

Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	51	45	73
Portland	51	45	73
San Francisco	51	40	60
Chicago	32	17	60
New York	32	17	60
Willamette River 2.5 feet FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy with occasional rain today and tonight. Little change in temperature with high today near 52 and low tonight near 42.			
SALEM PRECIPITATION			
Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1	This Year		
13.94	Last Year 16.57		
13.94	Normal 16.57		



## IT SEEMS TO ME

By *Charles A. Sprague*

How high is Mt. Hood? What is the area of Oregon? What is the altitude of Crater lake?

If you look up authorities you get different answers. The Blue Book (and most reference books) give the area as 96,981 sq. mi. of which 63,393 sq. mi. is surface. But the book on the Physical and Economic Geography of Oregon put out by the state system of higher education in 1940 gives the area as 95,607 sq. mi. This book also gives two different figures for the height of Mt. Hood, 11,240 (p. 41) and 11,253 (p. 298). The Blue Book uses 11,245 which is the one given on the '44 Topog. of the geological survey. Crater lake's altitude is reported at 6,177 ft. above sea level in 1908 by the geological survey but a later report (1946) gives it as 6,160.

The variations are doubtless due to difference in readings made by the observers or to changes in conditions—for instance the level of Crater lake may not be constant. And of course the difference of a few feet either way is of no consequence.

A fresh attempt to write an "Oregon Geography" has been made by Prof. Samuel N. Dicken, head of the department of geography and geology at the University of Oregon. It is a book of 104 pages, with paper cover, distributed by the University of Oregon Cooperative Book store at Eugene. This is a preliminary edition and while it has some errors it offers a good general treatment of a very interesting subject, the geography of our state.

All are aware of the difference between eastern Oregon and western Oregon made by the Cascade mountains, whose slopes and crests

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## GOP Disclaims Dulles Talk As Party Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—John Foster Dulles will not be speaking for the republican party when he makes foreign policy address tomorrow night, GOP National Chairman Guy Gabrielson said tonight.

Dulles, republican adviser to Secretary of State Acheson, will speak in New York at 8 p. m. (EST). He is expected to take issue with defense views set forth last week by former President Herbert Hoover.

Gabrielson tonight issued this statement:

"The implications of a state department announcement yesterday (that Dulles will speak) have prompted inquiries from the press, radio, members of congress, and the general public whether the address... will reflect the policies of the republican party.

"My reply to these inquiries is that a check shows that Mr. Dulles has not consulted with the official republican leaders of congress, nor with the republican national committee, on the contents of his address.

"To the best of my knowledge, therefore, he will speak either as an individual citizen or as an advisor to the secretary of state."

State department officials told reporters yesterday that Dulles would "urge continuity with the present sound policies of collective security which will not involve our retreat into an area defense of our continent."

The implication was that Dulles will challenge Hoover's plea for concentrating American military power on protection of this hemisphere.

## Animal Crackers



"No, no, ye dummy — the Ace of Speeds!"

## Youths Gather in Salem for Baptist Rally



These are among leaders and delegates who arrived Thursday for a northwest Conservative Baptist youth rally, which continues today in First Baptist church. From left are Marjorie Travillion, Roseburg; Dave Sillings, Lebanon; Pat Milliken, Oregon City; Marcell Hankins, Gladstone; the Rev. Charles F. Losie, Salem, director; Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson, host pastor; Myra Jean Arnold, Portland, missionary returned from Brazil; Tom C. Fair, Conservative Baptist evangelist; Caroline Russell, Tommy Stanley, Barbara Johnson, Noel Jordan and Phyllis Sablin, all of Portland. (Statesman photo.)

## Northwestern Baptist Youth Convene Here

Nearly 300 Oregon young people had registered Thursday night for the third annual northwest Conservative Baptist youth rally, at First Baptist church. Another 200 are expected today.

Opening programs featured talks by Dr. L. David Cowie, pastor of University Presbyterian church in Seattle. Marvin Webster of Eugene is presiding over the meetings.

Today's program will open with prayer meeting at 9 a. m., conducted by Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson, host pastor, followed by "how to do it" sessions of leader groups—advisors and pastors, presidents and vice presidents, missionary committees, social chairmen, secretaries. At 11 a. m. evangelist Tom Fair will speak.

Officers will be elected at 1 p. m., followed by a tour of capitol buildings and other recreation, banquet in the Marion hotel at 5:30, when the Rev. Monteith Whitwell of Eugene will speak, and the closing service at 7:30 p. m. in the church, with the Rev. Vance H. Webster of Eugene as speaker.

## Social Security Extension to Cover Many

The federal social security law will be extended to several hundred Salem adults on January 1, according to new federal laws coming under the act is voluntary for employer and employee.

About 130 employees at Salem General hospital and about 100 at Willamette university will come in under the act.

Others which are considering acceptance of the benefits of the act include Salem Memorial hospital, YMCA, YWCA, and nearly all the churches in Salem.

Employees of non-profit organizations may come under social security if the organization and two-thirds of its employees agree. Members of a religious organization (not employees) are still excluded from the act.

## LAMA AT GYANGTSE

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 28—(AP)—A dispatch from Gyangtse said the Dalai Lama and his military guard passed through Gyangtse today in a flight by mule train to west India from Lhasa, the capital of communist-invaded Tibet.

## Government Clamps Bank Loan Controls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The government sought tonight to make it tougher for Americans to get bank loans, and clamped new controls on the U. S. economy in preparation for the big defense drive.

These major actions were taken:

1. The federal reserve board ordered banks in the federal reserve system to tuck \$2,000,000, 000 more of their deposits away in reserves. That sum can't be lent out to people to buy automobiles, washing machines, etc., or to finance businesses.

2. The national production authority decreed that hereafter the U. S. government will be the sole importer and distributor of natural rubber. That puts the government in virtually complete control of all rubber, because it already had command of synthetic rubber. The government said the rubber is used "most advantageously to the national defense."

## Butter Prices Advance Again

Butter and butterfat prices jumped Thursday for the second consecutive day in the Salem area, following similar increases in Portland.

Retail butter prices were listed at 83 cents Thursday, an increase of two cents over Wednesday and four cents over Tuesday. Wholesale prices jumped from 74 to 78 cents during the two-day period.

New butterfat listings are: Premium, 78 cents; No. 1, 76 cents; and No. 2, 68 cents.

Egg prices remained unchanged after several weeks of sharp increases followed by equally sharp decreases. Colored hens advanced from 25 to 28 cents a pound, while other poultry listings were unchanged.

## Open House Runs Dangerously Late

Salem's First Federal Savings and Loan association went all out for "open house" Thursday when it moved into new quarters on Commercial street.

Visitors inspected the premises from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. And when a city policeman "shook" the front door while on his beat last night it opened right up for him. An official came down and officially ended open house.

## Juvenile Detention Home Plans Advanced by Citizen's Group

Plans for a proposed Marion county juvenile detention home were furthered Thursday night at a meeting of a volunteer citizens' group interested in juvenile problems.

The group, headed by Municipal Judge W. W. McKinney, approved formation of a committee to meet with Marion county court before final plans for the new courthouse are approved. Present plans call for a row of juvenile detention cells in the new structure.

The citizens' organization believes the cells should be eliminated, says the group, should be quartered in a separate establishment with the proper atmosphere for juveniles.

Such a home, it was reported Thursday, would be used to house a juvenile while his case was going through juvenile court. The juvenile would probably spend only a few days there while circumstances were being investigated and authorities were disposing of the matter.

Another committee of the citizens' group is checking on sites for a detention home and possible sources of finances. R. R. Boardman is chairman. His committee reported it is investigating a structure which might be available.

A report on the Lane county Skipworth Home for juveniles in Eugene, similar to the one wanted here, was read at last night's meeting. The group will meet again Thursday night, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock at Salem high school library. The committee has urged local organizations to send representatives, Mr. Truman said. And he

# Communists Attack All Along Front

## Reds Seize U.S. Property in China

### Last Remnants Total Under 100 Millions

HONG KONG, Friday, Dec. 29—(AP)—The Chinese communist regime Thursday ordered immediate seizure of all United States property and all private and commercial American bank deposits in red China.

(In Washington, a top commerce department official estimated tonight that all American property newly seized in red China would total "considerably less than \$100,000,000.")

(This official, who asked not to be named, said most U. S. property in China was seized when the communist regime took over and little was left to be "liquidated" under today's order by the communist government.)

(He said the Reds have gradually been squeezing out American property holdings by insisting on his dismissal pay for Chinese employees of U. S. companies and other devices calculated to reduce their value.)

Claim Retaliation  
Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, who announced the action, said it was in retaliation for similar American action Dec. 16 on Chinese red assets in the United States.

The Chinese action was announced in a Peiping broadcast heard in Hong Kong this morning.

It directed "local people's governments" throughout red China to make immediate inventories of all American properties, but said American firms in China and Americans living in the country would be allowed to draw from local bank accounts enough funds for their living expenses and "to maintain lawful merchants." Amounts of such withdrawals "will be regulated by a separate order," the announcement stated.

Announcement Not Clear  
The announcement did not make clear whether the forthcoming "separate order" would be a general ruling on all American assets or would deal with each case separately.

First reaction in Hong Kong was that the property seizure would be of prime importance, and perhaps would drive out of China altogether a number of key establishments, the big three oil companies and the American-financed Shanghai utility company.

The three major oil companies which have been represented in China are Caltex, a subsidiary of Standard of California and the Texas company; Standard Vacuum, a subsidiary of Standard of New Jersey and Socony Vacuum; and the Shell Oil company.

Seizure also apparently means that the Peiping regime is taking over the extensive U. S. embassy properties which have been under the care of British diplomats.

### Three Women Hurt in Market Street Mishaps

Three Salem women were injured in two accidents on Market street during Thursday night's rush-hour traffic.

Injured were Mrs. Eya Cruise, 1020 Nebraska st., Mrs. Marie Wildig, 459 Union st., and Mrs. Forrest A. Pontius, 1810 N. 20th st.

Police said Mrs. Wildig was struck by a car at 17th and Market streets at 6:30 p. m. She suffered shoulder and leg fractures and was taken to Salem Memorial hospital where her condition was said "good" early today.

Officers said the car was driven by John Albert Ficklin, 1930 N. 19th st. He was not cited.

Mrs. Cruise incurred neck and hip injuries in a two-car collision at Summer and Market streets at 4:45 p. m. Her condition at Salem General hospital also was termed "good."

Mrs. Pontius incurred minor injuries in the same accident but was not hospitalized. Police said her husband was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way to a motor vehicle. Other driver was listed as Melvin Francis Klampfe, Salem route 6, box 296.

### Storm Warnings Up

SEATTLE, Dec. 28—(AP)—The weather bureau ordered small craft warnings posted at 9:30 tonight for Washington inland waters, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and from south of Astoria, Ore., to Cape Blanco.

### RAIN, SNOW FOR STATE

PORTLAND, Dec. 28—(AP)—Snow and rain fell on Oregon today and temperatures were generally mild.

### 'Barkley Swept Here' Sign Not a Mistake

CLINTON, Ky., Dec. 28—(AP)—A sign on Hotel Jewell here today read:

"Barkley swept here."

The hotel was at one time a dormitory of Marvin college where Vice President Alben Barkley attended school and served as janitor to pay his expenses.

Barkley was here to dedicate a new hospital.

## Casualties in Korean War Mount to 38,325

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The total announced casualties in the Korean war reached 38,325 today on the basis of notifications to next of kin through Dec. 22. This was an increase of 1,904 over the total announced one week before.

The figures do not reflect all casualties suffered by American forces through Dec. 22, due to the time lag between losses and notification of relatives.

The number of dead mounted to 6,432, including 5,742 killed in action, 684 who died of wounds, and six dead among those who had been reported as missing.

There were 27,012 wounded, including the 684 who later died of their injuries.

## March Draft Quota Set at 80,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The army called today for 80,000 draftees in March, raising total draft quotas to 450,000 since the Korean outbreak.

The March figure is the same as that for January and February.

The navy, air force and marines, which have not resorted to use of the draft, again placed no calls.

A few hours later, draft headquarters announced that Jan. 15 had been set for registration of 210,000 doctors, dentists and veterinarians under 50 years not already registered.

These are men of the third and fourth priorities under the draft law. Those of the first and second priorities, numbering 21,000, were registered last October.

Dr. Richard L. Meiling, defense department medical director, said just about all those in the first priority group probably will be called up in the next six months, and those in class two soon will be needed.

Expect 24 Divisions  
With the armed forces building toward a manpower total of some 3,500,000 as rapidly as possible, the army expects a combat strength equivalent to 24 divisions when its current expansion goal is reached next July 1.

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A regimental team, usually about 5,000 men, is a small division which may contain infantry, artillery or armor in amounts depending on what it is assigned to do.

To Form Armored Unit  
An infantry division of 18,000 men is a fighting unit, self-contained, with supporting weapons such as tanks and artillery.

When fighting started the army had 10 divisions, together with four national guard divisions and two guard regimental combat teams called into the federal service. Two more guard divisions go on active duty next month.

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Selective service officials said the states probably will be notified today of their March draft quotas.

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# Truman Terms Hoover Defense Plan As 'Isolationism and Nothing Else'

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That's isolationism and nothing else, Mr. Truman said. And he added: The country is not going back to isolationism. You can be sure of that.

The president made his comments in answer to news conference questions about Hoover's foreign policy speech in New York last week.

Hoover said we should get out of Korea and build a Gibraltar of American defense stretching from Japan to the British Isles. No more U.S. troops or arms should be sent to Europe, Hoover said, until the western European countries "erect a sure dam" themselves against Red aggression.

Mr. Truman was asked what he thought would happen if the

## To Head Court



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## United Nations Troops Forced Back in East

TOKYO, Friday, Dec. 29—(AP)—Communist attacks flared along practically all the 150-mile front today near Korea's 38th parallel, forcing United Nations forces back as far as 10 miles on the east flank.

Manning Chinese and North Korean troops, building up for an offensive, were in action at several points south of the parallel, some within 28 miles of half-occupied Seoul.

General MacArthur's release on the fighting flareup said that 6,000 North Koreans were in the Kaesong area, 35 miles northwest of Seoul. Chinese elements were on the move 28 miles north of Seoul but in an eastward direction.

An estimated 31 enemy divisions, possibly 210,000 men, were believed ready to open a powerful offensive between Jan. 1 and 10, possibly with support of the seldom-used Chinese communist air force.

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