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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and foggy through Friday with a little rain or drizzle today. High both days 38-43. Low tonight 30-36.

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Commission Studies Centennial Donation

City Commissioners last night ran head-on into a number of legal stumbling blocks, not of their own making.

The first legal road block appeared when Dr. Carlos Easley, head of the county centennial association requested \$250 financial support from the city.

Commissioners indicated they thought the \$250 request was "little enough" in view of the tentative \$6,443 budget outlined by

Easley, but when Assistant City Attorney C. Richard Neely questioned the legality of the city contributing to the centennial fund, the problem became involved.

Easley and centennial Publicity Director Dale McKee said the state centennial association informed that such contributions are legal. They then produced a copy of an enabling act passed by the last state legislature.

Neely read the act. It does provide for such contributions. However, one paragraph threw the problem back into the laps of Easley and McKee. The act states that a request for funds must be accompanied by a petition signed by 20 per cent of the legal voters of the city, favoring the request. It was not known at the meeting how many signatures this would involve but guesses were about 500.

Easley thanked the commission for their time and consideration and commissioners asked Easley and McKee to come back if they could find an answer to their problem.

Easley said that he had hoped to get \$250 from La Grande, \$100 from Elgin, \$100 from Union and \$50 from Cove city administrations to help support the budget.

The balance would be gotten, he said, through service and fraternal organizations, business donations and from the sale of a Union county history booklet and other promotional material.

The group also plans to hold a dance in the armory Feb. 14 as a centennial kick-off. The "Birth-day Ball" will also feature a queen contest and crowning. The queen will reign over other local centennial events during 1959.

Another legal block appeared when a first reading of a new ordinance was attempted. The new ordinance, setting up a new amusement machine fee schedule slated next July 1, couldn't be read because of legal difficulties. Neely said the ordinance would go into effect Jan. 1, 1959. Commissioners said, no, July 1, 1959. Neely explained that this commission could not pass an ordinance which would not become effective and binding on a commission not now in office.

Other technical errors were also found in the proposed ordinance so Neely was directed to draw up a new ordinance for consideration later.

Earlier during the meeting the commissioners decided that City Manager's order that firemen are to do the janitor work in the city building should remain in force. The commissioners decided that such an order is a part of the city manager's job and that he had not been hasty in making the decision.

Commissioners also acknowledged a letter from the Salvation Army inquiring about the purchase of three city-owned lots at Oak and Palmer streets. The Salvation Army is considering construction of a new headquarters building. No action was taken since the letter asked for information only about the possible sale of the lots near the national Guard Armory.

Strike Halts 7 NY Papers

NEW YORK (UPI)—Seven of nine major New York City newspapers hit by a strike of deliverymen suspended publication today.

An eighth paper, the News, a morning paper, was unable to publish when printers refused to cross a picket line.

The suspensions were announced in staggered fashion over a five-hour period.

The ninth paper, the Mirror, which published this morning, had not announced whether it would go to press Friday.

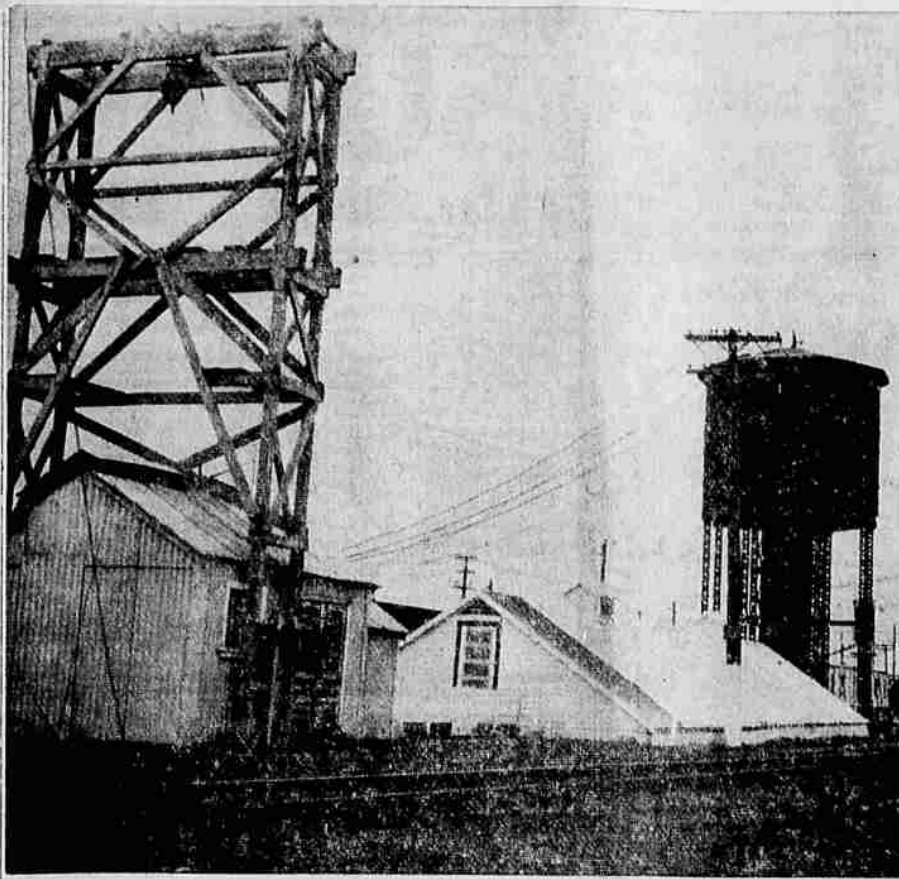
The suspensions were the latest development in the two-day strike of newspaper deliverers which cut off deliveries of nine major New York newspapers in the metropolitan area. All of the papers published Wednesday, with sales restricted to the newspaper offices.

The papers which suspended publication were, in order, the Post, the Herald-Tribune, the Times, the World-Telegram and Sun, the Long Island Star-Journal, the Long Island Daily Press, and the Journal American.

EUGENE ELKS CLUB BURNS

EUGENE (UPI)—A general alarm fire that broke out about 7:30 a.m. today destroyed the half-million dollar Eugene Elks Club at 7th and Olive streets.

Lodge Secretary Bill Van Nuy said the building was valued at half a million dollars. Club officials said the loss was fully covered by insurance.



MORE CITY WATER—In the railroading days of steam engines, Union Pacific used the water from the well located in the structures shown above, but with the advent of diesels, the need for the well has been greatly reduced. Union Pacific officials have offered to turn the use of the well over to the city and ownership of this and another well located on UP property. The well houses shown above are near the roundhouse. The tall black tower in the background would still be used by UP. Water from the wells could flow by gravity to existing city wells near the city shops. The UP wells would be available as emergency water or other uses. (Observer Photo)

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Russia Refuses To Release Pilot

United Press International

BERLIN (UPI)—Russia today rejected American demands that the Soviets release a U.S. Army pilot held by East German Communists since he parachuted into the Soviet zone Dec. 3.

A spokesman for the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin said the matter was outside Soviet jurisdiction

—which meant Russia would insist the United States negotiate with Communist East Germany if it wants the pilot returned.

The pilot is Lt. Richard Mackin, 27, Washington, D.C., who bailed out of his small liaison aircraft when he ran out of gasoline and wandered into East Germany.

The Communists also are holding

a West German pilot, Georg Genth, who made a forced landing 200 yards inside the Communist zone Wednesday with his sports plane on a flight from Laebeck. It was considered certain he also would be used as a hostage to try to force Bonn to negotiate with East Germany.

The U.S. refused to deal with East Germany and it has asked the Soviets to return Mackin under four-power occupation agreements. The Soviets have told the West they will negotiate all such agreements in six months.

The Soviet spokesman today indicated the Soviets already considered dead agreements under which the Soviets return western allied servicemen who wander into East Germany.

West Berlin police officials said today the East German Communists have opened an underground terror campaign to frighten West Berliners with anonymous letters and telephone calls advising them to switch over to the Communist side.

The official Communist party newspaper Neues Deutschland ignored President Eisenhower's declaration that the U.S. will stand by Berlin but the Berliner Zeitung said "West Berlin will be demilitarized city whether Brandt or the Americans like it or not."

The last was a reference to Lord Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin who proposed that isolated West Berlin be linked with West Germany by a guaranteed international land corridor. The Communists rejected this plan as an encroachment on Communist territory.

At the meeting yesterday held at the Salvation Army Hall, 18 of the 21 members of the advisory board were present. The board includes J. D. Cash, chairman; Richard Neely, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth McCormack, vice-chairman; and J. Donald Myers, Ed Draper, Miss Nell Grinnett, S. T. Baile, Lynn Bohnenkamp, George Decker, Victor Eckley, Robert Howard, Mrs. Lyle Johnson, Ken Lillard, Leo Miller, E. C. Rochester, Charles Snyder, Mrs. Fred Young, Buck Buchanan, Thomas Salmon, Rev. Harold Neal and Mrs. Karl Lacer.

Cattlemen's Officer Dies In Portland

PORTLAND (UPI)—E. D. Sullivan, 59, vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, died Wednesday in a local hospital.

Sullivan, operator of a large cattle ranch at Hereford, recently received the Izaak Walton League's Beaver award for coordination among hunters and landowners.

Actress' Son Suffers Skull Fracture

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—The 11-year-old son of actress Hedy Lamarr was reported in fair condition today at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital where he was under treatment for a fractured skull.

Johnny Anthony Lee, the actress's son by a former marriage to John Loder, was taken to the hospital Wednesday after he was struck by a car

Six-Day Storm Buries NY Town

United Press International

Residents of Oswego, N.Y., braved frigid temperatures today to dig out from under the city's crushing burden of snow.

A six-day storm which buried the city of 23,000 under a record six feet of snow and piled up

drifts 20 feet high ended Wednesday, but numbing cold clung to the Northeast.

Damage at Oswego was estimated unofficially at one million dollars, most of it to several large business and industrial buildings where roofs collapsed

under the weight of the snow. The roofs of some homes and barns also caved in, but no one was hurt.

The arctic air in the East plunged southward during the night, dropping temperatures an average of 10 to 17 degrees from eastern Texas through the Gulf Coast to northern Florida.

Weathermen warned of possible freezing rain and hazardous driving conditions today in the Carolinas.

Sub-zero readings retained their grip on the North from North Dakota and northern Minnesota through the northern Great Lakes, Pennsylvania and parts of New England.

A warming trend dented the nation's central section, boosting temperatures above the zero range and into the 20's from the eastern slopes of the Rockies to the mid-Mississippi and Ohio valleys.

Deaths from traffic, fires, heart attacks and other causes attributed to the snow and cold mounted to more than 35. Traffic accidents on slippery highways killed nine persons in Illinois, three in Indiana, two in New Jersey, and one each in Iowa and New York.

Two men died shoveling snow in Iowa and one in Michigan, and two Chicago transients froze to death. In addition to 12 fire deaths blamed on the cold in Ohio, a family of four at Carmi, Ill., including two children, died from carbon monoxide fumes from a gas stove, used for heating.

Snow flurries persisted along the Lee Shores of the Great Lakes, dumping 26 inches of snow at Ashtabula, Ohio, on Lake Erie. The cold weather Wednesday also broke a water main and shut off the water supply to Cedarville, a community of 2,500 in western Ohio.

Snow continued to plague the hard-hit Erie, Pa., area when accumulations mounted to 28 to 30 inches. Up to five inches of new snow fell in the area Wednesday.

However, highway crews, aided by equipment from adjoining counties, cleared all main roads and most secondary roads in a round-the-clock battle against the drifts. About 2,000 rural school students who got a day off Wednesday were scheduled to resume classes.

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Quake Rocks California

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—A sharp earthquake followed by several aftershocks rocked and rolled San Francisco and a 30-mile area for several minutes early today, but it caused only minimum damage.

The University of California seismograph laboratory in Berkeley said the tremor measured between 4.75 and 5 on the Richter scale and was centered 18 miles southwest of Berkeley in Daly City.

Daly City is a suburb on the southwest edge of San Francisco that suffered widespread damage on March 22, 1957, from a quake that had a Richter reading of 5.25.

Today's quake was first recorded at 1:49 a.m. p.m. and kept the sensitive needle jiggling for several minutes afterwards. It was felt in downtown San Francisco with a rolling motion about 1:53 a.m.

Residents of the Westlake area of Daly City said the quake was preceded by a "loud explosion."

William Benn, a United Press International teletype operator who lives in Westlake, said the shock woke him up.

"I heard a loud report," he said, "and then there was a sharp jolt. It seemed to me it was as sharp as the one in March, 1957."

"Some figurines we had on a shelf fell to the floor and our pictures were crooked. I went out into the garage and found all my tools had fallen to the floor."

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Baker Building Collapses

BAKER (UPI)—A building housing a furniture store and second-story offices located near the scene of a half million dollar fire last week collapsed today with heavy damage to the store shortly before it was to open for business.

Only one person was in the building at the time, firemen said. Maurice Tatlock, a dental technician, suffered only two scratched fingers although he was in a second-floor office.

"All of a sudden the desk started sliding," Tatlock said. He slid under the desk and then part of the roof fell on top of the desk.

Tatlock managed to climb atop the structure and was rescued by firemen. The collapse occurred at 8 a.m. today.

The fire last week damaged several buildings in Baker's business section but the furniture store had escaped. Firemen said a brick wall adjacent to the furniture store collapsed.

Fire Chief Hubert Damon said damage to the building was possibly \$100,000. In addition, furniture was damaged and windows were broken.

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Union Ordered To Heed Monitors

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts today ordered the Teamsters Union to comply with cleanup orders issued by court-appointed monitors.

The judge also banned a union convention the teamsters called for mid-March to get rid of the monitors.

Letts upheld the monitors two-man majority in ordering the union to carry out its recommendations for reform.

Letts, who set up the monitors, said they had more than advisory powers under the consent decree issued last January when the three-member "watch dog" panel was established.

The court case arose from a dispute between Teamsters President James R. Hoffa and Monitor Chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue. The latter told Letts at hearings last month that Hoffa was giving the "watch dog" group a run-around.

Planes were due to take off today, weather permitting.

Oregon Air Rescue To Aid In Search

PENDLETON (UPI)—The Air Search and Rescue squadron of the 4th Air Force at Hamilton AFB in California has asked the Oregon State Aeronautics Board to start a search in eastern Oregon for James S. Robbins, the father of Charles A. Lindbergh's daughter-in-law.

Robbins is missing on a flight from Denver to Seattle.

He left Denver alone Sunday in a twin engine Piper airplane and did not file a flight plan.

Emory Treshman of Pendleton will coordinate the search which will cover a triangle from the Meacham area south to the John Day river and from here toward Yakima, Wash., along the Columbia river.

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Regulus' Flight Lauded

POINT MUGU, Calif. (UPI)—The Navy today labeled as highly successful a 400-mile flight of its mighty Regulus II guided missile capable of carrying an atomic warhead.

The potent Regulus II Wednesday spanned the width of California and successfully landed at an isolated desert area near Tonopah, Nev.

The supersonic missile designed for operational use from atomic-powered submarines was launched for the first time from a deck of a surface ship, the LST King County, off the California coast.

Flight of the missile, which differs from a ballistic missile in that it can be controlled during flight while a ballistic missile is largely beyond directional control after launching, lasted for nearly an hour.

The 11-ton 57-foot Regulus II was launched in a blinding cloud of smoke and sent first out to sea for 15 minutes for a final safety test before a controlling airplane sent it hurtling back towards land and its destination in Nevada.

Control of the missile shifted several times during the long flight—with Point Mugu Station, Edwards Air Force Base and two jet planes at various times controlling its course.

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Family's Fate Remains Mystery

PORTLAND (UPI)—The fate of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin and their three daughters remained a mystery today.

The Portland family has been missing since Sunday on a Christmas tree gathering trip. Searchers have checked out numerous tips without finding a trace of them or their white 1954 Ford station wagon trimmed in red.

Search switched back to the Larch mountain area again Wednesday after a report that the family had been seen on the mountain Sunday. But a check of back roads, already covered earlier by sheriff's deputies, located nothing.

Sheriff Francis Lambert of Multnomah county said "I wish to God I knew where to look. I fear they are either in deep canyon or in water."



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Morse Says Ills Cause Rift

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse suggested Wednesday night that the cancer suffered by his colleague, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, accounts—at least in part—for the souring of their close personal friendship.

"It is my judgment that his illness explains psychologically, even more than he may know, his conduct towards me," Morse said in a statement commenting on a national news magazine's report (Newsweek) on the bitter feud between the two Oregon Democrats.

Morse said he was happy to hear that Neuberger is "well on his way to full recovery" from an operation for the removal of a malignant growth. Neuberger had announced the illness and has curtailed his activity during his convalescence.

"Although Sen. Neuberger and I have suffered great damage to our mutual friendship, it is my hope that the therapeutic values of the passage of time will restore at least some of our former respect for each other," the Morse statement said.

The magazine article quoted from correspondence between Morse and Neuberger to illustrate the bitter feelings between them. The article underscored the well-known fact that Morse and Neuberger, once close political allies, had suffered a falling out.

The split began to take shape in 1957 when the two senators, who were once called the "Morseburger" because of the similarity of their views, took opposite sides on the administration's civil rights bill.

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A heavy sleet storm raised havoc with power lines in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon Wednesday night, heavy rains caused a slide in the La Grande area, and fog grounded commercial airplanes at the Pendleton airport.

Pacific Power and Light Company reported a heavy sleet storm knocked out its 69,000-volt power line between Walla Walla and Pendleton. Power went out in the eastern Oregon community of Athena, northeast of Pendleton shortly before midnight and was not restored until 10 a.m. today.

STORES URGED TO STAY OPEN

Retail Merchants association today recommended that all La Grande stores remain open until 9 p.m. Friday.

Association officials said that most La Grande stores had indicated they will stay open for holiday shoppers.

Shopping days left

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