

FORMER COLLEAGUES DENY CHARGES

Argue To Join Liberals Or Form New Farm Party?

By KEN KELLY
OTTAWA (CP) — The capital awaited expectantly Monday night the return of Hazen Argue who quit the New Democratic Party and now is said to be seeking a berth as a Liberal MP.

The 41-year-old Mr. Argue, for 17 years CCF member of the Commons for the Saskatchewan constituency of Assiniboia, was succeeded as parliamentary leader of the CCF-NDP group Monday by H. W. Herridge, 66-year-old deputy leader, elected by a caucus meeting of six of the eight remaining MPs in the group.

The caucus and Mr. Argue's former party colleagues vigorously denied the former CCF leader's charge that the NDP, founded last August by the CCF and the Canadian Labor Congress, has become a tool of a labor clique.

Meanwhile, sources here said Mr. Argue advised Opposition Leader Pearson through Saskatchewan Liberal leader Ross Thatcher, himself a former CCF MP, that he wants to sit in Liberal ranks. He was expected to discuss this with Mr. Pearson Monday night or today.

total number of union members on the (82-member) national council of the NDP is exceedingly small and their influence has been greatly distorted by Mr. Argue's statement.

Following Monday's caucus, the new parliamentary leader, Mr. Herridge, said the party will close ranks and intensify its efforts. He said he does not think Mr. Argue's defection will hurt the party in the long run.

Mr. Argue's move stunned colleagues here although there had been persistent reports, denied by Mr. Argue, that he was planning a move to the Liberal fold.

Mr. Argue's troubles with some sections of the party began years ago and reached a climax at the 1960 CCF national convention when he successfully spearheaded a move to succeed Mr. Coldwell. The party executive had proposed that the national leadership be left vacant until the NDP founding convention the following year.

As CCF national leader, he stumped party gatherings from coast to coast in a bid for the NDP leadership which went to Mr. Douglas, who resigned the premiership of Saskatchewan after his election as leader.

Mr. Douglas later said a deputy leader for the NDP should come from Quebec, effectively cutting off any chance of the post going to Mr. Argue.

After Parliament met for what is expected to be the last session before a general election, Mr. Argue was elected parliamentary leader by the CCF-NDP caucus and acted as party spokesman in the Commons.

However, he embarked on a lone course early in the session by advocating a \$100-a-month retirement pension based on a means test. The NDP had proposed a basic old age pension of \$75 a month, supplemented by a contributory plan, at age 65.

Resignation Described As 'Abject Betrayal'

FORM FARM PARTY?
There also was speculation that Mr. Argue would attempt to organize a Prairie farmers group for the next election campaign.

Mr. Argue's charge of labor domination was made at a press conference Sunday in Regina at which Mr. Thatcher, who quit the CCF in 1955 and a year later joined the Liberals in the Commons, was present. Mr. Thatcher invited Mr. Argue to join the Liberals.

"The NDP now has become the tool of a small labor clique and is effectively under their domination and control," Mr. Argue said. Later, he named the leaders of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, United Steelworkers of America and United Auto Workers, all CLC affiliates.

After a hastily-called meeting Monday, the CCF-NDP parliamentary caucus said in a statement Mr. Argue's charge "is staggering in its misconception and untruth... domination by labor or farm or professional or academic groups is nonsense."

REGINA (CP) — T. C. (Tommy) Douglas, national leader of the New Democratic Party said Monday Hazen Argue's reason for resigning from the party "is nothing more than a smoke screen to cover up his abject betrayal of his friends and his political party."

Mr. Douglas said in an interview Mr. Argue "saw no labor bogey men in the NDP organization and administration until he was beaten by me" in last summer's leadership contest.

Mr. Argue, CCF member of the House of Commons for 17 years and CCF-NDP leader in Parliament, resigned Sunday because, he said, the party has "become the tool of a small labor clique."

Before leaving Monday by plane for Ottawa, the MP for Assiniboia said half the eight CCF members of Parliament were "disillusioned" and he expected other members of the group would follow his lead.

"There has been no official approach from the federal Liberals and no deal has been made," Mr. Argue said.

best to change the constitution so control could not be gained by a single element like labor.

Mr. Douglas said the NDP constitution had been worked out carefully by a group of party leaders which included Mr. Argue and Mr. Argue "saw no objection to the participation of trade unions at that time."

Argue's Revolt Given Support

BETRAYED TRUST?
M. J. Coldwell, CCF national leader until 1960 when Mr. Argue succeeded him, said Mr. Argue "betrayed a trust." He had pledged his support to the new party at the founding convention and had said "you may be sure I will never let you down."

Mr. Coldwell nominated T. C. Douglas, then CCF premier of Saskatchewan, for the party leadership. Mr. Douglas beat Mr. Argue by 1,391 to 380.

CLC vice-president Stanley Knowles, a CCF MP for 13 years and a prime mover in the NDP founding, said Mr. Argue "made charges he himself knows to be false." Mr. Argue was trying to find an excuse prompted by his disappointment that he didn't become party leader.

George Burt, Canadian director of the UAW, said Mr. Argue "is acting like a spoiled schoolboy." Mr. Argue "is mad because he didn't win the leadership vote."

Fred Dowling, national director of the Packinghouse Workers Union, described Mr. Argue's charge as "complete nonsense, and nobody knows it better than Mr. Argue." He said he and a fellow packinghouse member are the only representatives of the union among NDP officers. Both are vice-presidents.

Suburbury, Ont. (CP)—Goldo Basso, treasurer of the New Democratic Party for Nickel Belt riding, said Monday he and other members support Hazen Argue's revolt against the party.

Mr. Basso said "the party has become a tool of a labor clique. The leaders are a group of power-hungry dictators who, with their rubber-stamp stooges pretend to be interested in labor, but are interested in the almighty dollar."

"We joined the NDP because we thought it was a grass-roots organization, but a good cleanup is needed," Mr. Basso said. He said he made the statement following discussion with several other members of the executive, who felt the same way.

2 Nuclear Tests Are Held In U.S.
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission announced that two nuclear tests were conducted underground Monday at its Nevada test site.

Both were described as low yield, meaning the explosive force was less than that from detonation of 20,000 tons of TNT.

These tests were the 15th and 16th which have been announced since the United States resumed nuclear tests.

Argue Changes Office Locks
OTTAWA (CP)—The locks on the doors to Hazen Argue's office here were changed Sunday about the same time as he was announcing in Regina his resignation from the CCF - New Democratic Party.

Members of his staff arriving for work this morning were unable to enter the office, on the sixth floor of the centre block on Parliament Hill. They took refuge in the office of H.W. Herridge (CCF - Kootenay West).

A staff member said the locks were changed by a secretary, acting on instructions from Mr. Argue.

Argue's Revolt Given Support
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The United States embarked Monday night on final preparations to rocket John Glenn around the world through space today.

A National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman said the final check of the missile and space capsule had begun on schedule at 11:30 p.m. EST.

He also said that the good weather which had prevailed earlier was being maintained here and down range.

Barring some unforeseen change in the weather, or other hitch, the chances were counted good for sending the marine lieutenant colonel aloft sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. today.

GLENN GOES
As the 11th date for his great adventure neared, Glenn reiterated that he was not the least

Outlook Said Good For Orbital Flight
perpetuated by the delays stretching back to last Dec. 20.

The hope is to propel Glenn three times around the world in a journey that will last four hours and 50 minutes.

If need be, the trip could be cut to two orbits, or one.

Gov't Told Three Promises To Atlantic Area Unfilled
OTTAWA (CP) — Herve J. Michaud (L. — Kent, N.B.) charged in the Commons Monday that the Conservative government has not kept three major election promises made to the Atlantic provinces on the eve of the 1957 election.

Mr. Michaud criticized the government for leaving out of the speech from the throne promised action to boost the economy of the provinces.

He said Conservative candidates made promises of a program of federal assistance in developing the resources of the province.

They had also promised industrial decentralization by placing more defence contracts in the provinces, establishing Crown corporations there and

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encouraging private enterprise to locate in the Atlantic region.

CITES THIRD PROMISE
The third promise, he said, was for federal capital assistance of provincial projects.

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Members Outline Complaints

OTTAWA (CP) — The royal commission on health care is a waste of time, money and effort as far as a national health plan is concerned, Frank Howard (CCF-Skeena) said Monday.

It contains "hatchet men for the government" and shows no definite sincere desire to find facts, Mr. Howard declared as the Commons resumed the interrupted debate on the speech from the throne.

Mr. Howard called the commission study a subterfuge to conceal the government's bad record on a comprehensive prepaid medical care plan. He said he can see Prime Minister Dieffenbaker, operating by "Machiavellian principles," making more promises year after year.

Forgotten, discarded or broken were election-campaign pledges to include tuberculosis sanatoria, mental hospitals and payments on hospital depreciation, Mr. Howard said.

BELADORS GOVERNMENT
Paul Martin (L—Essex East) belabored the government about unemployment and said bad management, disorganization and unsteadiness in its leadership have caused an economic slowdown. Unemployment was alarming — "continuing a serious situation we have had in Canada almost since the day the government took over."

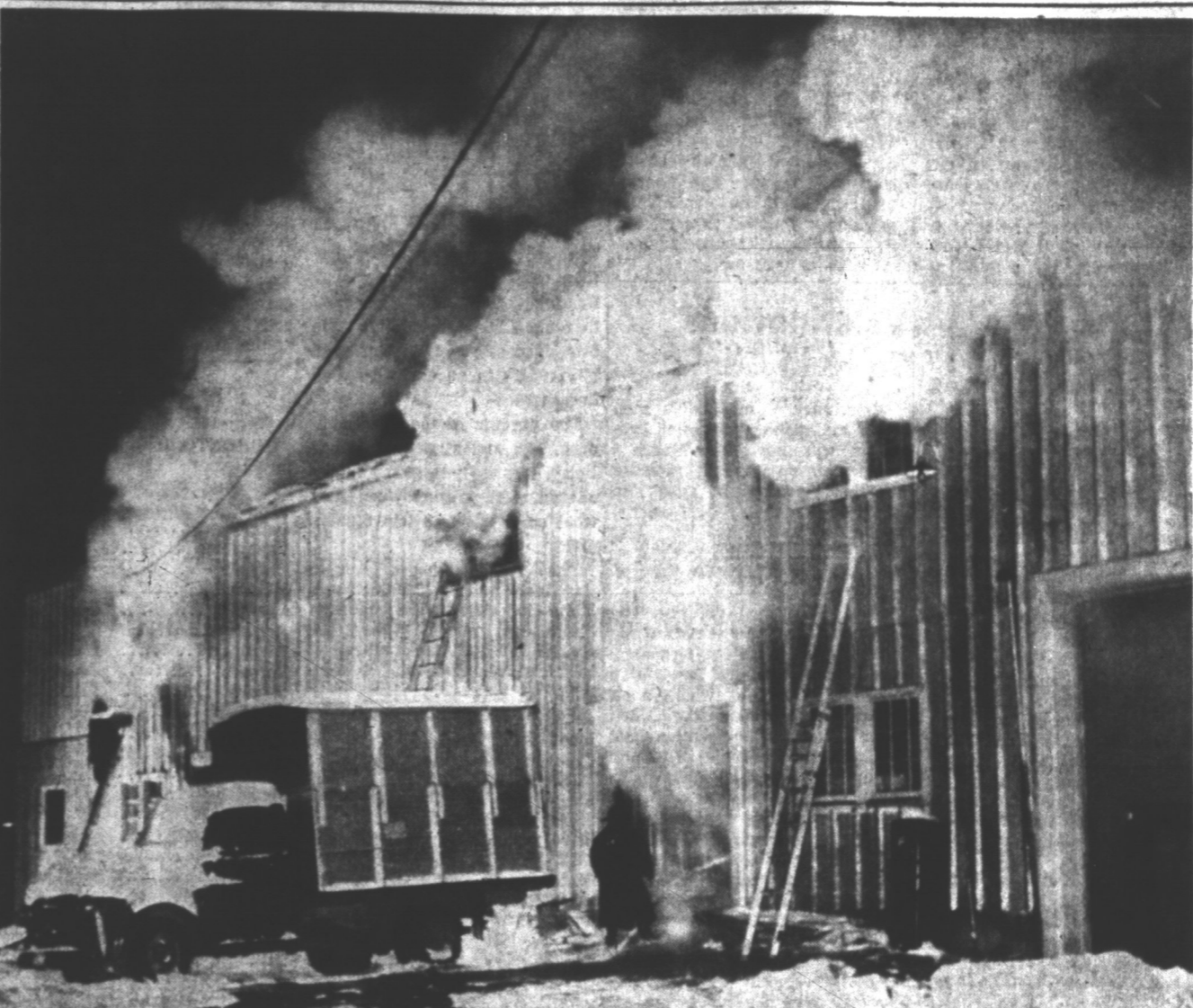
Associate Defence Minister Sevigny delivered a favorable comparison of Quebec cabinet ministers with their Liberal-party predecessors. French-speaking Progressive Conservative ministers had achieved more for their province in four years than the Liberals had managed in 22 years.

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S'side Councillor Resigns In Lively Council Session



HEAVY SMOKE is seen rolling from the Jenkins Transfer building on Longworth Avenue last night as firemen attempt to enter the building to get at the seat of the blaze.

The fire was centered in an area containing a large quantity of stored furniture. The firemen confined the fire to one section of the building.

Four moving vans had been parked at the side of the building and three were moved away. Firemen fought the blaze for two hours before the last embers were killed.

Morrison And Mayor Clash

SUMMERSIDE — A minor clash between Mayor W.A. Currie and Councillor J.E. Morrison shortly after a Summerside Town Council meeting got underway last evening preceded several other disagreements that sparked a somewhat fiery session. It culminated in the resignation of Councillor Morrison leaving the Centre Ward seat vacant. Councillor Morrison announced yesterday morning he would contest the office of mayor against Mayor Currie.

All councillors were present last night, as well as town manager J.A. Brophy, town clerk J.E. Cameron and town engineer Gordon Jenkins.

A delegation of seven, headed by D.J. Mullin, who entered his name in the mayoralty contest around the first of the month, later to find he was ineligible, presenting a brief to council, opposing the amendments to the incorporation act regarding the property qualifications of candidates for mayor or councillor. The amendments, approved at a special meeting two weeks ago, have been sent to the Legislature for approval. They upped the real estate qualification to \$4,000 for mayor and to \$3,000 for councillor.

DISCORD ERUPTS
The discord between the Mayor and Councillor Morrison erupted when His Worship stated after hearing the Civic Stadium report read by the town manager, that "getting the financial report each month from a normal profit or loss" indicated that perhaps the stadium would just about break even for the year. However, Mayor Currie added, the annual report would show a loss of over \$5,000. His Worship said "it's quite a surprise to me."

Mr. Brophy explained that the stadium manager, Charles Hogan, was correct in his monthly financial statements but not all (Continued on page 5, col 3)

Jenkins Transfer Building Is Heavily Damaged By Fire

A stubborn fire in the Jenkins Transfer warehouse was a knocked out by city firemen after a two hour battle last night.

The new building and a large quantity of stored furniture was damaged by the blaze that broke out about 11 o'clock. Smoke and water also caused heavy damage.

When firemen arrived at the scene heavy smoke was pouring from both ends of the building and fire was beginning to break out through the roof.

HYDRANT FROZEN
The first pumper to arrive hooked up to a hydrant only a few feet from the building but the hydrant was found to be frozen. While it was being thawed—within a few minutes—a second pumper laid a long line to a hydrant on Esher Street near Fisher Brothers warehouse.

Extremely heavy, choking smoke hampered the efforts of the firemen working inside the building. Firemen said that smoke from stuffed furniture is "the worst kind" and many pieces of such furniture were in the area.

After the main body of the fire was knocked down, firemen had to sort through the great stacks of sodden, burned furniture to kill the last embers. A watch was to be maintained on the building all night to guard against smouldering embers.

Firemen confined the bulk of the fire to the back corner of the second and third floors of the building although smoke and water damage was done throughout.

Transfer company officials said that they would have to sort through the ruined furniture today before an estimate of damage could be given.

The new building was completed only recently and some work remained to be done on the interior. Plumbers were working on the installation of a sprinkler system.

British Guiana Struggles Back To Normality

GEORGETOWN (Reuters) — British Guiana—battered by a six-day general strike that provoked riots, looting and burning—began to struggle back to normal Monday British troops stood by.

Longshoremen, civil servants, teachers and some transport workers answered a back-to-work call by the British colony's Trades Union Congress after the leftist government agreed to consider objections to its proposed austerity budget.

At least six persons died and 43 were injured in the riots that accompanied the strike. Some 700 persons were arrested for looting and police stations were piled high with goods seized from the looters.

More than 200 of the arrested appeared in court Monday charged with unlawful possession of goods. Sixteen pleaded guilty and were sentenced to terms ranging from six weeks to six months.

Confederation Sea Trials Scheduled

HALIFAX (CP) — A spokesman for Halifax Shipyards said here Monday sea trials for the ferry Confederation will begin next week and the vessel will be turned over to her owners, Canadian National Railways, early next month.

The ferry, which will go into use between Cape Tormentine, N.B., and Borden, P.E.I., was launched Sept. 29, 1961. It has been undergoing builders trials at dockside for the past week.

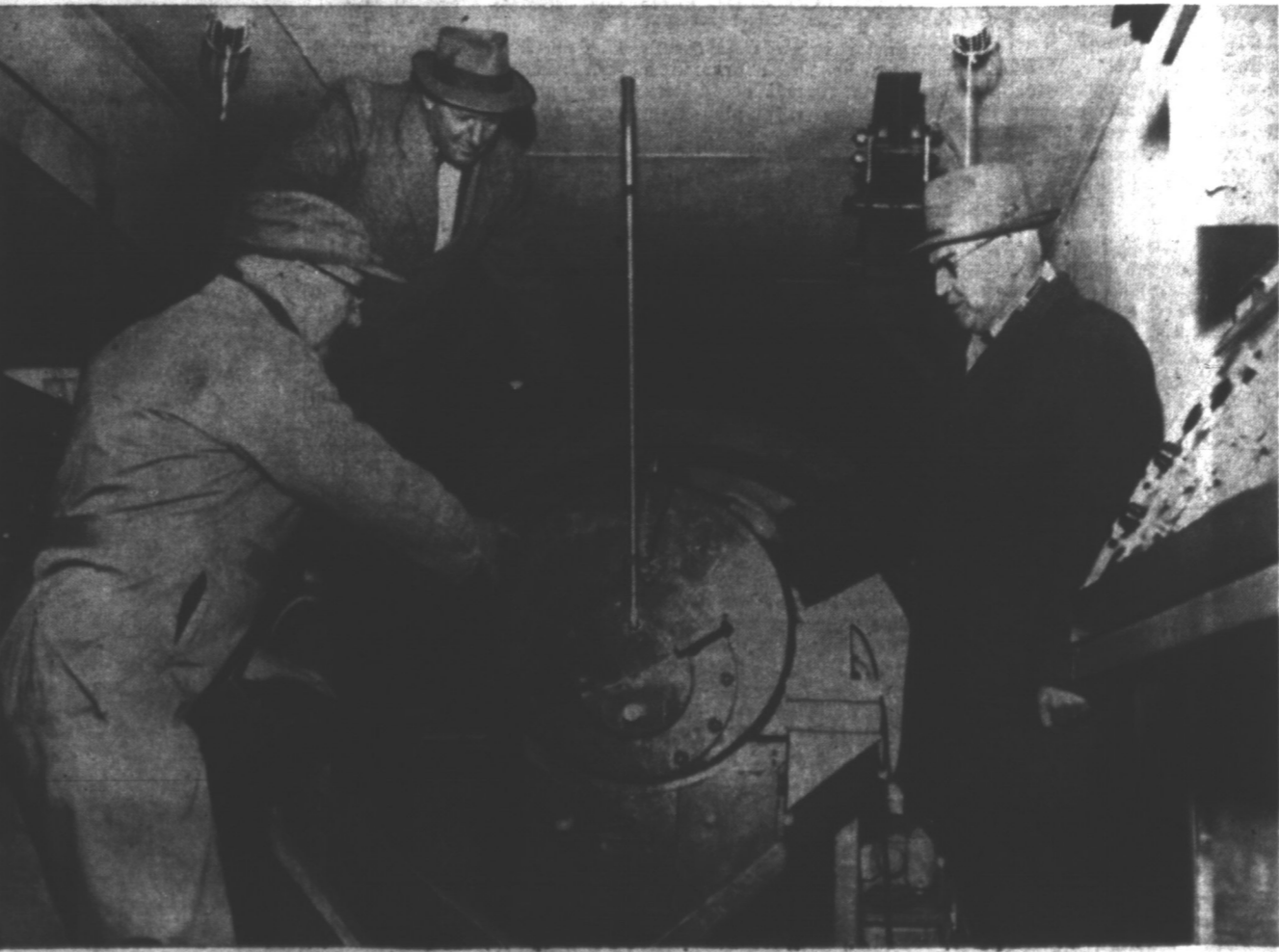
The spokesman said CNR representatives would board the ferry March 1 for owners trials. If the vessel proves satisfactory it will be turned over about March 3.

The 230-foot-long double-ended ferry is equipped to handle about 70 automobiles and about 320 passengers.

Skies Clear After Severe Nfld. Storm

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Skies began to clear in most parts of Newfoundland Monday as a vicious winter storm moved off into the Atlantic, leaving in its wake stalled traffic, power failure and nearly two feet of snow in some places.

Central Newfoundland was hardest hit with twenty-two inches of snow at Gander, where electricity in sections of the town was off for hours at a time.



POTATO EXPERIMENT IS EXPLAINED
The operation of the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's mobile irradiator is explained to Agriculture Minister Andrew B. MacRae (centre) and Stewart Wright, (right) deputy minister of agriculture, by Len Arnold, (left) A.E.C. technician. The unit arrived here Feb. 1 and will remain here until the last of the month. During its stay on the Island it is expected that some 5,000 bushels of potatoes will have been treated in an experimental effort. A satisfactory preventative of sprouting of table stock potatoes could mean thousands of dollars to Canadian growers.

About 40,000 of Hamburg's 1,800,000 people were still homeless. Others remained stranded in water-ringed houses. Bremen counted 2,000 refugees in Lower Saxony, 4,000 had to be evacuated.

WATER CONTAMINATED
The West German armed forces flew 10,000 containers of water to people whose normal supplies were contaminated.

Dike repairs took priority. Most of the 25,000 soldiers sent on disaster service were assigned to this task. More than 500,000 sandbags were flown in to supplement those available locally.

Throughout West Germany, flags flew at half-staff. Communities collected clothing and money for relief work. Labor unions and churches offered funds. Private companies contributed goods.

Soldiers Repair Shattered Dikes

HAMBURG (AP) — West German soldiers labored Monday night to repair North Sea dikes broken in weekend floods that left 232 known dead and property damage which officials said might total 1,000,000,000 marks—\$250,000,000.

As many as 100 persons were reported still missing as water drained slowly from debris-strewn cities and farms.

Hard-hit Hamburg, West Germany's biggest city, reported 208 bodies recovered. Bremen counted seven dead, the state of Lower Saxony 11 and Schleswig-Holstein one, and five West German soldiers were reported killed in rescue work.

A Hamburg city spokesman said the death toll could be expected to rise. The primary interest now, he said, is "taking care of the living."

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