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WEATHER

Scattered snow showers today; partial clearing with a few snow showers tonight; variable clouds with sunny periods Saturday; high both days 33-38; low tonight 22-28.

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Red Press Doubts U.S. Would Fight For City

BERLIN (UPI)—The Communist East German press renewed its attacks today on the Allied position in Berlin and expressed doubt the United States would really fight to hold the city.

"People are not ready to allow themselves to be dragged into a destructive war for West Berlin," the East Berlin newspaper "Berliner Zeitung" said. Its headline read:

"Die For West Berlin? The People Say No."

The story apparently was prompted by the U.S. State Department's pledge to hold West Berlin by military force if necessary against the Communists.

The Berliner Zeitung repeated previous Communist assertions that the Allied occupation is based on the Potsdam Agreement, declared the West has broken the agreement and said the West has lost its rights to stay here.

This was in denial of a State Department statement Thursday that the occupation is not based on Potsdam but on the military defeat of Nazi Germany.

The same view was expressed by the East Berlin newspaper "Neue Zeit" which said the Western arguments in support of Allied occupation were not tenable.

The new press attacks came after an unsuccessful Communist election rally Thursday night in blockade-threatened West Berlin.

Three thousand angry young Berliners tried to break up the rally but riot police kept them from mauling the Reds. Their protests were so strong, however, the rally was turned into a fiasco.

The Communists, targets of a stone throwing barrage and taunts of "traitor" and "down with the Communists," returned to East Berlin later by devious ways to escape the wrath of the West Berlin youths. Some straggled home in the early hours today.

Ironically the West Berlin police who prevented the West Berliners from mobbing the Communists learned their technique in training to halt Communist riots in recent years and the West Berlin police are masters of riot technique.

The Communists called the political rally in hopes of picking up votes for the Dec. 7 municipal elections in West Berlin. The Reds won 2.7 per cent of the votes in the last election and are not represented in the West Berlin government. Five per cent is necessary to win seats under the City's proportional representation system.

About 8,000 Communists attended the rally. Most of them were from East Berlin and betrayed their origin by automatically displaying their identity cards as they entered the building. The practice is not necessary in West Berlin.

Communist speakers echoed the Monday statement by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that the Western Allies should give up their occupation rights in Berlin.

The anger displayed by the West Berliners reflected their fears the Soviets might permit the East German Communists to impose a crippling blockade on Berlin—one far worse than that of 1948-49 when Allied planes saved the city with a gigantic airlift.

At 5 time the Westerners feared the Reds would close the air routes as well.

The city already was checking its food stocks in event of emergency. The city government announced it had six to nine month stocks of coal, gasoline, sugar, flour, cereals, meat, milk, fat, potatoes and other goods for 2,200,000 persons.

One big fear was that any blockade would ruin West Berlin's thriving economy. Food might be flown in but not supplies for industry.

License Fee Issue Explained

Robert Fallow, a La Grande businessman the past several years, this morning said that he is in the business of handling music boxes and other amusement devices on which he pays federal and state taxes and a city license fee and that the Wednesday night City Commission discussion on "pinball" machines should have a minor part of the consideration in connection with license fees.

Fallow said each operator in La Grande pays \$1,500 a year to the city as a license fee to operate in La Grande, regardless of the number of amusement machines or number of locations in town. There are two firms in the business here, Fallow and Jack Burton, who appeared at the commission meeting seeking a change in the license fee system.

Fallow said that the amusement device business here is good and clean and that operations of pinball machines is a minor item in La Grande. He said the main point for consideration is whether or not the city license fee for handling all amusement machines in La Grande is too high. In this connection, he said, the operation of pinball machines is not the issue.

City Commissioners Wednesday night decided to again look into the city ordinance on amusement machines in respect to the amount of the annual license fee. The decision came after having "tabled indefinitely" the issue a week ago, and Burton's appearance Wednesday night.

Snow Packed Along Tollgate

In the Weston-Elgin area, on the Tollgate road, three new inches of snow fell last night and light flurries continued today, State Police headquarters here reported.

Last night's snow resulted in 20-inches of snow along the highway, the report stated.

According to the weather report this morning, La Grande can expect snow showers with partial clearing tonight, with the mercury to drop between 22 and 28 degrees.

Portland got its first snow of the season last night as wintry weather also hit the coastal area.

ENLISTS IN ARMY
Robert E. Tuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tuck of Summerville, has enlisted in the Army. Tuck has been assigned to the Military Police Corps.



NOW, LISTEN—La Grande High School Principal Ron Walk, left, apparently was getting his point across to City Commissioner Arlo Noyes yesterday during the day-long Education-Business Day at the schools. School officials said about 40 persons attended the initial E-B Day and that before deciding whether or not to make it an annual event, questionnaires will be sent out to help evaluate the program. With Noyes seated at a high school student's desk, Walk loomed over him while possibly explaining school administration policies. The Chamber of Commerce helped promote the program and termed the program a success. (Observer)

Ike Advised That Gas Tax Increase Needed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Eisenhower has been advised that an increase in the federal gasoline tax of one or 1 1/2 cents per gallon will be necessary next year to avoid adding materially to his deficit difficulties.

The Chief Executive was expected to decide shortly whether to recommend the increase to the new heavily-Democratic Congress.

Firm recommendations for the hike have been delivered to the White House. A final decision apparently awaits the outcome of talks between the President and Secretary of Treasury Robert B. Anderson, just back from India.

The gasoline tax increase is only one of many difficult fiscal decisions facing Eisenhower as budget for fiscal 1960 — the 12-month period ending June 30, 1960 — nears completion preparatory to its submission to Congress in late January.

The 1959 budget picture remains bleak despite an energetic upward spurt in business conditions during recent weeks. The President's top financial advisers have not reduced their estimate of a federal deficit of \$12,250,000,000 in this fiscal year, which ends next June 30.

Some private experts have expressed belief the deficit will be considerably less due to improved business activity and higher revenue collections.

Key Eisenhower advisers say that while receipts may go somewhat above the 67 billions estimated last September, expenditures may also increase beyond the estimated \$79,200,000,000 due to new federal needs in agriculture and defense, plus higher-than-expected government interest payments.

In another revenue field, is the question of asking another increase in postal rates to attack the still-high Post Office Department deficit. Postal rate raises approved by Congress this year were short of Eisenhower's recommendations. He is studying whether to renew his request for the higher rates — five cents first class, eight cents for airmail—to the new Democratic Congress.

Power Firm's Project Told
California Pacific Utilities is reconstructing the 7,200 volt line on Mt. Haggis, northeast of Alice, supplying Grande Ronde TV Association, Eastern Oregon Television and Mt. Emily Lumber Company's radio transmitter.

The pole line is undergoing reinforcements to withstand heavy snows and ice loading.

The line will be reinforced by the addition of a pole and several guys near the termination point at the top of the mountain. The aluminum conductor in the last three spans will be replaced with new high strength steel and copper wire.

In order for the linemen to complete the work safely it will be necessary to cut off the power on the 7,200 volt line from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 noon on Monday, November 17.

The temporary interruption will only affect the electric service to the TV transmitters and Mt. Emily radio transmitter.

The project cost is estimated at \$1,000.

Mamie Celebrates 52nd Birthday

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Mamie Eisenhower celebrates her 52nd birthday today in "fine fettle" and getting ready for a hectic White House winter social season.

The First Lady had a big day-early birthday party Thursday when several hundred Republican women came to tea. They presented her with a gold-dipped silver sandwich plate matching the Francis I pattern of the Eisenhowers' personal gold dinner service.

Today's celebration was to be a strictly family affair with the Eisenhower grandchildren on hand. The presents were as private as the party.

Reporters and photographers were banned from the mass tea party as well as the family gathering. But one tea-sipper said Mrs. Eisenhower looked "perfectly lovely" in a green silk frock and matching jade jewelry.



INSPECTION—Colonel James T. Darrah, Oregon sector commander of the Army Reserve Corps, is shown above (center) talking with Lt. Col. Alan W. Christensen (right) of Summerville and Major Ed Richardson, (left) in command of Reserves in this area. Col. Darrah inspected facilities in the La Grande Area Command of the Reserves, yesterday. (Observer)

UN May Nix Police Force

Morse Refuses To Attend Meet

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) refused today to attend a proposed meeting of the Oregon congressional delegation with Republican Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield. Morse said Hatfield's invitation was merely "political window dressing."

In Portland, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said "it will be very unfortunate if the great and urgent needs of our state are neglected while Senator Morse and Governor-elect Hatfield jockey politically for 1962."

(Neuberger apparently was referring to speculation that Hatfield might run for the U.S. Senate against Morse four years from now.)

Morse said "I respectfully decline your invitation to participate in a conference meeting with you and the other members of the congressional delegation because I do not know of any constructive purpose that would be served thereby."

"I am never interested in empty gestures or political window dressing," Morse added.

Morse said any conference on plans for the next congressional session "would be highly speculative." He promised to keep Hatfield informed about issues affecting Oregon, including what he said were "the Republican administration's partnership scheme for turning over to the private utilities a large share of the power profits from multi-purpose dams."

Hatfield had asked Morse, as senior member of Oregon's delegation, to arrange for a meeting. Morse said he would send copies of the letter to other members of the delegation.

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Tax Payments Due Saturday; Big Firms Giving Checks

Payments on Union county property taxes is ahead of last year Sheriff H. A. Klinghammer said this morning, while announcing that his office will be open until noon Saturday.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's vault continued to swell today, particularly with tax payments by Union Pacific Railroad of \$130,386; Mt. Emily Lumber Company, a Division of Valselt Lumber Company, \$74,605; California-Pacific Utilities Company, \$16,064.12 and Idaho Power Company, \$8,106.

Klinghammer said \$516,159.44 had been collected through Wednesday, compared to \$470,757.48 for the same period last year. Total tax roll for 1958-59 is \$1,825,106.64, compared to \$1,796,460.89 last year.

The sheriff said that tax money mailed in must be post marked no later than midnight Saturday to take advantage of the three percent rebate, and to avoid adding interest for the first quarter.

Out of the taxes collected through Wednesday the sheriff's office has turned over \$258,147.05 to the county treasurer's office for distribution.

Union Pacific Agent H. E. Waddell this morning said his firm is the biggest taxpayer in Union county and that UP ranks in Oregon in which the railroad pays taxes. Multnomah and Umatilla counties exceed Union county.

Waddell said the railroad paid \$23,135 in taxes in Wallowa county. The Mt. Emily Lumber company paid \$23,976.02 in Wallowa county. Idaho State Power Company paid \$168.32 in Wallowa county.

Cancer Society Official Says 800,000 Cured Of Cancer

CHICAGO (UPI)—An official of the American Cancer Society has reported that more than 800,000 persons in the United States have been cured of the disease and that present skills may cure one of every two cancer victims.

Mefford F. Runyon, New York also left the door open for a society-sponsored test of the controversial cancer drug krebiozen provided the testing meets "the recognized standards of the scientific community."

Runyon, executive vice president of the cancer organization, said Thursday that in addition to the 800,000 survivors of cancer in America another 900,000 persons who have received treatment were undergoing five-year's observation to determine if the cure has taken.

His prediction that 50 per cent success was possible hinged on the afflicted person's making full and early use of existing modern facilities.

"It is up to the individual," Runyon said. "His life is in his own hands and the first doctor who sees him."

Runyon said the present encouraging picture contrasted sharply with earlier years: In 1913, when only one in 10 persons was cured, 1930, one in five, and today's one in three.

Referring to the krebiozen controversy, Runyon said the society would like to see it settled "and the drug made available to doctors and the public if it is of value."

Krebiozen's champion, Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, University of Illinois physiologist, has sought repeatedly for the society's approval of a testing. His latest setback came last month when the group's

Geneva Talks Hit Snag

GENEVA (UPI)—The Soviet Union has refused to consider revealing any of its military secrets under a possible East-West agreement to prevent surprise attacks, it was reported on highest authority today.

The Soviets have told the West, it was learned, that discovery of defense secrets is a job for military intelligence and that Moscow's main interest at the Geneva Conference is to reach a political agreement to prevent the use of such secret weapons by either side for surprise attacks.

The Soviet Union's attitude on secret weapons marked still another sharp East-West difference. American sources said before the present Geneva talks opened that the United States might be prepared to share some of its military secrets with the Russians during the conference on surprise attacks.

But the East-West conference on prevention of surprise attacks bogged down in total deadlock today after four formal sessions.

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Twenty-Two Iraqi Officers Arrested

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Twenty-two Iraqi Army officers have been arrested in a purge of followers of Col. Abdel Salem Aref, reports from Baghdad said today.

Aref was one of the leaders of the Iraqi revolution and was jailed last week.

The reports said the Army officers were arrested after Aref returned without orders from his post as Ambassador to West Germany and was jailed for activities jeopardizing the security of the state.

Those arrested included the deputy commander of Army intelligence, but there were no further details.

The reports said new, tougher security measures were now in effect in Baghdad with machineguns set up on the roof of the radio station and other key points. Similar machinegun positions were taken down after the July 14 revolution which Aref engineered with Premier Brig. Abdel Kerim Kassem.

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Anne Frank Diary 'Excellent'

BY BUCK BUCHANAN

"Well done." "Excellent." "A tremendous story." These were the comments of the audience last night as they left the Eastern Oregon College campus after viewing the opening night presentation of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

The appealing story of a 13-year-old Jewish girl, her ordeal, and the conflicts and tensions created when eight people live in an attic for two years during the Second World War to escape the Nazis, will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night in the EOC auditorium.

The college cast took the Pulitzer prize winning play and moulded it into an intriguing, intensely interesting vehicle of human emotions.

For those who have not read the book, attending the play should be a must.

The cast moved the story well and audience interest was intense throughout. Jo Ann Berryman portrayed the role of Anne in excellent fashion. She seemed to

Ike Included Proposal In Six-Point Program

By BRUCE W. MUNN
United Press International

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The U. N. General Assembly was expected to vote today to reject President Eisenhower's call for a stand-by police force.

Eisenhower included the proposal in the six-point program he placed before the assembly's emergency session on the Middle

East last Aug. 13. U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold recommended that no action was needed on the plan at this time.

The assembly also was expected to give overwhelming approval late today to its ninth call for reunification of Korea.

The Soviet bloc already has served notice that it considers the call invalid and predicted it would have no more chance of changing the situation in Korea than had the eight previous U.N. Korean resolutions.

The resolution, which passed the main political committee by a vote of 54-9 with 18 abstentions, was sponsored by the United States and 12 other countries. It calls for "genuinely free" elections to unite the peninsula now divided between the Republic of Korea and Communist North Korea.

The resolution continues for another year the U.N. commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea, whose abolition Russia had demanded. It also puts the Korean question back on next year's assembly agenda.

Missile Base Cuts Hinted

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States appeared ready today to cut back its program of ringling Russia with overseas missile bases and concentrate instead on intercontinental missiles based at home.

That prospect was unfolded late Thursday at a news conference by Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy. It apparently means a rather drastic revamping of some North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) military plans.

The move could be at least partly a result of Russia's barrage of warnings to U. S. overseas allies against allowing American 1,500-mile range Thor and Jupiter ballistic missiles on their soil.

McElroy, however, did not allude to the Soviet warnings or to the political issue that intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBMs) have become in many NATO countries.

The defense secretary said that there was "currently underway... a reappraisal of our military requirements for IRBMs."

He made it plain the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), based in the United States completely under American control and with 5,500 mile range, is now a more desirable military weapon to this country than the IRBM based overseas and subject to joint U.S.-Allied control.

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be thoroughly wrapped-up in her role as the Jewish girl who wrote the story of eight people, crammed into an attic in Amsterdam, Holland, for two years.

Larry Nelson as the Jewish youth, at first bitter and reticent, then later friendly and talkative as Anne drew him out, was also excellent. He took the part and made into it believable, honest story of a youth who had seen too much, too soon.

Tom Mercer as Otto Frank, and Dan Yturrape as Mr. Dussel, "the uninvited dentist," did especially well. Frank, father of Anne, was the only survivor of the eight, at the war's end, and his fatherly, wise, and tolerant attitude as the master of the "Secret Annex," was ably portrayed by Mercer.

Tarry Clifton as Mrs. Van Daan, and Larry Wilder as her weakling husband, Mr. Van Daan, made their roles as the rich Jews who lost all, very real. The story is especially well portrayed when Mr. Van Daan is caught stealing food from their scanty supplies—and

Director Richard Hatt should be complimented for his part in keeping the story the human tale it is. The play, as portrayed by the cast, is an excellent one to "kick-off" the theatre season at EOC.

Others who should be complimented to the excellent job done include, Sharon Noyes, properties; Judy Lutz, stage manager; Sandra Benson, lighting; Betty Roubush, house manager; sound, Elinor Denny, Les Edwards, Mary Conklin, and Wiley Knight; make-up, Sharon Hickey, Anne Lynch, and Betty Roubush and settings, Mike Ferguson, Gene Todd, Jim Cox and Mike Hanford.