

# Temporary Road for Storm Victims

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Los Angeles City Councilman Louis R. Nowell at a special news conference at City Hall Friday outlined the major problems and action being taken following the storm disaster of the past week which caused Sunland-Tujunga the heaviest damage of any section in the city.

The primary problems include:

1. The loss and blockage of a 21-inch sewer line on Wentworth Street with raw sewage being presently dumped into Big Tujunga Wash. Emergency sanitation bureau crews are work-

ing around the clock to correct the problem and it is anticipated that the work will be completed Monday.

### FOOTHILL BRIDGE

2. The councilman secured emergency status for immediate action to reopen Foothill Boulevard across Big Tujunga Wash Friday from the State Public Works Dept. in Sacramento.

Work is expected to be started immediately on a temporary detour through the Wash replacing the washed-out bridges on the south bank and the repair of the long span bridge over the primary channel. The

state's initial estimate indicated that Foothill Boulevard (Route 118) will be reopened in 22 to 30 days.

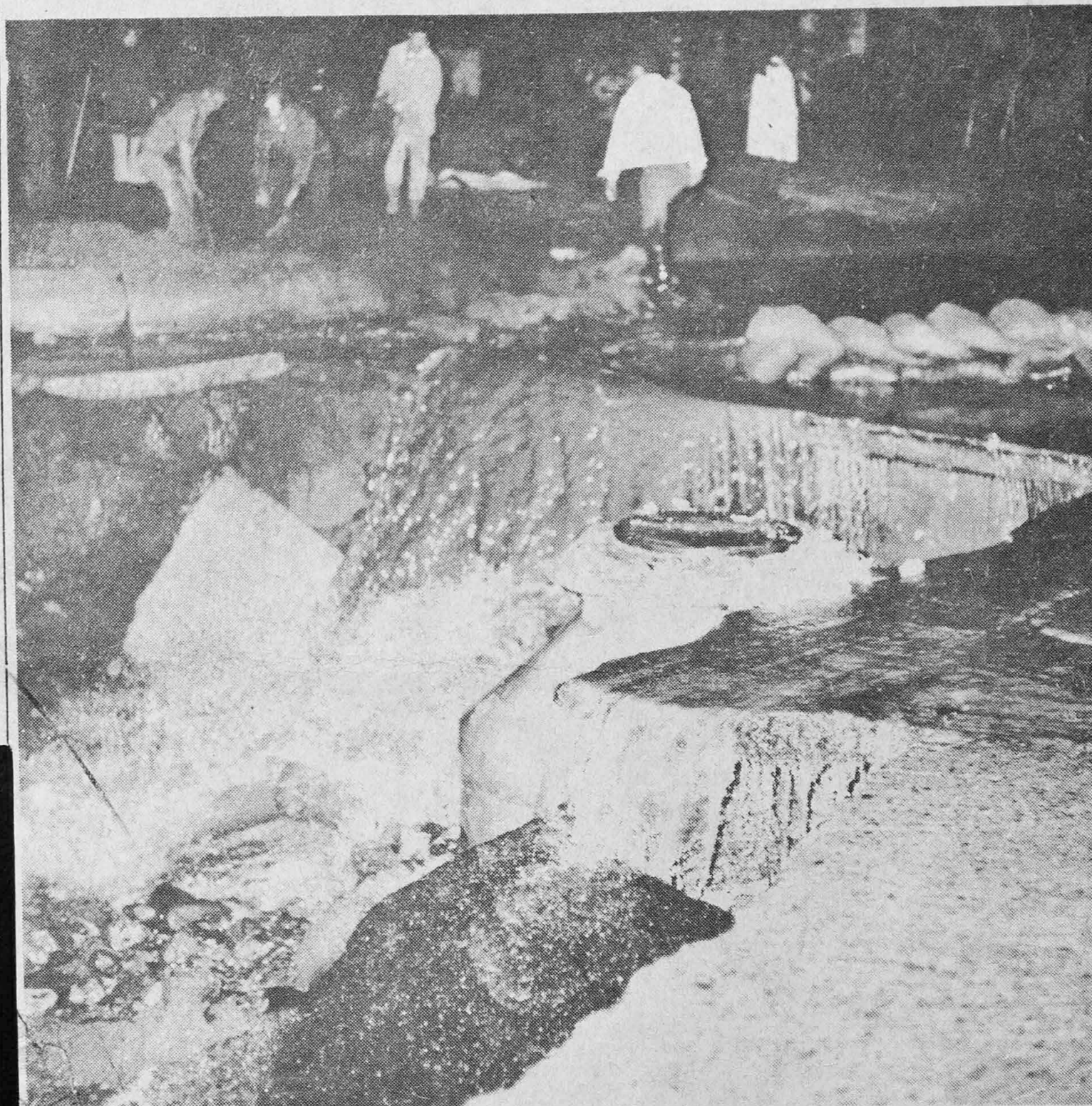
3. By city council resolution, Nowell secured emergency status to locate a temporary roadway along the north bank of Big Tujunga Wash to give about 200 marooned Riverwood Ranch area residents land access again to Foothill Boulevard. The 6,000-foot emergency temporary roadway will connect Conover Street to Private Road 37 in Riverwood Ranch. An emergency water line will

also be installed to provide a water supply to Riverwood residents.

### DAM SAFE

Nowell said he has received assurance through the County Flood Control that the Tujunga Canyon Dam is in no danger of collapse. Although the water level reached a peak of 11 feet over the spillway during the height of the rainfall, the dam is presently down to 60 per cent of capacity.

Nowell also stated that the city Public Works forces have constructed a temporary make-  
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COMPLETE COLLAPSE — Chevy Chase residents, who already have endured much in this "stormy" winter season, had another worry after this section of the street at 2262 E. Chevy Chase caved in Friday night. Three homes reportedly have been made inaccessible by the collapse, which apparently occurred when a bulkhead on the

storm drain broke, allowing the street literally to slide down into the drain, according to contractor Merritt Dunlap, a nearby resident. He estimated that the hole, located 200 feet east of Cascadia Drive, is 60 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 15 feet deep. Dunlap also reported sewer and gas lines were broken.  
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