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WEATHER

Variable clouds with a few afternoon showers today through Wednesday; partial clearing at night; highs 54-60; low tonight 32-37.

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IT'S ALWAYS OPEN SEASON

Chris Christiansen is feeding trout in one of the three ponds on his fur farm at Summerville. Christiansen has three such ponds stocked with trout which he obtained through the county extension office in May, 1958. The fingerlings now are 10 to 12 inches in length and just right for eating. Union County Agent Ted Sidor and Barrie, the diplomatic St. Bernard, are watching the trout churn the pool for food. Raising trout is one popular method of making use of natural resources while following good conservation practices. (Observer Photo)

Strauss Squeaks Through Senate Commerce Committee By One Vote

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower's controversial nomination of Lewis L. Strauss as secretary of commerce squeaked through the Senate Commerce Committee today by a one-vote margin.

The vote was 9-8, with three committee Democrats joining its six Republicans to outvote Strauss opponents—all Democrats.

Strauss, who had clashed repeatedly with most Democratic members during 16 days of hearings on the hotly disputed appointment, issued a one-sentence comment: "I am grateful for the vote of the committee."

He was headed for more trouble when the nomination reaches the Senate, possibly later this month.

While some members expected a long floor fight on the appointment, Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) of the Commerce Committee, who opposed Strauss, said he did not expect it to last too long.

Magnuson told newsmen he has not discussed the scheduling of debate on the nomination with Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. Magnuson said, however, that it is a case of "the sooner the better, as far as I'm concerned."

The three Democrats who voted for the nomination were Sens. John O. Pastore (R.I.), J. Strom Thurmond (S.C.) and Frank J. Lausche (Ohio). The six Republicans voting to approve were Sens. John Marshall Butler (Md.), Norris Cotton (N.H.), Clifford P. Case (N.J.), Thurston B. Morton (Ky.), Hugh Scott (Pa.) and Andrew F. Schoepfel (Kan.).

Democrats recorded against were Magnuson and Sens. A. S.

CENTENNIAL DAYS SET FOR ELGIN RESIDENTS

Elgin (Special) — Elgin will hold a "Indian Valley Centennial Days" celebration Saturday and Sunday this week.

A 4-H Fair will be held in conjunction with the centennial celebration.

First event Saturday of a day-long program, will be a Pony Express race at 9:30 a.m. at the athletic field. Maurice Beck and Ernie Adams are chairmen.

Second event is a bicycle race for youths eight to 15. Orville Wayt is in charge. Next is a Phone Booth stuffing contest on Main street. Ed Matsler and Mike Chandler are in charge of this event.

At 11:15 a market basket race and hot cake race will be held for ladies. Hazel Moore is in charge of these events.

Boat races on the Grande Ronde River will be the first event of the afternoon. Races will start at 1:30 p.m. Ernie Adams, chairman, reports any type of boat with horsepower up to 10 will be allowed.

Loggers will have a chance to demonstrate their skills at 2:30 at Husky Field. Glenn Parsons is in charge of this event. At 3:15 at City Hall, a fly casting contest will be held with Clarence Calder in charge.

Horseshoe pitching is next with Alex McKenzie and Tom Burton in charge. A pack horse race is set for 4:30 and at 5 p.m. the last event, a quick draw contest, will be held. Richard Cason and Ivan Churchill are chairmen.

In the evening a dance will be held at Stampede Hall under the sponsorship of the Stampeders.

All concessions must be cleared through chamber president Bob Wiles. The O.E.S. Social club will have a food booth on Main street and the VFW Auxiliary will serve hamburgers at the VFW Hall.

On Sunday an outdoor public church service will be held at the Stampede grounds with Rev. Volmer Johnson in charge of arrangements.

'WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC'

Administration Strategy To Block Democrats Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The administration agreed to a reduction in its request for housing funds today in a strategy move to block a still bigger Democratic bill.

An administration spokesman announced the decision on a compromise shortly before the House began debate on a Democratic bill calling for \$2,100,000,000 in housing appropriations.

President Eisenhower had asked \$1,650,000,000 for the program, but agreed today to back a \$1,300,000,000 compromise measure introduced by Rep. A. S. Herlong (D-Fla.). Herlong's measure had the support of Republicans and many southern Democrats.

Norman P. Mason, federal housing administrator, announced the administration decision. He said he did not agree "in every detail" with the compromise but that "we have to be realistic."

Congressional Republican leaders today described the housing measure as a key part of Eisenhower's campaign to balance the budget. GOP leaders in both houses urged public support of the bill.

The fight over a housing bill shaped up as a showdown between administration supporters and liberal Democrats. The latter have strongly criticized Eisenhower's economy recommendations.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn said he believed the Herlong measure would fail in a nonrecord vote scheduled Wednesday.

Other congressional news:

Atomic: The White House sent Congress a series of agreements under which the United States would help Great Britain and France speed up their development of nuclear weapons. Unless Congress disapproves the pacts, they will go into effect automatically after 60 days. Under the agreements to France, and provide Britain with enriched uranium, weapons parts and information.

Minimum wage: Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell spoke out against a 25-cent boost in the federal minimum wage proposed by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.). He charged that the measure would lead to extensive loss of jobs.

McElroy To Stay In Post

Defense Boss Changes Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy announced at the White House today that he had cancelled plans to resign and would remain in the Cabinet indefinitely.

McElroy made his decision known after he conferred with President Eisenhower and Thomas S. Gates Jr., who was selected by the chief executive Monday to be the new deputy secretary of defense.

The secretary, who leaves Washington for the foreign ministers meeting in Geneva late today, said he decided to change his plans to resign when Deputy Secretary Donald A. Quarles died recently.

As McElroy and Gates walked out of the White House, the defense chief said: "I am suspending my plans for departure and now I really don't know when I'll be leaving—if at all."

McElroy said that before leaving for Geneva he wanted to clean up accumulated plans with Adm. Arthur W. Radford, retired. Radford was called back to duty Monday while Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is recuperating from a lung cancer operation.

McElroy said that his decision to remain in office was not altered by the appointment of Gates, but dictated by the death of Quarles. McElroy, former president of Procter and Gamble, had planned to return to private life this fall.

He said he still had some personal problems to resolve. But he added that because of the international situation and "the problems of this summer"—obviously a reference to East-West tensions and a possible summit meeting—"there was really no choice for me" after Quarles died.

Earlier, informed sources said that McElroy expected to stay on the job at least until the 1961 defense budget had been completed.

Couple Found Alive Today By Searchers

MOAB, Utah (UPI)—A California man and his wife, missing and feared drowned since their boat capsized in the treacherous Cataract Canyon of the Colorado River Sunday, were found alive today.

Mrs. Lillian Rich, 64, Long Beach, was picked up by a helicopter at the confluence of the Colorado and Green rivers in Southern Utah after walking six miles over rough terrain out of the canyon. Her husband, Frank A. Rich, 65, reported unable to walk, was reported alive but still in the canyon and a helicopter went to attempt his rescue.

Mrs. Rich was taken to Dr. I. W. Allen Hospital here. She was spotted from the air by private pilot Jim Hurst, Moab, one of the sponsors of the weekend "friendship cruise" 196 miles down the river during which the accident occurred. Hurst radioed a helicopter piloted by Jim Dodie, Escalante, Utah. Dodie picked up the woman and carried her to Grandview Point where she was transferred to Hurst's single-engine plane at a small airstrip and brought here.

Mrs. Rich was reported exhausted and in shock from her two-day ordeal but her condition was listed as "good."

A son and daughter-in-law of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert A. Rich, Cedar City, Utah, survived the capsizing and walked out of the canyon Monday.

They were among more than 500 boaters who participated in the weekend cruise.

Mrs. Truman's Tumor Removed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — A hospital spokesman said doctors should know today whether the tumor removed from the left breast of Mrs. Harry S. Truman was malignant.

Preliminary examinations indicated the growth was not malignant. It was removed during a two-hour and 45-minute operation Monday.

The former President paced the floor while his 74-year-old wife, Bess, was in surgery. He telephoned his daughter, Margaret, in New York once during the operation, and again immediately afterward.

Truman told newsmen after the operation that it was a "grand success" and that his wife was in a "very satisfactory condition." He looked tired. The spring was out of his step.

"I just don't feel like any pictures today," he told photographers.

The surgery was performed by Dr. Wallace Graham, the Trumans' family physician who attended them at the White House, and Dr. Phillip Reister, Graham's assistant.

Accident Reported To State Police

A two-car, no-injury accident 11.5 miles north of La Grande on Highway 82, was reported to state police at 5:35 p.m. yesterday.

Joe Anna Harris, 17, Elgin, slowed her car down to pick up a passenger when a car driven by Arthur Furman, 61, Imbler, rammed the rear of the Harris car. Furman was cited for violation of the basic rule and Miss Harris was cited for not having an operator's license.

City Manager Treats Department Officials

Twenty department heads of La Grande's municipal government, and other city officials, were treated to an early morning breakfast at Riverside Park yesterday, by City Manager Fred Young.

Young, Dave Slaughter, city engineer, and Fire Chief Ray Snider cooked the breakfast for the group. The treat is an annual affair for city government department heads. Young served steak, hash browned potatoes and pancakes to the officials.

FLOWER LOVER UNPOTS PLANTS

The flowers, literally, have gone to pot.

And 400 La Grande women, members of the Women's City Council, who placed newly purchased flower baskets on lamp posts along Adams Street for the centennial year observance, are up in arms about it.

In the last fortnight some lover of blossoms shinnyed up one of the poles and removed the flower basket.

"Whoever took the flowers could have no possible use for them—and the Woman's City Council did purchase them for the centennial to brighten up city streets," Mrs. Joan Stuart, of the flower committee, said.

The council, naturally, would like to see the flowers returned to the lamp.

However, for the benefit of amateur investigators, a reward is being offered by the council for the nature lover who took the colorful artificial blossoms.

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U.S. Appears Out Of Picture For Conference

GENEVA (UPI) — French and West German objections appeared today to have ruled out the United States as a site for a Big Four summit conference.

French President Charles de Gaulle made it plain to the U. S. he would refuse to attend a Big Four summit meeting outside Europe—ruling out San Francisco or New York.

West German delegation members also expressed their objections to either New York or San Francisco on technical grounds.

The British do not seem to have any firm objections against the site—so long as the summit is reached. They have been mentioning an ocean liner in mid-Atlantic.

Railroads had urged the President to veto the bill, arguing that its requirements would make tax load oppressive. It was reported, however, that some Republicans in congress had asked Eisenhower to sign the bill.

The new law boosts railroad pensions by 10 per cent and hikes jobless pay benefits 20 per cent. It also provides an unprecedented 52 weeks of unemployment compensation for laid-off workers with 15 or more years service.

The measure closely follows recommendations by railroad unions representing near a million workers.

The 29-member executive council, meanwhile, deferred consideration of changes it will seek in the Senate-approved labor reform

Pension Bill For Railroad Signed By Ike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today signed legislation liberalizing pensions under the railroad retirement act and increasing unemployment insurance benefits for railroad workers.

The president waited until the last possible day to act on the bill.

In the absence of a veto, the measure would have become law automatically at midnight tonight. Bills on which no presidential action is taken become law 10 business days after their passage.

Dulles' Condition Remains Same

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Foster Dulles was reported under heavy sedation today to ease the pain of his cancer.

Friends of the Dulles family said the 71-year-old former secretary of state was sleeping through many hours of the day as well as the night due to the sedatives.

They denied reports he was in a coma part of the time.

No Summit For Ike If Reds Try Threat

THE BIG BRASS BAND SAID 'OOMPA, OOMPA'

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — An official appearance by Kim Novak at Milan's railway station Monday night disrupted rail traffic, set policemen to fighting one another, and almost caused an old locomotive to blow its stack.

Miss Novak showed up to do the honors at a retirement ceremony for a 44-year-old locomotive.

The excitement started when the blonde star, having warmed up to the task at hand, discarded her furs, thus revealing a tight-fitting evening gown with bare shoulders and back.

"My God," gasped a police official. "We ought to clamp a state of siege right now."

Railway officials were brushed aside by Novak fans, who were brushed aside by policemen, who were brushed aside by press photographers. The gendarmes, not knowing whom to grab first, grabbed each other.

"Kim, Kim, Kim," chanted the crowd.

"Oompa, oompa, oompa," went the big brass band.

"Whoooo, whoooo, whoooo," went the old locomotive.

Miss Novak managed a feeble wave.

Flash Flood Brings Havoc In Missouri

United Press International

A flash flood sent six feet of water thundering into St. Joseph, Mo., Monday night, killing one man and forcing hundreds of persons to rooftops for safety.

The floodwaters subsided rapidly, uncovering the body of William McKinley Thomas, 62. Thomas' wife was missing and feared drowned.

Thomas' body was found near his car. Authorities believed he and his wife were washed from the auto by the wall of water.

The raging waters from Black Snake Creek and backed-up storm sewers came with such suddenness that residents had no time to flee. Instead they climbed to the roofs of their homes to await rescuers in boats.

The floods came in the wake of an unofficial 3.25-inch rain, one of a number of violent storms in Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri during the night.

At least three tornadoes were reported, striking at Corning, Iowa, and in farm areas near Denton and Powhattan, Kan. No injuries or deaths were reported in the twisters.

About six inches of mud coated

Herter Warns Soviets

GENEVA (UPI) — The United States has told the Russians flatly that President Eisenhower would not attend any summit conference under threat of a new Soviet ultimatum on Berlin, it was disclosed today.

The western foreign ministers resumed the fight for their cold war package peace plan when the Big Four conference opened its seventh working session today.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, taking up where Secretary of State Christian Herter left off Monday, made another lengthy appeal to the Soviets to accept the plan.

In it the West offered global troop cuts and security in Europe in exchange for a deal on Berlin and freedom for the 17 million Soviet zone Germans.

New Russian Threat

Earlier, American sources disclosed that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had raised the threat of a new Berlin crisis if the current Big Four talks are not settled on Moscow's terms.

The sources disclosed that Herter rebuffed Gromyko's threat with a near ultimatum of his own: That Eisenhower will not go to any summit conference under duress—including any new move to set a deadline for getting western troops out of Berlin.

Couve de Murville went into the conference with a long and detailed explanation of the West's package plan. At the same time, he reiterated the reasons why the West has rejected the Soviet counter-plan calling for a peace treaty with the two Germans and abandonment of Berlin by the West.

The East-West deadlock was not limited to the Big Four conference table.

Man Queried About Slaying

RENO (UPI) — Oregon authorities today questioned Edward J. O'Conner, 38, in connection with the slaying last weekend of a 62-year-old San Francisco man at Rome, Ore.

Malheur County Sheriff John C. Elfering of Vale and State Police Sergeant Russell Haynes of Ontario closed themselves with O'Conner at the city jail shortly after they arrived today.

Haynes said O'Conner, who has waived extradition, had not been questioned extensively yet. The two Oregon officers planned to return him to that state late today or early Wednesday by auto.

"We have no other suspects at this point" in the slaying of Thomas Potter in a Rome motel, Haynes said.

Potter's body was found by the motel manager Saturday. He told officers in Reno he rented the room to Potter and an Ed O'Conner the previous night.

O'Conner was arrested by a pair of detectives in a bar Saturday night after cashing several traveler's checks bearing Potter's name. He was held on forgery charges until police learned of Potter's death.

The suspect identified himself as a Giltner, Neb., truck driver. He denied any knowledge of slaying.

Workers Needed In Strawberries

Local recruitment has started for family groups to work in the strawberry harvest in the Hillsboro area, according to E. O. Burrows, manager of the local state employment office.

Strawberry picking is expected about June 4. Burrows said family accommodations will be available and children 14 years old or older are acceptable if with parents.

Picking scale will be 4½ to 5 cents per hallock, Burrows reported.

AFL-CIO IS LINED UP SOLIDLY IN FAVOR OF WAGE INCREASE

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The AFL-CIO lined up solidly behind the United Steelworkers' wage demand today and accused a White House official of making statements in favor of steel producers.

Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors and target of the charges, angrily denied he was trying to influence the steel wage negotiations.

Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald, an AFL-CIO vice president, planned to return to negotiations in New York City today after getting "wholehearted endorsement" of his union's position from the AFL-CIO executive council.

The 29-member executive council, meanwhile, deferred consideration of changes it will seek in the Senate-approved labor reform

statements during the steel talks.

"Dr. Saulnier's insistence on freezing wages at a time when American corporation's profits are soaring reflects his own prejudices in the present economic scene," the union leaders said in a resolution.

"They suggest that he heed the advice of other officials of the U. S. government and allow collective bargaining to proceed without one-sided, prejudicial argumentation by one segment of the government."

Saulnier, asked about the charges, denied he ever advocated a wage-freeze or meant to influence the outcome of the steel talks.

"I have tried most carefully—and I think successfully—to avoid any comment on the specifics of the steel situation," he said. "I had no intention of trying to influence in any way the outcome of these negotiations."

The carpenters' chief showed up at his first meeting in more than a year to defend himself. He denied wrongdoings and said no union funds were involved in the highway matter.

In its attack on Saulnier, the AFL-CIO council accused the administration official of advocating a wage freeze and bluntly advised him to refrain from "prejudicial"