

# Flood Aid Plans Outlined

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**HAZARD** — Ways and means of providing federal and state relief to flood-stricken Eastern Kentucky were presented to representatives of hard hit cities and counties here yesterday.

Procedures for securing aid to individuals, businesses and governments were explained. The meeting was called by Gov. A. B. Chandler and conducted by Gen. J. S. Lindsay, State Civil Defense Director.

It was emphasized during the affair that it was strictly up to the affected people or groups to make applications for help. Lindsay said the amount of aid rendered will be due to the correctness of damage estimates and the proper following of procedures.

Although Chandler was unable to be present, Lindsay said the governor asked him to "express his sincere interest and to leave no stone unturned . . . in disaster relief."

### Gift from Middlesboro

A collection of gifts for flood victims is being made in Middlesboro this week.

Donations are to be taken to City Hall where they will be assorted and sent to Harboursville when a truckload is accumulated.

Essentially needed in Harboursville are cooking utensils, cleaning equipment — mop, brooms and buckets — beds and mattresses.

To present all types of aid used in disaster areas, Lindsay introduced members of the U. S. Army, Red Cross, Small Business Administration, State and Federal Highway Departments, Federal Housing Administration, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Federal and State Civil Defense.

County judges, civic leaders and other interested people comprised most of the 200 people that attended the three-hour meeting in the Hazard High School. Affected counties included Perry, Harlan, Whitely, Pike, Casey, Clay, Letcher, Johnson, Breathitt, Martin, Bell and Knox.

Sen. John Sherman Cooper, in making an appearance, said to the agencies "All of you deserve great credit for what you have done."

He then addressed the people of the water-drenched areas and told them "My sympathies are with you. You've shown a great spirit and I believe within the next few months rehabilitation will come."

Cooper said he will spend "three or four days" in Eastern Kentucky and would try to visit all the stricken counties. He was due in

Corbin this morning. State Highway Commissioner Robert Humphries will accompany the senator on his tour.

Aid of clothing, food, and loans for homes, businesses and public utilities were outlined to the group by the various officials present. Federal officials apologized for the presence of "red tape" but termed it unavoidable.

Howard Wilson of the American Red Cross said his agency would help not on the basis of loss, "but of need itself". Food, clothing and shelter would be allotted on the recommendations of local committees.

Individuals can purchase homes with 100 per cent, no down payment loans for emergency housing. A financial advance to offset cost of design for public projects was also outlined by the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

One of the big thorns brought out by county judges was that they had no money or credit to make the purchases necessary to rehabilitate their washed out roads and bridges.

George Rothrock, regional representative of the Civil Defense Administration, had told them his agency would stand the temporary

costs of public-owned local roads and bridges if the correct bill is submitted to them.

County meetings were then suggested by Lindsay to take care of the problems individually. Four have been scheduled, for Harboursville, Pikeville, Hazard and Prestonsburg.

Shopkeepers who lost their establishments were granted some relief when Jim Daniels of the Small Business Administration said his agency would grant three per cent loans for rehabilitation. Temporary field offices are considered now, he said, at Pikeville and Harboursville.

"There is no limit to the loan, but it may not exceed the cost of the building or property," said Daniels. Some cities, like Hazard, lost practically their whole business section.

Barbourville Mayor W. C. Asher labeled newspaper estimates of the damage to his town "mispublications" and placed the loss at two and a half million dollars. Earlier estimates ran in the neighborhood of \$750,000.

Asher was told he could secure loans for repairing Barbourville's sewer system and cleaning its streets.

## Health Officer Inspects Sites

**TAZEWELL**—Dr. R. H. Hutchison, Tennessee commissioner of public health, was in Tazewell today to inspect possible sites for the proposed Claiborne County Hospital.

Dr. Hutchison came here in another stage in the lengthy squabble over selection of a hospital site. He said he hopes to list numerically the locations of sites acceptable to the health department, which must approve sites before Federal funds are spent under the Hill-Burton Act.

Chairman Will A. Fugate, chairman of the county hospital committee, said an offer of citizens to donate a seven-acre tract for the hospital site "is appreciated very much."

He said the committee would purchase a site "acceptable to all the citizens of Claiborne County" if the funds are turned over to the committee by trustees of the citizens group.

Fugate gave a strong indication the Whitaker property would not be acceptable. "The citizen group had proposed donating the Whitaker tract for the property."

Fugate said the offer will probably be discussed by the committee today.

## Play Planned At Jonesville

The Dramatics Club of Jonesville High School will present a play, "Books and Crooks," Friday, February 2, at 7:30 p. m. The play will be given in the old Jonesville High School auditorium which is now being used for elementary education. Admission will be forty cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The play is a comedy in three acts.

Characters are Mr. Henry, Lawrence Russell and Charles Johnson, Mrs. Hamilton, Josie Cook and Mary Ann Crowley, Larry, Larry Barnes, Lt. Shaw, Jimmy Williamson, Mr. B. Burkholder, Peggy Elliott, Franck, Don Rupp and Don Barrett, Gerard, Tommy Jones and Lovell Williams, Goody, Elizabeth Fletcher and Norma Boatright, Lindy, Patsy Honeycutt and Helen Davidson.

Band mothers and members are Emma Lee Parsons, Louise Rupp, Joyce Phillips, Barbara Byington, Louise Ann Terry, Verna Hines, Marjorie Willis, Billie Ann Munsey, Angelina Wilson, Mary Lee Smallwood, Ruth Livesay, Sue Orr, Jeanna Bonham, June Blankin, Malvie Duncan, Charlene Russell, James Baker and Jack Rupp.

## Fulton Farmer Wins Prize

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — A Fulton County farmer, J. A. Williamson, won the \$200 grand prize of the 1956 Tom Wallace Farm Forestry Awards. The awards are sponsored by the Courier-Journal, Louisville Times and stations WLAS and WLAS-TV.

## Still Found; Man Arrested

A basement still, disguised as a furnace, was raided Saturday by officials in East Pineville and 19 gallons of moonshine confiscated.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Elmer Fuson said also 200 gallons of mash were packed with fodder at the home of Squire Brummett in Boss Bingham Hollow.

With Fuson on the raid was State Detective Harold Barton and ABC Agent Everett Shusher.

Brummett was placed under a \$500 appearance bond by U. S. Commissioner Kelly Clor for the April term of Federal Court. His bond was signed by Ellis Saylor.

## Two Unknown G's To Join Comrade

**WASHINGTON** — Plans were announced today for selecting two "Unknown Americans" who fell in World War II and in Korea for burial beside their World War I comrade in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Army, Navy and Air Force will share in a ceremonial selection, with re-interment scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30, 1958. Selections will be made by May 15 next year.



**AT HAZARD MEETING**—Bill Baker, Bell County Civil Defense Director, discusses local defense problems with Gen. J. S. Lindsay, State Director. Lindsay presided yesterday at a meeting in Hazard outlining federal and state relief for the flood-devastated disaster areas of Eastern Kentucky (Photo by Jim Crawford, Corbin Daily Tribune).

## Mystery Surrounds Patient Treated in Red Hospital; Link in Purge Plot Hinted

**MOSCOW** — Soviet officials and diplomatic sources today disclosed a report that a mystery patient in a Moscow hospital is Soviet First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich. But there still was no disclosure of the stricken man's identity.

An eminent German blood specialist flown here to help treat the patient, presumably a high Soviet official, described him as in critical condition. The doctor said he was not informed of the ailing man's identity and did not recognize him.

It was pointed out that Kaganovich, a member of the Soviet Presidium, has been on a "grass roots" tour of Siberian cement plants recently. The German doctor reported that the unidentified patient had been ill for at least two weeks.

East Germany's official radio said today that Kaganovich visited a Soviet cement factory near Shelyabinsk, in southwest Siberia, over the weekend.

The opening Tuesday of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, may give an opportunity to find out who he is.

Not even the German blood specialist summoned on the case, Dr. Hans Joachim Schulten of Cologne, knew the patient's name.

When Schulten was summoned there was speculation the patient might be Foreign Minister Dmitri Shpilov, ailing for nearly two weeks. High Soviet officials said the sick man was not Shpilov or any member of the communist party's present leadership, successor to the old Politburo. A Foreign ministry spokesman said Shpilov had recovered and was resting near Moscow.

The New York Daily News said in a dispatch from Washington that the mysterious patient was Soviet First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich and that he was shot in a behind-the-scenes struggle for power in the Kremlin.

The News quoted "intelligence sources" for its story. It said: Kaganovich, 61 and the only Jew left in the Soviet hierarchy, represented the "hard-core Stalinists" who wanted to oust Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Bulganin.

Khrushchev and Bulganin got out of the move and ordered Kaganovich killed, but something went wrong and he was only wounded. Kaganovich developed "blood poisoning" from the wound. There was no confirmation of the report.

## Pittsburgh Suffers Million-Dollar Fire

**PITTSBURGH** — A \$1 million five-alarm fire that raged more than 16 hours in the city's Golden Triangle was finally extinguished early today. Nine firefighters were injured and more than 30 others overcome by smoke.

The blaze destroyed a six-story building in the heart of Pittsburgh's business district. Fire Chief Stephen Adley, himself overcome by smoke, said the fire was the "most stubborn I've encountered in 27 years."

## Teacher Pay, Trading Stamps Being Argued in Legislature

**NASHVILLE** — The pressure was on today for votes in the two hot issues facing the Tennessee Legislature this week—teacher pay and trading stamps.

Both sides argued and pleaded for votes on each issue and returning lawmakers were due to be elected tonight by housewives from all sections of the state who object to a proposed legislation against trading stamps.

Both houses will meet tonight with the Senate concentrating on local bills and the House on a measure to outlaw the sale and possession of fireworks.

The trading stamp issue generated the most steam during the weekend with Nashville housewives forming a mototrend to visit Davidson County legislators and ask them to vote against the bill.

The Senate already has okayed a measure which doubles the privilege levy on stamp companies and calls for a 2 per cent gross receipts tax from merchants using the stamps.

Action is expected in the House within the next day or so. Those opposing the trading stamp bill will ask for a public hearing on the issue.

Except for a couple of public statements most of the teacher battle was going on behind the scenes.

Gov. Frank Clement has proposed a \$200 pay raise for school teachers during the next two years but the teachers want \$100.

Administration leaders think they have the necessary votes in the Senate and now are concentrating on lining up House votes.

During the weekend Clement issued a statement saying he was not willing "to gamble" on the state's financial status by giving teachers the money they want.

## Guardsmen Supported By President

**WASHINGTON** (UP) — National Guard leaders said today President Eisenhower has assured them he will not permit the guard to be "destroyed or reduced materially in strength."

Officials of the National Guard Association called on the President to ask him to reverse an Army decision requiring all new guard enlistees to take six months of basic training, starting April 1.

The association opposes this plan, claiming it would hinder guard enlistments. Representatives of the guard urged the President to adopt their alternative plan requiring only 11 weeks of basic training.

Both the President and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson are strongly behind the six months plan.

National Guard officials present at today's White House meeting said Wilson's recent criticism of the guard did not come up. Wilson caused a furor by charging a "sort of scandal" developed in the guard during the Korean war. He said many youths used it for "draft-dodging."

Mr. Eisenhower has termed Wilson's remark "very unwise."

Acting as spokesman for the guard group, Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, adjutant general of Maryland, said the President was "very receptive and assured us he would not permit the guard to be destroyed or reduced materially in strength."

Reckord said he did not believe Wilson was attempting to destroy the guard, but added he thought certain Defense Department officials were pursuing such a purpose. He did not name the officials.

The meeting today was arranged by Maj. Gen. E. A. Walsh, president of the National Guard Association who did not join the White House conference. Walsh last week denounced Wilson's statement as "a damn lie."

## Rutledge Crash Fatal to Pilot

**RUTLEDGE, Tenn.** — A 21-year-old Ohio man was killed instantly Sunday when his single-engine monoplane crashed after an aimless, fog-shrouded three-hour flight.

Investigators said Kenneth Barwell Hill of Troy, Ohio, was believed to have been en route home from Morristown, Tenn. He was flying a Navion.

Knoxville municipal airport said Hill radioed shortly before 10 a. m., asking for his location and for directions. He apparently was lost and was circling somewhere near Morristown, two hours after take-off.

The plane crashed near the Avondale community, three miles north of here. The wreckage was found about 200 feet from the top of 2,500-foot high Clinton Mountain.

Weather conditions were too poor to permit visual flight and Hill was given instrument instructions to guide him to Knoxville, airport authorities said. It was believed Hill had little instrument flight training.

## Wreck Hurts Are Fatal

**HARRIS** — Officials report that no changes have been placed against Caneb Asher, driver of a truck that hit a Harlan man who died Saturday after the incident.

Asher said 77-year-old Zachary Brock stepped in front of his truck on U.S. 119 near Trenton. Brock died of compound fractures in Harlan Hospital.

## Johnson Sees Doctrine O.K.

**WASHINGTON** (UP) — Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said today that chances of the Senate approving the "Eisenhower Doctrine" have improved as the result of an administration compromise on its economic aid features.

The Texas lawmaker referred to an amendment agreed to last week by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. It provides that no money can be spent under the proposed aid program for the Middle East until 45 days after Congress has been notified of each project the funds will finance.

As originally proposed by Mr. Eisenhower and approved by the House, the Middle East resolution would give the President a free hand in allotting \$200 million in already-appropriated funds on aid projects. No congressional scrutiny would be required.

Johnson, however, hailed the proposed Senate limitation as a means of opening the aid program to "congressional and public scrutiny." He said it will give Congress and public "full opportunity to study and weigh specific projects."

## Meeting Postponed By Boosters Club

The meeting of the Middlesboro Boosters Club, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed. Secretary-treasurer Wilbur Crews announced a date will be set for a later meeting.

## DEATHS

**William A. Green**, East Pineville, Mrs. Edith Russell, Fonda, Aldridge Loden, Middlesboro, Route 1.

## 40 Are Killed In Explosion Of Mine Gas

**'No Survivors', Officials Say In Bishop, Virginia**

**BISHOP, Va.** (UP) — An explosion deep in one of the nation's largest soft coal mines today killed between 35 and 40 miners.

Searchers found the bodies of the miners some six hours after the blast at Pocahontas Fuel Company's Bishop mine on the Virginia-West Virginia border.

## Bill Cumbow, Lois Turner In Hospital

**BISHOP**, Va. — Bill Cumbow, 32, was in serious condition this morning with injuries received when he rammed his car into the canal bridge on 20th Street early last night.

Middlesboro Hospital sources said Cumbow suffered several fractures and bruises of the head, chest and right leg.

A passenger in the car, Lois Turner, 22, of Gum Springs Road, received cuts. Her condition was listed as fair.

Police reports said Cumbow's north-bound 1951 Chevrolet smashed into the south end of the bridge. He was unable to make any statement as to how the accident occurred.

Police said the car was a total loss.

Mine dispatcher Robert P. Mcende said exploding gas apparently caused the mine disaster. Bad air and smoke hampered rescue workers as they tried to reach the trapped miners.

A. V. Sproles, vice president of the Pocahontas mine, and West inspector Julius Oker issued a joint statement giving details of the explosion. This said the section where the blast occurred was examined by a fire boss just before the workmen entered the mine at midnight, to work on the 12 to 8 a. m. shift.

They said the examination showed that the section "was free of hazard at the time of the inspection."

At the time of the explosion, the statement said, three crews were working at six different hole faces. A foreman and four other miners were equipped with apparatus for the detection of gas.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines in Washington flew two officials to the scene.

The mine is the second largest in the Pocahontas coal fields and is one of the largest in the United States.

The miners live approximately a mile from the mouth of the mine here in company-owned three-crowns board houses. Their streets are neat and orderly. Almost every house has a garden in front of it.

The mine, with shafts running five miles, employs 800 men and produces about 10,000 tons of coal per day through one of the most modern mechanized coal operations in the country.

## Man Is Killed In Claiborne

**TAZEWELL** — A Florida man, hurrying to the bedside of an ill daughter in Ohio, was killed yesterday morning when his car skidded on U. S. 25-E about nine miles from here.

The dead man is Arnold Blair of Orange City, Fla.

His wife and two passengers were not injured.

State Trooper John Spurgeon said Blair's car apparently skidded on the slick pavement about 10:15 a. m. Sunday and crashed into the cliff near England's Store above the Powell Valley Bridge.

In another Claiborne County wreck, Mrs. Robert Blondell of Middlesboro is in fair condition at a hospital here after being involved in a wreck in Harrogate this morning.

Chief Deputy Sheriff E. B. Riddle said Mrs. Blondell's car apparently cut across U. S. 25-E in front of an automobile driven by Orville Whitaker, Cave Springs.

The impact then knocked her car into a parked one owned by Howard Jones. Riddle said Whitaker's car was a total wreck and heavy damages were laid to Mrs. Blondell's and Jones' automobiles.

## Union Fund Report Due

**MIAMI BEACH** (UP) — The AFL-CIO Executive Council will convene today whether to suspend three member unions accused of corruption and mishandling of millions of dollars in welfare funds.

## Only 'One in A Million Chance' Of Blast at Pocahontas Mine

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Lon K. Savage, now a member of the Richmond, Va., bureau staff of United Press, toured the Bishop, Va., coal mine two years ago, and has first-hand knowledge of the scene of today's disaster. Here is his account of what it looks like underground.

Behind those cutting into the face, other miners bolted the shaft ceiling with thousands of automatically riveted roof bolts. The face of the mine was never dug more than 50 feet ahead of the ceiling bolts.

Heavy canvas partitions hung to separate the sections of the mine where blasting, drilling and sawing took place. If there was an explosion, the partitions would soften the blow.

After each dynamite blast into the face, the miners would creep forward through clouds of dust, shy friend, waving the lamp ahead of him, watched his flame intensify.

The Bishop mine is one of the most mechanized in the United States. Drilling into the face, scooping from the ground, loading into the cars is all done automatically.

In the safety classes, miners were taught how explosions occur. They reviewed the details of his- tories more horrible mine disasters. They went over the causes and discussed how they could have been prevented.

By LON K. SAVAGE

**RICHMOND, Va.** (UP) — "There's one chance in a million this mine will ever explode," a miner, five miles in the Pocahontas Field Company's Bishop mine, said.

I toured the mine two years ago to see the sprawling system of shafts and tunnels and tracks that extend underground for miles along the West Virginia-Virginia border.

The miner who showed me the face of the No. 3 seam at the end of a five-mile flatcar ride into the earth said the miners received months of training in safety to prevent such accidents as the one today.

I took photographs of miners attending safety classes. Mine officials said the classes received 100 per cent voluntary participation by the miners.

At the bottom of the mine, I took pictures and notes of the safety operation.

The miner who escorted me had