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WEATHER

Mostly sunny with variable clouds today and Tuesday; high today 55-60 and Tuesday 60-55; low tonight 30-36.

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PONY EXPRESS CARRIES MAIL

Mrs. Elton Berry Passes mail Pouch to daughter Donna Berry at a way station between La Grande and Union as part of Pony Express Mail run through here yesterday. Both are Union Range Rider club members. The La Grande Mavericks carried the mail from Kamela to junction of Highway 30 east of La Grande and the Range Riders took the mail on to North Powder through Union. The run is expected to return from Independence, Mo. through Union on the second day of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, June. It is part of centennial celebration. (Observer Photo)

POSTAL CLERK MAKES DEBUT

NEW YORK (UPI)—A 44-year-old postal clerk leaped from a studio audience onto television screens across the nation Sunday night and proudly announced: "I finally made it for mother. What the hell—you gotta make a splash."

Cornelius McConnell was taken to Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric examination after his unscheduled appearance on the TV panel show "What's My Line."

The show continued after his brief interruption. Master of ceremonies John Daly said it appeared to be just "one of those things that happen in the spring."

McConnell had leaped from the audience to the stage while the blind-folded panel was questioning mystery guest Milton Berle.

Twisters Hit In Six States With Violence

United Press International
Tornadoes struck in six states Sunday night.

At least 20 persons were injured in twisters in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Property damage in Texas alone mounted toward the half-million-dollar mark. Virtually an entire Iowa village was blown away by one of the tornadoes.

Two persons were killed in a Texas traffic crash blamed on a blinding rain storm. A twister Saturday night killed five persons in Oklahoma.

Texas bore the brunt of Sunday's weather violence with twisters lacing a volley of wind, rain and hail storms across hundreds of miles.

Six farm workers were injured when a twister smashed homes and barns south of Hearne. A tornado bouncing along the ground for about six miles north of Austin levelled homes and destroyed factories, causing an estimated \$250,000 damage.

A twister tore through a family reunion on a farm near Sallisaw, Okla., injuring three persons.

In Iowa, a tornado practically demolished the small community of Fanler northeast of Guthrie Center, injuring one person. About 10 homes and the village store were destroyed or badly damaged.

Three Martins Still Missing

HOOD RIVER (UPI)—Sheriff Rupert Gilmouth said today a search by professional divers for the missing station wagon of the Ken Martin family of Portland probably would not be made until Tuesday.

Three members of the Martin family which vanished last Dec. 7 still are missing. They are the father, mother and daughter Barbara. The bodies of two daughters, Sue 11, and Virginia, 13, were found in the Columbia river last week.

Professional divers of the Fred Devine salvage group planned to search the lock area of the old lock canal at Cascade Locks. Devine planned to move one of his diving barges to Cascade Locks from The Dalles today but said it might not be in a position for diving until Tuesday.

A search also was planned in the Wind river on the Washington side tonight, using searchlights. The White Salmon and Lower White Salmon rivers were hunted without success.

College Student Will Stand Trial For Second Time

OROVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—Chicago State College student William A. Cameron will stand trial a second time on charges he mutilated and murdered the wife of an Army sergeant.

A jury of 10 women and two men deliberated 26 hours, an hour longer than the attorneys had taken to try the case, over a period of three days, but failed to reach a verdict.

Foreman Francis L. Murray told Superior Judge J. F. Good Saturday evening that "It's hopeless...it's impossible for us to reach a verdict."

The judge dismissed the panel and said he would set a new trial date Friday.

Although jurors would not reveal how they had voted, it was learned that a majority leaned toward acquittal on the last three ballots.

Western Diplomats Refuse To Accept Russian Demand

Negotiating Teams Seek Steel Harmony

NEW YORK (UPI)—Eight men sit down to brass tacks bargaining for a new steel industry labor contract today with 50 days between them and a threatened crippling strike.

David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, said he would seek to make "practical measures for unemployment security" the first order of business in talks with the four-man negotiating team representing the big three of the steel industry—U.S. Steel, Bethlehem and Republic.

McDonald said that security could be achieved, in the union's view, by "a balanced program of reducing hours, increasing purchasing power by improving wages and other benefits, and appropriate revisions in our pensions" and seniority agreements.

R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice president of U.S. Steel, heading the industry team which represents the three big steel firms and, indirectly, nine other major steel producers, enters the talks with a mandate from all 12 companies to resist any demand for wage increases.

In the face of this apparent deadlock, the weekly publication

Steel Magazine said today that manufacturers' attempts to build steel inventories against the threatened strike are not progressing as rapidly as had been hoped.

The magazine said that the heightened business recovery has caused manufacturers to dip into steel supplies ordered as strike insurance. It said that at the present inventory build-up, a steel strike lasting three to four weeks may force some manufacturers to shut down.

A demand for federal intervention to prevent a new inflationary spiral in the crucial steel agreement was made Sunday by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) in a television appearance. He called on President Eisenhower to summon both parties to the White House and "talk turkey to them" if it appears that wage increases will lead to a new steel price boom.

The industry has demanded—and the union rejected—a one-year wage freeze to halt inflation. It has contended any wage increase must be passed on by the industry in price increases. The union has said the industry can afford to raise wages without raising prices.

SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CHANGES BEING SOUGHT

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) today proposed legislation to end the "financial penalty" imposed by the social security law on retired persons who work after they are 65.

Clark proposed letting employees who continue to work after 65 pile up credits to be added to their social security benefits when they retire. The program would be paid for by a 1/4 of 1 per cent additional social security tax on employers and employees.

The present law requires persons between 65 and 72 who earn more than \$1,200 a year to forfeit social security benefits. The restriction goes off at age 72.

As a result, Clark said in a statement, many useful workers

are lost to the labor force. He also said the forced retirement clause contributes to "demoralization and physical and mental illness" among many aging citizens.

Under Clark's plan, persons earning more than \$1,200 a year after 65 would not receive social security benefits while they work but would get them at a rate 4 per cent higher for each additional year worked when they actually retired.

For example, he said, a person who worked for three years after age 65 would be paid benefits for the rest of his life at a rate 12 per cent higher than he would have received.

A person 72 who kept on working would receive full benefits plus 28 per cent.

Clark said the original law was designed to help combat unemployment by encouraging older workers to retire. But now, he said, "we no longer need a national policy based on forced retirement for those who have many years of active service remaining for their country and themselves."

Plane Crash Kills 9 Men

OAK HARBOR (UPI)—Nine of 10 men aboard a Navy P2V-5 Neptune Patrol Bomber were killed today when the aircraft crashed and burned after taking off from the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station three miles north of here.

A Navy spokesman said the plane's right engine caught fire as the bomber was making its take-off run.

"The tower saw the fire and tried to warn the pilot," the spokesman said. "But apparently the plane left the ground at about the time of the warning, and it was too late. The pilot then lost control and the plane crashed."

The one survivor of the crash, pulled from the burning wreckage by crewmen at the air station, was reported to be in critical condition.

The Navy said the names of the dead probably would be released late today after next of kin have been notified.

The bomber, attached to the Heavy Attack Training Unit, Pacific, was going out on a routine training mission, Naval officers said.

The Oak Harbor Fire Department was called upon to assist base crewmen in fighting the fire. The plane crashed in a brushy, swampy area about a mile south of the runway.

Lynn Wheeler Tapped By Oregon Honorary

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene (Special)—Lynn Wheeler was one of eight sophomore and junior women tapped by Oregon Beta chapter of Phi Chi Theta, national business women's scholastic honorary. Formal pledging will be held May 12.

Miss Wheeler, a sophomore majoring in business administration, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wheeler, 1610 K Street, La Grande.

NO EAST GERMAN SEAT FOR TALKS

GENEVA (UPI)—A soviet demand that East Germany be seated as a full member of the Foreign Ministers conference delayed the conference start by two and a half hours today. Russia withdrew the demand in the face of stone-wall western opposition. The meeting now was scheduled to open at 10 a.m. p.d.t.

It was agreed that both East and West German delegations would be admitted as "advisers." They will sit at two small tables close to the big one at which the U.S., British, French and Soviet foreign ministers themselves will be seated.

The agreement was worked out at a meeting today between the western foreign ministers and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. They met at the villa of British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

Thus, the parley called to deal with the problems of Berlin and Germany started off with an initial western victory.

Gromyko started the wrangle Sunday when he announced the demand that East Germany be admitted as a full and equal member of the conference.

The West promptly rejected the demand, maintaining its position that it would be willing for East and West Germany to have "advisers" present in the conference room of the Palais des Nations. The West does not recognize East Germany as a legitimate regime and has shown no inclination of being pressured into recognition here.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville held emergency talks. Then they sent Lloyd off to try to change Gromyko's mind.

He got nowhere.

Lloyd saw Gromyko again and gave him two hours to reconsider. The deadline passed without a break.

After Lloyd presented Gromyko with the West's final "no" to the East German representation question, the four foreign ministers attended a formal lunch given by the Swiss government.

Following the lunch, the four gathered at Lloyd's villa for more informal talks. It was during this period that Gromyko gave in and agreement was reached to get the conference under way.

Gromyko himself announced after this meeting that "complete agreement" had been reached.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Andrew Berding, acting as chief U.S. delegation spokesman to the press, confirmed the agreement. He said the two German delegations would have the right to speak, something to which the West had objected earlier.

The Soviet demand Sunday that East Germany be seated at the conference table for a time threatened to blow up the conference before it could begin.

City Manager Fred Young this morning said he is asking all city department heads to submit their requests for the 1959-60 budget.

Members of the city commission and a five-member citizens' budget committee, along with Young, will be working the next few weeks drawing up the budget. Dates for the regular budget committee hearing and the subsequent public hearing have not been set. The new budget will go into effect July 1.

City Water Crews Repairing Main

City water department crews are working to repair a water main leak on Adams avenue between Elm and Depot streets.

The leak appeared over the weekend in front of the Topshop and a new service connection is being installed. One block of Adams avenue was blocked off to permit cutting into the pavement and repair of the leak.

One major development was a special report by the Atomic Energy Commission's General Advisory Committee.

On a basis ignoring strontium 90, the principal menace, the AEC-GAC found that fallout's contribution to the general radioactivity is less than five per cent as much as that of medical X-rays. Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, an independent physicist, called the report "less than candid."

Other scientists talked of hundreds of cases of cancer and tens of thousands of thousands of hereditary defects, including physical malformations and feeble-minded-

Hunt Pressed For Missing Crash Victims

REEDSPORT, Ore. (UPI)—Dragging operations in the Umpqua river continued today east of here for three persons missing after the twin-engine plane in which they were flying struck power lines and crashed in the river Saturday.

Six persons in all were aboard. The bodies of the other three were located in the plane Sunday. Dead were the pilot, William B. Rogers, 34, Longview, Wash., and two of his passengers, Mrs. Sally Nimmo, Reedport, and Mrs. Olaf Pong, 41, of Ft. Bragg, Calif.

Mrs. Nimmo was the wife of Reedport policeman Ted Nimmo and the mother of two children.

Missing were Mr. Bong, husband of the dead woman; Mrs. Gerald Olson, and her five-month-old son, all of Ft. Bragg.

The plane was a Piper Apache owned by the Aborigine Lumber Company of Ft. Bragg and Longview. Police said Rogers was taking the plane back to Ft. Bragg from Longview via North Bend, where Mrs. Nimmo planned to deplane.

Mrs. Nimmo and Mrs. Bong were returning after attending the funeral of their father, Lawrence Clark, at Woodland, Wash. Nimmo reported the plane overdue at North Bend after it left Longview at 2:30 p. m. Saturday.

The wreckage was first discovered by workmen of the Douglas County Electric Cooperative, who were called out to repair power lines. The plane was raised from the river with the use of a floating crane. One of the craft's engines had been torn loose and had a power cable wrapped around it, police said.

State police said they were forced to cancel dragging operations about 2 p.m. Sunday because grappling equipment was damaged by boulders. Repairs were made and operations resumed at 6 a. m. today.

Island City Community Fair Tonight, 7:30

The annual Island City 4-H Community Fair will be held in the schoolhouse starting at 7:30 p.m. today.

Various 4-H clubs will have displays on cooking, clothing, health and livestock and other groups will put on a variety of demonstrations.

Club members will also be selling cake, candy and pie to raise money to send a club member to the 4-H summer school at Oregon State College at Corvallis, June 20-27.

DANGEROUS OVERCONFIDENCE

Continued Aid Is Vital In Thwarting Communism

WASHINGTON (UPI)—State Department officials told Congress today that continued U.S. aid is vital in thwarting Communist aims in both the Far East and Africa.

Walter S. Robertson and J.C. Satterthwaite, assistant secretaries of state, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Communism's biggest objective is to drive the U.S. and its western allies out of the key areas.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) made public their prepared testimony, as the committee resumed closed-door hearings on President Eisenhower's foreign aid request for \$3,900,000,000.

Robertson said Communist China is showing increasing arrogance toward the rest of the world and "appears to care less about the opinions of outside countries." He said the Red Regime is "developing a dangerous overconfidence."

Satterthwaite said the immediate Communist objective in Africa "is the liquidation of all western, and particularly U.S. influence." Aid from this country is giving Africans "a sound basis to hope for meaningful progress," he added.

Other congressional news: Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) said unemployment "is not the major problem" that some sources picture it. The GOP policy

leader said in a Senate speech that the United States is "riding the wave of a massive economic recovery." His speech coincided with issuance of a Labor Department report showing that unemployment dropped to 3,827,000 in April—a decrease of 735,000.

Development Bank: President Eisenhower asked congressional approval for the U.S. to join in the establishment of an Inter-

American Development Bank, which would provide a means of furnishing economic aid to South America. Eisenhower reported to Congress on a tentative agreement among 21 nations, under which this country would originally subscribe 150 million dollars. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported it would hold hearings on the request as soon as possible.

Hoover Seeking Sterner Measures For Delinquents

WASHINGTON (UPI)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has asked the courts and local communities to use "sterner measures" on "savagely brutal" juvenile delinquents contributing to the rapidly rising crime rate.

He also requested from a House appropriations subcommittee money to hire 50 new agents "for the purpose of strengthening our investigative efforts in the security and criminal fields." He noted an upsurge in bank robberies, one of the crimes under FBI jurisdiction.

He said there were 631 bank robberies, burglaries and larcenies in the year ended June 30, 1958. He said that "not since the gang era of the 1930s" had there been more than 600 violations of the bank robbery act in a 12-month period.

Hoover's closed door testimony was made public Sunday, the 35th anniversary of his appointment as head of the FBI.

Hoover told the subcommittee that preliminary estimates indicated the number of serious crimes in 1958 was 11 per cent higher than the previous record of 2,796,400 set in 1957. He said youths under 18 accounted for almost half the arrests.

"As tragic as the spiraling crime wave is," Hoover said, "more serious is the terrifying pace of youthful lawlessness accompanying it."

He called for an end of the practice of keeping secret the names and otherwise giving special treatment for juveniles accused of serious crimes.

GOVERNMENT REPORT NOTES APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROP

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Unemployment fell by 735,000 in April to 3,827,000, the lowest level since December, 1957, the government reported today.

The number of persons working climbed to a record April high of 65,012,000.

Brisk hiring in construction and manufacturing and a seasonal pick up in farm work lifted the April employment total by 1,185,000 from March.

Both changes were twice as good as was expected on a seasonal basis. They dropped the proportion of the labor force out of work from 5.3 per cent in March to 5.3 per cent in April.

The Commerce and Labor departments said in a joint report "the job recovery accelerated in April" and the favorable development meant that two thirds of the unemployment bulge attributed to the

1957-58 business recession was wiped out.

Average factory earnings rose 63 cents from March. This gave factory workers \$89.87 a week in April.

Seymour Wolfbein, the Labor Department chief job expert, noted as "a most encouraging sign" that 450,000 of the unemployment drop included married men with families—a critical sector where it really counts.

The unemployment total was down 1,100,000 from December, indicating that after a sluggish winter the job picture brightened markedly in the spring, the report said.

But unemployment was still more than 900,000 higher than in April, 1957, when the jobless rate was only 4.9 per cent. A year ago, at the bottom of the recession the rate was 7.5 per cent and

unemployment totaled 5,120,000.

Wolfbein said that long-term unemployment was "still a problem." The report showed that the long-term unemployed, those out of work 15 weeks or more, dipped by 150,000 from March to an April level of 1,400,000. This was 500,000 below the recession high but still double the level of two years ago.

Wolfbein said "it looks very good" for unemployment to fall to three million by the end of the year. Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell has promised to eat his hat publicly if it does not.

The drop in the number of jobless workers was the greatest monthly decline since before the recession. It was especially welcomed by administration officials who have been concerned about the failure of employment to keep pace with the general business upturn.