

SECOND SMALL SLIDE STOPS CLEANUP WORK

Downpour Continues with Total Rainfall Over Two Feet for Month

As the deluge of rain continued in Juneau this afternoon, another small slide occurred at the top of the big avalanche of last week above lower Franklin Street and shortly thereafter Mayor I. Goldstein ordered men working at clearing up the debris from the big slide to stop working until the downpour stops rather than take chances on any one being caught should another big dirt cascade come down.

The slide this afternoon was small, coming from near the trestle, but gave indication, officials said, that an unsafe condition existed in the area so long as the heavy rain continues.

With all bodies removed from the big slide, the Mayor today reduced his cleanup crew to one day shift of about 40 men and had estimated it would take the rest of this week to clean up the debris. However, if the rain continues it may take longer.

At 1:55 this afternoon, total rainfall for November had reached the unprecedented mark of 24.52 inches, more than two feet, since the first of the month, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau, which predicted more rain and estimated the 25-inch mark would be passed by midnight at the present rate.

The downpour is setting an all previous time record for Juneau. The only comparable record is January of 1891 when the rainfall for the month totaled 30.51 inches.

Temperature has been particularly mild, averaging 43 degrees through the 28th, with only five per cent of sunshine for the entire month.

Virtually all homes in the immediate area of the slide and many on the hillside have been abandoned.

Slide on Thane Road

A slide on the Thane road blocked the highway this afternoon, east of the Standard Oil Company, according to reports. The school bus will operate to the slide and another motor vehicle on the other side of the slide will carry the children to Thane.