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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with afternoon and evening thunder showers today and Tuesday. High today 78-83 and Tuesday 80-85.

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READY TO GENERATE—Here is a striking view of Brownlee Dam, looking upstream from a point near Homestead, soon to put the first of its huge power generators into operation.

The dam, second highest rock-fill structure in the world, will generate 360,000 kilowatts at capacity. (Photo, Courtesy California-Pacific Utilities Co., La Grande.)

Brownlee Dam Power Due Soon

Power will start streaming into the Pacific Northwest soon from the mammoth Brownlee Dam, climaxing 11 years of dispute over public vs. private development of the rugged Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River.

On Sept. 1, the privately-owned Idaho Power Co., which won the struggle, expects to begin operations of the first generating unit at its 360,000-kilowatt installation.

All four of its initial power-producing units are scheduled to be on the line by next December. Construction of the dam, second highest rock-fill structure in the world, began three years ago. It is a quarter-mile wide at the base and will store water in a 57½-mile-long reservoir.

Production at Brownlee, which stretches across the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, will start 11 years after Idaho Power advocates over development of Hells Canyon, North America's deepest gorge.

The stormy issue, which has stirred debate in Congress, in Northwest political campaigns and across the nation, was resolved in 1955 when the Federal Power Commission licensed the utility's three-dam program as "best adapted to a comprehensive plan" for developing the Hells Canyon area.

The public power advocates, who wanted the Federal government to build a massive single dam in the gorge, didn't quit even then. They took the matter to the courts. But the FPC decision was upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Last June, a House subcommittee killed a bill that would have authorized Federal construction of a single dam—a dam which would have flooded out the Brownlee site.

Brownlee is the first of three

another 23 miles downstream on completion of Oxbow.

Only a brief ceremony is planned when Brownlee's first 90,000-kilowatt generating unit is opened. The final phases of construction will continue at top speed.

Power company president T. E. Roach will throw the switch and send power flowing over a vast interconnected transmission system tying Hells Canyon to the utility's own service area and other members of the Northeast power pool.

The three-dam development, harnessing the full power potential of the Hells Canyon reach, according to the company, also will provide flood control, navigation and recreational benefits as well as costly fish-conservation facilities. Roach said it eventually will yield a total of \$10,000,000 annually in local, state and Federal taxes.

Bear Scared Lost Woman

SHADY COVE (UPI) — Mrs. Claudine Hawks, lost in rugged timber country in the Umpqua National Forest for 30 hours said Sunday a bear cub triggered the ordeal.

The 45-year-old housewife said she became lost near Tiller while picking berries when she saw a "little black bear" and turned in the other direction.

Searchers found her Saturday evening and carried her out of the forest on a stretcher early Sunday.

New Proposal Asks Dag To Take Mid-East Action

Mediators Schedule Meet On Truck Tie-Up

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Federal mediators scheduled a meeting today in advance of top-level negotiations in San Diego aimed at settling a dispute that has idled thousands of teamsters in the 11 western states.

Mediators George Hillenbrand and Ralph Patterson of San Francisco and Steven Halliigan of Denver scheduled the negotiations for Wednesday in an attempt to create a "climate" for settling the 3-day-old dispute.

Meanwhile, teamsters leaders were to confer in Los Angeles today and Tuesday. Teamster President James Hoffa was unable to attend because of his appearing before the Senate Rackets Committee in Washington.

Employers ordered the 11-state lockout last Monday after 2,350 teamsters in Central California and Western Nevada went on strike for higher pay.

The strike has idled a great part of transcontinental trucking west of Chicago. It involves 1,600 trucking firms and as many as 100,000 men.

Expansion Of Elgin District Meeting Subject

ELGIN—A hearing on the question of expanding the Elgin Soil Conservation District to include the remaining 80,000 Union county acres not now under the soil conservation program will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the district's offices in the Masonic building here.

A petition bearing the signature of two-thirds of the farmers in the district asking for district inclusion already has been filed with the district.

Started in 1952, the Elgin soil conservation district comprises 172,000 acres. If tonight's hearing is favorable the new area can be added to the Elgin district without delay.

Retail Bread Prices Hiked

PORTLAND (UPI) — Retail bread prices went up two cents on the one pound and one and one-half pound loaves here today.

Trade sources said the hike would be general throughout Oregon within a few days.

Bakers attributed the higher price to a continuing increase in labor costs and other manufacturing costs.

Air Force Moonshot Fizzles; To Try Again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The Air Force — its first moonshot effort a failure — made tentative plans today to try again in four weeks to fire a rocket around the moon.

There was speculation Russia might make a similar attempt several days in advance of the second U. S. effort.

Meanwhile, the Army was reported ready to shoot for the moon.

Disintegration of the U. S. rocket after it had traveled less than 10 miles of its projected 220,000-mile journey into space Sunday was cited by Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas as a "grim warning" to Americans this country is behind Russia in missile development.

But most officials stressed there had been little expectation of success in this nation's first effort to probe the mysteries of the moon at close range.

Reds Poke Fun European newspapers, mean-

Who Radiates The Most?

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The International Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced Sunday the development of a complicated device which can tell men from women.

The device, which can detect the difference in heat radiated by men and women's clothing, has many military and commercial uses, especially where heat sensitivity is concerned.

Highway 30 Construction Resumed

Construction work on Highway 30, west of La Grande, today was gearing up for fullscale operations following a five-week shutdown over a labor dispute between the operating engineers unions and the Associated General Contractors.

A check of operations just west of the city showed the contractor's crusher in operation, as well as other pieces of heavy equipment.

Some 25,000 operating engineers and workers had been drifting back to their construction jobs throughout the state since Friday when locals undertook to vote on approval of a package offer by the contractors. More than \$4 million had been tied up in the work stoppage.

Meanwhile, a check with the state highway department offices here disclosed, approximately 75 percent of the construction work on the new section of the Wallowa highway had been completed by the contractor, McNitt Sons Construction Company of Eugene.

Most of the grading had been completed today, and some surfacing was already prepared for the asphaltic concrete to follow.

St. Peter's Church Entered; Nothing Taken

Vandals forced their way into the St. Peter's Episcopal church this weekend by breaking a small pane in a basement door and prying a door jam with a crowbar, police reported today.

There was no evidence anything had been taken.

Ike's Emergency Plan Undergoes Changes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) —Norway, Colombia and Canada today proposed a resolution for U. N. General Assembly consideration asking Dag Hammarskjold to take steps to settle the Middle East situation.

The draft resolution, product of days of negotiation, would empower Secretary-General Hammarskjold to go personally to the Middle East on another of his "quiet diplomacy" peace missions, informed diplomats said.

The three-power measure was expected to be made public officially later today.

Qualified diplomats said it would be possible for the assembly's emergency session to vote on the resolution by Thursday and for Hammarskjold to be in the turbulent Middle East by this weekend.

The resolution, designed to make possible the withdrawal of American and British forces from Lebanon and Palestine, calls upon Hammarskjold to conduct a study for the establishment of a U.N. peace force.

Economic Program It also would allow him to begin negotiations on the setting up of an Arab development institution in a Middle East do-it-yourself economic program as suggested by President Eisenhower.

Norwegian Deputy Foreign Minister Hans Engen did most of the negotiating work on the measure. A stiffening attitude by the U.S. against having the Eisenhower plan watered down too far cost Engen the support of several sponsors.

One Eisenhower proposal was for measures to end propaganda warfare by radio and for setting up a clearing house for complaints of such activities. This was stricken entirely from the measure.

India refused to accept any reference to Eisenhower's proposal for a stand-by peace force, and Moscow Radio asserted today it would oppose such a force. The Indians also had other objections to the Norwegian draft and were reported pushing their own ideas for a separate resolution.

United Arab Republic Foreign

1959 Model Car Production Starts

DETROIT (UPI) —The vanguard of 182,000 auto industry employees, expected to be called back to work for production of 1959 model cars, reported today.

Buick Division of General Motors and four Chrysler Corp. lines recalled unemployed workers to begin production on 1959 models. They were the first auto companies to begin work on the new models.

CARS COLLIDE HERE

Cars driven by Mary Ann Brecheers, 1902 Alder, La Grande, and Bob Gene Austin, Bentonville, Ark., collided at Adams avenue and Willow over the weekend with no resulting injuries, state police reported. The woman driver was issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way.

Dead were Keyoe Hirai, 75, Route 1, Nyssa, and her 16-year-old nephew, Gary Nakanasha, Seattle.

Nancy Hill, 16, Nyssa, a passenger of the other car was admitted to a hospital here with facial injuries.

Minister Mahmoud Fawzi was insisting upon a definite date for the withdrawal of American troops from Lebanon and British forces from Jordan. Neither the United States nor Britain was ready to set such a date until the U. N. had taken adequate steps to insure the territorial integrity and political independence of both countries.

1959 Crop Insurance Available

Sales work on 1959 wheat and barley crop insurance is in full swing throughout Union county. Charles Hix, county crop insurance agent for the department of agriculture's federal crop insurance corporation, reported today.

Barley has only recently been added as an insurable crop in Union county, Hix said.

Protection under the insurance program is limited to the cost of production, including drought, flood, hail, wind, frost, winter-kill, lightning, fire, excessive rain, snow, wildlife, hurricane, tornado, insect infestation and plant diseases.

"This adds up to a lot of protection," Hix said, "and is available only through the government agency."

Persons having an interest in a wheat or barley crop at the time of seeding are eligible to apply for the insurance. Applicants may apply at the department's Union county offices at the Sacajawea Annex.

Fire Destroys Dock, Plant

ST. HELENS (UPI) —Fire swept the St. Helens city dock and a Columbia River Packers Association fish receiving plant Sunday doing an estimated \$50,000 damage.

The blaze, which started in a fishermen's net rack shed, spread rapidly before a brisk north wind and destroyed two buildings, a car, two fishing boats, a sand bunker and several fish nets.

A serious explosion was averted by a quick-thinking police sergeant, Clyde Buddington, who broke open a building leased to Dahlgren Feed and Building Supplies company and aided by four other men, carried some 350 pounds of dynamite from the path of the flames.

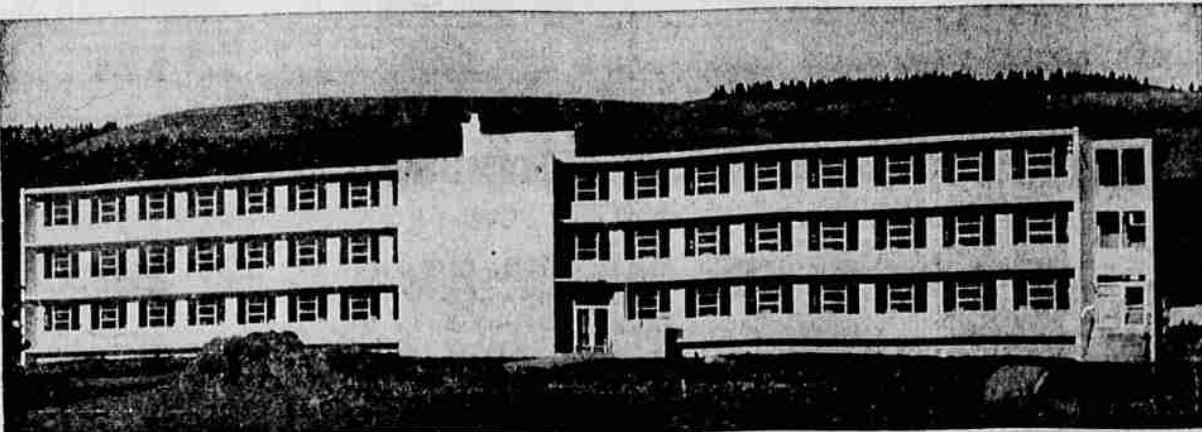
2 Dead, 1 Injured In Ontario Auto Wreck

NYSSA (UPI) — Two persons were killed and another injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of Highway 201 and Overstreet road one and one-half miles north of Ontario this morning.

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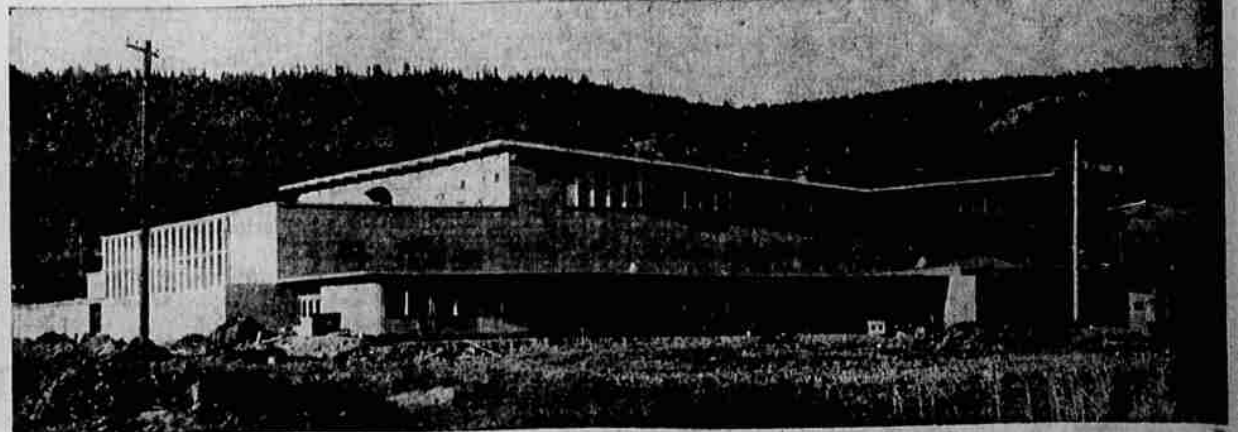
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Governor Holmes, State Board To Attend EOC Building Dedication



COLLEGE BUILDINGS NEARING COMPLETION—Gov. Robert D. Holmes will take part in the official dedication of three new buildings on the Eastern Oregon College campus Sept. 8, it was announced today by Dr.

Frank B. Bennett, president. The buildings include Dorion Hall, left, above, \$710,000 dormitory which will be ready for women students Sept. 24; a \$625,062 physical education building, right, above, and a \$203,463 central



heating plant which will serve all campus buildings. The state board of higher education also is scheduled to meet on the La Grande campus Sept. 8 and 9, marking the first time in 14 years an official state board meeting has

been held at EOC. Board officials will participate in dedication ceremonies. President Bennett indicated an "open house," giving area residents an opportunity to inspect the projects, is scheduled for the dedication day.