

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Early morning cloudiness today and Saturday, otherwise continued fair and warm. High today 56-58, low tonight 36-37, high Saturday 78-80. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 53. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 22.33 43.14 39.39

Ike Offers to Swap Military Blueprints With Russ

Trucks Traverse Roadless Alaska To Set Up Radar

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—The military reported Thursday that a transport firm sent huge trucks 400 miles through roadless Alaska wilderness in a radar chain freight project that may set a new trend in arctic supply operations.

Truckers built a crude highway from this interior Alaska city to the Arctic shore over a hitherto untraveled route in winter weather when the temperature hit 68 below and snowdrifts were 75 feet high.



By Charles A. Sprague

The proposal made by President Eisenhower at the Geneva conference directly to the Russians was not, in my opinion, a bluff, not merely a tactical maneuver to win Russia on the spot, or a move on the chessboard of international politics to score a psychological victory though it may have such results. It was, I am confident, a sincere effort on the part of the American President to break down the wall of fear which envelops the rest of the world.

There was a summer road as far as the Arctic Circle, about 150 miles to the north, but it had been considered impassable in winter. Beyond that, no road existed.

The lead tractor train left Fairbanks and "blasted through" to the Yukon River in eight days, Curtis wrote. Then it crossed the river and headed north.

Guides went ahead on snowshoes working with an Alaska Freight scouting plane. Red flags dropped from the plane marked the best route for the lead tractor, and the scouts, pilot and truck drivers communicated by radiotelephone.

Two weeks later a second train left Fairbanks. It was given the job of building the "Arctic Highway," a road 25 feet wide across some of the roughest, wildest territory in the northern hemisphere.

The supply convoy of 32 truck and trailer units, and the big snow-train, followed.

24 Hours Per Day "Day and night," Curtis wrote, "the 'Cats' kept punching into the north, with the big diesel tractors right behind. Temperatures hit 68 below and engines had to be kept running 24 hours a day to prevent freezing. Drifts 50 to 75 feet high were commonplace."

The original plan was for the trucks and trailers to go only to the Arctic Circle. There cargo was to be transferred to the snowtrain for the last lap to the Arctic Ocean shores. But the truck-trailer operation worked so well these units were kept rolling to the radar outposts.

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Polk Escapee Gets 18 Years For Robbery

EUGENE (AP)—Alfred Peterson, Salem man who has spent more than half his 46 years behind bars, drew another 18-year sentence Thursday.

He was one of three men who early in July fled the county jail at Dallas and held a Lane County farm family at gunpoint for hours while the three provisioned themselves. Arrested soon afterward, he pleaded guilty. His companions did not. They await grand jury action.

It was on an armed robbery charge that Peterson was sentenced, stemming from the farm family robbery.

The others held here are Burton Bryson, 20, Junction City, and Raymond Lowe, 22, Everett.

Circuit Judge Frank Reid sentenced Peterson. Before him was a record showing that in 1931 Peterson was sentenced to 40 years on his third forgery conviction and was paroled in 1934 after serving 23 years.

POSSIBLE POLIO VICTIM

Cathy Cruser, 5, 2280 Silver-ton Rd., was brought to Salem Memorial Hospital by Willamette ambulance Thursday as a possible polio victim, her physician confirmed. He said her right arm and leg were paralyzed. She was not a recipient of anti-polio shots, he said.

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH



"For him life is just one long coffee-break."

Body Identified As Berkeley Girl; Charge Readied

REDDING, Calif. (AP)—J. Frank Coakley, prosecuting attorney for Alameda County, said Thursday he would file a murder charge Friday against Burton W. Abbott for the death of 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan.

The body of the Berkeley girl, missing since last April 28, was found Wednesday night in a shallow grave and was positively identified here Thursday in an autopsy.

Alameda County pathologist George S. Loquvam said she had either been beaten to death or strangled.

Abbott, a frail 27-year-old University of California student, insists he knows nothing of the girl or how she met death. (Additional details page 4, sec. 4.)

Pay, Spending, Production Set U. S. Record

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans this spring made and spent more money, produced more goods and held more jobs than ever before.

The President's Council of Economic Advisors, in the July issue of its "economic indicators," reported that national production in the April-June quarter reached the terrific rate of 383 billion dollars a year.

That compared with the 364½ billion dollar rate achieved in the previous most prosperous year, 1952.

Personal income, the presidential advisors said, exceeded "the 300 billion level for the first time in the history" as industry rehired laid-off workers, added new help, and yielded large pay increases to major unions.

Of the estimated \$300,300,000,000 personal income rate, some \$267,000,000,000 was classed as "disposable"—meaning, available for spending after taxes were taken out.

Consumer spending, usually interpreted as a reflection of public confidence in the economic outlook, reached a new peak in the second quarter also, but not as markedly as income. Spending gained \$3,700,000,000 to an annual rate of \$249,500,000,000.

It might have gone higher, except for an evidence of consumer caution. Some 6.6 per cent of disposable income was tucked away in savings or investments.

Ike Acceptance Of \$1 Pay Floor Said Indicated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Administration acceptance of the \$1-an-hour federal minimum wage voted by Congress in place of the 90 cents an hour recommended by President Eisenhower was indicated Thursday by Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

Mitchell told a news conference he would recommend that Eisenhower sign the legislation after the Senate and House resolve their differences over whether the measure should become effective next Jan. 1 or March 1. The bill is now in conference to adjust this sole remnant of conflict.

Enactment of the measure would mean an increase of 25 cents an hour for about 2,100,000 of the 24 million workers in interstate commerce who are covered by the present 75 cents-an-hour minimum wage law.

Merrifield Innocent of Charge, Jury Decrees

State Sen. John Merrifield, Portland, was found innocent Thursday of a charge of driving while intoxicated, following a Marion County District Court jury trial.

The six-member jury brought in its unanimous verdict after 30 minutes' deliberation Thursday afternoon. Testimony had been heard from 14 witnesses Wednesday. Prosecution and defense attorneys spent all Thursday morning presenting closing arguments.

The charge from which Merrifield was acquitted stemmed from arrest of the state senator June 18 by State Patrolman Floyd S. Morrill on Highway 90E where Merrifield had stopped his car near Gervais Junction.

In his argument, Defense Attorney Peery T. Buren contended the state's evidence did not show Merrifield's driving was influenced by drinking and that the arresting officer "got everything fouled up."

He referred to "conflicting testimony" by Officer Morrill over what attempt was made at time of the arrest to confirm Sen. Merrifield's explanation that his driving was impeded by actions of an alcoholic woman he was driving to Salem for self-committal to the State Hospital.

Buren reminded that various witnesses had testified the senator was sober in Portland before he left with the woman and in Salem about two hours later, following the arrest. Prosecutor Harold Adams, deputy district attorney in his closing argument declared that the case boiled down to Merrifield's word against that of the two state police officers as to what happened on the highway the evening of the arrest. He said testimony on events following the arrest didn't indicate the woman passenger was acting violently enough to interfere with driving.

Congress Leaders Support President

WASHINGTON (AP)—A number of congressional leaders Thursday sprang to the support of President Eisenhower's proposal for an exchange of military blueprints.

There were some scattered objections from both Republicans and Democrats and even some of those applauding the idea seemed to think little would come of it.

Democratic leaders of the Senate and House warmly endorsed the President's plan, but Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican Senate leader, said he would "wait until the President returns here and makes his report to the nation on Geneva before I'll have something to say."

His counterpart in the House, Minority Leader Martin of Massachusetts, said Eisenhower's proposal "could well be the first step in more cordial relations" and "it might be the step which would lead to peace."

Advance Word Democratic leaders in both chambers said they had received advance word, along with the Republicans, that the President planned to make his dramatic offer at the Geneva Big Four meeting.

Commenting on the proposal, Sen. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said: "We certainly have nothing to lose from the military viewpoint, because we live in a fishbowl. This is manifestly so because matters in a free country cannot be kept secret, whatever their nature or character may be."

Pentagon Plan WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon is known to have provided the basis for President Eisenhower's offer Thursday to swap military blueprints with Russia and to permit the two nations to keep track of each other's strength by aerial patrols.

Top officials said the Eisenhower plan, unfolded before the summit conference, followed essentials of a "position" paper prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and approved by Secretary of Defense Wilson. This paper was carried to Geneva by the President's party.

Weeks before the Geneva conference opened the Pentagon was asked to come up with an answer to the question of arms control. Particularly it was asked to solve the problem of inspection and policing on which any genuine control program would have to be based.

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Billy Meets With Soviets, Queen Mother

LONDON (AP)—American evangelist Billy Graham was a guest Thursday night of Russian clergymen here for a meeting of the Baptists World Alliance.

He hurried to meet the Russians informally and privately after attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace where he chatted with Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

"I should appreciate the opportunity to go to Russia on an evangelistic mission and we talked about the possibilities," Graham told reporters. He did not elaborate.

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Adams Skips Senate Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sherman Adams, the President's right hand man, refused Thursday to testify in the Dixon-Yates probe and a Senate subcommittee promptly blasted his attitude as "tantamount to suppression of evidence of possible crime and corruption."

One reason given by Adams for steering clear of the inquiry was "my official and confidential relationship" to President Eisenhower.

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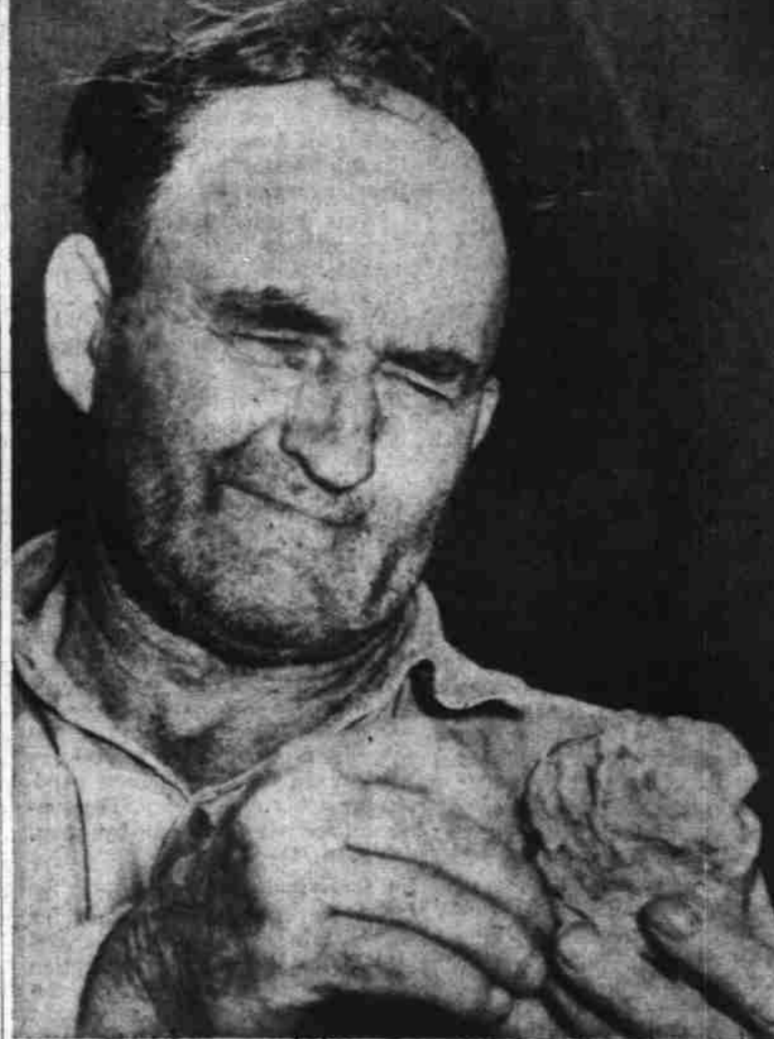
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The Weather

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Look for 'Aluminum Glitter' Suggests 'Inspect By Air'



W. T. Perry, on whose Rosedale area farm deposits of bauxite have been found, is shown above squinting at a sample of the aluminum bearing ore brought up from one of the test holes drilled on his property recently. Perry says, "You can tell if it's good bauxite by the way the stuff (aluminum) glitters in it." (Statesman Photo by John Erickson.)

3 Forest Fires Burn in State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Three small forest fires were burning in Oregon Thursday, but none was big enough to be reported to the regional fire control officer of the U.S. Forest Service in Portland.

Guy Johnson, fire control officer, expressed no great concern, saying, "There are bound to be some. He said that with frequent lightning storms, some sleeper fires can be expected to burst out when dry weather arrives."

A 10-acre fire 20 miles northwest of Medford was controlled early Thursday. It was in the Pleasant Creek area of Jackson County.

A small blaze of undetermined size spread into timber from a burning home on Two Mile Creek between Charleston and Bandon.

The largest, also in the Bandon-Charleston area, burned some 20 acres on South Slough. It was a permit fire that got out of hand and went into an old burn.



This is one of three drills now making test holes in the Rosedale area in an effort to determine if bauxite deposits there are of sufficient quality to be of industrial value. Drilling is being done by the Salem Sand and Gravel Co. for Canadian aluminum interests. Many property owners in southern Marion County have optioned their land and given permission for test drilling, while others are now negotiating with a Salem real estate firm. Three geologists from Montreal, Canada, are supervising the drilling. (Statesman Photo)

SP Service Halt to Affect 25 Workers

MEDFORD (AP)—A union spokesman said here Thursday that about 25 railroad workers will be affected by the Southern Pacific's proposed abandonment of the Portland-Asland passenger run Aug. 7.

K. H. Brandes, Portland committee chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen added his protest to those already made by several communities on the line. He said about 19 members of his union will be affected and about six firemen and engineers.

The state Public Utilities Commission is investigating the need and demand for the service. Commissioner Charles Helzel has said the PUC has the power to order the run continued if the need warrants it.

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Forecast Sees Continued Fair

Continued fair skies and fairly high temperatures can be expected here today and Saturday, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau at McNary field. A high of 87 is expected today, 79 Saturday.

At northern Oregon beaches, skies should be fair through Friday except for night and morning clouds. Northwest winds of 5 to 15 miles an hour are expected. The temperature range should be between 54 and 66 degrees.

Salem United Fund Increases Next Year's Budget by \$8,213

Salem United Fund directors Thursday approved a \$203,111 budget for the coming year's support by citizens of 11 local youth and welfare agencies and other state wide and national services.

The overall budget is \$8,213 higher than last year's, but all agencies were held to budgets of the same amount as they are now receiving from the United Fund.

Suggests 'Inspect By Air'

GENEVA (AP)—President Eisenhower offered Thursday to pinpoint American military establishments and let them come under the eyes of Russian aerial inspection teams—in return for reciprocal action by the Russians.

This proposal that the world's two greatest powers exchange "a complete blueprint of military establishments" and ease the fear of war was made in a dramatic afternoon session of the summit conference.

The President said he suggested the plan in order to convince everyone "of the great sincerity of the United States in approaching this problem of disarmament."

His statement was directed straight at Russia. Eisenhower asked that this step of restoring mutual confidence between the two great nuclear weapon powers be taken immediately.

Accounts Conflict Conflicting accounts came out of the conference room on the Soviet reaction. White House press spokesman James Hagerly said the Russians listened, but made no comment. A French spokesman, however, quoted Soviet Premier Bulganin as saying:

"We have all been deeply moved by the very sincere declaration just made by President Eisenhower on what is probably the most important question before the conference."

Complete Blueprint Eisenhower's offer, in his own words, is:

"To give each other a complete blueprint of our military establishments, from beginning to end, from one end of our countries to the other: Lay out the establishments and provide blueprints to each other."

"Next, to provide within our countries facilities for aerial photography to the other country—we to provide you the facilities within our country, ample facilities for aerial reconnaissance, where you can make all the pictures you choose and take them to your own country to study; you to provide exactly the same facilities for us and we to make these examinations, and by this step to convince the world that we are providing as between ourselves against the possibility of great surprise attack, thus lessening danger and relaxing tension."

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Goldfish Prove Hardy Breed

The breeder goldfish in the Hollywood Aquarium's outside pool survived the broken light bulbs, boards, peat moss, paint and mange medicine that vandals dumped in during the night, it was reported Thursday by Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, who is operating the 1958 McCoy Ave. store during the absence of owner Roy Beardsley.

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