

Good Morning TOP of the NEWS

FAIR AND BORSKY. Weathermen look for generally fair weather today, the last day of the Fiesta de los Vaqueros, and expect a high of near 60. The morning low should be about 40, they say.

Slow and rains continued to pelt much of the country yesterday. Details on Page 1A.

Global

MOON ROCKS. Tass announces that an unmanned Russian space capsule has returned with samples of rocks from the moon's unexplored highland surface. The flight is hailed as a "new victory of lunar studies" for Russia. Page 1A.

IRISH BACKLASH. Fears of a violent Protestant backlash mount as a Cabinet minister begins a remarkable recovery from an assassination attempt and guerrilla bombers maintain their offensive across Northern Ireland. Page 1A.

U.N. DEBATE. Lebanon calls for sanctions against Israel for attacks. Israel counters with charges of its own, claiming that Lebanon is either unwilling or unable to wipe out guerrilla bases. Page 1A.

National

WHITE HOUSE RACE. The latest Gallup Poll shows a neck-and-neck race for the presidency. The straw vote, conducted prior to the President's China trip, shows Nixon winning 49 per cent, compared to 47 per cent for Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie and 18 per cent for Gov. George Wallace. Page 1A.

DEMOCRATIC UNITY. Mississippi's traditional Democratic Party and the national party and a rival rival's factors for a unified national convention delegation. Page 1A.

THE LINDBERGH CASE. Four decades have passed and not a shred of evidence has turned up to challenge the conviction of James Richard Hauptmann as the man who kidnaped and killed the 18-month-old son of Charles A. Lindbergh. Hauptmann went to the electric chair in 1935 protesting his innocence. Page 1B.

Arizona

REFORM SCHOOLS. Penal experts found the country are beginning to voice a uniform opinion that there is no longer a need for institutions that incarcerate youngsters behind locked doors. Instead, small centers are being set up to create a "homelike atmosphere." Page 1A.

QUIET NOW. Faraway Ranch was once filled with the sound of bawling cattle and the chatter of guests. The one-time dude ranch is quiet now and the owner, blind and almost totally deaf, still lives on the ranch in the Chinle National Monument. Page 1A.

Local

POT LEGALIZATION. The legalization of marijuana is heavily opposed by adults living on Tucson's south and west sides, a poll shows. However, however, back legalization of pot. Page 1A.

TUMACACI HILL. Although the University of Arizona's archeological laboratory at TumacacI Hill is 40 years old, it remains among the world's foremost facilities for studying the clues of the history of the earth and the creatures that predated man. Page 1A.

FREE KITCHEN. Local followers of Kuan-tai-yu ate their fill of food to come daily between noon and 7 p.m. to their free kitchen on North 4th avenue. So far more than 500 have come through the gates to eat rice, mung bean, homemade bread, oranges and langsatines. Page 1B.

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N. Viet Regiment Headquarters

Huge U.S. Bomb Dropped On Bunker

SAIGON (AP) — A 15,000-pound bomb — the heaviest conventional bomb in the U.S. arsenal — was dropped Saturday on a fortified bunker line 40 miles east of Saigon in an attempt to destroy the headquarters of a North Vietnamese regiment.

Military sources reported that the "Daisy Cutter" bomb, which was dropped by rolling off the rear ramp of a C-119 cargo plane, hit in the area where 25 Americans had been wounded the day before in a five-hour battle.

There was no immediate report on the results of the drop, which climaxed a night and a day of artillery and tactical air strikes into the area, where the 3rd North Vietnamese Regiment's headquarters and troops of one of its battalions were believed located.

Hughes: Man And Myth In Tucson

Land-Buying Muscle Flexed Here First In 1951

By HARELYN DRAGO First of a Two-Part Series

Among millions of words written about Howard Hubert Hughes, there is almost no mention of Tucson, yet it is here the billionaire first flexed his land-buying muscle, acquiring 21 1/2 square miles of prime land — all of which he still owns.

Clearly, in 1951, Hughes did try Tucson first, as the Chamber of Commerce would have it, in a trial run of the land-grabbing ability that led him, in 1952, to begin buying 14 1/2 square miles of Nevada land — most of which he still owns.

And the legend has appeared in public Tucson, a distinction never conferred upon Las Vegas.

In Tucson, Hughes the man and Hughes the myth are so intertwined that it is difficult, but not impossible, to separate fact from legend.

Complicating the difficulty in sifting a mass of rumors for grains of truth is the fact that as far back as 1929, Hughes had surrounded himself with extraordinary security precautions, which resulted, among other things, in a secret telephone call from Calver City, Calif., to Tucson, made from a gasoline station pay phone booth.

Hughes was a 40-year-old grass widower in 1951, living in rented homes or hotel rooms in Beverly Hills, somewhat withdrawn but still "flexible," as a top-ranking Hughes spokesman recalls.

Since 1949, Hughes had been searching for a defense plant site, preferably in the Southwest,

although the Hughes Boat Plant in New Orleans was under consideration, as well.

The December 1950, phone call was placed by millionaire industrialist Del E. Webb of Phoenix, who told his friend Roy Drachman, owner of Roy Drachman Realty Co., that Hughes had settled on Phoenix or Tucson as the plant site.

The phone call set in motion a series of bizarre midnight meetings in airport hangars, in dark corners of waiting rooms and in cars — a galaxy of Hughes executives conferring with Tucson and Phoenix officials about possible employees, acreage for sale, housing, schools, and entertainment available in each city.

"It was very chock and buggy, even then," says Drachman. The secrecy reached its peak

around 11 p.m., Jan. 26, 1951, in the Tucson home of the late Monte Mansfield. (Mansfield was later to sell a section of Catalina foothills land to Hughes at \$100 an acre — land for which Mansfield had paid \$1 an acre.)

"The boss has chosen Tucson," said Gen. Ira C. Eaker, then vice president of Hughes Tool Co.

The apparent windfall for Tucson was hedged immediately by conditions which Drachman was hard put to meet.

"The boss," Eaker told Drachman, wanted a strip of land 1 mile wide all around the plant site, "so people couldn't spy on the plant."

and also because Hughes was even more security-minded than the Air Force, at a time when the Korean War was heating up.

Drachman managed to get options on all the land demanded, from the site itself south of Tucson on the Nogales Highway to the protective, mile-wide strip. The site is guarded on the north by Davis-Monthan AFB and on the west by the Pappan Reservation.

The real estate agent says he was given 12 hours to get the options, all in his own name, and he met the deadline, contracting to buy the land at an average of \$60 an acre.

There followed, in the next few weeks, orders for more and more land purchases, 22,000 acres in all. Eventually, Hughes Tool (Continued on Page 1A, Col. 5)

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W. Va. Flash Flood Claims 37 Lives

LOGAN, W. Va. (AP) — At least 37 persons died Saturday when a rain-swollen mountain stream broke through a pile of coal mine waste that had dammed it and cascaded down upon small mining communities nestled in a remote valley. It was feared the death toll might reach 50.

The floodwaters struck the villages of Lorado and Landau, among others. One state policeman said Lorado was "completely destroyed," and a man who left the mountainous area by foot said there "was no more Lorado."

State police said the number of known dead was 37. Some bodies were brought to a temporary morgue at an elementary school in the Logan County community of Man, and other were spotted by troopers and National Guardsmen who crossed Buffalo Mountain, from neighboring Wyoming County by foot.

Normal access to the area, about 30 miles from here, was blocked. Authorities said it was probable that many bodies had been washed away by the flood waters and would not be found until daylight.

The flooding occurred when the water of a small tributary called Elk's Lick, swollen by three days of heavy rain, burst a state dump at Lorado.

State coal mining waste product, it often discarded at the mouth of mines, and the heaps it forms sometimes cause water to back up behind. Authorities said there was no indication that the state dump at Lorado was intended to serve as a dam.

"The water cascaded down a hollow, destroying homes, cars and bridges, reports from the area said."

"A 30-foot wall of water gushed out of there," said L. K. H. Ellis of the state police.

In Charleston, Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. said he had heard unconfirmed reports that up to 50 persons had perished.

"I am advised by an official of Amherst Coal Co. that the town of Lorado may have been completely wiped out," Moore said after he made an unsuccessful attempt to fly into the stricken area. Bad weather prevented planes from going into the area, and flooding had blocked most roads into Logan County.

Brig. Warren Fallon, state disaster coordinator for the Salvation Army, said his organization had received reports of 40 persons missing.

The governor's office said 400 refugees were being housed at three schools in the area. State police confirmed that 24 bodies had been recovered and taken to a temporary morgue at the Man Elementary School, 15 miles down Buffalo Creek from Lorado.

Ellis said bridges and roads in the area were out, and that the only contact between a police command post at Man and the stricken area was by radio.

Earlier in the day, the governor had declared all of Logan County a flood disaster area and said he would seek federal aid for flood victims.

State road officials said all roads leading to Logan County and most roads leading into adjoining Mingo County were impassable.

A spokesman for the governor said state police reported "at least six major bridges in the area were swept away completely away. Roads are in horrible condition."

Efforts to reach the hardest-hit area with bulldozers and other heavy equipment got rescue crews no closer than six miles.

Ellis said National Guard helicopters had brought out at least 20 persons. A miner who said he had walked five miles out of the area said he had seen that there was "no more Lorado."

A woman was quoted as saying she saw houses "being slammed up against each other."



Barback bronc rider John Seymour does an unrehearsed handstand as he tumbles head first from "Brown Bomber" in yesterday's performance of the 47th annual Tucson Rodeo.

The four-day event will end today, with pro-rodeo entertainment starting at 1:30 p.m. and the grand entry at 2 p.m. A limited number of tickets are left. Story, other pictures, on Page 1A. (Shaffer Photo by Harry Lewis)

Unrehearsed Acrobatics

Barback bronc rider John Seymour does an unrehearsed handstand as he tumbles head first from "Brown Bomber" in yesterday's performance of the 47th annual Tucson Rodeo.

Key State Witness Flees After Taylor Testimony

By JOE NILSSON Star Staff Writer

PHOENIX — A key state witness in the murder trial of Louis C. Taylor fled late Friday and failed to appear in Superior court yesterday for further cross-examination.

Prosecution and defense counsel met early Saturday in Judge Charles L. Hardy's chambers at which time Deputy County Atty. Horton C. Weiss said that Bruce Walkmark disappeared after testifying and "apparently has fled."

Public Defender Howard A. Kashman said he would call for a directed verdict of acquittal for Taylor when the prosecution rests its case — probably early Monday.

Kashman said he was not through with his cross-examination of the 38-year-old Walkmark and moved that the jury be told of his flight and that Walkmark's testimony be stricken from the record subject to his recrossing.

Judge Hardy told Kashman's motion under advisement saying, "I've never had this happen to me before." He is expected to rule on the motion after Monday.

Walkmark's testimony Friday afternoon bolstered the state's case of circumstantial evidence against Taylor who is charged with 26 counts of first degree murder in connection with the Dec. 20, 1970, Pioneer International Hotel fire.

He testified that Taylor told him he was in the hotel stealing wallets and money with two other youths when the fire started on the fourth floor.

Weiss was visibly upset with the sudden setback but objected to Kashman's motion. "A person who is incarcerated and does testify is subject to abuse when he goes back," Weiss said.

Some inmates at the Ft. Grant reform (Continued on Page 4A, Col. 7)