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Spring floods! Most great floods have occurred in late winter or early spring. Some have occurred in early winter, late spring, or even in summer, the latter being a very logical time in one respect, since summer months are often the rainiest of the year. In late winter or early spring, however, there are certain very important factors which conduce to flood conditions: There are no leafy woods or plant cover to intercept or hinder the run-off; evaporation from the ground is much less in winter and spring than in summer; and so it requires about twice as much rain in summer as in winter to cause floods, -----