

LONG DISTANCE PHONE BLOCKADE STARTED

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; fog during forenoon.

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Demobilization Delay Clamor Goes On

Statement of Plans Urged on Eisenhower

Troops in Germany Boo General McNarney, Send Protest to Washington

(By the Associated Press) Demands for a direct statement on demobilization from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army chief of staff, arose today at home and abroad.

In Washington, congressmen talked of holding a joint Senate-House session, possibly next Tuesday, to hear him. Across the Atlantic at Frankfurt, Germany, soldiers gathered at another "I want to go home" meeting and changed "We want Ike." Mixed with these cries were boos for Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Eisenhower's successor as commander of U. S. forces in Europe.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of U. S. forces in Austria, named a committee to study personnel records in an effort to solve demobilization problems. His action came after 362 soldiers chipped in \$1,000 to send protest messages home.

Some 2,500 soldiers at Berlin signed a protest petition and sent it to House Speaker Rayburn in Washington.

In London, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a delegate to the United Nations meeting, promised a group of nine GIs that she would take to the United States their demands for a speedy return home.

'Hysteria' Deplored High command concern over soldier demonstrations, which Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) has called "near mutiny," was reflected by Under Secretary of War Royall in an address at Roanoke, Va. He deplored "hysteria to get the boys home" and expressed fear lest it will wreck "our whole occupation policy."

The uproar started over a War Department order for a slowdown in redeployment because, it said, there weren't

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Oregon Election Watched for Trend

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—National party heads turned their eyes on the Oregon First District's special election today for a clue as to the outcome of next November's nationwide congressional election.

In the race for the unexpired term of the late U. S. Rep. James W. Mott of Salem are Walter Norblad, Astoria, Republican, and Bruce Spaulding, Salem Democrat, but who is running as an independent.

The vote is expected to be light, and results should be known a few hours after the polls close at 8 P. M. tonight.

The 10 Northwest Oregon Counties comprising the district are strongly Republican, but Spaulding was conceded a good chance because of the light vote and because he has a large Republican following.

However, the district, which was created in 1893, never has sent a Democrat to Congress.

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PAPPY'S CHOICE—While New York Socialite Mrs. Lucy Malcolson, in Reno, Nev., awaited explanation of Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington's announcement that he had changed his mind about marrying her, word came from Las Vegas, Nev., that the famous Marine ace and Miss Frances Baker, 32, of Los Angeles, were wed there. Pappy and Miss Baker are shown here last November as Boyington gave Miss Baker some lessons in piloting a yacht during an outing at San Diego, Calif.

Elks Celebrate Anniversary

U. S. Government Should be Backed Against Alien Types, Lodge Told by R. S. Farrell, Jr.

The Elks Lodge has a tremendous responsibility in assisting to preserve fundamentals of the American form of government, one of the precepts of the Order, Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Secretary of State and Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Oregon, said last night in keynoting the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Roseburg Elks Lodge.

Ex-Prime Minister of Hungary Shot as Traitor

BUDAPEST, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Laszlo de Bardossy, former Hungarian prime minister who led his country into war beside Germany, died a traitor's death yesterday before a firing squad.

His last fanatical words—"God save Hungary from these bandits"—nearly started a riot in the jail courtyard where the watching crowd shouted back: "Long live democracy."

The silver-haired Bardossy originally was sentenced to hang. The Supreme National Council deemed a firing squad "more honorable."

Provoked by the doomed man's last words, a crowd of onlookers stormed against the police barriers but drew back as Bardossy half turned, sagged and crumpled after the crack of execution rifles.

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"War Orders" Given Before Jap Assault

Adm. Kimmel's Reply to Charge of Negligence at Pearl Harbor Disclosed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel gave "war orders" to Adm. William F. Halsey when the latter sailed with a task force from Pearl Harbor several days before the 1941 Japanese attack. Under those orders, Halsey "armed everything and told them to sink every Japanese ship that they found."

Those statements by Kimmel were made available today to members of the Congressional Pearl Harbor Committee in a volume of testimony given by the former commander of the Pacific fleet before three previous locked-door investigations. They were conducted by the Roberts Commission and by Army and Navy inquiry boards.

Kimmel, who will give his first public testimony in the four-year-old military disaster next Tuesday, was disclosed in the bulky record to have made these assertions:

Three 'ifs' Are Listed

That while Pearl Harbor could not have been defended successfully, he would have given the Japanese "quite a party" if he had received additional warnings.

If he had had the information available in Washington, he

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Eight Bond Purchasers Qualify in Auto Drawing

Seven Roseburg war bond purchasers and one in Oakland yesterday huddled the first step in winning a new Dodge car, when their names were drawn by Mrs. E. K. Peterson, Roseburg Recreation director, under the direction of Harry O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County War Finance Committee.

Winners in the Douglas County qualifying drawing, whose names will be entered in the state drawing to be conducted in Portland soon, are: F. Fortin, Oakland, 55927-M; E. C. Trussell, Rt. 2, Box 233, Roseburg, 17232-N; Edna G. Rauch, 950 Cobb Street, 58975-L; L. A. Rhoden, 114 N. Jackson, 38530-K; Nina B. Voorhies, Lookingglass, Route, 36244-M; W. W. Rhule, Box 964, 25446-S; B. R. Shoemaker, Medical Arts Building, 57640-M; H. Pfeiffer, 712 E. 1st Avenue North, 57840-M.

Oregon's Top 4-H Cattle Breeders Are Announced

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The names of three teen-agers chosen as Oregon's top 4-H club workers in the three cattle breeds were announced by 4-H headquarters today.

The winners, each of whom received a calf of his special breed, were Barrie Gassett, Cove, Jersey; Margaret Fruendenthal, Hillsboro, Holstein; Johnny Reith, Astoria, Guernsey.

Walter R. Evans, Oregon City, won the state 4-H corn and pig contest.

New Clues Sought In Kidnap-Murder

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Detectives mingled with mourners today at the funeral of Suzanne Degnan, 6, 0 n the chance they might find some clue to the madman who kidnapped, killed and dismembered the little girl Monday.

The plain clothesmen, unsuccessful after nearly five days of Chicago's greatest manhunt, did not overlook the possibility that the perverted mind which carried out the fiendish crime might lead the killer to float at the last rites in St. Gertrude's Catholic Church, or even at the grave in All Saints Cemetery.

The collapse of one clue after another, many of which had been regarded as important, brought no let-down in the police investigation as a picked squad of officers searched for new leads which would trap the kidnaper-killer.

Police said they had not uncovered any new clues definitely linking any one person as a top suspect.

Two janitors who work in the Edgewater district on the North Side, where the Degnan family lives, were released from police custody yesterday on writs of habeas corpus.

2nd World War Cost Four Times More Than First

BASEL, Switzerland, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The cost of the Second World War was more than four times that of the First World War, the Bank for International Settlements estimated in a report made public here today.

Second World War costs, up to last summer borne by the various treasuries of the world were placed roughly at 680 billion dollars. Converting the "1913 dollar" into "1945 dollars," (taking into account the rise in prices) the cost of the First World War was placed at 180 billion dollars. These figures, the report said, represent direct costs only, without taking into account the capitalized value of human life, the property losses, the loss of production, the cost of war relief and neutrals losses.

Funds Allotted to Douglas Schools

Children are worth \$6.78 a head to Douglas County schools this year, in the annual apportionment of funds made recently by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent. Total apportionment was \$62,586.32, based on income from 1945 taxes, back taxes, land sales and forest rentals. Roseburg's apportionment this year was \$14,684.18. In the annual school census, which counts every resident between four and 20, the per capita allotment to each district was \$6.78. This figure, from year to year, depends on revenue from taxes and other sources, and on the annual census count.

In addition to the per capita allotment based on the school census, each school district receives a fixed amount of \$100 plus an additional allotment of \$100 for each consolidation within the last five years. The Roseburg schools will receive an extra \$100 for the Edgewater consolidation, each year for five years, from the time the consolidation was made last year.

War Secy. Takes Blame For Wrecking Cyclotrons

TOKYO, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson today assumed "full responsibility" for the destruction of Japanese cyclotrons.

Asked at a press conference "Who in your department ordered the cyclotrons destroyed?" the secretary replied: "I will take the blame for that. That is, the order went out under my name. I didn't see the message. The mistake was in not consulting scientists first."

Several scientists who helped develop America's atom bomb protested strongly at news of the wrecking of the cyclotrons. They said the machines should have been sent to the United States for study.

Adm. Mills Succeeds Land WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—President Truman has chosen Rear Admiral Earl W. Mills to succeed Vice Admiral Emory S. Land as chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission. Land is scheduled to leave the Maritime Commission this month to head the War Transport Association.

Plywood Firm Increases Its Timber Supply

65 Million Feet in Rock Creek District Purchased; Subsidiary Also Buys

Umpqua Plywood Corporation, its new plant here nearing completion and scheduled to begin operations early in February, has purchased another block of 65 million feet of timber to supplement raw materials already owned by the firm. Loren Haugen, president of the company, announced today.

The new holdings, previously owned by Smith-Wood Products, Inc., were obtained to assure an adequate supply of high quality veneers for the face or outside ply of the panels we will manufacture," Haugen reported. Purchase price was \$155,000.

Located in the Rock Creek area and known as the PeLaitre and Underwood tracts, the stands are within trucking distance of the new Roseburg plant, as is all other timber controlled by the firm. Other tracts owned or held under agreement by Umpqua Plywood include 8,000 acres in the Myrtle Creek Sustained Yield Unit, estimated at 150 million feet, and a large

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Masons Put Plaque Where Will Rogers Was Killed

BARROW, Alaska, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Three members of the "Top of the World" Masonic Lodge Chapter, this week placed a plaque "in memory of Brother Will Rogers in the last spot at a cost of more than \$200,000. He—or they—started out with a shopping center and school in December. Last Sunday a grade school burned."

Now this week a minor incendiary fire has flared up every day. Harrier investigators are wondering whether someone has decided to solve the problem of surplus housing by simply burning it down.

"They seem to be trying to," said a deputy sheriff as he rushed back from today's blaze—a \$500 affair in a vacant unit. "We must have somebody who delights in setting fire to these empty buildings."

Citizenship Denied Wife of Ex-Bund Leader

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Maria Scheurer, wife of the one-time Portland bund leader whose citizenship was restored by the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, was denied her petition for citizenship here yesterday.

Federal Judge Fee, whose ruling revoking John Hans Scheurer's citizenship was reversed last July, said he was not satisfied with the examiner's inquiry into her political beliefs or with her testimony that she disapproved of Scheurer's membership in the Friends of New Germany Society.

Scheurer had lived in Spokane as an enemy alien until the July decision.

Murder of 3 American Officers Is Indicated

NUERNBERG, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Army newspaper Stars and Stripes reported today that the charred bodies of three U. S. military government officers had been found in a half-burned house on the outskirts of Passau, near the Austrian-Bavarian border.

"Soldiers who saw the fire said there were indications that the officers were beaten to death and the house set on fire after it was drenched with gasoline," the paper said. It declared that an Army investigation already was under way.

The dead officers were described as a major, a captain and a lieutenant, but their names were not disclosed.

Hotel at Port Orford to Be Sold by Highway Body

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The historic Knapp Hotel at Port Orford will be sold by the State Highway Commission, which announced today it would accept bids for purchase of the building at Salem at 2 P. M. next Tuesday.

The commission acquired the hotel as part of its right of way for relocation of the Oregon Coast Highway. The new road will run through where the hotel now stands, so the new owner will have to wreck it.

PICKETS ON MARCH, THREAT OF NATION-WIDE HALT FACED; FEDERAL SEIZURE MAY COME

Fact-Finders Recommend Pay Hike For Employees of General Motors; Packinghouse Situation Said Bad

(By the Associated Press.)

Pickets marched before nearly every American Telephone and Telegraph Company Exchange building in the nation today shutting off most long distance calls and a Labor Department official said government seizure of the industry might be recommended if a country-wide tieup of phone service results.

President Ernest Weaver of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers Union ordered the picket lines established today, reversing instructions last night to postpone the picketing until Monday.

The nation's telephone system could be tied up because the ACEW said it had assurance from other telephone unions including 260,000 members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, that the ACEW picket lines would be honored.

U. P. Rail Unions Slate Strike Vote

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A strike vote will be taken among about 1,000 workers on the Union Pacific Railroad from Salt Lake City westward, the chairman of three operating brotherhoods announced today.

The area under the jurisdiction of the three brotherhoods includes the Salt Lake City to Los Angeles division and the Salt Lake City to the Pacific Northwest division.

In a telegram to the national brotherhoods, the chairman declared the action was taken "to correct the vicious practices indulged in by the management in administering discipline and persistent violations of the several working agreements."

Represented were the order of Railroad Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Epidemic of Vanport Fires Starts Manhunt

VANPORT CITY, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Vanport City, the nation's largest housing project, has broken out in a rash of mysterious fires that investigators are trying desperately to diagnose. Police are hunting a firebug—bugs—that has set seven blazes in the last month at a cost of more than \$200,000. He—or they—started out with a shopping center and school in December. Last Sunday a grade school burned.

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Long Distance Calls Bog Down in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Long distance calls bogged down here today, as operators declined to pass picket lines thrown around the main telephone exchange.

Attempted calls to out-of-state and most upstate points were answered by "Sorry, only emergency and priority calls are accepted."

The Association of Communications Equipment Workers, who picketed the main and two district exchanges here, reported that no other Oregon towns were picketed.

Long distance calls between upstate Oregon cities were not affected, but all which go through the Portland exchange were tied up. Local dial telephone calls here continued as usual.

Strike Doesn't Affect Roseburg Phone Service

The strike of Western Electric workers, involving installers of telephone switchboards and equipment, so far has not affected operation of the Roseburg telephone exchange, W. M. McEachern, local manager, reported today. Long distance calls are being cleared to all Oregon points without difficulty, but it is impossible to make connections with some localities outside the state.

There has been no picketing to date south of Eugene, it was reported.

11,000 Phone Operators In 2 States Ordered Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Eleven thousand telephone operators throughout Northern California and Nevada were ordered today by their union to leave their jobs immediately, regardless of whether their local telephone company offices were picketed.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Socialism, once dismissed in the U. S. A. as a crackpot idea from a soapbox, has now become a grim possibility from a political Pandora's box.