

# Churchill Conservatives Show Gain in Early Returns

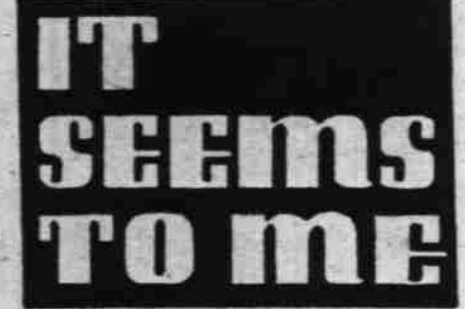
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## U.S. Light Bomber Wing Slated for French Base

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—(AP)—America's part in building up European defenses brought these developments today: (1) Word that the U. S. Mediterranean fleet probably is prepared to use atomic bombs if necessary, and (2) an announcement that a light bomber wing is being sent to France.



By Charles A. Squire

The report of a Portland City club committee on Oregon's care of persons mentally ill or mentally deficient has provoked sharp reaction in state officialdom. Lawson McCall, the governor's assistant, is due to answer the criticisms made in this report. I think we can leave to him and to Col. Ryan, supervisor of institutions for the board of control to present officials views and defend the administration. What I think needs to be presented to the public is a report on the strides made in the last decade by the state in meeting its responsibilities in this regard.

Just prior to the world war professional advice was sought from the U. S. public health service for the improvement of our mental hospitals. Dr. Hamilton of the federal service made a careful survey and his recommendations became the objective of the board of control. Unfortunately the war intervened before much of a start could be made. Then the problem became one of keeping the institutions running, as professional men were called into service and other employees left for better paying jobs. With the end of the war the program was tackled promptly by the board of control and the legislature.

First see how generous the legislature has been in providing funds for these institutions. Here are comparisons of appropriations for the bienniums 1941-42 and 1951-52:

1941-42	1951-52	Incr.	
Ore. State Hos.	\$1,211,142	\$5,650,000	466%
E.O. State Hos.	634,891	2,860,000	450%
Fairview Home	508,811	2,922,000	594%

The enrollment at the state hospitals has increased in a (Continued on Editorial Page, 4)

## 125 Donate to Blood Program

WOODBURN, Oct. 25—The visit of the mobile blood bank here Thursday brought 125 donations of blood, from 151 people who turned out.

Mrs. Paul Hooper, chairman of the blood program, said Thursday's total was the best day recorded for a visit. Previous high in donation was 50.

A quota of 400 pints has been set for North Marion county, to be subscribed by July. The blood mobile will visit St. Paul December 18, and Mt. Angel February 19. It will return to Woodburn sometime next spring, Mrs. Hooper said.

## Tax Boost Sends Fag Sales Higher

PORTLAND, Oct. 25—(AP)—Store managers here today reported a big increase in cigarette sales, apparently an attempt by smokers to stock up before a cent-a-pack federal tax boost goes into effect Nov. 1.

They said there was no rush for other items on which taxes will go up at the same time.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Yes, dear, I know your name is Frank and your father's name is Frank, but let's not burden Junior."

Secretary of the Navy Kimball was asked at a news conference: "Is the sixth fleet set to deliver an A-bomb if necessary?" He replied, "I would guess so."

Kimball's guess was the first hint that any naval unit is now prepared to deliver an A-bomb, although it previously had been announced that aircraft carrier crews were being trained to that end.

The air force said the 126th light bomber wing, made up of about 1,600 officers and men and 48 conventional powered B-26 bombers, will be stationed at Bordeaux. It was drawn from Illinois and Missouri national guard squadrons. Second Visit Scheduled.

This will be the first wing sent to France since World War II, but air force plans call for sending another wing — this one probably composed of jet fighters — to western Europe by the end of this year. Other units are to follow before next June.

Secretary Kimball, reporting on his recent talks with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of allied powers in Europe, said he thought the U. S. never would have a large percentage of the forces combined under Eisenhower — "at no time over 15 or 20 per cent."

Kimball said the U. S. fleet in the Mediterranean has been built up to 60 to 70 warships, twice the size it was a year ago. These ships are a fighter unit equipped with F-86 Sabre jets. In addition there are one wing of fighter escorts and one of medium B-29 superfort bombers. These two wings are listed as training missions and their personnel are regularly rotated to the U.S.

## Winds, Rains Block A-Test

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Oct. 25—(AP)—High winds and rain buffeted 5,000 soldiers at Camp Desert Rock today, making highly uncertain the next step in the army's atomic experiments.

Nearly 200 large squad tents were blown down during the night by winds ranging up to 45 mph. The weather bureau reported a half-inch of rain in the general area of the camp and the atomic energy commission's test site at Yucca flat.

About .04 of an inch of rain fell this morning in Las Vegas, but AEC test directors Carroll T. Tyler and Dr. Alvin C. Graves left for the site to set up the next phase of operations.

The AEC has indicated that the GI's may undergo another standard explosion rehearsal before being given the nuclear warheads. The first warm-up came dawn yesterday, with B29 bombers making what appeared to be a conventional bomb run.

## Red, Egyptian Envoys Confer

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 25—(AP)—A Soviet-Egyptian meeting in the midst of the British-Egyptian crisis over the Suez and the Sudan was the headlines in Cairo newspapers today.

A meeting between King Farouk and U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery was reported at the same time in the official Gazette.

The newspapers splashed front pages with pictures and stories of the 90-minute talk yesterday at the foreign office between Russian Minister Semen Pavlovitch Kozhev and Egypt's foreign minister, Mohamed Salah El Din.

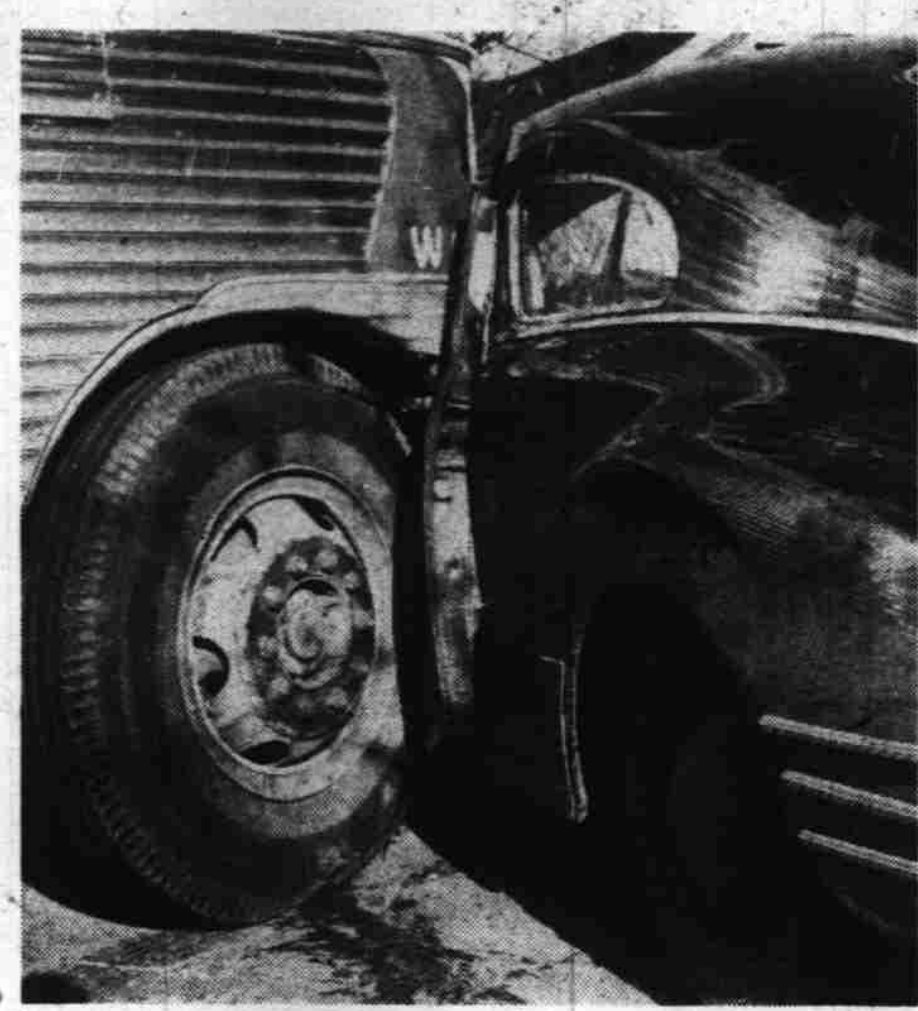
## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	59	37	.00
Portland	60	39	.00
San Francisco	68	52	trace
Chicago	62	37	.00
New York	60	33	.00

Willamette River 10.2 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today and tonight, except for fog in the morning. Little change in temperature with the highest today near 60 and the lowest tonight near 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 10.2 7.47 2.86

## Six Hurt in Collision



Six persons were injured in the crash of a Trailways bus and a car at Hood and Winter streets Thursday afternoon. The Portland-bound bus, going east on Hood street, rammed into the left side of the car driven by Mrs. Walter Johnson of Lebanon, who suffered shock and other undetermined injuries. Although three people were thrown from the car by the impact, only Mrs. Johnson and eight-year-old Johnny Wheeler of Lebanon required hospitalization. (Statesman photo.) (Story on page 5.)

## Federal Mediators Give Up; Dock Strike Spreads

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—(AP)—Federal mediators gave up trying to end New York's 11-day-old waterfront strike tonight and rebel dock workers said it was bound to spread to Philadelphia and Baltimore. "We're giving up," said Clyde M. Mills, the nation's top labor trouble shooter for the U.S. mediation service.

He quit with one final plea for the men to go back to work and end the crippling tieup which has clamped an economic vice on New York, the greatest port in the world.

The mediators withdrew after non-strikers led by President Joseph P. Ryan of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, bolted peace talks.

"We're not getting anywhere," Ryan said. "We're leaving."

As peace talks collapsed, Strike Leader John (Gene) Sampson told newsmen: "That means Philly and Baltimore will be tied up too."

He said dock workers in those two big ports are meeting now to decide whether to quit their piers. The rebel wildcat strikers in New York have insisted that a new work contract be junked and another one with large pay scales be negotiated.

Ryan has refused to honor this demand. He said to do so would be to renege on a signed and sealed agreement with shipping firms.

The shippers themselves flatly refused to reopen wage talks with the wildcat stevedores.

## Senate Probes Marine Gripes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—(AP)—A senate investigating committee today criticized home-front training conditions at some U. S. marine bases as contributing to low morale among the leathernecks and wasting the taxpayers' money.

Citing widespread complaints, the committee's report singled out a variety of cases ranging from poor food and flimsily protected open-air showers to overstaffing in "chair corps" positions.

The report recommended that women replace some of the able-bodied desk men.

At the Pentagon, a marine spokesman told reporters: "The marine corps is studying the report with a view of taking corrective action where indicated."

Several camp commanders criticized in the report promised similar "corrective" steps.

The report was issued by Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) chairman of a preparedness subcommittee of the senate armed services committee. It was the 31st report of the subcommittee since it was set up as a "watchdog" over the nation's mobilization program.

The group said it found dissatisfaction and low morale—particularly among reservists recently called to duty—at three marine bases: El Toro and Camp Pendleton in California and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

## HOPE WANES FOR HUNTER

PORTLAND, Oct. 25—(AP)—Searchers held little hope today they would find alive a deer hunter missing since Sunday. Elderly Oscar Williams failed to meet his son at an agreed spot on the shoulder of Mount Hood Sunday and no clue has been found since.

## Heaviest Air Blow of War Hits Red Rail Transport

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Friday, Oct. 26—(AP)—Allied planes smashed the Korean war's record blow at communist rail transport Thursday. Pilots estimated they destroyed or damaged 36 locomotives and 289 rail cars in a series of bombing and strafing attacks centered in the north-west.

The old mark, set Sept. 19, was 20 locomotives and 277 rail cars destroyed or damaged.

Superforts bombed the new communist airfields at Namsi and Saamcham in northwest Korea Thursday night, a general headquarters communique said.

Switch to Night Attacks. The switch to night attacks was made after day raids earlier this week drew out scores of communist jets and provoked the biggest jet battles of the war. In a daylight strike Tuesday against the Namsi field, one-third of the attacking force of nine superforts was shot down and the others were damaged.

For the first straight day, Russian-built MIGs made determined efforts to break up the allied daytime raids. A total of 80 enemy jets pressed three aggressive attacks against 63 or more allied planes.

The U. S. Fifth air force claimed one MIG was damaged in a 10-minute clash between 31 Sabre jets and an estimated 50 MIGs. Crashes Behind Lines.

The air force reported one marine-piloted Corsair fighter, hit by ground fire, crashed behind enemy lines. It said there was no chance that the pilot survived.

The North Korean army communique, broadcast by Pyongyang radio, claimed a bag of six allied planes without specifying the date. It said one B-29 superfort was shot down in the Somsan area and two others were damaged. Twelve allied fliers—the normal complement of a B-29—were captured, the enemy claimed.

His Kumsong again. In the ground war, U. S. Patton tanks speared to the western outskirts of Kumsong and shot up the former red supply base, setting new fires. The rampaging tankers cut through Chinese mortar fire to approach the city, 30 miles north of parallel 38.

Long-range allied artillery killed an estimated 500 Chinese troops who had withdrawn north of Kumsong. But rear-guard reds continued to put up a fierce fight on ridges southeast and southwest of the city.

Allied infantry battered at Communist hill positions southeast of Kumsong for the second day in a row Thursday and was stopped cold. In all, there were three allied attacks.

## County Court Won't Endorse Cutoff Route

Approval of the proposed 4.4 mile Rickreall-Dolph corner cutoff was withheld Wednesday by the Polk county court which told the state highway commission that it thought two other highway projects deserved prior consideration.

The statement came in answer to a letter from the highway commission which sought the court's approval of the project. The letter said that such action is essential under a federal aid act of 1950. Cost of the project is estimated at \$275,000.

The court told the commission that it feels the Salem-Dallas highway should be widened and that the Kings Valley highway from Fern's corner to Bunny Burns corner be completed before any new project is undertaken.

County Judge C. F. Hayes said that he does not believe failure of the court to concur in the project would prevent its construction. Asked directly if the court would give such consent to the project, Hayes said, "No, not at this time."

## Usual Ad, Nothing Unusual, Results

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 25—(AP)—An Anderson house seeker who said routine advertising produced no results today got several offers with this classified ad: "Three drunken adults, three vicious children need rental. Rent no object. We never pay our bills."

## RECORD FOR TOURISTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—(AP)—Tourists set an all-time travel record in the national parks this year. There were 36,679,316 visitors to the 28 national parks and 175 national monuments, historical sites, battle fields and memorials.

## Leaf Rake, Rally to Open Willamette Homecoming

Willamette university's annual Homecoming Week ends today with traditional festivities to continue through Saturday.

Featured today will be signs displayed by living organizations, downtown noise parade and pregame rally. Tomorrow will be highlighted by a Willamette-College of Puget Sound football game and Homecoming dance.

Today's activities begin at 5 a. m. for freshmen and supervising soph who clean up the campus in the annual Leaf Rake.

Billboard signs on the theme: "Bearcats Pound Puget Sound" are to be finished for display at 9 a. m. by campus living organizations. Judging will begin at 4 p. m. and winners will be announced at Saturday night's dance.

The noise parade will form at Lausanne hall and proceed north on Winter street to State street, west on State to Liberty street, north on Liberty to Court street, east on Court to Church street, thence south to Mission and Mc-

## Trend in Cities Seen Finish of Socialists Rule

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 26—(AP)—Handful of hard-won gains in the British national election gave Winston Churchill and the conservative party every promise of victory over the labor government today.

With less than half the nation's 625 districts still to report returns from yesterday's voting, the conservatives had wrested 11 house of commons seats from the socialists. A twelfth government seat was captured by a member of the liberal party.

Meanwhile, the conservatives suffered only one setback, when a member of their Allied Ulster unionist party was ousted by a members of the Irish labor party in Belfast.

Gerald O'Brien, the conservatives' press spokesman, predicted Churchill's followers would finish with a majority of 30 to 35 seats in the commons. Some labor opinion privately agreed.

When counting stopped for the night, the labor party had clinched 175 seats against 145 for the conservatives and their allied groups, two for the liberals and one for the Irish labor party. The count included most of the big city areas, where the socialists have their strength.

Power in Rural Area. But the bulk of conservative power lay in agricultural and other outlying districts which count their votes today. In these 302 districts, the conservatives won 163 seats last year against 129 for the socialists and have every hope of doing better this time.

If the conservative prediction of a 30 to 35 seat majority in the house comes true, it will enable the 76-year-old Churchill to take over as prime minister with a reasonable expectation that his government can stay in office for a full five-year term.

In Britain, a government can remain in office only as long as it controls the commons.

Prime Minister Attlee had kept his socialist regime going with a shaky six-seat majority ever since the national election of February, 1950. The socialists went into power in July, 1945.

Despite the laborites' net losses, they retained many districts the conservatives had counted on winning. Often labor won by only a few hundred votes, but there was no big swing to the conservatives in the popular vote, as some of the public opinion polls had forecast.

Both major parties increased their total vote. The major parties took their gains from liberal party losses, mainly in areas where the liberals had no candidates. About 82 per cent of the electorate seemed to have voted, against 84 per cent last time.

Sees Narrow Margin. Just before the night's final tabulations were posted a commentator for the British Broadcasting corp. estimated Churchill might scrape through with a majority no greater than Attlee had in 1950—315 of the 625 commons seats. Churchill could, however, take a number of liberal leaders into his government if necessary to keep control of commons. This might give him an extra dozen backers.

Voters turned out in possible record numbers for the election. Some observers figured 30,000,000 of the 35,000,000 eligible voters cast ballots. About 29,000,000 voted in the 1950 election.

Finals Due Tonight. Final returns from yesterday's elections are not due until tonight, but labor party leaders privately concede the early trend meant the end of Britain's era of socialism. One predicted Churchill might have a majority of 35 seats or so in the house of commons.

A swing of liberal party strength to Churchill's Tories was a decisive factor.

In the last election the liberals entered 475 candidates. This time they put up only 108. The "orphans" vote went to labor most.

Attlee Wins Seat. Attlee himself was re-elected to parliament in the London suburb of West Walthamston, polling 23,021 votes for an 11,574 vote margin over a comparatively unknown conservative, E. D. L. Duncann. Last year Attlee ran up a margin of 12,107. With a Churchill victory, Attlee would go back to parliament only as "leader of the opposition," the post Churchill has held the last six years.

The party winning the most seats in commons chooses the prime minister and runs the government.

## Huks Blamed for Killing Of Two American Men

MANILA, Friday, Oct. 26—(AP)—Two Americans were killed last night in an ambush sprung on the U. S. naval reservation at Olongapo, 50 miles northwest of Manila. Two Filipino women were wounded seriously.

The Philippines army, which aided in the hunt, blamed communist-led huks. The navy identified the dead as John Grant, auto supply dealer at Alonzo, and John S. Alden, a labor contractor.

## Price of Clothing Boosts Living Costs to New High

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—(AP)—Higher prices for clothing, particularly fall and winter apparel, helped today to push the government's cost of living index to a new record high.

The bureau of labor statistics, announcing its figures for Sept. 15, said the latest survey shows living costs were 186.08 per cent of the 1935-39 level. This was a gain of 0.6 per cent as compared with September, 1950.

Apparel costs went up 2.7 per cent in the month, to a record high of 209 per cent of the 1935-39 average. Fall and winter clothing had not been figured in the index since the end of last winter, when there were many clearance sales. Also the cost of wool has climbed during the last year.

Food prices edged up during the Aug. 15-Sept. 15 month to 227.3 per cent of the 1935-39 average, a gain of 8.2 per cent in a year. In the 50 cities surveyed, food prices gained in 33, dropped in 21 and were unchanged in two.

The overall gain in living costs will mean a small pay boost for more than 100,000 workers whose pay rate is hinged to changes in the government index. The 100,000 included 70,000 employees of General Electric.

Other items reacted as follows during the month: House furnishings, up 0.1 per cent. Gas, electric and ice bills unchanged. Other fuels, up 0.3 per cent. Rents, up an average of 1.3 per cent.

Miscellaneous, including automobiles, medical and dental fees and transit fares, up 0.4 per cent. The CIO Electrical Workers union announced that the cost of living rise, together with a 2 1/2 per cent negotiated wage increase effective on the same Sept. 15 date, would mean a wage increase of nearly 7 cents an hour for General Electric production workers. It said a similar increase probably would be extended to office workers and other employees of G.E.



Early returns Thursday indicated that Winston Churchill's Conservative party had regained power in Britain.

## Throng Jam Square to Hear Ballot Results

LONDON, Oct. 25—(AP)—Cheerful thousands thronged Trafalgar square in the very heart of London tonight and sang "Home on the Range" in between equally fervent cheers for conservative and labor election winners.

Results were flashed on a big screen high above the vast crowd. When a conservative victory was announced the next slide showed a sketch of Winston Churchill and his cigar. A labor victory was followed by a picture of Clement Attlee.

Before midnight Trafalgar square and Piccadilly Circus nearby were closed to traffic and all movement was at a snail's pace in the dense crowd.

Hundreds of tall bobbies kept order. They had their only trouble with youngsters throwing firecrackers.

The spirit of the crowds seemed to be one of happy impartiality. If Britain's destiny was at stake, no one in Trafalgar square or Piccadilly circus seemed to feel it.

London pubs were quiet but packed with people drinking beer and gin mixed with various sweet concoctions. As usual, whisky could not be easily found.

Despite its international significance, this has been one of England's most quiet elections. Scotland Yard reported no extra police were called out tonight, but the force was a full strength and officers normally off duty stood ready to be called in event of emergency.

## Red Proposal Rejected by Allied Group

MUNSAN, Korea, Oct. 26—(AP)—The communists today proposed a cease-fire line up to 15 miles south of the battle front but a United Nations command spokesman said the plan was not acceptable.

The spokesman said allied forces would have to pull back from such hard-won ground as the Iron Triangle, Heartbreak Ridge and the Punchbowl.

The allies yesterday proposed a buffer line roughly along the battle line, with the reds giving up ground in the west and the allies in the east.

Subcommittees threshed over the matter for one and a half hours today at Panmunjon. A red correspondent said "things look better than ever before."

The communist newsmen frequently foreshadow the official red attitude.

The communist newsmen fretted that there was a big difference between the new and old allied buffer zone proposals. Under the old proposal, he insisted, the reds were asked to give up vast areas of communist-held territory in North Korea.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols disclosed the allies had dropped their demand for red territory in compensation for halting air and sea attacks during an armistice.

Nuckols said allied forces have taken the territory that the U. N. truce delegation had asked for last July.

## Fat Ex-Convict Held as Mixer Of Moonshine

ATLANTA, Oct. 25—(AP)—Fulton County Solicitor Paul Webb said tonight a north Georgia farmer had identified 360-pound ex-convict John R. (Fat) Hardy as a mixer of the deadly batch of moonshine which killed 31 Atlantans.

Hardy has been charged with murder. Webb said the huge, 44-year-old bootlegger had a criminal record three pages long.

The solicitor identified the farmer as Luke Franklin Turner, 52. He said Turner told him of watching Hardy and an unidentified negro blend wild water with wood alcohol in a 50-gallon drum last Friday at an abandoned farmhouse about 25 miles northeast of Atlanta.

The lethal liquor began taking its toll late Sunday night. Since then 29 negroes and two white persons have died. In addition, the city hospital has been swamped with 301 other victims whose symptoms ranged from nausea to blindness.

Hardy was found in bed in a private Atlanta hospital today, where he was being treated for a broken arm which he said he suffered in a car accident near Athens, Ga., yesterday.

He was placed under police guard in the hospital.

Webb said Hardy admitted he supplied 99 gallons of liquor to negro distributors here last Friday.

## 'Forgotten Queen' Succumbs in Exile

VERSAILLES, France, Oct. 25—(AP)—Ex-queen Marie Amelie of Portugal, who spent 41 of her 86 years in exile, died at her chateau here today after a long illness.

Her neighbors in the quiet Chesnay suburb, of Versailles spoke of her as "the forgotten queen," though she was received with almost royal honors on a visit to Portugal in 1945 and was on good terms with Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar's government.

Marie Amelie was a granddaughter of the last king of France, Louis-Philippe I and mother of the last king of Portugal, Manuel II.

GOVERNOR AT BEND. BEND, Oct. 25—(AP)—Governor McKay will attend a meeting of his committee on natural resources here tomorrow in the Deschutes county court house.

HOW IS COUNTY'S TAX DOLLAR SPLIT? Closing hour for students has been extended to 1 a. m. for the occasion.

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