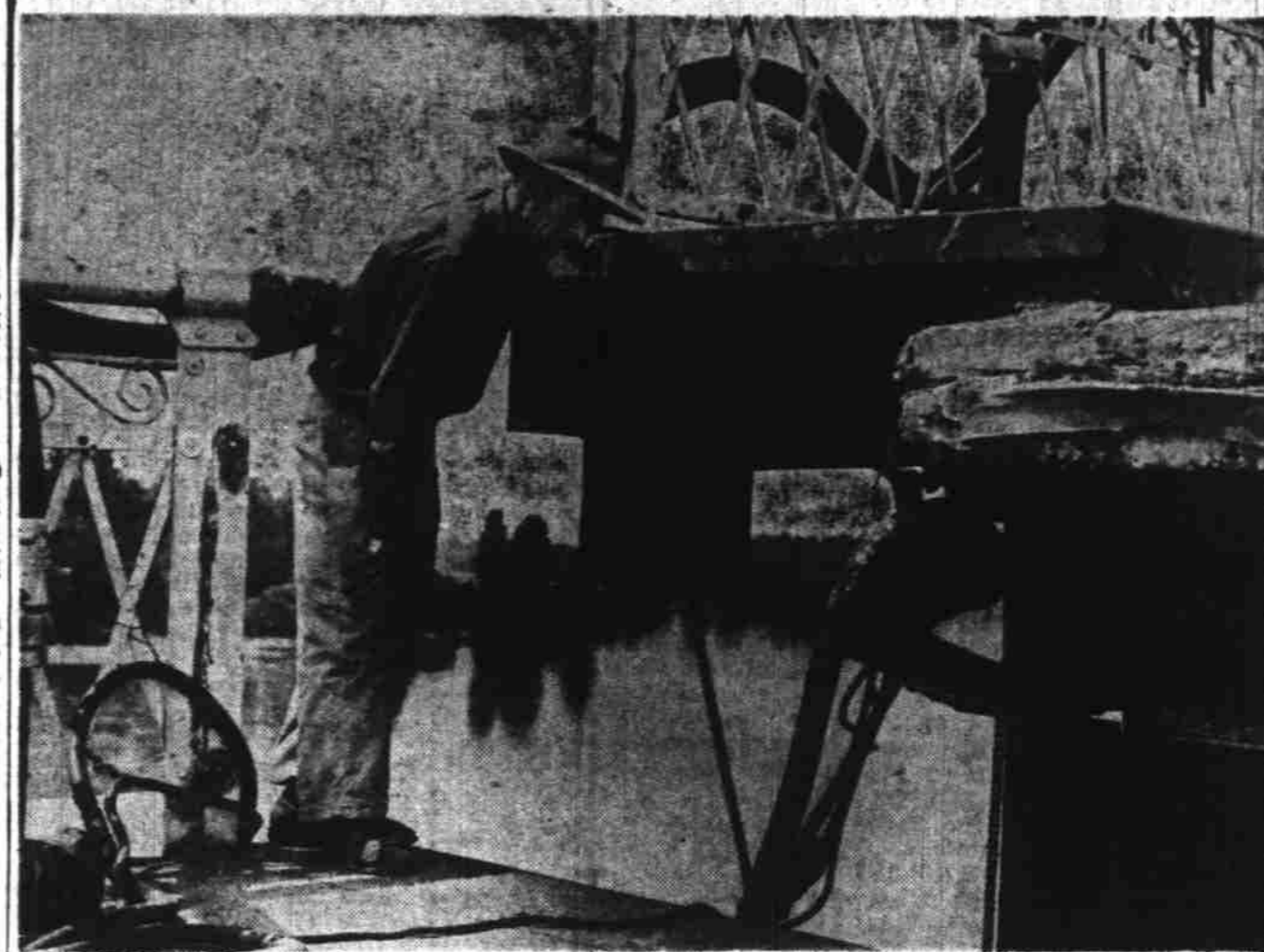


Reds Reject Latest Truce Bid

Gen. Nam Scornful Of Plan

By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR PANMUNJOM — The Communists Thursday rejected the United Nations Command counterproposal for settling the prisoner of war issue blocking a Korean truce.

Sections of Bridge Ready to Be Joined



Al Mauck, 631 Breys Ave., state bridge inspector, stands high over the Willamette River at Salem inspecting two sections of east half of the Center Street bridge which are slowly being joined.

Girls in Shoplift Gang

TACOMA — A teenage "hellcats gang" of 25 girls who carried on large-scale shoplifting was uncovered here Wednesday and search for a possible "Fagin" who directed their efforts was begun.

Armed Forces to Parade, Display Exhibits Today

Salem's Armed Forces Day today will include a special luncheon in the downtown Armory, display of armament, open houses at military installations and a parade through the business district at 11:30 this morning.

Egypt Charges British Soldiers With Violence

By ZEIN NAGATI CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—The Army's Revolutionary Council accused British soldiers Wednesday night of killing eight Egyptians and wounding 17 in April and May in a fresh outbreak of violent incidents in the Suez Canal Zone.



If John Q. Citizen is like the writer of this column he is a bit dizzy by the sweeping change in the joint chiefs of staff ordered by President Eisenhower; and rather bewildered by the reorganization proposal for the Defense Department which the President sent to Congress some ten days ago.

As for the personnel changes they are within the authority of the President, for he is commander-in-chief. One wonders, however, at the clean sweep which Eisenhower has made.

It was Senator Taft, who called for firing the chiefs of staff in his campaign last year; but it is Eisenhower, himself a former general and former chief of staff, who has cleared the slate.

What is even more confusing to the lay mind is the reorganization of the defense establishment recommended by a special committee and submitted to Congress by the President.

The changes point toward greatly increasing the authority of the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and greatly increasing the

Varied Weather on Forecast for Today

Scattered showers this morning in the Salem area are forecast to give way to sunshine this afternoon with fair weather predicted to hold over through Friday.

Animal Crackers



Europe Unity Parley Ends

PARIS — The foreign ministers of six European nations wound up two days of discussion Wednesday on how to bind themselves together into a powerful political community patterned roughly on the lines of the United States.

Toll Tops 100 at Waco, Weather Slows Search

WACO, Tex. — The toll of mangled dead picked from Waco's tornado ruins rose to 98 late Wednesday and searchers said they were sure to find more bodies in the twisted steel and shattered stone.

Atom Weapons Still Ready for Use in Europe

PARIS — Gens. Mathew B. Ridgway and Alfred M. Gruenther said Wednesday atomic weapons will be used in event of attack by Russia, a threat they said had not been diminished by any recent peace moves.

Anti-Picketing Measure Held Constitutional

The controversial anti-picketing measure of the recent legislation was found constitutional by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton Wednesday, but Gov. Patterson has yet to make up his mind whether to sign it.

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TV and Water Supply

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Doubt Cast On Validity of State Leases

Validity of a number of leases on properties now used for state purposes was questioned Wednesday, based on an opinion of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

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Civic Leaders Carry Airport Tower Fight to Washington

By WINSTON H. TAYLOR Staff Writer, The Statesman Determined to save the Salem airport control tower, with safety as the primary motive, civic leaders took their fight to Washington, D.C. Wednesday.

Workers Start To Raise Old Bridge Span

Raising of the steel spans on the east approach of the Center Street bridge over the Willamette River at Salem to tie in with the extended approach is underway this week.

Super-Secret Plane, 2 Men Lost in Blast

TRENTON, Ont. (AP)—U. S. and Canadian Air Force planes plan to resume their search early Thursday over Lake Ontario for bodies of two American airmen and wreckage of the super-secret Bell X-2 experimental plane, blasted from a B-50 bomber late Tuesday night by a mysterious explosion.

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