

SNOW CLOAKS CATALINA WITH WHITE MANTLE

Southern California's snowy coastal plains and foothills had a similarly snowy bastion offshore yesterday.

Santa Catalina Island was crowned with white—nearly eight inches of snow that drifted in to mantle 2100-foot Blackjack Peak and other summits and canyons throughout the island.

The storm drove the resort land's wildlife, including boar, goats and buffalo, to shelter under scrub pine and in old Indian caves.

School children, many of whom had never seen snow before, were taken in buses to cavort in the floating white fall.

Vehicular traffic to Catalina Airport was blocked by drifts and air transportation was suspended.