

Blockade Lift Must Precede Parley

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Friday, with a few widely scattered thunder showers.

Britain Joins In Declaring No Back-Down

Powers Reported Ready To Widen Discussions On German Problems

LONDON, July 22.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Bevin declared today Britain will not back down on her demands for lifting of the Russian blockade of Berlin as a preliminary to four-power talks on Germany.

"It is impossible," he told the House of Commons, "for a self-respecting government to sit down and discuss these things when your troops are cut off from normal communications and two and one half million people are being used to put pressure upon you to come to a decision."

The Western Powers were reported meanwhile, by a British official to have agreed tentatively to widen negotiations over Berlin to include several other German problems.

The informant implied that representatives of the United States, Britain and France had agreed to make this concession to the Russians in the draft of a new note protesting the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

Blockade Lift Put First
Officials here believe, however, that removal of the road and rail blockade almost certainly will remain a key condition for discussions.

Washington authorities expect the note to reiterate the demand of the Western Powers that Russia lift the blockade while stressing that there has been no weakening of Western determination to remain in Berlin despite the heavy emphasis now being placed on a peaceful settlement.

This new step to break the blockade may be delayed pending formation of a new French government and decision in Paris as to that government's German policy.

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Mother Kills Son, Tries To Slay Herself

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 22.—(AP)—Rodney Oscar Houston, 11, is dead and his mother, Mrs. Nola Houston, 40, is in Josephine General Hospital with a bullet wound in the chest as the result of what State Police termed a murder and an attempted suicide in a backwoods cabin eight miles east of Wolf Creek last night.

Coroner Virgil Hull of Josephine county said that the boy apparently died almost instantly from a .25 caliber rifle bullet fired into his left temple. The mother fired a slug into her head above the left ear. The bullet pierced a furrow along the skull, laying bare a brain, Hull said.

Barring complications, the woman will recover, an attending physician noted.

The double shooting was discovered by Roy Houston, an older brother of the dead boy. He was quoted by the coroner as saying his mother had been released three months ago from the State Hospital.

The husband and father, Merle Houston, is employed in the Myrtle Creek area.

Salem Pilot of B-29 Hero In Forced Landing on Lake

BOULDER CITY, Nev., July 22.—(AP)—Capt. R. M. Madison, Salem, Ore., emerged as the hero today of a B-29 forced landing on Lake Mead.

The plane developed engine trouble and Madison, the pilot, skillfully set it down on the lake. He rushed to join others in launching a life raft before the plane sank.

Then he discovered one of the four crewmen was missing. He reentered the plane, found Sgt. Frank Rico, Wolfboro, N. H., semi-conscious, and carried him to the raft.

Several hours after the plane sank, a commercial pilot sighted the life raft. A speedboat was sent to it.

Rico suffered from shock and a broken arm.

Special Tax Levy Advised For Portland Fire Dept.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22.—(AP)—City Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper proposed a special tax levy here today to keep the Fire Department up to standard.

He said the city would need to replace \$350,000 worth of obsolete fire-fighting equipment in the next three years. He also proposed a \$300,000 bond issue for new fire stations.

He warned fire insurance rates might increase \$1,000,000 if the city loses its class II rating.

Cooper asked that the proposal for a quarter-mill levy be put on the November ballot.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reimann

President Truman said today he thinks the chances for peace are excellent. He was not referring, however, to the forthcoming special session of Congress.

Steel Prices Going Up To Meet Wages

PITTSBURGH, July 22.—(AP)—The nation's steel industry is following the pattern of the U. S. Steel Corp.—boosting wages and the prices of its products.

The developments are coming just as fast as the industry's statisticians can figure what prices they feel the steelmakers must get for their products.

Just how soon the public will learn how much more it will have to pay for the hundreds of items produced from steel is problematical. One thing is certain: Price advances will follow—all along the line.

Some steel companies have announced wage boosts, others have revealed price increases for their products—some have done both. It will take at least a few more days to bring the picture into balance.

U. S. Steel gave the tipoff on what was coming when it granted an average 13-cent hourly boost to its 170,000 production workers, all members of the CIO United Steelworkers. Another 100,000 salary workers got comparable boosts—and the remainder of the steel industry is doing the same thing.

Fight on Inflation Lost
"Big Steel" said it had been forced to give up its fight against inflation by cutting prices and attempting to stabilize wages. The spiraling cost of living decided the issue, a spokesman said.

This week "Big Steel" boosted the prices of its products an average of \$9.34 a ton. Yesterday two more big producers followed suit. Bethlehem Steel Co., at Bethlehem, Pa., increased its prices of rolled steel about 11 percent. It is the country's second largest producer.

Shortly afterwards Republic Steel at Cleveland said it was increasing its prices an average of approximately \$9 a ton.

Runaway Boy Captured In Burglary Act

The J. V. Sporting Goods Store, for the second time within a week, was entered last night and the person involved was again caught in the act.

A 14-year-old Portland runaway youth was arrested by Patrolman Charles Long, who also assisted in the arrest of an inmate from the Veterans Hospital in the store several days ago.

The youth was found by Long as he lay hiding from the officer beneath a counter upstairs, reported Chief of Police Calvin Baird. He had in his possession a box of .32 calibre automatic ammunition, and had guns laid out, attempting to match the ammunition with them, Chief Baird said.

Long answered the call to the store, after Merchant Patrolman Jamison reported the glass in the rear door of the building had been broken. The boy had broken the window, then had reached in and unlocked the door, said the Chief.

A search of the building was made by Long, who finally located the youth.

The boy's name and description, said Baird, fits that sent out by the Portland police. He has been missing from his home at 2525 N. E. Glisan Street since July 17.

Arraigned in Justice Court today, the boy was turned over to the Juvenile Court for disposition, reported Justice Thomas C. Hartfield. He was charged with burglary not in a dwelling, said Chief Baird.

SADDLE THEFT CHARGED
State Police Wednesday night arrested Ryle Vernal Hunter, 16, of Sutherlin, and are holding him for Clackamas county authorities. State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said Hunter is wanted in that county on a charge of larceny of a saddle.

Gonzaga University To Become Coeducational
SPOKANE, July 22.—(AP)—A 61-year-old tradition will be broken this fall when Gonzaga University becomes coeducational.

The school, administered and staffed by Jesuit Fathers, has been previously a male stronghold although some women students have been permitted to attend the university's professional schools.

Gonzaga will cooperate with Holy Names College, a girls' school here, to provide increased educational facilities.

By the change, Gonzaga will become one of the few Catholic schools in the United States to be coeducational. Seattle University, also a Jesuit school, is likewise coeducational.

Plywood Company Buys Timber in Linn County
ALBANY, Ore., July 22.—(AP)—The Vancouver Plywood & Veneer Company has purchased a 160-acre timber tract in Linn County for approximately \$160,000.

A recording deed filed here disclosed the purchase from Mrs. Edwin Herringer, Cincinnati, Ohio, who inherited the property 40 years ago when it was appraised at \$2,000.

The tract has approximately 7,000,000 feet of timber.

Driver Exams Switched To Canyonville Hall
Drivers license examinations scheduled for Riddle Wednesday, July 28, will be held instead at the Canyonville Community Hall, it was announced today by E. J. Corcoran, examiner. Examination hours will be between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Roseburg Building Records Show Big Increase in June

Building permit records in Roseburg showed a record-shattering 366 percent increase in June over the previous month, according to an analysis of building in the Pacific Northwest published by the Equitable Savings and Loan Association at Portland.

Building valuation in Roseburg during June totaled \$325,400. The previous month's valuation was \$69,900.

The percent of increase in June over June, 1947, was 95. Last year's building valuation was \$166,600.

Cattle Test Issue Slated For Hearing
A hearing to determine whether all beef cattle, excepting those that cannot be brought in off the range, shall be tested for Bang's disease has been set by the Douglas County Court for Monday, August 16, in the Circuit Court room of the court house.

The hearing was called after a petition bearing 145 names of cattlemen was filed with the court.

The petition states it is not compulsory to have female and bull animals of beef breeds tested for Bang's disease at the present time, but Section 10, Chapter 588, Oregon Laws, 1947, provides that 100 or more owners of bovine animals may petition the County Court to hold a hearing and promulgate an order requiring every bovine and bull over six months of age shall be tested at least once every 12 months.

Oregon law requires the testing of all dairy cattle, but exempts beef stock, unless evidence brought out in hearings makes it advisable that it be tested, according to County Judge D. N. Busenbark. Beef animals that are not easily brought in off the range are excepted, he said.

Jewelry Stolen At Riddle Valued at \$2,610
Loot from the Umpqua Jewelers at Riddle, robbed early Wednesday morning, totaled \$2,610, Riddle Chief of Police Harry I. Hagan reported this morning.

Missing were 31 watches as well as a number of rings, lockets, and other jewelry, Hagan said. The inventory was completed by Mrs. J. R. Ritter, owner of the store, today. Only clues found by the police, Chief Hagan added, were two heel prints in the floor apparently left by the robber.

Would-Be Robber Gets Just What He Asks For
LOS ANGELES, July 22.—(AP)—John Wilson, 47, overlooked bulge made by badges, handcuffs and revolvers last night as he stalked plain clothes officers R. G. Church and G. L. Glenn.

In an alley, the officers said, Wilson came up behind them, simulated a gun and demanded: "Give me what you've got!"

He got it—two real guns in the ribs, handcuffs on his wrists and a booking on suspicion of robbery.

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'Pink' Backing Welcomed By Third Party

Wallace's Mate Refuses To Renounce Them on Eve Of Philadelphia Meeting

By JACK BELL
PHILADELPHIA, July 22.—(AP)—Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho said today that "pink" communists may support the new Third Party and he refuses to renounce their backing.

The Idaho Senator, running for vice president on the Henry Wallace ticket, made this statement at a news conference shortly after Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) had charged that Communists are using the New Party as a tool.

Arriving here for the party's first convention opening officially tomorrow, Taylor told reporters he doesn't think many Communists are actively engaged in the Wallace movement.

"I think the 'pink' Communists will support the New Party," he said.

Taylor defined a "pink" Communist as one who believes in the Democratic processes and a change by evolution instead of revolution.

He said "red" Communists are those who want to overthrow the government by force. But he said it was impossible to prevent even such Communists as the latter from supporting the Third Party ticket if they wish to vote for it.

But Taylor predicted "the red" Communists will support Thomas E. Dewey, because the best way to get revolution is to have another Hoover depression.

Reds Lead
As Wallace lashed out at the indictment of 12 Communists by a Federal grand jury in New York, the ADA said through James Loeb Jr., its executive secretary, that:

"Mr. Wallace's candidacy (for president) does not obscure the fact that the Communists and

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Logger Sues For \$25,000 For Injuries

Robert E. Ayers has filed suit in Circuit Court against F. F. Cornwell, engaged in the logging business, to collect \$25,000 damages for "permanent" injuries allegedly sustained by Ayers in a fall from a log "cold deck" May 6.

Ayers, the plaintiff, alleges in the complaint that while he was employed by the defendant in the operation of "rigging a spar tree," together with other employees of the defendant, he was required to stand on the pile of logs and to pass a metal rope, known as a "pass line," to the ground.

He alleges that while so standing he was jerked and thrown off balance, when a broken strand in the rope caught on his glove causing him to fall 12 feet to the ground. He alleges he struck his right shoulder on a log, which projected out from the cold deck.

The plaintiff charges negligence on part of the defendant in alleged failure to provide safety devices for the required work.

Child Run Over by Car But Little Injured
Two-year-old Carol Ann Ross miraculously escaped serious injury and possible death, when she was run over by a car driven by her uncle, Edward Ross. Tuesday, reported State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell.

The little girl was lying in a rut in the driveway at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ross, on the Nebo road, and it is believed, said Sgt. Harrell, that the sides of the rut kept the car wheels from crushing her.

The uncle stated he did not see the girl as he drove in. She was rushed to a doctor for examination and treatment but apparently was not badly hurt. Sgt. Harrell reported.

Truman Declines to Talk About Special Message
WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—President Truman today flatly declined at his news conference to discuss the contents of the special message he will deliver personally before the extra session of Congress next Tuesday.

Mr. Truman did say he has no intention of detailing the international situation in his message to Congress. He told reporters, however, that he thinks the prospects for peace were excellent.

Holdup, 11, Slays Woman
He Wanted Money Like Other Kids, Boy Explains; Arms Cache at His Home

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Tommy is one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington, who came to California from McAlester, Okla., three years ago. Mrs. Ebling, 42, was killed when she answered a knock at the rear of her grocery store in nearby Mountain View.

The sheriff quoted the boy:



Picture by Paul Jenkins

OFF TO SEASIDE—Miss Joyce Winifred Sheffel, Miss Roseburg of 1948, waves farewell to friends just before entering this convertible, provided by Ray Buckley Motors, enroute this morning to Seaside, where she will enter the Miss Oregon Pageant. Accompanying Miss Sheffel were her mother, Mrs. Louis Sheffel of Sutherlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Losee, representing the Roseburg Lions Club, sponsor of the Miss Roseburg selection.

General Clay Reports On Berlin Situation

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—General Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, held a secret conference here today with President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall and high-ranking military leaders on the Berlin situation.

Press Secretary Charles B. Ross told reporters the council gathering was "not in the nature of a crisis meeting." Ross described it as a "regular session" of the council to which Clay was invited.

Asked by reporters whether the meeting "foreshadowed a change of policy in Berlin," Ross replied:

"The meeting foreshadowed nothing. No conclusions can be drawn from it. The council simply listened to General Clay."

Upon leaving the conference, Clay himself told reporters simply that he had "reported on the German situation."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MORE notes off the cuff:

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled the other day that the sizable sum of 40 million dollars in excess state income tax funds is available for whatever state spending the legislature authorizes.

A Portland dispatch started the story off this way: "With 40 million dollars there for the asking, it appeared that nearly everyone in the state would be asking."

This writer would like to put in a word here for the cities of Oregon, which are about as near strapped as any institution could be. Their populations are growing, but their sources of income are more or less standing still.

The fix they are in is a good deal like that of a breadwinner who gets an addition to his family every year or so but no up in his pay envelope.

So far, partly by the device of continuing annual levies and partly by good old-fashioned economy, the cities have managed to make a go of it. But each year

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"She was a very nice woman. She used to give me comic books and soda pop."

Tommy wore a red shirt and blue jeans and tied a handkerchief over his face, his statement said, and continued:

As Mrs. Ebling answered his knock, Tommy said, "Stick 'em up." This is a holdup.

"She said, 'Oh, that doesn't fool me. I know who you are.'"

Mrs. Ebling was shot then, with

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SCENE OF ROBBERY—Picture shows Umpqua Jewelers at Riddle, looted of an estimated \$2,000 worth of rings and watches early Wednesday, said Riddle Police Chief Harry I. Hagan. Entrance was effected by smashing window between the store and lobby of the adjoining theater, after the theater had been entered by a rear door. Note the sign on the theater marquee. Car is that of Canyonville Police Chief Ed Dahl, called into the investigation.