



LONDON COMMUTING A PROBLEM—
Traffic makes its way slowly through axle-deep rain water covering Lewisham High Street in South London Monday.

Gales and torrential rains have been lashing British capital and southern England over weekend. (AP Wire-photo)

Britons Denounce Weatherman

LONDON (AP) — Britons denounced their weathermen today for failing to warn them of the three-day downpour that flooded huge areas of southeast England, caused three deaths and did millions of pounds worth of damage.

The floods covered hundreds of square miles, marooning families, isolating towns and villages and disrupting road and rail services.

Members of the House of Commons said that the meteorologists on Saturday gave no

indication of the dangers ahead and said they would raise the matter in Commons.

The weather office chief, Dr. Brian Mason, protested: "We haven't got a computer sufficiently powerful to make an accurate forecast of the rainfall on a day-to-day basis."

Rain Monday night added a fresh threat to areas not already under water and hampered rescue operations by police and troops.

Thousands of people were evacuated from inundated

homes and housed in temporary quarters.

The British Automobile Association said that almost every stream and river in southeast England was at danger level.

Army amphibious vehicles were sent to Dalham, near Newmarket race course, where some places were under 11 feet of water.

In Norfolk, the coastal resorts of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft were cut off by flooded roads.

The weathermen forecast more rain today but added that drier weather was on the way.

Nixon Is Making California Top Target in Campaign

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Nixon will seek to build his Richard M. Nixon is making California a top target of his Re-

publican campaign for the White House—personal as up.

A speech Wednesday in Fresno will wind up the current trip. A crowd estimated by police at about 4,000 greeted Nixon at Yuba Linda; an estimated 14,000 overflowed the Anaheim Convention Center for a Monday night rally.

Nixon's Anaheim rally was something of a political spectacle. There was a red and white hot air balloon, with two passengers, tethered outside the auditorium.

Inside, show business supporters such as ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, warmed up the crowd.

A 500-voice chorus sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic after Nixon's entrance, and the nominee joined in the final chorus.

Nixon proposed a program he said he would institute to combat traffic in narcotics.

He said narcotics are "decimating a generation of Americans," and advocated international cooperation and reinforcement of U.S. agents to keep drugs out of the country.

He also said smuggling laws should be revised and rehabilitation programs improved.

California gave Nixon his political start electing him to the House of Representatives and Senate—and also dealt him his gravest setback, a 300,000-vote defeat in his 1962 bid to become governor. It came two years after Nixon had narrowly carried California over the late President John F. Kennedy.

This time, the state poll shows Nixon running nine percentage points ahead of Humphrey.

Today In Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Boeing Co. study suggests the 1,800-mile-an-hour Supersonic Transport (SST) jetliners might cost about \$41.2 million each and that airlines might have to make a 50 per cent payment in advance.

The progress report on the SST development program's prospective financing also indicated a government guarantee close to \$2 billion may be required.

The study was made before the current slow-down pending re-design of the plane was ordered, said the Federal Aviation Administration which opened the study to public inspection Monday.

The deadline for completion of the financing program has been deferred to Dec. 31, 1969.

The Boeing study was submitted to the FAA July 1 but was not publicized until American Aviation magazine gained access to it and published it in Aviation Daily Monday.

The FAA said it had not generally distributed the report because of its interim nature.

Humphrey Aide Says Nixon Can't Afford to Stay Quiet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key aide to Hubert H. Humphrey said Richard M. Nixon can't afford to remain quiet in the presidential campaign no matter how far ahead he is in the polls.

Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okl., said today that "in my time in politics I have never seen a man who was so far ahead that he thought he could coast into office get elected."

"I think that is what is going to happen this time. There is no denying that Humphrey is the underdog, but he is a fighting one and before he gets through he is going to smoke Nixon out into the open on the issues."

Harris, a chief advisor to Humphrey was repeating what has become a main theme in the Democratic contender's campaign—to force Nixon into some sort of confrontation.

Part of this effort involves getting Nixon to debate Humphrey on nationwide television as he did John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Humphrey people think their man can overcome the large margin Nixon has built up in the polls if the GOP candidate will speak out more definitively on the issues.

"Every time Nixon takes a position some of the people who are 'voting against' are going to change their minds," Harris said.

Nixon said during his campaigning in the pre-convention primaries that he would welcome a debate. But he has not commented on Humphrey's

challenge and his advisors are reported strongly opposed to such a confrontation.

Harris added that the Humphrey campaign organization, which he said has operated on a largely hit-and-miss basis, is being tightened up, with regional and state coordinators fanning out in all sections of the country.

"We are going to have a non-resident coordinator in every state," he said. "We will have in operation in the next few days a line of communications from top to bottom and from bottom to top."

"It's late, of course, but it's not too late to get the job done."

In a separate interview, Sen. Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana also said there may be a turnaround in the polls in the remaining seven weeks of campaigning remaining.

Mansfield, who is supporting Humphrey despite reservations on the vice president's Vietnam war views, said the Democrats have an uphill battle.

But "it's very early," Mansfield said. "The polls do show a trend but seven weeks is a long time for campaigning in this day and age. I look for Humphrey to go up."

Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois took a different view. Nixon's high standing in the polls is due in part to his low-key campaigning, he said. "The American people are tired of being shout-

ed at."

Hiker Tells How His Companion Died In Mountain Storm

Garnett Cannon, 60, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, lay freezing on a wind and snow ravaged mountain in southwestern Washington as his hiking companion of many years was slowly dying next to him. He recounted from his hospital bed Monday the day and a half tragic ordeal.

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The firing squad, composed of Carmen Landy, Elwin Holland and Thomas Maroni, was directed by Mr. Codogni, and Gordon Howard and Mr. Crosier were flag bearers.

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Backers of Strong Gun Control Laws Score Major Point

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate backers of stronger gun control laws have scored an important point by winning approval of a ban against the mail order sale of ammunition for rifles, shotguns and .22-caliber weapons.

The Senate voted Monday 41 to 36 to rebuff the Senate Judiciary Committee's proposed amendment to exclude the ammunition from the controls set out in the main control bill.

The vote came as the Senate started work on scores of amendments to the bill which, like one passed earlier by the House, bars the mail order sale of guns and ammunition to private persons.

Still to be acted on is an amendment, turned down by the Judiciary Committee and the House, to require the registration of all guns and the licensing of their owners.

Under the proposal by Sen. Joseph Tydings, D-Md., states could set up their own registration-licensing plans, but if they refused the federal government would do it for them.

Another major fight is due on a committee proposal to allow an individual to purchase a gun over-the-counter in a state adjoining his own. That also has been attacked as a weakening provision.

Another amendment critics said would weaken the bill was revised Monday to spell out that collectors wanting to buy, sell and ship guns have to be licensed on the same basis as dealers, with the secretary of the Treasury to specify what types of weapons they can deal in.

The bill as it went to the Judiciary Committee specified that it cover all ammunition. But the committee majority, including some opponents of any new gun-control legislation, revised it to exclude the shotgun, rifle and .22-caliber ammunition.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., a committee member opposing the majority position, argued the proposed change would have exempted ammunition for 90 per cent of all firearms.

"It excludes from coverage ammunition of the type that killed President John F. Kennedy," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Medgar Evers," he said.

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Funerals

Levi J. Gamache

Full military honors were accorded Levi Joseph Gamache, 78, of Whitingham, Vt., a North Adams native, at funeral services this morning at 10 in St. Joachim's Church in Readsboro.

The Rev. Martin F. Clancy, pastor, was celebrant of the High Mass of Requiem.

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Frederick McNamara

Funeral services for Frederick William McNamara, 70, of 29 Oakview Circle, Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of North Adams and retired purchasing agent of the Sprague Electric Co., will be held at 10 Thursday morning in Our Lady of the Incarnation Church with a Solemn High Mass of Requiem.

Burial will be in the family lot in Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown.

Mr. McNamara, who was one of the 35 original employees of the Sprague Electric Co. to come to North Adams from Quincy, died Sunday afternoon in Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach, Fla., where he had been a patient two days.

His body will arrive at the Albany Airport later this afternoon.

Calling hours at the Flynn & Roach Funeral Home will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday.

Deaths

Henry J. McConnell, Born in North Adams

Henry J. McConnell, 54, of 4008 Village Green Drive, Irving, Texas, a native and former resident of North Adams, died early this morning at his home following a long illness.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. McConnell of this city and attended local schools. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Jan McConnell of Irving; two sons, Bruce and Wayne McConnell of this city; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Bush, also of North Adams; three brothers, Adelard of Clarksburg, Arthur of Hartford, Conn., and William McConnell of Plainville; a sister, Mrs. Joseph E. Cyr of this city; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Irving.

Wm. R. B. McLean Dies in Florida

William R. B. McLean, 82, of Miami, Fla., who formerly was employed at the Williams Inn, Williamstown, for 18 years, died last Saturday.

He was born in Bar Harbor, Maine, in 1886, and worked at the inn from 1917 until 1935, first as bellboy, later as clerk, and finally as office manager.

Stock Market Today

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market showed continued strength in busy trading early this afternoon.

Advances by individual stocks outpaced declines by about 165 issues.

Wall Street sources pointed to continued inflation fears and a welcomed return to popularity of blue chip issues as bullish factors.

Motors were mixed in the wake of pricing restraints urged on the industry by President Johnson.

Volume in the first two hours exceeded 6.4 million shares.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials at noon was up 1.06 at 922.43.

The Associated Press 60-stock average at noon rose 1 to 341.9, with industrials up 1.3, rails up 1, and utilities up 1.

Among the most-active stocks, SCM rose 1 1/4 at 46 1/4, and Raytheon added 1 1/4 at 41 1/4.

Jersey Standard was off 1 1/2, Boeing off 1, and Control Data a 7/8-point loser.

Glen Alden, subject to possible Federal Trade Commission examination of its purchase of Schenley stock, was off 1/2 at 14 1/4. Schenley also fell 1/4.

Chrysler, which Monday announced price increases for its 1969 models, gained 3/4. Ford rose 1/4, and both General Motors and American Motors dropped 1/4.

The President condemned Chrysler's price boosting action, saying it would take \$750 million from the pockets of America's car-buying families if the increases spread throughout the industry.

Prices advanced on the American Stock Exchange.

Superior Court

Frank Lyon, 39, of Grove St., Adams, charged with statutory rape and indecent exposure, was found not guilty of the charges in a jury trial in Superior Court in Pittsfield yesterday.

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Club News

K. of C. Officers of the North Adams Council, Knights of Columbus, were installed last evening at a meeting at the Elks Home. A degree team from Berkshire County councils installed the officers.

Norman J. Remillard was seated as grand knight. Others installed are: Deputy grand knight, Adelard Lincourt; chancellor, Alfred C. Deane; warden, John H. Keating; recording secretary, Preston Morrow; advocate, David R. Thornton; treasurer, Joseph Maruco; lecturer, Ronald J. Lepel; financial secretary, Gerald Malone; inside guard, Robert E. Welch; outside guard, Ronald DiLego; and trustees, Ernest N. Urfer, Mayor James F. Cleary and Lawrence J. Belisle.

Members of the installing suite were Willard Stone, Ronald J. Duore, John G. Szymanski and Walter Huska.

Lunch was prepared and served by Mr. Lepel.

N.R. COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

The meeting of the Northern Berkshire Council of the Arts, planned for tomorrow night, has been postponed to Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Williamstown.

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Davis Spent \$7,341 In Vermont Campaign

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Deane C. Davis, who won the Republican nomination for governor last week, has filed a certificate listing campaign expenses of \$7,341.

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Virginia Paciorek Injured in Crash

Virginia J. Paciorek, 29, of 39 Richmond St., Adams, told Pittsfield police Sunday that she had injured her shoulder when she was involved in an automobile collision on South Street at 2:15 p.m. that day.

The Adams woman was driving a car involved in a crash with a vehicle operated by Donna Pellegrino, 20, of 302 Linden St.

Police Calls

9:50 a.m.: Escort provided for three Massachusetts National Guard tanks enroute from the State Armory, Ashland Street, to the Boston and Main Railroad siding off State Street, for a trip to Fort Devens.

12:55 p.m.: Report from a Church Street resident that the street was constricted to one-way traffic because cars were parked on both sides of the road.

Patrolman Joseph J. Dragotta tagged a number of illegally parked vehicles.

1:21 p.m.: Patrolman Theodore Meranti sent to Main Street at Hadley Overpass to stop traffic while a milkman swept up broken bottles at the corner.

3 p.m.: Dennis Haines, 575 Barbour St., reported his bicycle stolen from the Braytonville School. It is a 20-inch W. T. Grant model with banana seat, high handle bars and bearing serial number 7H651929.

8:24 p.m.: George Dragotta, 33 Washington Ave., reported four boys climbing around on the roof of a house he owns on 33 Washington Ave. Parents of the four boys were notified.

Pittsfield Court

Gordon L. Langley of 1 Agnes Pl., Adams, was fined \$50 in District Court yesterday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a dangerous weapon.

Langley pleaded guilty Sept. 3 to the charge but had gained a continuance to permit him time to locate a man he said he sold him the gun.

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