

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday with high today near 73, low tonight near 50. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 56.

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Salem's Junior Firemen Man Their 'Own Truck'



"Hey, gang, it's a real fire engine," Billy Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards, 643 Marino Dr., shouts to his friends when he sees the latest addition to playground equipment at Bush's Pasture Park—an outdated fire engine. The 32-year-old pumper was donated to the park by the fire department. The engine hasn't operated since 1930, and a chain has been welded to the front wheels to assure that the truck stays in the park. (Statesman Photo by John Erickson)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

At last one man shows up with courage enough to admit he is interested in the Republican nomination for the U. S. senatorship next year. He is John C. F. Merrifield, state senator for Multnomah county, whose name was well publicized because of his recent trial on a drunk driving charge, in which he was acquitted. But Merrifield does a "you first, Alphonse," as he bows to give Governor Patterson the preference.

Why all this standing on the sidelines chewing one's fingernails waiting for the governor to say whether he will be a candidate or not? What the GOP needs is a good boss race for the job. Instead, the possible candidates stand round first eyeing Morse and wondering if anyone can beat him, then eyeing Patterson to see if he is going to run. What possible candidates ought to be doing is getting out lining up support for themselves, testing the wind currents, without waiting on Patterson or worrying about Morse.

Clouds Due Over Salem, on Coast

It'll be mostly cloudy today at northern Oregon beaches and light sprinkles are expected early in the morning, weathermen say. Westerly winds of 10 to 20 miles an hour are expected, and a temperature range of 55-65.

In the Salem area, partly cloudy skies with little change in temperature were forecast by McNary weathermen. Today's high should be about 73.

McKAY DUE MONDAY

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay is due to arrive in Portland b. air Monday. He will fly there on a United Airlines plane due at 8:35 p.m. and will be driven to Salem, his daughter, Mrs. Lester Green, said.

ANIMAL CRACKERS



"I prefer 78's - more action."

Sec. Talbott Denies Resignation Rumor

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two highly placed Republican senators said Friday the resignation of Harold E. Talbott as secretary of the Air Force was "imminent" but Talbott himself said that "wasn't true."

The two senators, both members of the GOP Policy Committee in the Senate, declined use of their names in conjunction with the report. Talbott, reached by phone at his home, said the report "wasn't true at all. It's just a rumor. I hadn't heard it before."

However, a later remark by Talbott to a reporter indicated there was at least a possibility that he would resign.

"I will do nothing at any time to embarrass President Eisenhower, and I will do whatever the President wishes me to do," he said. "Should Go."

Asked for comment at the White House, Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said: "there is nothing before us."

One senator reported several Republican members of the Senate have told the White House they thought the acknowledged "mistake" Talbott made in promoting a profitable outside business interest from his Pentagon office "made it advisable that he should go."

This informant said Talbott has now decided to relinquish his Pentagon post. "I am told that the announcement of his resignation is imminent," he added.

Chairman Bridges (R-NY) confirmed that the Policy Committee had discussed the question of whether Talbott, a personal friend of President Eisenhower's, should resign, but he said the committee had reached no conclusion.

Metal Magnate Reynolds Dies

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Richard Samuel Reynolds Sr., 73, chairman of the board of Reynolds Metals Co., and builder of a giant industrial empire, died Friday night at his home here.

MORE VEHICLES

Oregon motor vehicle registrations are running approximately six per cent higher than a year ago, officials of the State Motor Vehicle Department said Friday. The registrations represent both new and used cars.

Hopes Die for Fast Congress Adjournment

WASHINGTON (AP)—Any chance of Congress completing its work Saturday and adjourning for the year disappeared Friday night with an announcement by Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass) that the House will meet Monday.

Legislation will be considered that day, McCormack told the House.

The drive for a weekend adjournment apparently was stalled by House passage Friday of a public housing bill which eliminates all the low rent home construction requested by the Eisenhower administration.

Since the Senate has voted for 135,000 new housing units annually for the next four years, a compromise now has to be worked out by the two chambers. There is general agreement that some sort of a housing bill must be passed before Congress quits.

The House will meet earlier than usual Saturday for a rare Saturday session in which it will dispose of odds and ends of legislation.

Clear Lake School Bond Issue Voted

CLEAR LAKE — Voters Friday approved 44 to 31 to issue \$25,000 in bonds to build two additional rooms onto Clear Lake School.

Clear Lake's board recently met with the Salem School board on consolidating the smaller district into the Salem system. The school, which serves eight grades, is about 2 1/2 miles north of Keizer.

The district, which has a teacher apiece in its three school rooms, recently hired a fourth teacher.

BALANCE REPORTED

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Welfare Commission ended the 1953-55 fiscal period with a balance of \$305,887, Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, welfare administrator, reported Friday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 3. At Washington 2, Chicago 5. At Cincinnati 16, Pittsburgh 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At New York 3, Kansas City 2. At Baltimore 1, Cleveland 7. At Boston 5, Detroit 0.

Nation to Launch First Earth-Girding Satellite

Reds Promise Part Pay for Downed Plane

JERUSALEM (AP)—Communist Bulgaria has promised partial payment, at least, for the Israeli air-liner its gunners shot down Wednesday, a Foreign Office spokesman said Friday.

The plane, which carried 12 Americans and 48 other persons to a flaming death on Red soil, was a Lockheed-built Constellation valued at about a million dollars.

What Bulgaria intends to do about compensation for the lives lost was not expressly stated.

The Foreign Office spokesman said a note handed Israeli Charge d'Affaires Baurch Nir in Sofia Thursday and received here Friday declared the Bulgarian government's "readiness to take upon itself the respective part of the material damage which has been caused, after it is duly established."

The phrase about "the respective part" suggested Bulgaria might contend the El Al Israel Airlines crew, in crossing the frontier, shared blame with the Red anti-aircraft gunners for what the Bulgarians called "this deplorable accident."

The airline, owned in part by the Israeli government, Friday challenged Sofia's story that the plane was off course for 100 miles over Bulgarian territory, but announced a diversion of flights to avoid the Bulgarian frontier.

Bulgaria's note to Israel again expressed regret.

Further, a telegram from the Israeli legation in Sofia Friday night indicated a relaxation in the ban against an Israeli commission that wants to conduct an investigation at the crash scene independent of the Bulgarian inquiry.

Three of the six members of the commission will be admitted from Greece's frontier post at Koula at 9 a. m. Saturday, the telegram said. The Bulgarians already have permitted Charge d'Affaires Nir to visit the site of the disaster.

Advices from Athens said the Israeli commission went to the Greek border stronghold of Istimbej Friday and inspected the charred plane wreckage through binoculars.

Pony Express 'Fudging' Say Rail Officials

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—Here it is a whole day before the pony express races a train from Eugene to Roseburg, and already the horsemen have gained eight miles.

They did it by mapping out a route that cut the horse-distance between the cities to 67 miles. The rail route is 75 miles.

Southern Pacific officials were indignant over this move by the men who assert rail service is so slow that even horses are faster.

"That's not fair," said Vernal S. Quayle, Southern Pacific passenger agent at Portland. "To be fair, the horses ought to run the same route, make the same stops and pick up and deliver express and mail."

Dr. V. J. Anderson of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce chuckled and said, "That's all right with us, if the Southern Pacific will change train crews every mile."

That's what the pony express has in mind—to change horses and riders about every mile as they carry a letter from Eugene to Roseburg.

The race is expected to start about midnight, and end about 3 a.m. Sunday at Roseburg.

Bridges Freed in Deportation Trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Harry Bridges was cleared Friday of a government charge that when he obtained United States citizenship in 1945 he committed fraud by swearing he wasn't a Communist.

Federal District Judge Louis E. Goodman who heard the civil action without a jury, handed down his verdict in a jammed courtroom.

The black-robed judge commented that the government had to meet "an exacting standard" to cancel Bridges' citizenship "after 10 years of presumptively good and proper citizenship."

He said the government "did not meet this standard by the kind of witnesses it produced. Particularly is this so, after abortive efforts to prove the same issue in different proceedings and after the passage of many years."

The government had three times before tried to imprison Bridges or deport him to Australia, where he was born.

Bridges, who is head of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union, celebrated his 54th birthday Thursday. He was elated by the verdict, but he knows that the government can—and probably will—appeal.

Judge Goodman was sharply critical of some witnesses for the government and for the defense. He said Bridges, himself, "was not a good witness. . . . He made mis-statements and was at times evasive. . . . His denial of party membership and avowal of loyalty to the United States were, however, articulate and emphatic."

Bus Driver Stalls Bandit In Holdup Try

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The bus driver on a Los Angeles - to - San Francisco run outwitted a would-be gunman Friday and turned him over to the sheriff in Bakersfield.

Virgil E. Hull, 23, of Norwalk, Calif., recounted Friday night the details of the bizarre holdup attempt which began as Hull headed his bus, with 23 passengers, down the steep Grapevine Grade on Highway 99 early Friday morning.

A man offered identified as Percy A. Hatch, 54, of Morton, Miss., walked to the driver's seat, placed a .38 caliber pistol against Hull's face and said: "This is a holdup."

"It's a nice morning for a hold-up, but go back and sit down," Hull answered.

The driver thought the incident was closed, but a few minutes later the man was back again.

"Look, mister, this is for real," Hull quoted him. "Turn on all the lights in the bus and pull it off the road to a stop."

Hull answered that it was too dangerous to pull off the road on such a steep grade.

"I figured he planned to rob the passengers as well as me, so I started stalling for time by telling him the Highway Patrol would get suspicious and check the bus if I stopped," he said.

"The fellow ordered me to drive on until he thought it was safe to stop, and he finally demanded that I pull the bus off the road at Greenfield Corners, 25 miles south of Bakersfield."

Hull complied but swung out of his seat at the same time, wrestled on the floor with Hatch. The gun was discharged but the shot did not hit anyone. Hull finally subdued Hatch and three passengers helped hold him down until the bus arrived in Bakersfield, where he was turned over to officers.

Hatch was booked in Bakersfield on suspicion of attempted holdup.

Space Globes Expected by End of 1958

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower disclosed Friday that the United States plans to launch history's first man-made, earth-circling satellites by the end of 1958.

Still not perfected, the satellites are envisaged by government scientists as small globes, about the size of basketballs. They would be launched by rockets and circle the earth once every 90 minutes at a speed of 18,000 miles per hour and a height of 200 to 300 miles.

They are expected to remain aloft for days and perhaps weeks, then spiral back down and disintegrate as they hit heavier atmosphere.

Scientists of all nations, including Russia, he said, will be able to observe the space objects and will receive all the scientific facts developed from the program.

Some members of Congress immediately objected to cutting Russia in on grounds it might provide the Soviets with valuable information for the race to develop inter-continental guided missiles.

"Fantastic" Some applauded the project. Others called it fantastic and said it challenges the imagination.

The satellites won't be in the nature of much-discussed space platforms that might be used for both scientific and military purposes. But they are expected to provide information of practical value to mankind—information, for example, that might lead to improved weather forecasting and improved radio transmission.

Scientists taking part in the program said that little is known about the regions beyond the earth's close-down, denser atmospheric layers, which act as a partial shield against light, ultra-violet rays and cosmic rays from outer space, as well as meteorites.

The big experiment may supply facts that will be helpful eventually in turning into reality the space travel yarns of science fiction.

The sponsors of the project, the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences, said in a joint statement that observations of the satellites will "indicate the conditions that would have to be met and the difficulties that would have to be overcome if the day comes when man goes beyond the earth's atmosphere in his travels."

The satellite program is planned as part of this country's participation in the International Geophysical Year, from July, 1957, to December, 1958. Some 40 other nations, Russia among them, also will take part then in world-wide studies of the earth sciences.

What the satellites will look like, what they will be made of, whether they can carry instruments, where they will be launched—those are some of the details government scientists said must be worked out in the months ahead.

Even the cost of the program is uncertain. Dr. Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, told reporters the "preliminary, rough estimates is something on the order of 10 million dollars."

Waterman said exploratory work with rockets, which have reached a height of 250 miles, supports the confidence that satellites not yet fully blueprinted can be launched by the end of 1958.

Unlike rockets, which go straight up and come straight down, the satellites would be pushed to the necessary height by rockets, then would require a side thrust to get them up to 18,000 miles an hour and start them on their orbits around the earth.

That speed is considered necessary to offset the pull of gravity from the earth. Too much speed, something on the order of 25,000 miles per hour, would keep them going into space.

Because of low resistance in the rarified upper atmosphere, nothing as great as nuclear power is expected to be needed to supply the side thrust.

Dr. Athelstan F. Spilhaus, a member of the U.S. committee for the geophysical year, said if a satellite is basketball size, "you could perhaps barely see it at twilight with the naked eye—certainly you could see it with binoculars."

Like the moon, it would reflect light from the sun. Spilhaus said a satellite may or may not carry instruments, but even if it can't a lot of valuable information can be obtained on such matters as density of the upper atmosphere.

Legal Battle With Thornton May Cost Three State Liquor Officials

Oregon's three Liquor Control Commissioners may have to pay their own expenses in a legal battle with Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton over his efforts to inspect evidence collected late last year on commission employees accused of accepting money and gifts.

The evidence in question was gathered by Robert F. McGuire and Howard I. Bobbitt, both Portland, who also were named as defendants.

The Attorney General stated in the petition that one reason for taking it to court was to obtain a court ruling on "whether a department of the state can refuse to permit the attorney general to inspect evidence obtained at public expense."

Heat Kills 15 In Midwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Summer kept its burners roaring in the midcontinent Friday, causing at least 15 heat deaths and threatening damage to the lush corn crop.

Most of the area has sweltered in the glaring sun and a 90 to 100 degree plus heat range for more than a week. No immediate relief, except for possible scattered thunderstorms, was in sight.

Salina, Kan., had a sizzling 103 Friday; Topeka, Kan., 100; Kansas City, 99, and Oklahoma City, 96. Chicago which has had an all time July record of 17 days of 90 or higher so far, reported five deaths from the heat. Four other heat deaths were reported in downstate Illinois. Missouri counted five heat deaths, four in St. Louis. Nebraska had one such death.

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