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## Rebellious House Votes to Cut Off Soil Bank Funds

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—The house voted Wednesday to kill the Eisenhower administration's soil bank farm program at the end of this year. The revolt against the program flared after critics charged it was marked by waste and mismanagement.

A 192-187 roll call vote wrote into the agriculture department appropriations bill an amendment barring any soil bank payments to farmers in 1958.

The money bill, for the fiscal year starting July 1, was then passed and sent to the senate by voice vote.

## Senate Ignores Plea From Ike, Chops Budget

### Deep Slash Made In Overseas Fund After Hot Debate

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—The senate brushed aside President Eisenhower's appeal for support of his budget Wednesday night and passed a state-justice-judiciary money bill slashed \$102,564,000 under his request.

It stripped the U. S. Information Agency's (USIA) budget request of \$144 millions down to \$90,200,000. It also recommended USIA be put back in the state department, and that the agency end any overseas activities competing with private American agencies.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, dominated the debate, which followed the president's nationwide radio-TV speech Tuesday night urging against big cuts, which he said might endanger security. In this connection, Eisenhower mentioned the importance of overseas information programs.

What the senate will do about the soil bank—a key item in President Eisenhower's farm program—was uncertain.

Voting to halt soil bank payments were 154 Democrats and 33 Republicans. Opposed were 46 Democrats and 141 Republicans.

Rep. Harrison (D., Va.) sponsored the amendment, which he termed a "temporary injunction" against continuing the soil bank. He agreed during debate that his aim was to "kill" the program.

**Many Abuses Charged**

The soil bank authorizes payments of up to \$1,200,000,000 a year to participating farmers. Enacted last year, the program was set up to run until 1960 with the aim of cutting surplus production and encouraging conservation practices.

Opponents of the soil bank told the house that Secretary of Agriculture Benson spent millions of dollars on the program last year without reducing production "one single bushel."

And Chairman Cooley (D., N.C.) of the house agriculture committee said, "We have had evidence of many abuses of the program."

Supporters argued the soil bank went into effect so late last spring that it hadn't been given a "fair trial."

Rep. Taber of New York, ranking Republican on the house appropriations committee, supported the move to end soil bank payments, declaring "It is the only way in which we can eliminate this enormous waste."

**Benson Testifies**

Taber said there would be

## Jurors' Report Is Due Monday On Relief Quiz

### Berry Says Probe In Pontotoc Gravel Scandal Pondered

The Oklahoma county grand jury likely will issue a final report Monday on the Wagoner relief check scandal, Prosecutor James W. Bill Berry said Wednesday afternoon.

Then, he said, the jury may look into the Pontotoc gravel controversy. Berry said he will confer here Thursday morning with Barney Ward, Pontotoc county attorney.

Berry said the jury will devote Thursday to hearing routine criminal matters, then recess Friday. It heard three surprise witnesses Wednesday, one of them recalled after testimony Tuesday.

**Case Dismissed**

Berry would not disclose details of the proposed Pontotoc inquiry other than to point out the highway commission conducts its business in Oklahoma county.

A grand jury earlier this year investigated a charge that Orval Spann, Ada contractor, made an exorbitant profit on gravel used in highway construction. State Sen. Glen C. Collins charged Spann cleared some \$35,000 on the deal. It indicted Spann and R. T. "Doc" Lanier, state engineer, for conspiracy to defraud the state.

Their case was dismissed on a technicality. Part of the grand jury's report on its investigation has been kept secret by John Boyce McKeel, Ada district judge.

**County Attorney Called**

Berry said he called Ward Wednesday to make an appointment but Ward reported he would be in Oklahoma City Thursday and wanted to talk with me.

Berry did not disclose why the grand jury here might have become interested in the gravel deal.

The Oklahoma county prosecutor said the grand jury here has heard from all witnesses it subpoenaed in the emergency relief check investigation except Sue Carson, former high official in the

# 11-Inch Cloudburst Floods Hennessey, More Falling; Part of Enid Under Water

## Opera's Ulcers A Joke

By CLAIRE CONLEY

THE only person likely to have ulcers from the Metropolitan opera's production of "Il Trovatore" is Frank Paola, company manager.

It isn't temperament that keeps Paola in a dither, but the gentle teasing of his stars.

The kidding about lost and ailing prima donnas and male stars was destined to keep up until the special train pulled out of Union Station at 1:15 a m. Thursday morning enroute to a performance in Des Moines.

Paola dismissed a trainload of cast at 1 p.m. Wednesday when it pulled into Union Station. Then he went to the Biltmore hotel to check on stars who had arrived earlier.

"Have you heard from Jean Madeira?" he asked of Robert Merrill, standing in the lobby.

"LAST I heard she had a sore throat," Merrill replied with wink at Kurt Baum, the tenor star. "You might have to get someone else."

Paola, who had already gone through two star changes, be-



Breaking all fairy tale tradition, glamorous Metropolitan opera star Jean Madeira was made over into an ugly duckling for Il Trovatore. She was cast as a gypsy hag, Azucena, the daughter of a witch. Review, Page 19.

## Serious Overflow Looming On Cimarron after Deluge; Highways in Area Blocked

By JIM KYLE

Hennessey was hit by an 11-inch cloudburst Wednesday, while other storms over the north central part of Oklahoma forced evacuation of many Enid residents and posed a serious flood threat along the Cimarron river.

Highways were blocked and motorists stranded by the downpour, which dumped more than 11 inches at Hennessey between 1:30 p.m. and midnight. Rain was still falling there at midnight.

Another thunderstorm left Enid evacuating residents from lowland areas after 4.2 inches of rain fell by midnight and the skies were still pouring. Enid police chief Dale Moxley issued a call for boats at midnight, and said "numerous" calls for assistance were being received.

The Oklahoman-Times Northwest Bureau there reported water running about 12 inches deep on high ground, and from one to four feet deep in lowlands on the east side of Enid.

Shortly after midnight, the weather bureau advised that "serious flooding" was expected on the Cimarron river below Dover, as heavy rains continued in the Enid, Hennessey, Dover, and Okeene area.

**Hennessey Flooded**

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## BULLETIN

Kingfisher county undersheriff Vic Tibury reported at 1 a.m. Thursday floodwater runoff at Dover was spilling into the town as heavy rains continued in north central Oklahoma. Tibury said the Cimarron river was rising rapidly at the U. S. 81 bridge near Kingfisher, but was still within its banks at that time.

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# Rushes Britain's First 'Linker' H-Bomb Fired

**LONDON, May 13 (AP)—**Britain exploded its first hydrogen bomb high over the Pacific ocean Wednesday.

The blast began a series of tests establishing this nation as the world's third nuclear power.

A terse announcement by the ministry of supply said merely it was "the first explosion of a nuclear device in the present series."

But an authoritative source said the device tested was a hydrogen bomb.

It was fired at a high altitude after being dropped from a four-engined Valiant jet bomber in the area of British-owned Christmas Island, 1,400 miles south of Honolulu. The precise location was not divulged.

An air ministry spokesman said the white-painted Valiant—one of four flown from Britain to the test area—was manned by five crewmen. The bomb aimer was 38-year-old flight Lt. Alan Washbrook, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The official announcement gave no details of the type of weapon exploded, but government officials announced previously the explosions would be "in the megaton (one million tons of TNT) range" and would be high air bursts without heavy fallout.

Britain began its series of nuclear tests in the face of a sustained protest campaign of the Japanese government. Also pressuring Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's government were the British Labor party, scientific organizations, and other societies and individuals in dozens of countries.

But Macmillan repeatedly re-

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# for Graham

An early count showed 435 had come forward.

Graham said it was the "largest first-night response I have ever seen from the pulpit in America."

For his sermon Graham took his text from Isaiah 1:1-20, which includes this passage:

"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are cor-

An earlier flood bulletin warned that the Cimarron was expected to flood before morning at Dover, cresting at bankful at Guthrie Thursday night. The later warning emphasized that the earlier bulletin was based only on rainfall before 8 p.m., and warned flooding would probably be more serious due to continuing rain.

At Hennessey, Art Walters, of the Hennessey Clipper, said official weather observer measurement at 8 p.m. was 11.01 inches since 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. At midnight, a telephone operator, Mrs. Margaret Renshaw, said the rain had been continuing since the earlier measurement.

"Everything's under water," Walters reported. "I don't know how many people are in town and can't get out because all roads are blocked, but we don't need to be evacuated."

He said that at one time water was standing in the streets up to the level of automobile headlights.

## Wind Whips Rain

The rain was blown by 50 mile an hour winds, and accompanied by hail the size of golf balls, Walters said. "It hailed for 35 minutes without letting up one time," he declared.

Adding to the situation, Walters said, Hennessey had a tornado scare about 5 p.m., when the town's warning siren was blown. No twister appeared, however.

Walters said most grain in the area appeared to have suffered heavy damage. "What the hail didn't get, the high water did," he said.

At 8:30 p.m., an amateur radio operator at Hennessey reported 11.23 inches of rain had fallen since noon at his home, and rain was still falling.

## Power Cut Off

Several Hennessey storm cellars were flooding. One man told the Oklahoman-Times Northwest Bureau he had water four feet deep in his storm cellar.

Hennessey's electric power was cut off by the storm, the highway patrol reported.

At Enid, the Northwest Bureau said an automobile was floating in water at one underpass, shortly after the storm hit.

Highway patrol officials at the district headquarters office there began evacuating records to higher ground when water lapped within seven inches of the doors of the headquarters building.

Up to midnight, Enid residents in threatened areas were being evacuated by police car. The appeal for boats was issued later.

Merle Sheets, manager of an

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# Blast Hurts Four In Atomic Center

**BROOKHAVEN, N. Y., May 15**

(AP)—A chemical explosion Wednes-

day the Cimarron river was rising rapidly at the U. S. 81 bridge near Kingfisher, but was still within its banks at that time.

# Texas Is Raked By 12 Twisters

**DALLAS, Texas, May 15 (AP)—**At least 12 tornadoes smashed their way across the Texas Panhandle and south plains Wednesday. Dozens of homes, farm and business buildings and a school were hit and prize cattle were killed.

Three other twisters hopscotched across rural countryside north of Dallas but did no damage.

A 16th dipped down in south Texas but did no damage.

One person was injured. Several persons were reported missing.

Numerous other tornado funnels were reported sighted in the Panhandle but there was no confirmed damage.

The weather bureau warned that tornadoes and severe thunderstorms could be expected in a wide area of northwest Texas, the south plains and the Texas Panhandle until 1 a.m. Thursday.

## \$60,000 Home Destroyed

A \$60,000 ranch home, two other buildings, two automobiles, and all fences and corrals were destroyed on the V. M. Cogdell ranch when a tornado hit the ranch 29 miles north of Silverton in the lower Panhandle.

Cogdell said several of his prize steers were killed outright. He said several other head suffered broken legs when hit by flying timbers.

The ranchman, who lives in Snyder, Texas, said his caretaker couple told him they saw the funnel approaching and took to a storm shelter. He said they told him only one outbuilding remained standing on the ranch.

Five homes were destroyed or badly damaged by a tornado which struck the community of Ashtola, 7 miles west of Clarendon in the Panhandle.

A man identified as L. O. Christl was injured when struck on the head by a piece of a windmill while running for a storm shelter. He was seriously injured and taken to a hospital.

## School Was Empty

The department of public safety said every house in the small community of Goldston, 9 miles north of Clarendon, was damaged by another twister. An unidentified person was reported injured and several missing.

The tornado also damaged the town school. It hit several hours after classes had been dismissed for the day.

At Vigo Park, 50 miles south of Amarillo, the

... was blown away. A tornado blew down a number of other houses, outbuildings and damaged windmills in the nearby area.

Two business buildings and one house were damaged at Plains, 70 miles southwest of Lubbock.

Three other twisters—one which was the result of the merging of two small and one large funnel—danced around Pampa, 58 miles northeast of Amarillo.

The wedged funnel formed 13 miles south of Pampa at LeFors, then headed northeast around Pampa, damaging grain elevators. Electric highlines and fences were torn up.

**Hail Joins Rain**

An unidentified farmer was rescued uninjured after being trapped in a collapsed garage on the Mad-dox ranch, 18 miles north of Pampa, in the path of the tornado.

The third funnel in that area knocked down a windmill and a few outbuildings 35 miles east of Amarillo near Grobms.

Heavy rains accompanied the twisters and temporarily flooded roads near Groom. U. S. 287 four miles west of Clarendon was under 10 feet of water at a low-lying spot.

Marble-sized hail, lightning and locally heavy rains pounded scattered parts of the south plains and Panhandle during the day. A farming area 14 miles northeast of Plainview had an inch of rain in 15 minutes.

## Grand River Dam Bill Sails Past Senators

A Grand River dam authority expansion bill that may ultimately lead to construction of the much-discussed Markham Ferry dam in northeastern Oklahoma passed through the senate easily Wednesday.

Lack of opposition to the bill, which has furnished a major controversy of the session, was almost an anti-climax. The vote was 40-2 with one of the dissenters, Sen. Fred Harris of Lawton, later telling the senate he is satisfied with the measure.

The other "No" vote came from Sen. Arthur S. Price, Tulsa. Price said he objected to the lack of a depreciation reserve fund in the bill and because there was not a prohibition against building of public steam facilities.

**Co-Op Opposition Ends**  
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## 11-Inch Deluge Causes Flood At Hennessey

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Enid bakery, said the basement of his bakery was flooded with about four feet of water. He said his employees damaged the doors and continued working.

Highway patrol trooper W. P. Tucker reported from Dover that six inches of rain fell there in one hour during the afternoon, with more coming down at 7 p.m. The rain was blown by winds of up to 80 miles an hour, he said.

**Power Lines Felled**

The winds felled all power lines, blacking Dover out, and cut all communications except the radio in Tucker's highway patrol car. He and his partner, trooper Bill Burgess, were stranded at Dover.

They said 2 1/2 feet of water was flowing over U. S. 81 south of Dover, and the highway was blocked in three places by standing water.

At Cherokee, a torrential rain between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. dumped an estimated three inches of moisture in 45 minutes, accompanied by heavy hail.

**Windows Broken**

Grover Batcher, Cherokee school superintendent, said 15 or 20 windows in Cherokee's three school buildings were broken, and all three buildings suffered roof damage. He said no one was injured.

The hail destroyed up to 50 percent of wheat crops south of Cherokee, the Oklahoman-Times Northwest Bureau at Enid reported.

At least six tornadoes were spotted during the storms, both on the ground and in the air, but no damage was reported.

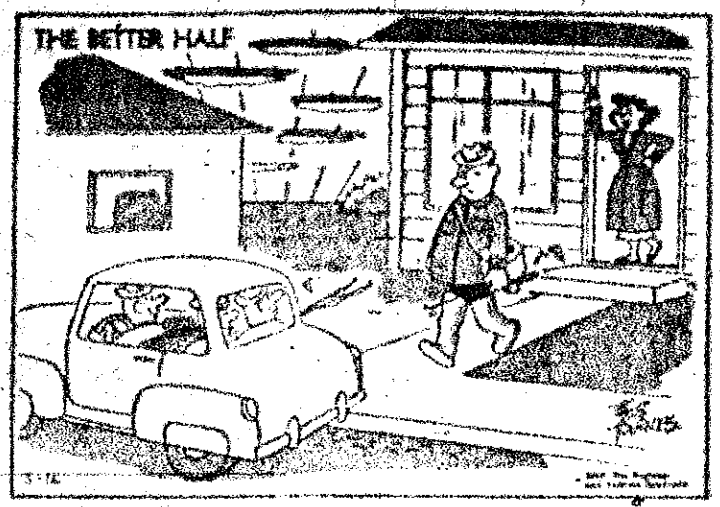
Highway patrol trooper Tucker said one hit ground shortly after 3 p.m. on the Emmett C. Felt farm, six miles west of Kingfisher.

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**Kingfisher Warned**

The weather bureau warned...



"Got everything? ... Flies, lies, alibis?"

## Manager of Opera Has Rough Time

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Municipal Auditorium in a few hours.

"I make a good roquetor dressing," Merrill told Mrs. Baum as the salads were served.

The group exchanged favorite recipes until the main dishes were served: roast beef to Moscona, steak to Baum and boiled chicken to Merrill.

To Baum's comment on his T-bone, Moscona bantered: "I can read the age better on your face."

The other stars refused dessert, but Moscona ordered apple pie.

"I need the extra nourishment," he confided. "I'm the only one who doesn't get killed. The rest of them will die pretty young tonight. But myself and the conductor will be saved for another meal after the opera."

Moscona, who will be 50 in September, planned to go to Dallas from Oklahoma City to play the role formerly filled by the late Ezio Pinza in the musical comedy, "Fannie."

"He was a wonderful guy," Merrill said of Pinza. "We all miss him."

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Merrill had put in a call to his son, David, earlier Wednes-

day on his second birthday. "He was so excited he couldn't talk," Merrill reported to the group. "All I could hear was 'car . . . car . . . car . . .'"

The popular baritone had given his son a car he could peddle for his birthday.

Merrill offered to fill a thermos with hot tea for the group to help throats during the performance.

"Since he's a baritone, I guess we can trust him with it," the tenor said in an aside to the bass.

Mrs. Milinov came into the dining room earlier. She had arrived in Oklahoma City at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, however rested most of the day.

After greeting "Aida," the coal black poodle, the group went off to rest until they were due on stage to sing to a full house.

Other members of the cast went downtown shopping, then either went back to the train to sleep or to the Municipal Auditorium.

Stage crews handled the massive scenery quickly. It was to be torn down just as quickly, when the last bows were taken and the cast headed for more food and rest. Paola had set a 1:15 a.m. deadline to take the trainload of Metropolitan glamour and glitter to its next stop.

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Burke, one of Morris' employees, and Mrs. Jessie Mobley, also a welfare employee.

Mrs. Mobley, formerly employed by the relief board, was reported ill and was excused from testifying by the grand jury.

Two scheduled witnesses also appeared—Bill Byars, Okmulgee merchant, and Jack Parker, Okmulgee tag agent under Sen. John W. Russell Jr. Both were described as Russell supporters in the campaign which saw his defeat. It was reported they were queried concerning unfilled relief applications from Okmulgee county.

The Oklahoma county grand jury has issued one indictment. It accused Easley of perjuring himself in testimony before the jury.

## Arbuckle API Group To Select Officers

Officers will be elected at the monthly meeting of the Arbuckle chapter, production division of API, at a dinner meeting Thursday at Lake Murray Lodge. Myron M. Kinley, internationally-known firefighter of Houston, will be principal speaker and will present color motion pictures of famous oil well fires which he has subdued.

## Two Draw Fines Of \$40 on Drunk Driving Complaint

Two motorists were fined \$40 each on drunk driving complaints here Wednesday after they were involved in an accident in the old block S Robinson.

The two drivers, William S. Billingsley, 33, of 211 SE 59, and Johnnie R. Powell, 48, of 299 N Kelly, both denied being drunk.

Police said both scored 155 on drinkometer tests at headquarters. A score of 15 is the legal presumption of drunkenness.

## Stillwater Crash Death List Grows

STATE TRAFFIC DEATHS  
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Sen. Roy C. Boecher, Kingfisher, one of the principal opponents of an earlier proposed power exchange contract with Public Service Co., guided the bill through the senate. He said that rural electric co-operatives have ended their opposition. Boecher is a manager of an REA at Kingfisher.

As passed, the bill authorizes raising GRDA's debt limit from \$30 million to \$110 million and entering a power contract with either a public or private company that would assure sale of GRDA power and make the bonds more salable.

#### Restrictions Allowed

It provides that such a contract could have "reasonable" restrictions against GRDA but that they must not be "contrary to public policy" of the state.

Boecher and some other legislators say the public policy provision would eliminate the Public Service contract. They argue that the contract would create a monopoly which would be outside public policy.

However, R. K. Lane, chairman of the board of Public Service, and GRDA officials say the proposed contract will be legal.

Boecher explained that a joint committee tried to earmark up to \$20 million for additional steam facilities at GRDA "but got so bogged down we wrote it just straight, leaving it to the authority to decide."

### Tito Due U.S. Jet Planes, Arms Soon

WASHINGTON, May 15 (INS)—Yugoslavia is scheduled to receive the first shipment of American jet planes and other military equipment under the newly resumed military aid program in a few weeks.

The administration, in an order personally approved by President Eisenhower, this week lifted the 10-month ban on military aid for President Tito's communist government.

### Two Are Ordered Put on Probation

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#### Kingfisher Warned

The weather bureau warned residents in the Kingfisher area to be on the alert for possible flash floods after the thunderstorm activity remained nearly stationary for more than an hour during the afternoon.

An amateur radio operator participating in the Oklahoma Storm Warning network reported heavy rain and heavy hail at Kingwood shortly before 7 p.m. Another operator in the net work said Canton had a small hailstorm, followed by rain.

Other severe thunderstorms reported by weather bureau radar at Will Rogers field included an area from Garber to Okeene, another line from Medford to the Pratt, Kan., vicinity, a third group near Dacoma, a line across the southern section of Beaver county, and an area of about 50 miles radius around Woodward, Gage and Cherokee.

Later severe storm reports came from Ponca City, Perry, Okeene, Canton Lake, west of Vici, and the Texas-Oklahoma border area near Reydon.

The entire western half of the state except Cimarron and Texas counties was put under severe weather alert until 4 a.m. The forecast was part of a larger area, which included much of Kansas and Texas as well.

The alerted area in Oklahoma lay west of a line from Bristow through Oklahoma City to Temple.

The weather bureau said cause of the storm activity was the forward edge of a very humid warm tongue of air encountering cooler air in north central Oklahoma. The weather systems, they said, are apparently nearly stationary.

Forecasters expect the stormy weather pattern to continue through Thursday night, with cooler temperatures Thursday and highs from 58 to 88. Wednesday's temperatures ranged from 78 at Gage to 85 at McAlester.

### Baptist Leaders Will Be Speakers

Three state Baptist leaders will be speakers at the fourth annual meeting of the National Association of Homes for boys. The convention will be held June 5 and 6 at Lake Waccamaw, near White-

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ing one material a monopoly in the state.

"Since oil is one of our major industries in Oklahoma I think we should build roads out of oil products," the governor said. "But millions of dollars are invested in cement in Oklahoma and I think that industry should get its share."

Gary said he felt a 3-1 ratio in favor of asphaltic concrete was about right. "I feel we should use mostly petroleum products to cover our roads but we shouldn't legislate cement out of business," the governor declared.

The senate battle developed when Keith Cartwright, Durant, made a motion that the corrective bill be referred directly to the calendar instead of being referred to the roads and highways committee which he heads. James Rinehart, El Reno, asked the bill be referred to the committee.

Rinehart said he felt that a public hearing should be held and county commissioners allowed to come in to give their opinion on a provision requiring them to match federal farm-to-market road funds.

This provision requires that county commissioners use 20 percent of their commercial vehicle tax money to match the federal funds. If this is not done in two years the funds revert to the state highway department for building secondary roads.

Cartwright told the senate that if the provision is left in the bill it will be three months before the state can have a highway letting. Cartwright quoted C. A. "Bud" Stoldt, highway director, as saying that the bill as it now stands would require two designs for every road let.

"That would double the engineering costs and the federal government will go along on only one set of plans," the senator stated. The senate sided with Cartwright and sent the bill to the calendar.

### Street Widening Protest Is Filed

A 42-page protest by property owners against the proposed widening and resurfacing of N Portland between NW 10 and a point 900 feet north of NW 50 in Oklahoma City was filed Wednesday.

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jected protests that the tests would in any way harm peoples of the Pacific lands.

An area extending 900 miles north and south of Christmas Island—midway between Sydney and San Francisco—was declared a danger area for shipping from March 1 until August 1.

Wednesday's blast put Britain along side the United States and the Soviet Union as a hydrogen bomb power.

### Television Report Of Flood Given Personal Touch

FT. LEWIS, Wash., May 15 (AP)—CWO Albert C. Williams relaxed in front of the television set, watching pictures of flood damage in Lampasas, Texas.

Suddenly Williams, who used to live in Lampasas, saw a familiar sight—a house being swept from its foundations and hurled a block down the street.

It was his house. Williams will take emergency leave to care for his flood-damaged assets in Lampasas.

### Shawnee Man Pleads Guilty to Mail Theft

Delmar Lee Blood, Shawnee, pleaded guilty in U. S. district court Wednesday to charges of theft of mail and government checks.

Blood was accused on eight counts with stealing letters containing two government checks of \$10 each sent to another Shawnee resident during last October and December.

**A&B**  
**Wheel Aligning Brakes Shock Absorber**

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Oklahoma's traffic death list for the month of May continued its relentless search for a new high Wednesday, as a splintering crash near Stillwater 10 days ago claimed its fifth victim.

He was 23-year-old Billy Postier, of Garber. Three of his companions, as well as the driver of the other car, died instantly in the collision. Postier died Wednesday at Stillwater Municipal hospital.

His death brought the month's record to 44, just eight less than the number killed on Oklahoma highways during the entire month of May, 1956. Highway patrol officials issued fresh appeals for safe driving in efforts to hold the slaughter down.

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