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Violent Winds Hammer Mishawaka



Within two hours after strong winds ripped through Mishawaka late yesterday, a construction company crane was on the scene clearing streets of fallen trees.

Traffic Tied Up; Power Lines Down; Damage at \$100,000

Roof Tops Ripped Off, Hundreds of Trees Felled; Fair Weather Due Here Tomorrow

Mishawaka was recovering from tornado-like winds that struck at 6:00 p. m. (DST) yesterday as rain lashed the town for 20 to 25 minutes. Temporary electric lines were in operation today.

The violent winds, which lasted only a few minutes, ripped through the east side of Mishawaka, tearing off roof tops, knocking down electric wires and uprooting hundreds of trees. Damage was estimated at more than \$100,000.

Trade was blocked on Lincoln Highway East (U. S. 33) as Mishawaka went on an emergency basis after the winds destroyed police radio and automatic fire alarm systems.

Phone Service Crippled

Two-thirds of the city was without electricity for about six hours and some telephone service was disrupted.

Buildings owned by the Continental Oil Co. and a quonset hut welding shop were damaged. The

second major tornado of the spring, spreading destruction across Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, today left 10 known dead and more than 70 injured.

Property damage, heaviest in central Oklahoma, promised to run into the millions.

In addition to the twisters in the Southwest, windstorms and heavy rain struck northern Mississippi yesterday, destroying houses, uprooting trees and cutting off electric power. No casualties were reported, however, and serious damage was confined to the towns of Houston and Okona.

The tornadoes that struck 14 Oklahoma communities Saturday night claimed six lives. Four others were killed in Texas, near Bonham.

A pair of tornadoes, riding the tail of a thunderstorm, struck in western Kansas at Great Bend and Oakley, but these caused only slight damage and no injuries were reported.

Unconfirmed reports in Oklahoma indicated the death toll may go higher. One National Guardsman was reported killed and another missing.

The tornadoes struck early Saturday night. The one in Texas hit first in Fannin County. The one in Oklahoma struck Norman, then skipped crazily across the state, hitting 13 other communities.

For the most part, only sparsely populated areas were hit, keeping casualties down. Farm homes and other buildings were damaged, trees uprooted, power lines torn down and motor cars smashed.

Jacobs Passes Up Dinner Sponsored by State C. of C.

Congressman Refuses to Be Guest of Any Group Interested in Legislation

By DAN KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 2—When Chairman Wayne Cox of the Federal Communications Commission addresses the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce congressional dinner here tonight there will be one fellow Democrat missing.

Rep. Andrew Jacobs of Indianapolis said he will not attend "any dinner" in Washington given by persons interested in legislation.

Mr. Jacobs, freshman member of the House Education and Labor Committee, is busy trying to work out a compromise amended bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. Debated all last week, the repealer will be taken up in the House again tomorrow.

"I didn't turn down this invitation just because it was the Chamber of Commerce," Mr. Jacobs explained. "I did so because I have an ironclad rule that I will not break bread with any organization meeting here which is interested in legislation."

"The only exception I would make would be some meeting where they asked me to speak and answer questions. To do that I think is part of the job of being a Congressman. It is a pattern which I follow in my district. Just being a guest is another matter."

Mr. Jacobs was the only absent-

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Memorandum to Sheriff Cunningham—

Bingo Fans Jam Casino At Glens Valley Opening

Speeder Who Killed Officer Gets One Year

Manslaughter Charge Against 'Hot Rod' Driver Dismissed

A 19-year-old "hot rod" speeder who struck down and killed a motorcycle policeman and fled the scene escaped penalties on two major offenses and drew a one year's sentence on a lesser charge in Criminal Court 2 today.

The youth, Herbert Charles Bobb, 627 Cottage Ave., won dismissal of manslaughter charge and a suspended sentence on a reckless homicide charge by agreeing to plead guilty to two lesser charges.

He entered guilty pleas to the charge of failure to stop after an accident and to reckless homicide. He was sentenced to a year on the State's Farm on the first charge and was given a suspended one-to-five-year sentence on the second.

State Consents

Judge Saul I. Rabl passed the sentence after Deputy Prosecutor Edwin Ryan told the court the state would consent to the guilty pleas on the lesser charges and would dismiss a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

He said the agreement grew out of a conference with police and prosecution witnesses. Including the policeman's widow.

Bobb was arrested in connection with the death of Patrolman Robert J. Baker, who was smashed against the pavement Oct. 2 when the youth's "hot rod" struck him as it raced around the corner at Shelly and Calhoun Sts.

Bobb fled and was arrested a few hours later in a filling station near his home.

Widow Agrees

In court today the attorney for the policeman's widow said she would be satisfied if the youth received prison sentence on the lesser charge.

As he passed sentence Judge Rabl told Baker:

"You can thank Mrs. Baker for what is happening here. . . you owe her a lot."

The judge also fined Bobb \$100 and costs which he said would be paid in installments after his release, suspended his driver's license for a year and said he would recommend that the youth be denied a driver's license the rest of his life, terming him "not a fit or proper person to operate a motor vehicle."

Bobb, also is currently under arrest on a charge of rape. The charge was brought by an 18-year-old girl who charged Bobb with criminal assault on April 22, while he was free on bond in the traffic case.

Bobb is to be arraigned in Municipal Court 4 for preliminary hearing on the rape charge.

"Reports received indicate all building trades are working except the asbestos workers."

A joint meeting of the directors and the wage committee of the Contractors Association held last Saturday offered the building trades a renewal of their contracts at the 1948 scale for 12 months.

"The proposal contained further provisions that wages shall be increased 5 per cent if the cost of living index should rise to justify it in 1949."

"The present cost of living index shows an increase of one-half of one per cent over the level of January of 1948."

"Negotiations will be continued and contracts will be signed as quickly as possible."

The summary differences were that the contractors claimed a 30-day extender and the building trades denied it. The tradesmen are asking increases said to average about 25 cents an hour with the reducing of some of the gaps between the craft scales.

At noon today Mr. Miller said no wage conferences had been scheduled to his knowledge.

2 Lose Appeal In Bribery Case

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UPI)—

By a 4 to 4 split, the Supreme Court today affirmed the conviction of two New York men found guilty of attempting to bribe New York Giants football players.

The two men, Harvey Steimer and David Krakower, were convicted on charges of attempting to bribe Frankie Frisch and Merle Hapke to throw a game with the Chicago Bears in December, 1947. Frisch and Hapke subsequently were suspended by the National Football League.

Steimer and Krakower were tried and convicted in New York City and were given 5 to 10-year sentences. They challenged the convictions on grounds that evidence against them had been obtained by wire-tapping.

Wire-tapping is lawful in New York when done under court authorization. Introduction of evidence obtained by wire-tapping is not permitted in federal courts.

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