopted, the city must then repay the planning costs.

If the proposed project or projects fall by the wayside for one reason or another, then there is no cost to the city.

"We can't lose," was the way Klein put it.

Assuming the city comes up with one or more plans for redevelopment of flood-hit areas, the government will stand two-thirds the cost of actual construction. The city must pay the remainder.

The major contemplated improvement is to the river lowland lying between the Water street and Soquel avenue bridges and bounded roughly by Garfield street on the east and by the Front street business properties on the west.

If today's dreams come true, tomorrow will see a central park rise from the mud deposited by the raging San Lorenzo.

Such a project would raise both the city's prestige and overall desirability as a residential community. It would boost property values.

And, it would supplement the tentative plan of former Planning Director Leon Rimov for a park and flood control basin in the very same district.

Rimov's plan was drawn with the army engineers' flood control program for the river and Branciforte creek in mind.

It was a farsighted plan—but it would have been costly. The expense factor might have prevented its becoming a reality.

Now, with federal aid available because of the flood disaster, the scheme appears to be within grasping distance.

As the long weekend commenced, city employees locked up city hall and began a three-day respite from the furious pace of the last week.

City policemen—valiant during the flood and uncomplaining during the long tours of duty which followed—were assured at least one day off per man.

Nine San Francisco patrolmen and five San Jose policemen were assigned to patrol and traffic shifts. The San Francisco men were lodged at a local motel; the San Joseans commuted by car.

City Manager Klein ordered his department heads to rest up over the weekend—and then returned to city hall last night to clear his desk of the pile of routine work that had accumulated.

Representatives of the federal small business administration have opened offices on the second floor of the County Bank building. The SBA is receiving and process-

and clothing. Lieut. Edward Nelson said citizens had donated so much food and clothing that two warehouses, a distribution center and two processing stations were bulging at the seams.

Disaster victims in need of food or clothing were advised to go to the Salvation Army center at 740 Chestnut street.

Transportation for those without it can be obtained by calling GA 6-1388 or GR 5-3386. Vehicles are available through special arrangement with the multiple listing service of the Santa Cruz Realty board.

Contractors continued stream clearance work through the weekend under the direction of army engineers headed by Knute Hanston.

Keeble and Spait, a contracting team from San Jose and Santa Cruz, fished debris from the river and its banks in the northern portion of the city. The McGranahan construction company is clearing Branciforte creek.

Other contractors were at work on other northern county streams. For Santa Cruz it is a hard-working, if not happy, New Year.

New Storm Is Moving Toward State's North

San Francisco (P).—Another storm was reported moving upon northern California and the weather bureau said more rain could be expected today, probably in heavy amounts north of Eureka and Red Bluff.

The rain will start in the extreme north in the early morning hours, the forecast indicated, spreading southward to Monterey and Fresno by evening, and continuing intermittently through the night.

In the mountains, above 3500 feet, more snow will be added to the heavy pack.

Strong southerly winds can be expected along the north coast.

The new storm was following on the heels of another which added more rain to the soggy north-central areas.

Despite the rains, the flood situation was expected to continue to improve. Fifty-three dead already have been counted, and more bodies probably will be found. The last to be accounted for was that of Steven Russel, 9 years old, of Yuba City.

Sentinel-News Will Not Publish Tomorrow

The Sentinel-News will not publish tomorrow because of the New Year's Day holiday. Publisher Fred McPherson Jr. said all departments of the paper will be closed all day. Publication will be resumed Tuesday.