

Red China Offers New Indochina Cease-Fire Plan

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	64	42	.85
Portland	60	43	.07
San Francisco	66	50	.00
New York	66	59	.00
Willamette River 23 feet			

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with possible scattered showers, partly cloudy tonight and mostly sunny Friday. High today near 68 and low tonight near 38. High Friday near 70. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 47.

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Windup Of Talks Delayed

GENEVA — The United States and Britain considered Wednesday night the possibility of continuing the Geneva talks on Indochina in the light of new cease-fire proposals by Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai and strong French pressure against breaking off negotiations.

This was a reversal of the U.S.-British determination Tuesday night that the Indochina negotiations—deadlocked on all major issues since the start seven weeks ago—be closed by the end of the week.

Chou, details of which were not disclosed, which U.S. Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith reportedly said warranted further consideration.

"Step Forward"

French sources said Chou's new proposals were a "step forward." And a British spokesman said it appeared enough progress had been made in Wednesday's meeting to justify continuing the Indochina phase of the conference.

The U.N. Allies broke off the 19th nation conference on Korea here Tuesday after remaining completely deadlocked since the beginning of the conference last April 26.

Talks Recalled

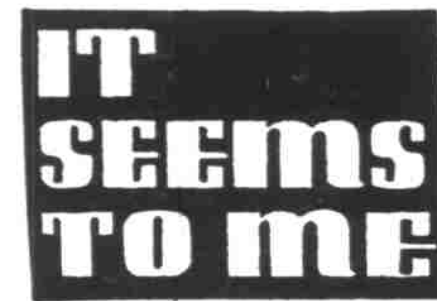
The nine-party Indochina talks were recessed until Friday afternoon to give delegates a chance to study Chou's proposals. By that time, they also hoped France would have a government. Pierre Mendès-France was busy in Paris trying to put together a cabinet that would get parliamentary approval.

Chou's proposals, reportedly covering three main points: (1) a simultaneous cease-fire, (2) the negotiations of the opposing military commands both here and in Indochina, and (3) a proposed ban on importation of troops or arms to that war-ravaged country.

Lumber Mills Strike Starts In California

PORTLAND (AP) — Three thousand men walked out in a dozen Northern California lumber mills Wednesday, the first major work stoppage in the sprawling, restive industry where 150,000 men have voted to quit if they don't get more money.

Last-minute talks continued in several areas from Northern Washington to Central California in the hope of averting a two-union strike that would halt all but a handful of operations in the woods and mills of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana and Nevada.



By Charles A. Sprague

The postmortem on the career of the late Harold G. Hoffman, one-time governor of New Jersey which now is coming to light, offers a singular case history in American politics. It is the story of a "good time Charlie" in politics who embezzled to keep his front and his pace in politics and whose wrestling with conscience led to his confession posthumously made public.

Previously Hoffman had been recalled as the governor who messed into the Hauptmann conviction for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh child, though the sentence was executed, and no valid basis for doubt has since arisen as to Hauptmann's guilt. After retiring as New Jersey's governor, in 1938 Hoffman took a state job as director of the state division of employment security. He was suspended from this position when Robert B. Meyner became governor, and investigation of Hoffman's official record led to filing of 16 charges of misconduct, including a false bank deposit of \$300,000 in the South Amboy Trust Co. of which Hoffman was the head.

Hoffman died of a heart attack in his New York apartment on June 4th. He had left a letter with his daughter to be opened after his death. In this he confessed to embezzling over a term of years \$300,000 from accounts with the Trust Company. The withdrawal of funds began when a certain wealthy man, since deceased failed to make good on his promise to finance Hoffman's campaign expenses for congress. The high cost of living in Washington induced him to make further withdrawals. Then when he told his predicament to

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Gym Wing at South Salem High Ready

The gymnasium wing of new South Salem High School is all but completed and ready for final inspection by Salem School Board Friday at 1 p.m.

School directors will consider final acceptance of that part of the building, then later inspect and accept the other three sectors of the \$4 million building project as each is completed.

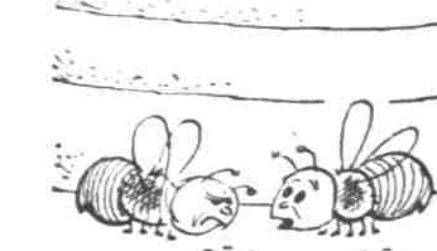
First part of the building completed, the sector now ready for acceptance faces Rural Avenue and includes science and health laboratories and classrooms as well as the main gymnasium and shower rooms.

The gym has a 106 by 108 maple floor, big enough to handle four gym classes. Four other courts are in the balconies. Seating capacity is 3,500.

School board members also will meet at 3 p. m. today at the administration office building to examine school buses displayed by bidders for a contract for four new 60-passenger busses.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

BY WARREN GOODRICH



"How can you gather honey all day and be such a sour-puss at night?"

Luby to Replace Storey as Solons' Field Manager

The board of directors of the Salem Senators Baseball Club announced last night that Hugh Luby, the club's non-playing general manager, will succeed Harvey Storey, field skipper, effective Friday. The move is being made as a measure of economy on the financially unstable baseball organization.

Storey has been offered a regular player's contract to remain as third baseman on the club, but will not decide on an answer until Sunday. He will continue as manager of the team during its scheduled doubleheader at Yakima tonight, and Luby will take over Friday night when the Senators are slated to open a local series with Wenatchee.

Storey was hired as manager this season, and Luby, who was the manager for the three previous campaigns, took over the general management. (Full details in today's sports section.)

McCarthy, Welch Clash Delays Finale

WASHINGTON (AP) — The McCarthy-Army hearings missed their adjournment target Wednesday in a session of weary wrangling that flared up into a slashing new passage at arms between Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and the Army's chief counsel, Joseph N. Welch.

The 63-year-old Welch, briefly shaking off weariness in the 35th day of the televised proceedings, told McCarthy he has no monopoly on battling Communism, and declared in tones of harsh anger that the armed forces work at that job, too, night and day.

"Don't pull that on me," McCarthy snapped back. He asserted he hopes his subcommittee can get back soon to hunting subversives with the Army's cooperation — "but, with or without it, take my word for it, we will do it."

The televised hearings now are scheduled to end early Thursday afternoon — eight weeks to the day after they began.

(Additional details on page 10, Sec. 1.)

Midwest Heat Fails to Abate

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Midwest's heat wave went through its sixth day Wednesday with no sign of an early break.

Cooler and drier air covered the Great Plains but the large high pressure area over the eastern United States prevented it from spreading eastward.

In contrast, cool air covered the northwestern and northeastern states. Lakeview, Ore., had a low reading of 31 degrees. Light snow fell at Stampede Pass, Wash., and Mullen Pass, Mont. Stampede Pass had a midday temperature of 34 and Mullen Pass, 29.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms occurred over virtually the entire area, except the Southwest. The temperature reached 90 degrees in Chicago at 1:30 p.m. the sixth consecutive day that mark was reached.

'Million Dollar Rain' Turns to Deficit As Strawberry Crop Rots on Vines

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Even brief spells of sunshine were being welcomed by Willamette Valley Farmers Wednesday with "partly sunny skies for Thursday," promised by the U. S. weather bureau, being awaited with bated breath.

What started out to be a "million dollar rain" after an early spring drought and late frost, may still be a million dollar rain, but on the red rather than the black side of the ledger, farmers were saying.

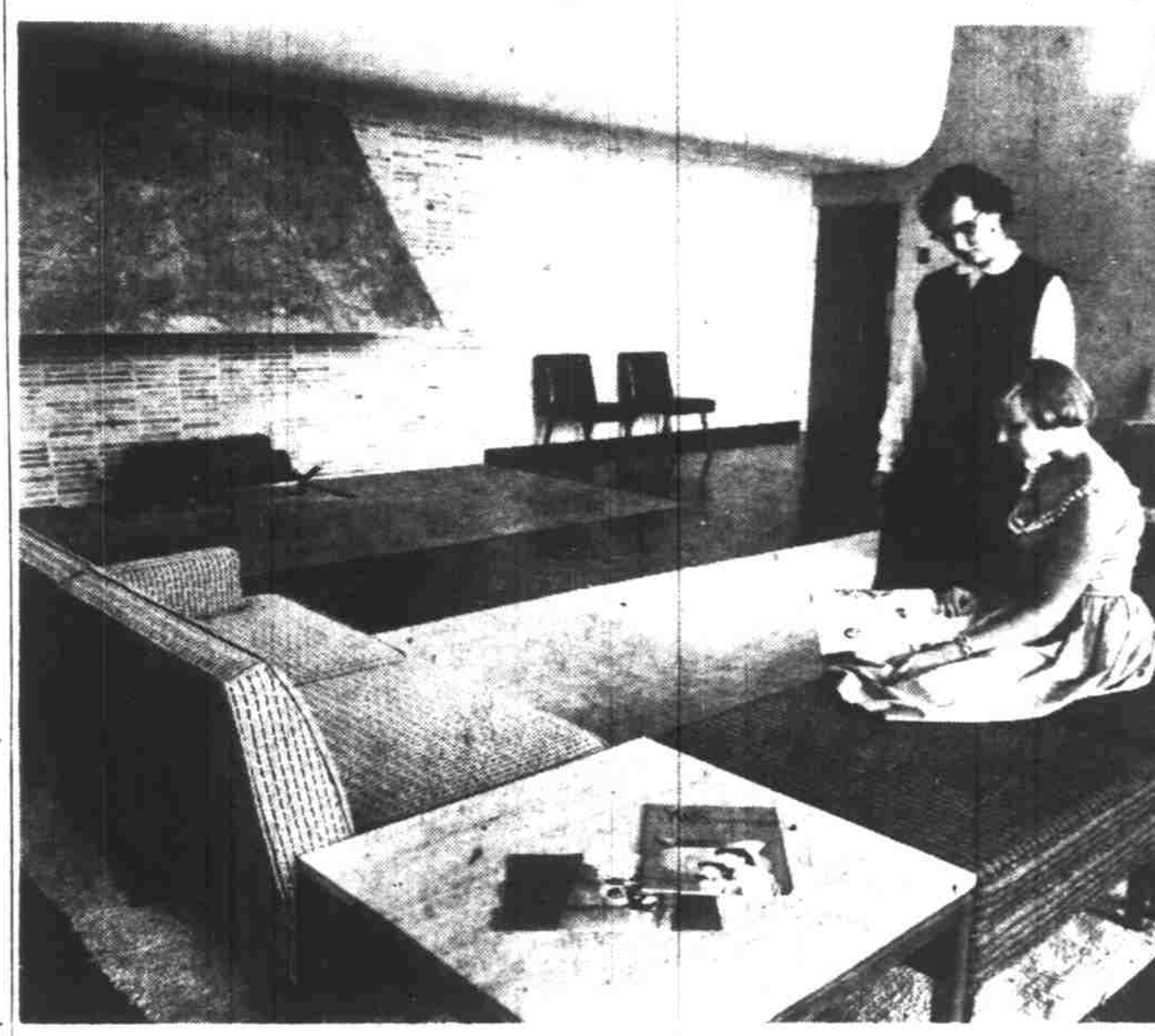
For the past few days, thousands of dollars worth of strawberries have been softening and rotting on the vines, with too much moisture and sun. Even some of the berries picked which looked comparatively good were found to have soft cores. While the rains have brought on late blooms on the valley plants, should hot weather come immediately upon rain stoppage, these will not develop to any great extent, and, say strawberry growers in the valley, under no circumstances can sufficient now be borne to use up for the tons of strawberries which should have been harvested during the past three weeks.

Reports from the Silverton Hills, one of the sections which supply a heavy portion of Willamette Valley strawberries, showed that even here the berries were rotting to some extent. While the berries are not far enough along for general picking in the hills, growers checking Wednesday morning said they found a number of green ones which had softened and decayed. However, should weather clear off, promptly, the big crop in the hills would be saved, growers believed.

Not only are growers suffering from the heavy rains, but pickers as well. Many pickers who come into the valley, together with valley families who depend upon fruit pickings as part of their livelihood, are showing considerable gloom. At least two weeks of the money-making summer are gone with no money made.

Grass growers in the valley were reporting much of their crop "down," which in many cases means cutting before harvesting. Not only is more of the crop saved when harvested standing, it is a more economical method of harvesting, as only one process is

YWCA Building Ready for Dedication Sunday



The recently furnished interior of the new Salem YWCA building lobby is shown above as things were being readied for dedication ceremonies this Sunday. Open to the public, the ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium, and tours through the \$430,000 structure will follow. Mrs. Daryl May, receptionist (standing), and Ramona Salminen, 1035 N. 22nd St., are shown, looking at YW literature. (Statesman photo.) (Story and pictures on page 5, sec. 2.)

Ike Ignoring Question of '56 Candidacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday he is concentrating on the big problems of the present and by no manner of means casting his mind forward to running for another term in 1956.

This matter of 1956, Eisenhower said, hasn't even been discussed in the White House since he has been there—except in the most facetious vein. He said he isn't one to predict, and, as he sees it, sufficient unto the day are the evils thereof.

This last comment produced a round of laughter at the Eisenhower news conference, and the President joined in.

The chief executive also said: His meeting next week with Prime Minister Churchill is intended to keep the bridge between the United States and Britain strong and to combat the idea there are great rifts between the two nations.

The next step in the Korean armistice problem, now that the Geneva conference has failed to reach an agreement, is up to the United Nations.

Corvallis Folk Chase Steers

CORVALLIS (AP) — The northern residential section of Corvallis was the scene briefly Wednesday of an impromptu "rodeo" when a couple of steers broke out of their pasture and provided about 50 would-be cowhands opportunity to show their roping skill.

The steers, apparently upset by the attention they created, charged over fences and lawns for about an hour with city police and a host of men and boys "armed" with ropes in pursuit.

Once the steers were cornered, but they escaped by charging through the ring of would-be captors.

The chase ended when the animals returned voluntarily to the pasture. Their owner, H. G. Whitten, said he'd try to keep them penned up until he disposes of them next week.

TWO CARS DAMAGED

A collision at N. Capitol and Chemeketa streets Wednesday evening caused extensive damage to the two cars involved, city police reported. Drivers were listed as Johnny R. Bartlett, 996 S. 15th St., and Fred Henry Westphal, 3995 Pleasantview Dr.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Yakima-Salem (train)
At Vancouver 2-5, Victoria 1-7
At Wenatchee 7, Tri-City 11
At Calgary 12, Lewiston 10
At Edmonton-Spokane (train)

COAST LEAGUE
At Sacramento 3, Portland 1
At New York 4, Cincinnati 0
At Oakland 0, Los Angeles 8
At San Diego 4, Seattle 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Brooklyn 5, Milwaukee 4
At Baltimore 0, New York 2
At Pittsburgh-Chicago (train)
At Philadelphia-St. Louis (train)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Cleveland 5, Washington 1
At Baltimore 0, New York 2
At Detroit 2, Boston 3
At Chicago 11, Philadelphia 6

Logger Breaks Ankle, Carried 2 Miles 'Piggy Back'

Statesman News Service
DALLAS — Lou W. Lefever, 29, Monmouth logger, is recovering in a Bartlett hospital from a fractured ankle, after a two mile "piggy back" ride.

Lefever and his half-brother, Clyde Parks, Jr., were bucking logs alone Tuesday on the Connie Hodge logging operation near Rose Lodge in the Coast Range, when a log rolled over Lefever's legs, fracturing his right ankle and bruising his left leg.

Parks carried Lefever on his back to the nearest passable road two miles distant, and brought him to Dallas by automobile.

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Lindbergh's Son Sought for Trip

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Leaders of a projected raft expedition to Hawaii Wednesday were trying to get in touch with Jon Lindbergh, son of the famous flier, to clear the way for his joining the party.

The expedition plans to drift from here to Hawaii on ocean currents. The six men of the party expect to live on rain water, plankton and fish, taken as they drift.

Lindbergh and his wife are en route to Chicago to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robbins.

Witness Berates Probers

By JIM HUTCHESON
SEATTLE (AP) — A shouting witness threw a House Un-American Activities Committee hearing into turmoil here Wednesday and brought a unanimous committee vote to recommend a contempt of Congress citation.

Members of the committee said it was the first time such action had been taken on the spot, in open session, by the present investigating group.

Any actual contempt citation would have to be by the House of Representatives.

The witness was George Tony Starkovich, 32, formerly of Bellingham, who said, under protest, that his residence now is in Seattle. A 1950 passport application to a "Peace Congress" in Europe listed the applicant of that name as a plywood worker.

"Only Contempt"

The flareup came as he told the committee members he believed that he had only contempt for them as individuals, although he added: "I don't have contempt for Congress. I'm proud of my country and Congress."

When Chairman Velde (R-Ill.) once threatened to oust him from the chamber, he retorted that an inquiry put to him was "a phony question from a phony congressman."

Reps. Clardy (R-Mich.), Jackson (R-Calif.) and Doyle (D-Calif.) all called him the most contemptuous witness ever to appear before the committee.

Floodlight Explodes

An exploding television floodlight bulb, that went off with the noise of a grenade at the end of the committee rostrum, added to the confusion.

The blast came just as Starkovich was stridently shouting against what he called "McCarthyism." In reference to the activities of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, there was a moment of tension amid the tinkling of falling glass, then laughter swept the row of congressmen and the overflow audience.

With that Starkovich interjected: "Congressmen, you're safe in Seattle." Additional details on page 2, Sec. 1.

Jury Convicts Puerto Ricans Of Gun Attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Puerto Rican men were convicted Wednesday night on all 10 counts of assault in the March 1 shooting which wounded five congressmen. The woman in the case was convicted on five counts and the jury recessed without reaching a final verdict on five other counts against her.

Dark eyed Lolita LeBron, 34, looking extremely pale and tired, was the only one of the four defendants whose fate had not yet been decided in full as the jury of seven men and five women ended 11 1/2 hours of deliberation.

The three male defendants were found guilty on five counts each of assault with intent to kill and five counts each of assault with a dangerous weapon. Maximum possible sentence is 75 years in prison each.

Mrs. LeBron, convicted on five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, raised a mild objection when the jury could not agree on the five charges of intent to kill.

"I don't see why they don't convict me, too," she whispered to a woman marshal, Miss Eleanor Kehl, sitting behind her.

The three male defendants—Rafael Cancel Miranda, 25, Andres Figueroa Cordero, 29, and Irving Flor Rodriguez, 28—gave no show of emotion as the verdict was read.

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Injuries From Crash Fatal to B. M. Ensley

Benjamin Merle Ensley, 43, attendant at the Oregon State Hospital, became Marion County's fifth traffic fatality for 1954 when he died Wednesday morning at a Salem hospital of injuries sustained in an auto crash south of Liberty on May 28.

Both state police and city first aidmen were called to the accident. When questioned Ensley told officers he was going to work in his 1928 model car when it "suddenly veered off the road" and dug into a road bank.

Sometime later he was taken to the hospital by state police and lapsed into unconsciousness the following day. The attending physician said x-rays showed he sustained a severe skull fracture.

Ensley, who was born at Fossil, Ore., Nov. 9, 1910, had lived in this community most of his life.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Olga Ensley, Salem Route 4, Box 639; daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Kandle, Miss Donna Caspel, U. S. Navy, Jacksonville, Mrs. E. Ball, Turner, and Mrs. Herman Fedder, Salem; and one brother, C. O. Ensley, Beaverton.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Howell-Edwards Chapel with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park. The Rev. Roscoe West will officiate.

Policeman's Bullet Wounds Bystander

PORTLAND (AP) — Police accused a 32-year-old man Wednesday of using his car as a weapon in a downtown fracas with police in which a bystander was hit in the leg by a police bullet.

Lucas Franklin Munoz, Portland, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon after the fracas ended. The wounded man was a taxicab driver, Joe Harper, 35. His ankle wound was described as superficial.

Police said this is what happened:

Munoz, found headed the wrong way on a one-way street, tried to escape police. He was stopped after a short chase, wrestled with a policeman, and then tried to run down the traffic patrolman with his car.

The patrolman, Kenneth Strand, threw himself to the ground away from the car. Strand got his gun out. One shot bounced off the engine, but another flattened a tire. As Munoz jipped out and ran, a third shot ricocheted and hit Harper. Munoz kept running, but was caught two blocks away.

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