

Flood Traps Thousands in Dublin, Europe Gales Continue

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Early morning fog patches, otherwise partly cloudy with scattered showers today; high today near 48, fair tonight with fog patches forming; low tonight near 30; morning fog Saturday, with increasing cloudiness. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 37. Willamette River 1.5 feet.

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Reuther Assails Ike Stand

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CIO President Walter Reuther Thursday accused President Eisenhower of practicing "political fraud" by failing to back up Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

Reuther told the CIO convention Mitchell lacked the standing in Eisenhower's Cabinet enjoyed by Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks.

Mitchell had told the convention in a speech here Tuesday that he condemned "categorically" laws now in effect in 17 states prohibiting unions and employers from negotiating contract clauses to require workers to become union members.

Eisenhower said in his Washington news conference the next day that Mitchell had not necessarily spoken for the administration, although the labor secretary had a right to express his own views.

Reuther said that if Weeks makes a business policy statement to a convention of the National Assn. of Manufacturers "you will not find that he is repudiated the next morning by the White House."

"I believe the people of America ought to recognize the political fraud that is taking place in Washington," Reuther said.

"The secretary of labor is not a member of the Cabinet. He is just there as convenient window dressing to make the working people believe they have a voice in the policy making decisions of our government."

Mitchell had been commended by other convention speakers for the stand he took in opposing the state "right-to-work" laws.

Morse Praises Truman
Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) told cheering delegates that former President Truman "has done more to stop communism throughout the world than all his Republican detractors put together."

Salem Snowman 'Imported' From Valsetz



First Salem snowman of the winter is claimed by Kathy and Jeff Crippen, 666 Claremont Dr., West Salem. The kids, five and four-years-old, are shown above with their prize which was made from Valsetz snow. Their father—in Valsetz on business—loaded the car trunk with snow and brought it home. After building the snowman, the kids had enough left over to make "ice cream." (Statesman Photo.)

Doctors Agree Pope Steadily Gains Strength

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Medical experts announced Thursday night Pope Pius XII is gaining strength, his hiccups have ceased and his general condition has improved perceptibly.

The 78-year-old pontiff underwent a two-hour examination—his second in a week of grave illness that brought fears for his life—by three specialists and his personal physician, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi.

One of the consulting physicians, Dr. Raffaele Paolucci di Valmaggiore, said "I can exclude that the Pope has cancer." He said the illness of the pontiff began two years ago "and if this had turned out to be cancer the Pope, also because of age, would have died inside a year."

Galeazzi-Lisi and the three specialists also issued a bulletin.

"As foreseen, the state of health of the holy father has improved perceptibly and progressively in the last few days," the doctors' bulletin said.

"Disturbances have disappeared, among them the hiccups, and it was possible gradually to resume direct feeding, which has permitted a satisfactory recovery of strength."

The bulletin was signed by Galeazzi-Lisi, Prof. Antonio Gasbarri, a nutrition expert from Bologna; Prof. Raffaele Paolucci di Valmaggiore, a noted surgeon; and Dr. Paul Neihans, a Swiss hormone specialist.

Firm Discharges Silent Witness

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J. (AP) — Ingersoll-Rand, Inc., announced Thursday the immediate dismissal of one of its employees, Maurice K. Slater, who declined Wednesday to answer questions before the McCarthy Senate subcommittee investigating Communist activity.

A NIMAL COOKER BY WARREN GOODRICH



"Isn't that cute? They're camping out!"

Morse to Run As Alderman If Defeated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) told the CIO's convention jokingly Thursday that if defeated for re-election in 1956—"and that won't happen without a real fight"—he may run for his home town council in Eugene, Ore.

Morse was stripped of major Senate committee assignments after he switched from Republican political affiliation to become an independent and was assigned to the Senate's District of Columbia

"So I'm here as a District of Columbia alderman," Morse said, laughing. "If Oregon Republicans retire me in 1956, I may run for my town council, thanks to training obtained on the District of Columbia Committee."

Lily Disdainful Of Cool Weather

It could be spring—the way an Easter lily is acting up in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Aeschlimann, 330 E. Wilson St.

The lily, disdainful of the calendar and nippy days, has developed two blooms in the past several weeks, the Aeschlimanns reported.

Solons Snowbound in Hawaii While Investigating Drought

HALEAKALA, Maui, T. H. (UP) — A waterlogged congressional committee, scouring the Hawaiian islands for the drought it was supposed to investigate, climaxed its tour Wednesday by getting snowbound.

The incident occurred atop Hawaii's 10,000-foot Mount Haleakala, much to the embarrassment of Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington, Hawaii's congressional delegate and one of the nine-member House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

But it was not the first day of chagrin for Mrs. Farrington. The drought-seeking Congressmen arrived at Honolulu Nov. 28—the day the islands got 5.5 inches of rain that killed two persons in flood waters.

During the next few days the committee enjoyed a total of 75 minutes of cloudless skies. Monday, the committee—still interested in the drought—toured Kauai Island in cloudy weather with intermittent showers. Tuesday, they reached Maui. So

Suit Seeks to Prevent Sale of Silverton Union High Bonds

A suit to block the purchase of Silverton High School by the newly-formed Union High School District 7 J, Silverton, was filed Thursday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Plaintiffs are Oscar H. Loe and Oral D. Egan, of the Evens Valley School district, and A. A. Paquin, Monitor sawmill owner. Both Monitor and Evens Valley districts are members of Union High School District 7 J.

The three men contend that the high school building is unsuitable for use by the new district as its high school and has been wrongly appraised in value.

The plaintiffs ask for an interlocutory order restraining the district's board of directors, named as the defendants, from selling bonds to secure funds to purchase the building and grounds.

Next Monday had been fixed by the directors as the date for opening bids on the bonds. The plaintiffs further ask a re-appraisal of the building and grounds. They allege that sewage backs into the first floor of the building and that the floor must be abandoned for school use at times.

They also allege that equipment at the site is outmoded and not fit to be used for the conducting of a union high school.

Defendants Named
Named as the defendants in the suit are Fred Schwab, Mt. Angel, chairman of the board; John Seims, Robert Humphreys, Felix Wright of Silverton; John Plas, Scotts Mills, and the Silverton Union High School District 7 J.

Twelve school districts in the Silverton area voted to form a union high school district May 3. On March 6, Silverton District 4 C had voted to consolidate such a district when it was formed.

Silverton High School was then to be sold at a price to be determined by a qualified appraiser. The General Appraisal Co., the suit states, appraised the value of the site and building at \$362,821.

Plaintiffs claim that the property is not worth more than \$181,000 and asks an appraiser be appointed to determine if the building is fit to use as a union high school.

Repairs Said Needed
Loe, when interviewed Thursday night, said that the life of the building had been placed in the appraisal at much longer period than it should have been, that the McGinnis field and its equipment, included in the purchase, needed extensive repairing and should not have been placed in the purchase at all. Oral Egan stated that the equipment, mentioned in the allegation, referred to the agricultural building and added that the "whole appraisal was too high." Paquin could not be reached.

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Visits by Kings, Potentates Swamp State Department

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — So many kings, potentates and premiers are beating a path to this world capital that welcoming officials hardly have time to get their striped pants pressed.

So the State Department delicately disclosed plans Thursday to slow the pace in 1955. As Press Officer Henry Suydam put it: "The whole matter of foreign visits for next year is being examined to see how it shapes up. Efforts are being made to arrange them at somewhat more widely spaced intervals."

Suydam didn't say so, but the red carpet has worn a bit thin, with the footsteps of foreign dignitaries following so closely upon each other there was hardly time to run the vacuum cleaner and whisk away the dust.

The crowded procession finally perturbed the State Department. Perhaps it perturbed President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles first. They have had to struggle to sandwich their other chores in between ceremonial functions.

This year Washington will have received 17 visitors requiring high level courtesies, police escorts, and the personal attention of Eisenhower and Dulles. This does not count a host of lesser VIP's.

The strain of callers began with President Celal Bayar of Turkey last January. It will end in a few days with the visit of the Shah of Iran.

Malik Assails U. S. Plea for Release of GIs

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — Russia's Jacob A. Malik Thursday denounced as "shameful" and "jerry-built" an American demand for the release of 11 American aviators held in Red China as spies and indicated the Communists would ignore any U. N. action.

Anthony Nutting, British minister of state, and Henri Hoppenot, France, partners with the United States in the Western Big Three, assailed Malik for his opposition to a resolution put before the U. N. Assembly by the United States and its Korean War allies for the release of the prisoners.

The Assembly adjourned an extraordinary night session at 11:06 p. m. until 10:30 a. m. Friday with ten more speakers to be heard. The U. N. officials said they hoped for a final vote by early Friday afternoon.

Nutting said that the sooner Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold can intervene in their behalf. "Let our voice go out on behalf of our soldiers of the U. N.," he said to a burst of applause from the delegates.

Malik spoke for one hour and 25 minutes in giving the Communist answer to attacks on the Peiping regime by the United States and some of its allies.

Nervous Bank Bandits Use Walkie-Talkie

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Four bank robbers—using walkie-talkies but so nervous they strewed \$400 around the floor and overlooked \$30,000—Thursday took \$16,599 from a branch of the Bank of America.

Two of the robbers went into the bank at Geary near Arguello Street and cut telephone cables. This was done to prevent police being warned.

While robbing the bank they kept in contact with an accomplice outside by means of walkie-talkie radio.

A rarely used signal "666" mobilizing virtually every policeman in San Francisco, sealed off all city exits and brought quick discovery of the getaway car.

The car, stolen Wednesday, was found in front of an apartment in the 2400 block of Fulton. A woman told police she saw four men climb out of the car and race up an embankment into Golden Gate Park. Presumably they had another car staked out there.

Weathermen Say Rain, Fog Today

Both fog and showers are expected in the Salem area today, report weathermen at McNary Field.

The outlook calls for fog patches in the early morning hours with scattered showers later in the day. Fog also is anticipated tonight. The Thursday minimum was 35.

In between have come such personages as the premiers of France, Japan, Pakistan, Ceylon and three Scandinavian countries, the Queen Mother of England, the chancellors of West Germany and Austria, the presidents of South Korea and Liberia.

Suydam stressed that all the visitors were invited here and were welcome indeed. It's the rapid succession of visits that poses the problem.

As for the future, Suydam said he had heard talk of a visit here by Premier Mario Scelba of Italy. He had not heard anything, however, about the possible pilgrimage by Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito.

The United States has dodged the Tito visit for several years because as a Communist ruler with a record of religious persecutions he is thoroughly disliked by some elements of the American citizenry.

Anti-Rearmament Bloc Forms in West Reich

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's firm hold on the Bonn Parliament's upper house was shaken Thursday in one of the biggest domestic setbacks he has suffered this year.

The anti-rearmament Socialists and three right-wing parties announced a decision to form the unprecedented state coalition which would end Adenauer's eight-year control of the Bavarian state government.

The surprise move seemed virtually certain to deprive Adenauer of his two-thirds majority in the Bonn government (upper house), since the new state government will appoint its six representatives in the federal body.

If Adenauer loses his two-thirds majority in the Bundestag it would pose a serious threat to implementation of the Paris treaties on German rearmament.

Leaders of the Christian Social Union, which is the Bavarian ally of Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, said there still was a possibility, however, that the new coalition would fall apart in trying to agree on apportionment of seats in the State Cabinet, thus opening the way to new negotiations with the Adenauer party.

Observers pointed out, too, that unlike those from the other German states Bavaria's senators in the Bundestag are not bound by instructions so that some of them might still vote for rearmament.

A widespread "count me out" feeling among trade unionists and World War II veterans with respect to conscription and the economic load of rearmament has been pointed out by politicians.

Demonstrations against rearmament have occurred recently in three cities, and opponents of rearmament are reported organizing in a score of places.

Police Arrest Fake Doctor In Portland

PORTLAND (UP) — A man, masquerading as a doctor, had his medical practice cut short when a woman "patient" became suspicious of his unprofessional bedside manner.

Ralph Caparulo, 40, admitted to Portland detectives and an investigator for the State Board of Medical Examiners that he was not a doctor and never had been one. He also admitted that he had police records in Connecticut and New Mexico, police said.

Caparulo, according to Detective Fred Thompson, arrived in Portland about a week ago and introduced himself to a Portland couple with a name similar to his and claimed he was a physician. He said he was awaiting assignment at Veterans hospital.

One patient, a married woman, made an appointment for a physical examination at her home Wednesday. But something in Caparulo's manner and speech made her suspicious, so she checked with the Veterans hospital, Doctors Exchange, Veterans Administration and State Board of Medical Examiners. No one had heard of Caparulo.

Detective Thompson and Alvin McGriff, medical board investigator, walked in on Caparulo at the woman's home.

Cutting Voltage of Clouds Seen As Way to Prevent Forest Fires

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new method of fire prevention in western forests—taking the fire-starting high voltage out of clouds which breed lightning—was forecast here Thursday at the annual Western Forestry Conference.

Jack S. Barrows of the Inter-mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station at Missoula, Mont., told delegates of "Project Sky Fire" which may reduce the number of fires started by lightning, greatest single cause of forest fires.

Barrows said the project is being conducted by the U. S. Forest Service and Munitap Foundation, whose director of research is Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer. Many other agencies are cooperating.

The project includes a cloud lookout stations throughout the West. Observers report cloud heights and speeds and characteristics of lightning storms.

Also being studied is the "jet air stream" that flows across the sky at altitudes of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. At selected cloudy survey stations, Barrows said, time lapse motion pictures give the life cycle of cloud formations which gave birth to lightning.

"Experiments indicate," he continued, "that cloud seeding may alter convective clouds. Project Sky Fire will test the possibility of using such techniques in preventing or reducing severity of lightning."

C. S. Cowan, manager of the Washington Forest Fire Assn., reported a sizable decrease in forest fires in the West in 1954.

Reds to Boost Armies if West Reich Rearmed

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union warned the Western powers Thursday night that Russia and its East European Communist allies would increase their armed forces if West Germany is rearmed.

In notes—specifically aimed to prevent Western ratification of the Paris agreement to rear West Germany, Russia told the United States, Britain and France the stepping up of Red armaments was "to counter-oppose the growing armed forces of the aggressive states threatening the maintenance of peace."

Discussion of the German question, Russia said, will depend upon Western rejection of proposals to rear West Germany.

Together with its notes to the Western powers the Soviet government delivered the text of a declaration adopted at last week's Moscow security conference of eight East European Communist states pledging an increase in armaments under a unified command—presumably Russian—to counter the prospective rearmament of Western Germany.

The Soviet notes said rearming West Germany would make impossible the unification of the East and West zones of Germany.

They added that ratification of the London-Paris agreements "will bring about an intensification of the arms drive and will create new obstacles to achieving an agreement on the reduction of armaments."

The notes were in reply to the West's rejection of Russia's bid for an all-Europe security conference in Moscow Nov. 29.

Demos Praise Sec. Wilson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Democratic senators who have blasted Secretary of Defense Wilson's procurement policies Thursday praised his new order against "undue concentration of contracts."

"If this new policy is effectively executed," said Sen. Jackson of Washington, "it will be a most significant contribution to our strength and security."

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee recalled he had criticized "the danger of depending upon one supplier" when General Motors was awarded a contract for medium tanks last year.

Emphatic 'No' to Aerial Proposal

BOYNE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Love-lorn aviator Carl Demler, 40, who proposed to the lady of his choice via a banner in the sky, didn't get a "Yes."

Instead, he got a "No" from Mrs. Evelyn Brandt, a divorcee, who told newsmen: "And that's definite."

This upstate Michigan city of 3,028 got excited Wednesday as a plane circled for 15 minutes, trailing a huge banner which read: "Evelyn I love you. Marry me. Carl."

FIRE HITS PUSAN

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — A fast moving fire was brought under control after a three hour battle Thursday after it destroyed 700 Korean dwellings, a school, church and several Quonset huts belonging to the Korean marine corps.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	31	35	27
Portland	31	40	29
Baker	34	25	105
Medford	43	37	111
North Bend	51	42	53
Roseburg	52	38	40
San Francisco	53	46	117
Los Angeles	64	52	38
Chicago	54	29	11
New York	50	34	98

SALEM PRECIPITATION			
Since Start of Weather Year	Sept. 1	This Year	Last Year
11.80	15.80	19.80	13.13