

Weather	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	46	33	.04
Portland	38	28	.04
San Francisco	52	35	.03
Chicago	34	21	.00
New York	30	21	.00

Willamette River 4.3 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with a few showers today. Increasing cloudiness tonight, with rain Wednesday. High today 38 to 40, low tonight 30 to 32. Salem temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 34.

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Ike Offers to Head GOP Ticket if Drafted

Scott 'Considering' Entering Campaign For Treasurer Job

By WENDELL WEBB
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 Leslie Scott of Portland, state treasurer of Oregon for two terms (1940-1948), is "considering" becoming a candidate again, he told The Oregon Statesman Monday. He is a life-long Republican.
 Scott, who was barred from seeking a third consecutive term by constitutional limitation, now is eligible again by virtue of "sitting out" the present four-year stretch for which Walter J. Pearson of Portland, Democrat, was chosen to succeed him.

IT SEEMS TO ME
 By Charles A. Smythe

The face which the news photos gave us of Winston Churchill on his arrival in Washington was that of an aging John Bull. He was no longer the stout gentleman with the slightly Puckish, cherub face, one we recall as ready of speech, brisk of manner. Time has caught up with him, and left its mark.
 Today's Churchill is a symbol of today's Britain. Time and change have gravely undermined this old citadel of freedom and generator of the industrial revolution. Britain is a victim of two sets of circumstances. One is the result of its sacrifices in two World Wars. In these, Britain liquidated much of its overseas investment, saw its shipping sunk and became a debtor to other countries, which threw its economy out of balance.
 The other set of circumstances is the colonial revolution. With the importation of Western knowledge, backward peoples yearned for independence, and with the importation of Western techniques they became in larger degree self-sufficient. The old empire with its close integration of political power and economic strength has been falling apart. The second World War hastened the break-up, but in many respects it was inevitable.
 India and Burma have become independent. Canada operates within the U. S. dollar bloc rather than Britain's sterling bloc. Iran has ousted the Anglo-Iran Oil Company, thus depriving

Scott's decision was expected to have considerably bearing on other candidates for the GOP nod to the state treasurer, but so far as was known it would not affect the plans of at least two others who apparently are committed to the race—State Sen. Jack Lynch and Sigfrid B. Usander, both of Portland. The latter was barely edged out by Sen. Howard Belton in the 1948 primaries. Lynch is known to have the written endorsement of many large state organizations.
 Five others have been mentioned as possible GOP candidates: State Sen. Belton of Canby, who topped the Republican ticket for the office in the 1948 primaries; Deputy State Treasurer Fred Paulus; City Commissioner Ormond Bean of Portland, who ran a good third to Belton and Usander in the close three-way primary race four years ago; State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith, and Jesse Gard, active in Portland civic work.
 Belton said Monday "I do not plan to run" but did not specifically say "no." Paulus said only that he had the matter "under advisement."
 Smith said he had turned down suggestions that he be a candidate "because I am very interested in my work as tax commissioner and I don't want to leave a program only partially completed."
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Morse Rejects \$500 Gift From Businessman
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore) rejected a \$500 gift from an Oregon businessman Monday.
 "I am sure this was sent in good faith, but this is the kind of thing that we must put a stop to," Morse told a reporter.
 The senator said a sterling silver tray and goblet set worth \$500 were sent as a Christmas present from the head of an Oregon firm. He added that the firm has benefited from some of Morse's activities in behalf of Oregon.
 No senator should receive a gift for "doing the kind of work he is supposed to do in his job as senator," Morse said.

Atlantic City Resorts Burn
 ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Wind-whipped flames swept through a two-block section of this seashore resort Monday, gutting a theater, shops and a large part of the St. Charles Hotel on the boardwalk.
 The blaze also leveled three frame hotels and 13 spacious rooming houses.
 City Fire Chief Rex Farley said damage "might go as high as 4 million dollars."
 The St. Charles and most other buildings were closed. There were 18 firemen, policemen and others slightly injured in the fire.

Two-Week-Old Burns Fatal To Salem Man
 The third degree burns he sustained two weeks ago were listed as the indirect cause of the death of 71-year-old Claude Jones Monday in a local hospital.
 Jones was severely burned in a fall against a stove at his home, 225 S. 24th St., Dec. 26, but he told no one of his injuries. It wasn't until two days later that he was given treatment. An alert attendant at the City First Aid Station Melvin Hagedorn, spotted the elderly man walking painfully along in front of the station, and called Jones in to rest. Noticing the burns, Hagedorn examined the man and then took him to a hospital. Jones at the time scoffed at the seriousness of his injuries.
 His physician said Jones died unexpectedly Monday afternoon. He had been improving from the burn injuries, he said. Jones was burned on his back, with lesser burns reaching to his shoulders and legs.
 Jones was a life-long resident of Salem, being born here Nov. 30, 1880. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jones, who for many years operated the Northwestern Nursery. The deceased was employed there until the death of his father.
 He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Vera Hill of Salem, two brothers, Howard and Merl, both of Portland.
 Funeral services are under the direction of the W. T. Rigdon Company.

RFK Chairman Resigns; GOP Broker Chosen
 WASHINGTON (AP)—W. Stuart Symington resigned as one-man boss of the RFC Monday and President Truman appointed Harry A. McDonald, a Republican, to succeed him.
 McDonald, a Detroit broker, is now chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He told a reporter he will continue Symington's policies at the RFC.
 Mr. Truman said in accepting Symington's resignation, effective Jan. 15, that he did so with regret and with a "well done" for the retiring official's six years of service in high government posts.
 The 50-year-old Symington took over as chief of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation last May at a time when the government's multi-billion dollar lending agency was under heavy Congressional fire on charges of yielding to outside influence in granting loans.
 In his letter of resignation, dated Dec. 21, Symington said the RFC is now "in good shape" and "a fine organization" and is "functioning properly."
 The letter continued: "For personal reasons I now think it best to return to private business as soon as that would be convenient to you."

Addition to Library Urged as Suitable Use for Moores Fund
 Statuary may be most appropriate, but a Salem public library addition probably would be a more popular use for the \$30,000 Carroll L. Moores Estate fund, city aldermen were told Monday night by the Moores Estate Commission.
 The commission has recommended a statue as most nearly reflecting the desire of the deceased in leaving the fund for a Salem pioneer memorial. Commissioners added as second choice a library museum addition and as third choice the use of income from the fund for prizes for studies of pioneer times and similar projects in memorial to the pioneers.
 Aldermen went over "pettils" of the commission report with the commission members last night, preparatory to bringing the recommendation before the Council for action at the regular meeting next Monday. The Council has been asked for recommendation by the Pioneer Trust Co which administers the estate.
 Commission Chairman Chandler Brown emphasized to the aldermen last night that the commission considered all 17 suggestions received from the public

Moving Day for County Assessor's Office



Today is moving day at the Marion county assessor's office, which will be relocated in the old high school building at Church and Marion streets. Getting records together and reading map files for moving Monday were (left to right), Cliff Lewis, chief deputy; Leo Quasnell (on ladder) and Henry Jungworth (steadying ladder). The new office will be on the ground floor. (Statesman photo.)

Portland Free of Grand Jury Probe
 PORTLAND (AP)—Portland apparently is not on the list of 93 cities where special grand juries are to be called to investigate crime conditions.
 Federal law enforcement officials here said they had received no instructions to call such an investigation. In addition a spokesman for the U. S. district attorney said the Kefauver Committee already had given Portland a clean bill of health.

Added Snow Predicted for Portland Area
 PORTLAND (AP)—The Weather Bureau forecast one to two inches of snow for the Portland area Monday night or Tuesday morning.
 The expected snow flurries will turn into rain mixed with snow at

Service Loses Appeal
 WASHINGTON (AP)—The government Loyalty Review Board Monday notified John S. Service, ousted State Department official, that it will not reconsider its finding that there is "reasonable doubt" as to his loyalty.

Congress to Resume Today
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress convenes Tuesday for a session which promises to be dominated by defense problems and influenced throughout its course by the approaching national elections.
 The second session of the 82nd Congress begins at noon.
 President Truman will deliver his annual State-of-the-Union message to a joint session of the Senate and House Wednesday.

VA Office to Move
 SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle district offices of the Veterans' Administration will be moved to St. Paul soon as part of a national consolidation plan aimed at effecting economies.

Eisenhower Refuses To Campaign for Bid

Backers Put Bandwagon Into High Gear

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower's announcement that he would accept "a clear-cut call to political duty" was hailed by Republican supporters today as a signal to throw into gear the Ike-for-President bandwagon.
 Touching off a boom of enthusiasm among his backers, the 61-year-old general broke a long silence on his political position by issuing a statement in Paris declaring:

1. He is a Republican.
2. If nominated by the GOP national convention in Chicago next July, he would feel obliged to accept it as "a duty that would transcend my present responsibility" as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe.

But the five-star general emphasized that "under no circumstances" would he ask to be relieved of his post abroad to seek the nomination himself.
 "And I shall not participate in the pre-convention activities of others who may have such an intention with respect to me," Eisenhower said.
 Summarizing the comments of many lawmakers on Capitol Hill, Senator Ives (R-NY) said he felt Eisenhower's statement would "set at rest" any doubts that the general might at the eleventh hour refuse to run.
Predicts Election Result
 "Eisenhower will be nominated and elected," Ives predicted.
 But others, some of them backing other candidates, expressed misgivings as to the ultimate success of the Eisenhower campaign, chiefly centering on these factors:

1. Eisenhower himself has ruled out any pre-convention aid on his part.
2. Uncertainty as to the general's views on some subjects, particularly in the realm of domestic political issues.

At the White House, there was no expression of willingness on his part to be drafted for the Republican nomination. It is my opinion he should be drafted."
 While most Republicans interpreted Eisenhower's statement as a clear expression of his willingness to be a candidate, Senator Taft R-Ohio, an avowed candidate, said it indicated only that Eisenhower "would accept a draft" for the nomination.
 Taft said it would not affect his own campaign.
 Another aspirant for the Republican nomination, Gov. Earl Warren of California, said Eisenhower would be "a very powerful candidate for president." Warren added, however, that his own plans will not be affected by what Eisenhower does.

French Cabinet Resigns After Defeat in Assembly
 PARIS (AP)—France's five-month-old coalition government resigned Monday night after losing a vote of confidence in the National Assembly. France is threatened with a long government crisis at one of the most crucial moments in her international relations.
 Premier Rene Pleven and his middle-of-the-road Cabinet turned in their resignations after the Assembly defeated them by 341 to 243 in the first of eight scheduled confidence votes on economy measures for the 1952 budget. The first vote was on government proposals to cut the huge deficit in the state-owned national railways.
 The present Cabinet will continue to operate as a caretaker



GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER Awaits "Call to Duty"

Ike Stand May Snarl Oregon Demo Petitions

Oregon Republicans, primed by an announcement from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Monday that he would accept the presidential nomination if it is offered, said they would decide today when to file petitions to put the general's name on the Oregon primary ballot.
 The announcement from Eisenhower also proclaiming himself a Republican threatened the validity of a petition bearing the general's name filed last August for the Democratic ticket.
 William L. Phillips of Salem, chairman of the Oregon Eisenhower-for-President Committee, said the committee would meet here this morning to decide when to file Republican petitions. Mark Hatfield, dean of men at Willamette University, who started the move to make Eisenhower a Republican presidential candidate in Oregon, said he already had more than the 1,000 signatures required for the petitions.
 In a statement Monday, Phillips said "The statement of General Eisenhower is further confirmation, if any were needed, that he is available as a Republican candidate. His high sense of duty compels his willingness to accept the call of the American people to supply the clean, vigorous and statesmanlike leadership so desperately needed in the White House—leadership that will rise above pettiness, greed and selfish interest. It remains only for the demonstration that the American people will demand that leadership and will accept nothing less."
Confers on Legality
 David O'Hara, chief clerk of the state elections bureau, conferred briefly with Attorney General George Neuner on the legality of the Democratic petition for Eisenhower filed by State Senator Thomas R. Mahoney of Portland. State law prohibits a candidate's name from appearing on the ballot of the party of which he is not a member.
 O'Hara said no definite decision had been reached on the validity of the Democratic petition and that Neuner had not previously been asked for a formal decision. Future action, he said, would be predicated on the advice he receives from the attorney general.
 But Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committee official in Portland for state officials to erase Eisenhower's name from the Democratic ticket. He said it would be a "fraud" on Democratic voters of the state if his name gets on the Democratic ballot for the primary election.
 He added, "We might very well take the matter to court if the officials do not delete his name."
To File Petitions
 Hatfield, executive secretary of the Republican Eisenhower committee, said he had planned to file the petitions for Eisenhower in about 30 days, but would abide by the decision reached at this morning's meeting of the committee. He said it was the opinion of Oregon backers of the general that petitions should come from every county in the state rather than from a single concentrated area.
 "Our objective is to give everyone an opportunity to join in bringing the name of General Dwight Eisenhower before the voters of Oregon," Hatfield said.

General to Keep 'Full Attention On Europe Job'

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the world Monday that if the Republican Party convention asks him to run for President of the United States he will give up his command here and enter the race.
 But the general said he would not quit his job to campaign for the nomination.
 The general's statement was read to several score correspondents in Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe 22 hours after Senator Lodge of Massachusetts had announced in Washington that Eisenhower was a Republican and that his name would be entered in the March 11 primary in New Hampshire. Senator Lodge is spearheading a campaign in the general's behalf.

Ike's Statement
 Emphasizing the great weight he attaches to his job as commander of the North Atlantic Pact forces, Eisenhower's statement said: "There is no question of the right of American citizens to organize in pursuit of their common convictions. I realize that Senator Lodge and his associates are exercising their right in an attempt to place before me next July a duty that would transcend my present responsibility.
 "In the absence, however, of a clear cut call to political duty I shall continue to devote my full attention and energies to the performance of the vital task to which I am assigned."
 Senator Taft of Ohio, Governor Warren of California and Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, already have announced formally that they are candidates for the nomination at Chicago in July.

Europe Defense Chief
 The 61-year-old general's declaration was a dose of cold water to Europeans. His name, once associated with the liberation of Europe from the Nazis, has been linked with its defense against Communism since he came to organize SHAPE a year ago.
 Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff at SHAPE, is widely considered the man most likely to succeed to the job should Eisenhower be given the nomination.
 Should Eisenhower run for President, it would mean he would be the ninth general to occupy the White House and the second West Point graduate to be President.

Hopkins Pleads Innocent of Embezzlement
 Joseph H. Hopkins, former manager of the Salem Veterans Housing Colony, pleaded innocent Monday in Marion County Circuit Court to two charges of embezzlement of colony funds.
 Hopkins told the court, however, that he knew there was a shortage in the funds and that he had transferred his assets to the Salem Housing Authority to make restitution. He asked for appointment of an attorney, and Bruce Williams was named to represent him. No trial date was set.

Turnover of some assets to the authority was confirmed by William J. Braun, chairman, who said Hopkins had transferred his auto, for the value of its equity, and part of the proceeds from sale of his home.
 Also in court yesterday to plead innocent was Russell Hoffman, Detroit Dam construction superintendent, charged with depositing polluting matter in a river. No trial date was set on the charge, which is linked with the death of several hundred fish last Aug. 8 after ammonia had entered the North Santiam River near Detroit Dam, from a construction refrigerating system.
 (Additional Circuit Court news on page 2.)

EGG PRICES TO DROP
 PORTLAND (AP)—A drop of two to five cents a dozen in the retail price of eggs was forecast Monday after a five-cent decline in wholesale prices. AA large eggs are expected to sell for 60 to 65 cents a dozen, four to six cents lower than at this time a year ago.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
This Year	25.51	29.17
		18.82

Animal Crackers
 By WARREN GOODRICH

