

Weathermen
Predict End
Cold SpellWeather Pattern
Shifts Nation

UNITED PRESS
Longest cold spell in 12
years began breaking up
today.

Masses of warmer air swept
in from the north central states,
S. weather forecasters
said the "warm
spell" would bring relief by
today night to the eastern
where heavy industry
sections was crippled
by shortages.

Meanwhile, the crazy quilt weath-
er which has plagued the North
continent for the last
weeks developed this pattern:
colder in the Midwest
and Alaska.

Light and windstorms in
the Gulf
and weather in the Gulf
of Mexico.

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GOVERNOR John Hall will
make his first Eugene address
Wednesday. The governor will
present an award to the eighth
Junior First Citizen, and will
similarly honor a high school
senior chosen to be Eugene's
first "future citizen." Names of
the award winners will be an-
nounced at the 7:30 p.m. hon-
orary banquet in the Eugene
Hotel. Tickets will be on sale
at the door.

Arabians, Jews
Continue Fight

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Violence
broke out at several points in
Palestine Wednesday after a night
of strife which took nine lives.

A Jewish-owned shop, now oc-
cupied by Arabs, was blown up in
the eastern part of Jerusalem. An
Arab was arrested.

Bullets peppered a Jewish
motor convoy in the same area.
The military escort returned the
fire, which came from the direc-
tion of the Arab-controlled old
city.

Armed Arabs held up a freight
train on the Lydda-Haifa line.
They seized part of the contents
of two cars of military stores, all
the contents of a car of miscel-
laneous goods, and some wood and
cement, an official said.

In Tel Aviv, two Jewish pris-
oners were abducted from the
J-yarkon Hospital by a group de-
scribed by officials as armed
Jews. The prisoners had been held
on charges of murder and posses-
sion of arms.

In Tuesday night's violence,
five Arabs, two British soldiers
and two Jews were slain. The toll
of dead since the United Nations
voted partition Nov. 29 rose by
unofficial count to 994.

Japanese Ferry
Passengers Killed

TOKYO — (AP) — Between 173
and 287 passengers of the wooden
Japanese ferry Joo Maru were
reported killed or drowned early
Wednesday when the vessel
struck a mine in the inland sea
and sank in one minute.

The Japanese merchant marine
set the death toll at 173, but al-
lied headquarters said it may
have reached 287.

The vessel was believed to be
carrying between 288 and 400
persons, of whom 115 were rescu-
ed. Among the survivors were
three British soldiers, the only al-
lied personnel aboard. The rest of
the passengers were Japanese.



THIS SITUATION IS familiar to most farmers, who risk
their tender contour every day when passing on a county road.
Both roads shown in these pictures are in the Crow district. With
such narrow roads drivers have to be careful not to tear down a
mail box or rip up a fence, and in the meantime watch for other
cars, or cattle. (Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving).

La Follette Backs
Aid Plan, Urges
Europeans HelpNAM Spokesman
Wants 'Safeguards'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secre-
tary of State George C. Marshall
indicated Wednesday he is pre-
pared to accept some changes in
administration of the European
Recovery Program. Marshall re-
affirmed, however, the adminis-
tration request for \$68,800,000
for the first 15 months of the
program.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Former
Senator Robert M. La Follette
(Prog-Wis) said Wednesday that
if western European nations and
their dependencies fall "under
Communist control, we may not
be able to maintain our effective
independence."

La Follette told the Senate For-
eign Relations Committee, con-
sidering the administration's pro-
posed four-year recovery pro-
gram, that "today in Europe there
is a close race between recovery
and social disintegration."

He said that economic recovery
of western Europe will be "dan-
gerously delayed if not jeopard-
ized" without substantial help
from the United States, but made
clear that basically "only the
European can save Europe."

If Europe is to be saved, he con-
tinued, "the Europeans must act
vigorously to bring inflation under
control in ways that are well un-
derstood but far from painless.
Nothing the United States can do
will be effective unless the Euro-
peans do more."

Meanwhile, the House Foreign
Affairs Committee heard from
Herbert H. Scheel, that the Na-
tional Assn. of Manufacturers is "all
for the Marshall Plan, provided
proper safeguards are included."

Scheel, a member of the NAM
international relations committee,
said American industry sees "no
alternative" to the aid program.

China to Clean Up

NANKING — (AP) — The Chinese
government pledged itself Wednes-
day to a sweeping, 10-point "self-
help" program of domestic re-
forms to insure maximum benefits
from any new financial aid given
by the United States.

Premier Chang Chun said in a
statement that the program would
include economies in government
spending and manpower, tax and
banking reforms and more vigor-
ous steps against inflation and the
black market.

Probers Study
Relief Set-Up

NEW YORK — (AP) — The House
Un-American Activities Commis-
tee will study testimony involving
alleged Communist influences in
New York City's multi-million
dollar relief setup.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, an-
nouncing Tuesday that the com-
mittee had requested the testi-
mony, said it would be submitted
at the earliest possible moment.

The data was gathered by a
four-man investigating committee
named by Welfare Commissioner
Benjamin Fielding. The inquiry,
the mayor said, stemmed from
charges by the Civil Service
Forum, an organization of city
workers, that Local 1 of the CIO
United Public Workers of America
"was Communist-controlled and
was using union methods to ob-
struct the work" of the welfare
department.

Tax Cut Bill
Splits House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House
Democrats Wednesday said the
GOP's \$6,000,000,000 tax cut bill
is bad. Republicans said it is good.
The House will pass it on Mon-
day.

The Senate later will get
around to acting on the measure,
the two houses will then work out
a compromise and, if the final
version is anything like the pre-
sent House bill, President Truman
will veto it. Republicans predict
that the veto will be overridden.
Administration Democrats say it
won't.

Someone Is Wrong
That seems to be a fair sum-
mary of what's to be expected as
the tax bill goes before the House
for debate Thursday.

The Democrats condemned the
measure as a threat to the coun-
try's economic and military secu-
rity. They said it would create a
\$2,100,000,000 deficit in fiscal
1949. The Republicans said it
would curb inflation, restore in-
centive for increasing production,
and leave enough federal revenue
left over to chop \$10 to \$11 bil-
lion from the national debt in this
and the 1949 fiscal years.

Full Agenda
The House was in recess Wed-
nesday but will talk taxes Thurs-
day. The Senate defeated the St.
Lawrence Seaway proposal. Other
developments:

Eccles — Chairman Charles W.
Tobey of the Senate Banking
Committee "deplored" President
Truman's demotion of Mariner S.
Eccles from federal reserve board
chairman to vice chairman.

Prices — Allan Kline, head of
the American Farm Bureau Fed-
eration, told the House Agricul-
ture Committee that federal price
support has kept the cost of food
down.

Seaway — Sen. Henry Cabot
Lodge, Jr., teed off Senate op-
position to the proposed St. Law-
rence Seaway project with the
declaration that it would be a
military liability in time of war
and an economic bust any time.

New Chief — The Senate unani-
mously confirmed Gen. Omar N.
Bradley to succeed Gen. Dwight
D. Eisenhower next month as
Army chief of staff.

Marshall Plan — Republican "re-
visionists" meet Friday to decide
how far they will go in their fight
against proposed Marshall Plan
spending.

Fuel — Chairman Tobey of the
Senate Commerce subcommittee
on oil said that even the request-
ed 15 per cent cutback in heating
oil consumption may not be
enough if the severe cold spell
continues.

Un-American — A House Un-
American Activities subcommittee
wants to know whether immigra-
tion procedures are to blame for
the large numbers of "dangerous"
aliens getting into the United
States.

Distillers — President Truman
was expected to make a personal
appeal to the Joint Congressional
Economic Committee to extend
the government's power to ration
grain used by distillers.

Shows to Help
Fund for Polio

Contributions to the March of
Dimes climbed Wednesday to
\$5168.34, without counting the
coins that were being collected
in the schools and in the con-
tainers distributed to Lane busi-
ness firms.

Most of the money on hand
came from organizations, from
private individuals, and from the
Mile O' Dime tables on downtown
streets. About \$200 was contrib-
uted to the "Horn of Plenty" at
Broadway and Willamette St. Sat-
urday.

Meantime, campaign leaders
were making arrangements for
shows that will benefit the anti-
polio drive. Station KORE in Eu-
gene was planning a seven-hour
program to begin at 6:30 p. m.
Saturday. Listeners will be urged
to make their pledges by tele-
phone.

University of Oregon students
will present a one-hour variety
show at University High School at
6:30 p. m. Thursday. Highlighting
the show will be the appearance
of the Philharmonic Trio, record-
ing artists now fulfilling a floor
show engagement at a local night
club. Admission price will be one
dime.

Vegetarians Waver Before
City's Gleeful Buying Spree

ST. HELENS — (AP) — Customers
streamed here Wednesday from
as far away as Portland, 50 miles
up the Columbia River, to take ad-
vantage of a meat price war in
which one butcher was offering
them 10 cents each to carry away
three slices of ham free.

The price war, which has been
on for several weeks, was stepped
up Tuesday when Meat Dealer
Jack Sappington, formerly of
Dallas, Tex., came up with his 10-
cents-and-ham offer.

He made offer on a "cash and
carry" basis only.

"Customers who want their ham
delivered will have to take it for
nothing," he said.

Customer reaction was instan-
taneous. Some towns formed mo-
torcades to bring shoppers here
when news of the new markdown
got around. They carried away 40

hams in three-slice portions with
a dime for each portion.

Sappington said his free ham
offer was his answer to a rival
who was giving away a pound of
hamburger to each customer. He
admitted, though, he was afraid to
look at his books to see how much
he was losing.

"He didn't even pay the custom-
er for carting the stuff away,"
Sappington said.

Wednesday his rivals were look-
ing around for some way to slash
their prices to compete with him.
Stores throughout town already
were offering choice steaks at 47
cents a pound, pot roast at 42 cents
and hamburger at 39 cents.

No matter what they dreamed
up, Sappington said, he will
undercut them. If necessary, he
plans to sell three pounds of
ground round steak for \$1.00.

Plane Explodes
West of Fresno
With 33 Aboard26 Bodies Taken
From Burned Wreck

FRESNO, Cal. — (AP) — A
chartered DC-3 airliner crashed
and burned Wednesday 83 miles
west of Fresno, killing 32 persons,
including 28 Mexicans returning
to their homeland.

The Fresno County sheriff's of-
fice said "unquestionably" all
aboard the Airline Transport Car-
rier, Inc., plane died in the ex-
plosion, crash and fire.

May Have Jumped
One eye-witness, Melvin Mill-
worth, superintendent of the
county road camp near where the
crash occurred, said he thought
some of the passengers may have
jumped from the falling plane
when its right motor caught fire
at an altitude of 1500 feet and the
right wing fell off.

Aboard the plane were 28
Mexicans, being deported by the
U. S. Immigration and Naturaliza-
tion Service which had chartered
the airliner; a crew of three, in-
cluding a stewardess, and an im-
migration guard.

Pilot Identified
At least 26 bodies were taken
from the plane. The other six
persons were believed to have
been trapped inside the wreckage
or possibly killed if they jumped
out of the plane when the motor
caught fire high above the
ground.

The company's office in Bur-
bank, Cal., identified the pilot as
Frank Atkinson, 30, Long Beach,
Cal. Also aboard was his wife,
Bobbie, who was stewardess, and
Co-Pilot Marion Ewing, 32, Bal-
boa, Cal.

The Immigration Service said
the guard was Frank Chaffin, 63,
Berkeley, Cal.

Transport Missing
On Flight to Italy

ISTRES, France — (AP) — U. S.
Air Force officials Wednesday an-
nounced the disappearance of one
of their transports which left here
for Udine, Italy, with six children
and three adult passengers aboard.

The transport took off from this
air center near Marseille at 11:37
a. m. (5:37 a. m. EST) Tuesday for
the 425-mile flight to Udine, in
northeastern Italy near Trieste.
Nothing had been heard of it since
then.

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Wheat Reserve
Hits New Low

PORTLAND — (AP) — The Federal
Reporting Service said Wednesday
that Pacific Northwest wheat re-
serves for flour and feed require-
ments are the lowest in 13 years.

The report showed that holdings
in all parts of Oregon, Washington
and Idaho total 55,802,000 bushels,
33 per cent less than last year and
27 per cent under two years ago.

Additional supplies from this
year's harvest will not be avail-
able until next August, according
to the report issued by Crop Ser-
vice Statistician Niels I. Nielsen.

Commenting on the report, trade
sources here estimated that be-
tween 5,000,000 and 10,000,000
bushels of the total reserves were
owned by the government for ex-
port purposes.

They predicted the remaining
45,000,000 to 50,000,000 million
bushels would be barely sufficient
for regional needs until the new
crop is harvested.



ROBERT SCHUMAN

Schuman Uses
Threat to Resign

PARIS — (AP) — The Socialist
Party decided late Wednesday to
abstain in the critical assembly
vote on devaluation measures,
thus apparently averting the
threatened overthrow of Premier
Robert Schuman's government.

The Socialist decision to abstain
broke up a majority in the Na-
tional Assembly which had banded
together to defeat the government
proposal to create a free market
in gold.

The government had threatened
after a meeting earlier Wednesday
to resign if parliament persists in
fighting the devaluation program.

"The position of the government
would become untenable if the
very substance of its financial
project was questioned," a spokes-
man said.

"Virtual Threat"
The cabinet met to map its
course in the squabble with the
National Assembly over sections
of the devaluation program aimed
at setting up a free market in
money and gold.

Observers gave Schuman the
upper hand over a dissident as-
sembly after he rallied from an
earlier defeat Tuesday and forced
the deputies to consider the bill as
an urgent question, after a virtual
threat to resign.

The premier won a demand for
assembly debate on the bill 373 to
184 in a midnight session after he
warned, "to refuse discussion
would make impossible the exis-
tence of this government."

Only the Communists opposed
urgent debate. Socialists joined
with Schuman in the assembly,
reversing an earlier stand when
they teamed with Communists in
the finance committee to reject
the bill.

The measure is a vital plank in
Schuman's program to devalue
the franc. It provides for a free
money market, where the franc
may seek its own level on a par
with the black market rate of 330
to \$1.00.

Senate Asked
To List Income

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen-
ator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said
Wednesday he will ask that all
other senators "bare their per-
sonal finances as I have been
forced to do."

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Senators Study
Military 'Needs'
Of \$16 BillionHigh Command
'Describes Next War'

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) —
The nation may be asked to
spend as much as \$16,500,000,
000 for defense next year if
friction with Russia continues,
senators disclosed Wednesday.

This would be 50 per cent
more than President Truman
has asked in his peacetime
record budget for the 12
months beginning July 1.

The estimate of future military
needs came from members of the
Senate Armed Services Committee
after a closed door conference with
the high command Tuesday.

Describe War
They said Gen. Eisenhower, re-
tiring Army chief of staff, and
other top ranking generals and ad-
mirals advised that the Army,
Navy and Air Force must be
brought up to date quickly.

Gen. Eisenhower and others in
the high command were said to
have told the Senators the way
they think the next war will be
fought.

It may begin, they were quoted
as saying, with an aerial attack on
the United States using the atom
bomb.

This was one of the reasons giv-
en for having a large reserve of
trained men to take over ruined
cities and man essential industries.

The United States was described
as needing 1,000,000 trained men
to occupy and guard the outlying
air bases from which it would
launch its aerial counter-attack
upon an enemy.

Council Faces
Kashmir Dispute

LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — The
India-Pakistan dispute over Kash-
mir was tossed back to the Se-
curity Council Wednesday with
the two dominions in disagree-
ment.

Direct talks between the two
governments ended Tuesday night
without accord. The council was
called Wednesday to receive a re-
port of the fruitless negotiations.

India and Pakistan each made
separate proposals, which were re-
jected by the other. Also turned
down was a compromise by Coun-
cil President Vennard Van Lan-
genhove of Belgium, who directed
the parleys.

Hope Expressed
Van Langenhove expressed hope,
however, that the council would
be able to come up with a solu-
tion. He also said he was willing
to go on supervising direct con-
versations.

Spokesmen for the two domi-
nions were pessimistic over any
good coming from future talks.
The disagreement hinged around
these points:

1. Troops: Pakistan says Indian
troops should be withdrawn im-
mediately. India insists she has
an obligation to maintain order
and charges that Pakistan is aid-
ing the tribal invaders from the
north.

2. Administration: Pakistan
wants Sheikh Abdullah, present
head of the emergency Kashmir
administration, unseated and an
"impartial" rule set up before a
plebiscite. India says Sheikh Ab-
dullah should remain until an
election, arranged by his admin-
istration, can be held to select a
provisional government. Then a
plebiscite could be held.

New Quakes
Rock Panay

MANILA — (AP) — Earthquake
shocks shook Panay Island for the
fourth day in succession Wednes-
day and one new death was re-
ported from Capiz, in the northern
part of the island, bringing the
death toll to 22.

The new shocks were felt in the
Panay capital of Iloilo, half de-
stroyed by 30 tremors in three
days; Capiz, on northern Panay;
Boac, Marinduque Island, south of
Luzon, and on Romblon Island,
north of Panay in the Sibuyan sea.

The Philippine weather bureau
announced that four places on
three different islands felt the
new tremors which ranged from
moderate to heavy in intensity.

Fractures Suffered
By Springfield Logger

Eugene Metzger, Valley Hotel,
Springfield, was in Sacred Heart
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accident at logging operations of
the Valley Logging Co. at Camas
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