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WEATHER
Occasional rain today; showers and partial clearing periods tonight; partly cloudy Saturday with few snow showers in mountains; high today 45-50 and Saturday 54-60; low tonight 24-32.

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Committee Approves Increase In Outlay For Farm Programs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Appropriations Committee today approved a two-year federation outlay on farm programs to run at least 100 million dollars higher than the administration requested.

The committee also okayed a bill providing \$13,338,500 to run the White House and several small government agencies for the upcoming fiscal year.

The farm bill, now scheduled for action in the House next week, calls for \$3,939,165,498 to administer the agricultural program.

Jurors Visit Accident Site

The \$6,000 Circuit Court personal injury case involving William Bohnenkamp of La Grande and W. A. Allen of Milton-Freewater is expected to go to the jury late today.

Final arguments by attorneys were made this morning and Judge Brown was prepared to instruct the jury.

Members of the jury were taken to the scene of the Feb. 9, 1958 accident about 4 p.m. yesterday and a dispute arose as to the exact spot on the Elgin-Weston highway where the accident occurred. It has been agreed in court that the accident occurred on a curve near the top of the grade close to the Spout Springs ski area. The exact spot in a broadcurve where the accident occurred was not agreed upon by the Bohnenkamp family, defendants in the suit, and Allen.

Doctors testified yesterday as to the extent of the leg injuries sustained by Allen. He was injured while helping to put chains on a pickup truck owned and driven by James Coe. Young William Bohnenkamp, driver of his family's car, and three companions were returning from skiing when the Bohnenkamp car crashed into the pickup.

Allen is asking \$92 medical damages and \$6,000 general damages.

Youth Killed In Portland 'Beatnik' Cafe

PORTLAND (UPI) — Larry Maurice Bolton, 19, was shot and killed here early today in a cafe police described as a hangout for the "beatnik crowd."

Held on a charge of second degree murder was Karl Leopold Metzberg, 28, operator of the Coffee Espresso Coffee House. Police also held two other youths as material witnesses and questioned and released several others.

Detectives, trying to piece together circumstances which led to the shooting, said Metzberg told them he was preparing to close when Bolton and three others entered. He said one of the other youths and a patron became engaged in a struggle.

The proprietor said the shot was fired after Bolton seemed to lunge at him in a menacing manner.

Armed Forces Day Set For Tomorrow

A United States Air Force aircraft from Mt. Home AFB in Idaho will stage a "flyover" La Grande tomorrow morning as part of Armed Forces Day, being celebrated throughout the nation.

The B-47 bomber will fly over Baker, La Grande, Portland, Oregon City, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls and then will head for its home base.

BOY MAKES LUCKY LEAP

SALEM (UPI)—An 18-year-old Turner youth made a lucky leap near here Thursday just before a Southern Pacific passenger train demolished his car.

Glen J. Burdick leaped to safety just seconds before his 1949 model car was struck by the Shasta daylight train at the Battle Creek crossing.

Police said the youth, who was late for school, had stopped at the crossing, but the motor stalled when he started to cross the tracks. He saw the train coming and jumped for his life.

His car was carried some 1,000 feet down the tracks and demolished.

The train went on its way after a few minutes delay.

Plane Explosion Remains Mystery To Investigators

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI)—Air Force investigators closely examined today the black hulk of the super-secret, supersonic B58 "Hustler" bomber that exploded and burned, killing one workman and injuring 13 others.

The delta wing four-jet plane, believed to be the world's fastest and most expensive bomber, burst into flames at the Convair aircraft plant Thursday afternoon as a maintenance crew swarmed over it.

The plane was being prepared for a maiden flight.

G.W. Johnson of Lillian, a community southeast of Fort Worth, perished in the flames. Eight of the 13 workers who were burned were so seriously hurt they required hospitalization.

One witness said flames shot 50 feet into the air as the crewmen, some with their hair and clothing aflame, jumped and crawled away from the bomber. It was parked on the flight line near the plant when it erupted.

Heavy black clouds of smoke were visible in downtown Fort Worth, eight miles away.

The bomber, which carries a crew of three, is capable of carrying nuclear weapons, but a Convair spokesman said no weapons or explosives were on board.

"We don't know the cause of the fire, and probably won't until the Air Force gets through investigating," the spokesman said.

Tentative Dates Set For 1960 Pioneer Pow Wow

Tentative dates of June 30, July 1-2 were set for next year's Pioneer Pow Wow at a meeting last night of a citizens' committee and Pow Wow committee members. Sixteen organizations participating in this year's celebration were represented at the session.

The two-hour discussion of the future of the community event disclosed that participants want the Pow Wow to continue on an annual basis, with Midway sections consolidated into one large section. It was agreed that the date of the Pow Wow should offset no conflict with the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, the Elgin Stampede or the Union County Fair. Organizations and schools would be encouraged to participate in the celebration even though it falls during the summer.

Selection of the summer date was made on the basis of weather considerations, appeal to tourists and non-conflict with other community events in the area.

Another meeting of interested groups is expected to be held in the near future, according to Chamber of Commerce Manager Fred Schnitler.

Riley pointed out that any child regardless of race, creed or color under 14 years of age who can be materially aided, and whose parents are unable to pay for treatment elsewhere, is eligible for admission.

Any parent seeking admission for a child to the hospital may obtain application forms by writing to the hospital at Portland.

Shrine hospitals are supported by annual contributions by each Shriner, by donation of goods, services and money by many individuals, by funds raised by many events, including the East-West Shrine football games in Portland and Pendleton each year, and by bequests from wills.

In the near future the hospital in Portland will join with the other 17 Shriners Hospitals in the United States in a research project which promises to benefit the entire field of children's orthopedic surgery.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

Ramon Westenskow, rear center, was voted president of the La Grande High School student body for 1959-1960 year by students at the school. Other new officers include Mike Andrews, left rear, business manager and Lonnie Myers, vice president. Front row, Judy Talbott, song queen; Lela Evans, secretary and Barbara Evans, yell queen. (Observer Photo)

ATOMIC SCIENTISTS UNVEILING DRAMATIC NEW DEVELOPMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Atomic scientists today unveiled dramatic ways that man can change his world for peaceful purposes with nuclear explosions.

They included changing salt water to fresh, making chemicals underground, creating underground water reservoirs, and building electric power plants fed by steam from inside the earth.

These plans, previously obscured by military secrecy, were presented at the second Plovershare Symposium sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Here's how the scientists propose to make the future startlingly different from the present:

Making fresh water—Dr. George C. Kennedy of the University of California at Los Angeles suggested setting off an H-bomb a mile deep in the earth, then pumping sea water into the cavity. He said heat from the blast, remaining for months, would distill 100,000 acre-feet of fresh water at a cost of \$100 an acre foot, which would be cheaper than water now costs in some areas. The salt would be left in the cavity.

Cheap Chemical Factories—Making chemicals—John J. Greb of Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich., said present chemical factories are outmoded as the horse cart. It will be cheaper to use nuclear devices to make chemicals in reactions where nature put the raw materials and pipe out the products, he said. They might include such chemicals as ammonia, prussic acid, used in plastics, silicon tetrachloride, used in making silicons, acetylene and quick lime. Other scientists described ways of using bombs to mine minerals and blow oil out of shale.

Underground water reservoirs—Dr. R.G. Lindberg of the Livermore California Radiation Laboratory noted that the earth's greatest deposits of fresh water, except for glaciers, are water bearing strata in the earth. With blasting impermeable rock between the strata, he envisioned causing water to flow from one part of a state to another. He said the bombs also could knock holes in rock allowing water, which now runs off the earth's surface to sink instead into natural reservoirs from which it could be pumped.

Western Forestry Leader Asks Management Program

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Western Forestry leader told the Western Forestry Committee today he welcomes a program for management of national forests because they have been operating at "three-fourths" speed in Oregon and Washington during the past 10 years.

W. D. Hagenstein, executive vice president of the Industrial Forestry Association, Portland, appeared to discuss a program for national forests submitted earlier by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

Hagenstein said Benson enunciated an important policy for national forests when he said "they should be made available for their best use under conditions that promote stability for communities and individuals and encourage full development of the resources involved." He said this recognizes the legal and moral responsibility of government in managing lands entrusted to its care by the people who own them.

The forester said he favored proposals which called for more

New Peace Treaty Is Russian Aim With Latest Plan

GROMYKO GIVES ANSWER TO WESTERN PROPOSAL

GENEVA (UPI)—Russia called on the West today to sign a German peace treaty that would take West Germany out of NATO and keep 17 million East Germans under permanent Communist control.

The proposal was Moscow's answer to Thursday's Western cold war peace package plan. It was presented to the fifth working session of the Big Four Conference by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, apparently after receiving new instructions from Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was in the chair today.

The proposals contained in the new Russian draft treaty were not new. In fact, the Soviets published such a draft last Jan. 10 and it was quickly rejected by the West as unacceptable.

It was not known immediately whether the present draft was identical or whether it contained some changes. But essentially it was the same Kremlin "package."

Makes Long Speech
Gromyko made a long speech in presenting the draft.

But it was the Soviet Union's main pitch for an East-West settlement, and Gromyko let it be known that for the record Russia wanted it put forward as an official Moscow proposal here.

The only concession made to German reunification was an almost meaningless declaration that the Big Four powers would "help" West and East Germany try to work out their own unity.

In fact, the Russians have declared repeatedly since Khrushchev's ultimatum of last November that they are not interested in German reunification now or in the near future, except on their own terms—that is, in effect, an all-Communist Germany.

The Soviet draft was completely unacceptable to the West, because it was not based on reunification. The West also has always insisted that reunified Germany must have full freedom to decide its own alliances.

Wide Gap Remains
The presentation of the Russian plan came just 24 hours after Secretary of State Christian A. Herter handed Gromyko the West's own peace plan offering Russia global troop reductions and European security in exchange for German reunification, beginning with Berlin.

The two plans thus were diametrically opposed and there appeared little prospect of reconciling them.

SAM HALLGARTH DIES
Sam Hallgarth, 71, of Imbler, died at a local hospital this morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Daniels Funeral Home.

CASTRO'S SON HURT IN CRASH

HAVANA (UPI)—Fidel Castro Jr., 9, son of the Cuban Premier, was in an emergency hospital today under treatment for injuries suffered in a three-car collision. Hospital authorities put him in an oxygen tent on his arrival Thursday night, presumably to aid his recovery from shock.

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PRAVDA SAYS WESTERN PLAN IS NEW VERSION OF OLD LINE

MOSCOW (UPI)—Pravda today attacked the Western peace plan at Geneva as "propaganda" but did not reject it outright.

The Communist Party newspaper complained that the plan merely was a new version of old Western proposals. It said the "package" form mixed problems together so as to prevent solution of any of them.

It followed statements by Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and Moscow Radio commentators stressing again that Russia regarded a peace treaty with East and West Germany as the first essential step toward ending the cold war.

(The West has demanded unification of Germany before the signing of a peace treaty.)

Pravda commented specifically on the 40-page document presented to the Geneva ministers' conference Thursday by secretary of State Christian A. Herter.

"This plan is a new version of ideas and proposals of the west whose unsoundness already has been shown in the life and practice of international relations," the party paper said.

He said again that if the West refused to sign an all-German peace treaty, the Soviet Union would sign one with East Germany alone, and he assumed other Communist nations and parties would do the same.

He insisted West Berlin must become a "free city" and that it must be left to East Germany to "guarantee communications between the free city and all countries with which its populace would wish to deal."

Two other statements broadcast by Moscow Radio Thursday night attacked the Western plan. One said it was based on "obscure conceptions" which "ignore the existence of two German states."

The other said the plan tries to drown the peace treaty issue "in a plethora of outstanding international questions."

Wheat Bill Is Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved a wheat bill designed to offer higher price supports to farmers who plant less.

There is now a tremendous surplus of wheat. Congressional committees and the administration have been wrestling for months with various plans to try keep the surplus from growing still bigger.

With absenteees still to be polled the vote for the bill was 8-1. Three committee members voted present.

Sen. Milton Young (R-N.D.), cast the lone dissenting vote. He told newsmen that no wheat farmer could exist under the terms of the bill.

Chairman Alton J. Ellender (D-La.), who voted for the bill, called it "a step in the right direction." He told newsmen, however, that the measure faces "rough sledding" in the senate.

As approved by the committee the bill would:

—Offer price support at 65 per cent of parity to farmers who plant their full acreage allotment of wheat.

—Give price support at 80 per cent of parity to farmers who reduce their wheat acreage by 20 per cent.

Castro's Son Hurt In Crash

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IKE WILL ASK FOR 100 MILLION

Atom Smasher For Stanford May Be Biggest In World

NEW YORK (UPI) — President Eisenhower announced Thursday that he will ask Congress to commit 100 million dollars to build what may become the world's most powerful atom smasher.

The two-mile long electron accelerator has been proposed by scientists at Stanford University and will be built and operated on Stanford's Palo Alto, Calif., campus, by the government, Eisenhower said. It is expected to take about six years to complete.

The President announced plans for the mighty new research device to 250 of the nation's leading scientists gathered for a symposium on basic research under sponsorship of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

The 10 to 15 billion electron volt accelerator will be 50 times the length of the linear accelerator now operating at Stanford, currently the largest of its type.

It is expected to boost electrons to a speed just short of the speed of light, which scientists believe cannot be exceeded. Not even nuclear explosions have produced such high energy electrons, although they are sometimes created in the atmosphere by cosmic rays.

The speeding electrons are expected to release new particles and anti-particles as their energy bombards the nuclei of atoms, thus leading to further understanding of the nature of matter and the forces which hold it together.

Eisenhower told his audience that the development of the accelerator must become a federal responsibility because the research tool is too expensive for any private enterprise.

At Stanford, Dr. Edward L. Ginzton, 43-year-old Russian-born physicist expected to build the accelerator, said he hoped negotiations with the AEC for construction can begin by July 1. He said it would take more than a year to design the atom tunnel and that ground probably will not be broken until October, 1960, at the earliest.

His colleague, German-born Wolfgang Panofsky, 40, expected to operate the accelerator, said he would not be surprised if the Russians are able to test a 50-billion electron volt cyclotron before the new U. S. linear accelerator can be ready for testing.

"On the whole the Soviets are moving very rapidly in this field," Panofsky said.

Dr. Albert Crewe, head of the particle accelerator section at Argonne National Laboratories, in Illinois, said this President's announcement "is very good news. Its going to be a very unique machine. We even learn things from the bare construction of it."

Eisenhower's speech wound up a day during which he had turned York's 75-million dollar Lincoln Center for the performing Arts and visited the World Trade Fair at the New York Coliseum. He returned to Washington in his plane Columbine III from LaGuardia Airport immediately after the dinner.

Mavericks Plan Saturday Parade

The sponsoring group for the La Grande Eastern Oregon Livestock Show queen candidate, the Maverick Riding Club, will hold a small but lively parade on La Grande streets tomorrow afternoon.

Janice Lorenzen, queen candidate of the group, will headline the event which will feature music and entertainment at the corner of Elm and Adams streets at 2 p.m. Miss Lorenzen and a group of girls will sell tickets to the show along the course of the parade.

"La Grande hasn't had a queen at the EOLS for many years and we're due this year," Merle Beck and Jim Evenson, spokesmen for the club, said this morning.

The parade will start at the corner of Sixth and Adams and move down Adams to Hemlock. Each year the four candidates for queen of the show sell tickets with the highest seller receiving the crown as queen.