

Fair tonight and Friday with some valley fog late night and morning; highs 38-48; low 15-30.

Ike Confers With Military Heads Before Leaving For Foreign Trip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower conferred today with his top military and diplomatic advisers before leaving tonight on a fateful peace mission along the perimeter of Russia.

Eisenhower called his National Security Council into session and went into conference with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter several hours later. Herter leaves later this month for the NATO ministers meeting in Paris.

The President presumably discussed his trip and the nationwide radio-TV talk he will make before taking off. He is expected to tell fellow Americans to compose their economic differences lest the entire Free World suffer.

Eisenhower and a relatively small staff leave by jet transport from nearby Andrews Air Force Base about 8 p.m. e.s.t. for Rome on the first leg of his 22,370-mile journey to 11 nations.

Shortly before boarding his plane, Eisenhower will address the nation by radio and television at 7:15 p.m. e.s.t., outlining his trip and pointing to the unbreakable connection between economic stability at home and the maintenance of peace through strength in other lands.

He leaves the country deeply concerned over the steel strike which is now in abeyance because of a federal court order. The President intends to stress again tonight the importance of steel management and labor coming to an agreement to prevent a resumption of the walkout next month.

He will base his appeal for successful steel negotiations on his firm belief that the United States cannot do a good job of helping her friends stand firm against expansion if America is torn by serious economic strife.

Eisenhower will land at Goose Bay, Labrador, late tonight for refueling. In Rome he will be met at noon Friday by President Giovanni Gronchi, Prime Minister Antonio Segni and other high officials of the Italian government.

The arrival in Rome will set the pattern for the rest of the trip — a brief speech at the airport, a ceremonial drive into the center of the city and a black tie dinner Friday night in Quirinale Palace.

This schedule will be standard first-night procedure at every stop except in India where Eisenhower will spend most of five days and not get into official entertaining until his second evening in New Delhi.

Local Men Answer 'Alert' Called By National Guard

First call was issued at 7 p.m. yesterday. It was terse in its military simplicity.

Young men, seated around TV sets in their homes or who were present at various functions such as the EOC basketball game or Blue Mountain Masterminds football banquet, probably grumbled inwardly.

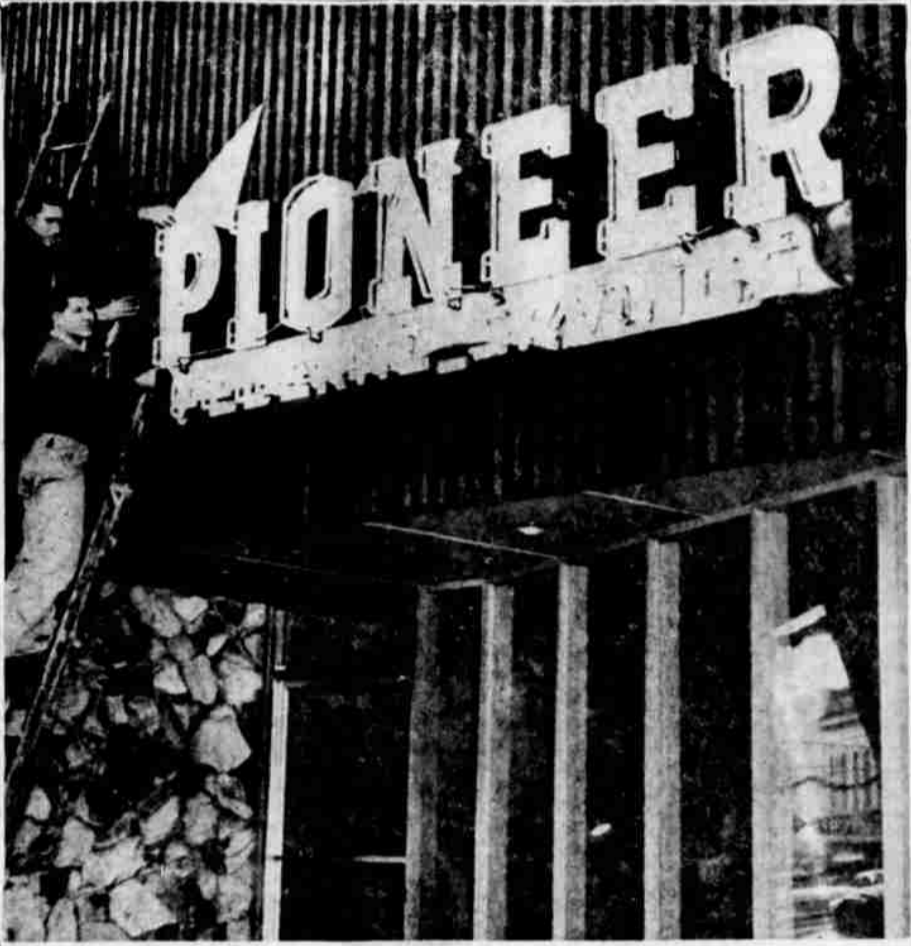
But they filed out for the local National Guard Armory. Local and area men were answering a state-wide Army (and Air) National Guard alert that lasted until 11 p.m.

Col. David Baum, commanding officer of the First Battle Group of the 196th Infantry here, and his fellow officers and men were justly proud today.

At 8-plus four hours they had a 91 per cent representation of Guardsmen, well above the statewide attendance average. And at 8-plus two hours, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the First Battle Group, commanded by Capt. Willard Carey, had 61 per cent present. 8-plus four saw 95 per cent of Capt. Carey's men in attendance.

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NEW FIRM TO OPEN IN LA GRANDE

Workers install sign on the front of the La Grande office of Pioneer Federal Savings & Loan Association which opens this month. The firm, with home offices in Baker, will be managed by Donald R. Guyer. The remodeled offices were formerly occupied by the Mode-O-Day store. (Observer Photo)

Advertisement for '19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT' and 'HELP FIGHT TB CHRISTMAS SEALS'. It features a graphic of a shopping bag and a seal with a figure, and text promoting the purchase of Christmas seals to support tuberculosis research.

Ike Trying To Knock Out Religious Issue?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower may have dimmed the religious issue as a force in the 1960 presidential campaign but there is no sign that he has pushed it out of sight.

The President appeared to be trying to knock religion out of next year's campaign with his Wednesday news conference comment that the U.S. government has no business providing birth control help to countries with overpopulation problems.

The religious issue, already an unknown factor for 1960, erupted in public debate following the recent statement of U.S. Catholic bishops that government funds should not be used for birth control programs in underdeveloped countries with population problems.

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California, immediately asked if Catholic candidates for public office were bound by the declaration. Prospective presidential candidates of Catholic and Protestant faiths were asked how they felt.

There was some belief that the controversy had seriously damaged the chances of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), front-running prospect for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kennedy, a Catholic, said the birth control issue should be left to the other countries but that if any such question should come before him he would decide it in accord with his oath of office.

Coming from a Republican president, Eisenhower's remarks Wednesday may have taken the heat off the specific issue of birth control for Democrats like Kennedy and Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, another Catholic and prospective candidate for the Democratic nomination.

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A MIRACLE DID HAPPEN

SAN MARCO DURRI, Italy (UPI)—The 284 residents of this mountain village learned today that miracles reap dividends.

The simple folk of San Marco Durri finally learned the full meaning of a "miracle" visited on them last month by two benefactors they have never seen—Joseph and Victor Saturni of Reno, Nev.

The Saturnis, on the 40th anniversary of the death of their father, an American immigrant from San Marco Durri who made good in the new world, made a gift of more than \$345,000 in Bank of America stock to the people of this poor village.

That meant every man, woman and child got stock worth \$1,212.30 each simply because of the accident of their place of residence.

Muddy Creek School Plan Under Study

NORTH POWDER (Special) — Union County's School Reorganization committee refused last night to accept a plan which would put the Muddy Creek school district in the Baker district.

Chairman Tom Lampkin of the Union County group said that all plans required further study before the Union members would take final action.

Muddy Creek voters have twice rejected proposals that they join the Union County district and have petitioned the Union County committee for permission to join the Baker district.

Joint High School Muddy Creek students presently attend a joint union high school which is in Union County.

The problem facing the Union County committee is how to dissolve the joint union high school to free Muddy Creek to join with the Baker district if that is possible.

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Hundreds Drown When Dam Bursts

Fate Of Americans Unknown

HAVANA (UPI)—No decision has been handed down by the revolutionary tribunals pondering government demands that two Americans be put to death as foes of Premier Fidel Castro.

The verdict of a court martial in the western province of Pinar del Rio in the case of Austin F. Young, Miami, was expected Wednesday but was delayed without explanation. It is not certain now how soon the judgment will be announced.

A tribunal here, which tried a Cuban-born American named Rafael del Pino, had not been expected to bring in a verdict until Friday. Del Pino, who now lives in Miami, was accused of conspiring to smuggle anti-Castro refugees out of Cuba.

A third American, British-born Peter J. Lambton of Nassau, was on trial with Young in Pinar del Rio on charges of sharing the leadership of an anti-Castro guerrilla band. The government asked a 30-year prison sentence for Lambton.

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SLEEPING FRENCH TOWN HIT BY WALL OF WATER

FREJUS, France (UPI)—The 200-foot high Malpasset Dam burst Wednesday night with a noise like the crack of doom and sent a 35-foot wall of water on this sleepy Riviera town.

The French news agency AFP reported tonight that more than 300 bodies have been counted in the disaster. The agency said 163 bodies were recovered in the immediate area.

Additional scores of villagers were feared swept to their death when 45 million tons of water cascaded through the 10-mile long Reynan River Valley.

The city morgue was a scene of chaos. Bodies of men, women and children, most of them naked, their clothes stripped off by the fast moving waters; lay side by side in the morgue, its chapel and neighboring buildings taken over as morgue annexes.

Search for Relatives Long lines of anxious relatives, some sobbing, some moaning, moved through the morgue, looking for their kin and found them dead.

Flood survivors told of seeing neighbors and even members of their own families swept from rooftops where they had clambered in an effort to escape. One rescue worker, a teacher, found several of her pupils half buried in the mud, all dead.

Frejus, founded by Julius Caesar and a target of the Allied invasion of the Mediterranean coast of France in August, 1944, escaped total destruction because a slight rise of ground divided the wall of water into twin torrents that roared through the town's edges.

But the town of 14,000 was a scene of devastation, stunned and flooded, some of its streets running in rivers six feet deep. A French army rescue team said the scene during the night was blood chilling with screams and cries for help coming from the darkness.

Power Station Destroyed The rushing waters carried away the town's new power station, plunging it into a darkness lighted only by the faint starlight that followed five days of torrential rains and gales.

The night of fear and sudden death was worst in the farmhouses which dot the 10 miles of valley between Frejus and the dam, along a highway where trucks and cars were swept away like matchsticks.

A moving passenger train was derailed as it sped along the Riviera from Marseilles to Nice but all passengers were accounted for although two cars rolled into the water.

"There were many 'miracles' of survival and one of those was a woman found sitting dazed but unhurt under a tree 600 yards from her house.

"My house was hit by a wall of water that rose above the rooftop," she told her rescuers.

Within minutes after squads of officers arrived they locked the restaurant and held the patrons inside for questioning or took them to downtown headquarters.

Police began a round-up of known Los Angeles area underworld characters, including Fred and Joe Sica. Fred Sica was at the restaurant before the shooting, police said.

In reconstructing the shooting police said the victim fell in front of the booth while Cohen and other patrons faced him. They said there were several versions of what happened but refused to say what the stories were.

Chief Parker said the shooting occurred shortly before midnight and police arrived 30 or 40 minutes later. He said the murder weapon must have been a revolver, because no shell casings were found.

The two main clues were seeking now are the weapon and Cohen's new black convertible which was taken from the parking lot," Parker said.

Building Shelter—An old coal bin under a dwelling, as shown here, can be utilized in many instances as a home-made nuclear fallout shelter. This type was built for less than \$59 by Darrell Barnes, Ithaca, Mich., who added odds and ends of lumber for reinforcement and with which to seal cracks.

With Barnes, second from right, are ELo A. Hoegh, national CD director, Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams and Sheriff Robert Russell, who also serves as the county CD director.



HOW SHELTER PROTECTS—This inset drawing of shelter built in basement of modern American home shows how persons can take refuge safely and survive nuclear fallout from atomic or hydrogen bomb explosion. Radioactive dust particles are carried downward from blast and settle on the roof and grounds. From these particles, radiation rays (arrow like figures) shoot out which penetrate most substances. The rays cause radiation sickness to people without their realizing it, since radiation cannot be detected by the senses. Materials of fallout shelter are dense enough, however, to absorb most radiation and prevent it from reaching the occupants.