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The Weather

Forecast: Fair and warmer. Temperatures: High Friday, 54; Saturday, 60. Low Saturday morning, 34.

Portland Teams Dominate Play In Hoop Classic

WEDNESDAY SCORES: (Championship Round) Cleveland 49, Hillsboro 46. Central Catholic 55, Marshfield 45. Lincoln 68, Bend 53. LaGrande 54, University (Eugene) 37.

By DON FAIR
Register-Guard Sports Writer

LaGrande remained the sole hope for upstate rosters in the Oregon State High School Basketball Tournament at McArthur Court as the galloping, hawking Tigers moved into the championship semi-finals Friday night with three Portland clubs—Lincoln, Cleveland, and Central Catholic. LaGrande knocked University from the championship game 54-37, while Lincoln topped a dead-game Bend team 68-53 in Thursday night quarter-final contests. In Thursday afternoon's championship tiffs, Cleveland squeaked by a surprisingly strong Hillsboro team 49-46, while Central Catholic exploded in the second half to thump Marshfield 55-45.

Schedule

WEDNESDAY SCORES: Astoria 35, The Dalles 43. Selem 35, Milwaukie 32.

THURSDAY SCORES: (Championship Round) Lincoln 68, Bend 53. LaGrande 54, University 37.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S SCHEDULE: (Championship Semifinals) 7:30 p.m.—Central Catholic vs. Portland. 9:30 p.m.—LaGrande vs. Lincoln.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON'S SCHEDULE: 1:30 p.m. (Fifth Place)—Astoria vs. Selem. 4:30 p.m.—Winner Hillsboro-Milwaukie vs. Winner Bend-University.

Horse Ignores Book's Charges

Wayne Morse Friday told Register-Guard he would not reply to the "filthy journalism" of a book by answering in detail the charges made against him. He was a prime target in "A Confidential," by Jack Lee Mortimer. The volume, one of a series of books presuming to give confidential information about the underworld and behind-the-scenes politics, speaks of Morse, "who deals left-handed," and imputes the Oregon Senator is a "vicious apologist." Morse and Mortimer speak of what they call Morse's "almost pathological hatred of Chiang Kai-shek" and calls him a "vociferous proponent for Red China." This, says Morse, is because of contributions to his campaigns from "Red-baited Portland tongues" in that Chinatown.

Mortimer in Washington state, Gen. Smith Troy warned Morse that the volume might be banned. It has also aroused protests in Texas, Illinois and Arkansas. Morse and Mortimer, employees of Hearst organization, advance political leanings of that organization as well as "expose" crime conditions, which they assert they found on a whirlwind tour of the country. They reported to have spent six months in Portland, gathering material on Oregon.

Access Roads Defeated

WASHINGTON — (AP)—For the second successive year, the House Appropriations Committee has cut \$100,000 from the budget item for the construction of access roads in the Grand California grant lands. Opposing its action, the committee reported that "legislation for the distribution of revenue from the sale of timber proceeds has not been modified. It is still the committee's belief that the federal government should not share in further improvements without a larger share of the financial burden of harvesting the timber is now provided for by the state and local governments." The Western Oregon timber industry is expected to receive 75 per cent of the state revenues.

104 Reported

Close workers have turned over 104-56, Gordon Coleman, chairman, said at a Friday report meeting. Coleman said workers to be promptly organized in campaign collections. The drive ends March 31. The local goal is \$100,000.

Lincoln's "walking record book" Center Wade "Swede" Halbrook did it again against the undersized Bend team in Thursday night's opener—he upped the individual scoring record another point to 41. It was only Wednesday afternoon that the "Spire" first broke the mark with 40 points against Salem.

Halbrook now appears a certainty to (1) shatter a 1000-point total for the season as he already has 950 with two more games assured, and (2) break his tournament scoring record of 125 with two-game total of 81 already accounted for.

THE LINCOLN meal ticket, who plays with teammates who, in size, resemble the "Slinger Midgets," broke his own record with 3:05 left against Bend. His specialty, a drop-in shot, turned the trick. Shortly after that he was removed from the contest.

Attendance records continue to take a shattering in this 34th annual tournament. As of Thursday night, 36,401 spectators had turned out to see the preppers play—some 7000 ahead of last year record-breaking pace of 54,000. Thus a new total attendance mark is a certainty.

Bend's terrific struggle against Halbrook stirred even more interest than the big boy's 41 points. Roger Wiley's Bruins played it tough for three quarters—using a full court defense, a fast break, and trying to work in for good shots—but Halbrook, as expected, finally proved to be too much.

At one time in the first quarter, Bend led 14-6 and the Lava Bears kept Halbrook without a basket for nearly six minutes. In the second period, Swede's mates began feeding him regularly as the Cardinals moved ahead 30-28 at intermission. The third period was a Bend vs. Halbrook duel, with the Bears keeping pace at 44-42 but dropping behind 48-44 at the close of the period.

Bend just ran out of steam after that, and Lincoln pulled steadily away. Halbrook rolled up his 41 points via five in the first quarter, 10 in the second, 16 in the third, and 10 in the fourth. He also had 32 rebounds.

LAGRANDE zoomed to an 8-0 lead over the cold University quint and led all the way. Quarter scores favored the classy Tiger quint by 17-5, 27-16 and 45-26 counts. Morris Buckwalter, LaGrande forward, poured in 33 points in this game.

The Tigers, coached by Vic Adams, now draw the difficult assignment of trying to stop Halbrook, Lincoln or both. On paper, anyway, Lincoln is a heavy favorite which would mean an all-Portland championship final.

Cleveland had to come from behind in the final two minutes to defeat Hillsboro and its tight zone defense. The Phantoms trailed 46-45 when Jack Viskov looped in a long shot. Jerry Ross' bucket at the final whistle gave Cleveland its close three-point margin.

PORTLAND TEAMS (Continued on Page Nine)

REDS PROPOSE PRISONER PLAN
PANMUNJOM — Red truce negotiators proposed Friday that both sides agree to release all listed war prisoners without further squabbling over missing captives.

The Communist "compromise" proposal provided for the freeing of only the 11,559 Allied and 132,474 Red prisoners whose names already have been exchanged. Of the Allied prisoners, 2198 are Americans.



EXUBERANCE on the part of these University High cheer leaders later turned to chagrin when their team lost a tournament tilt to LaGrande 54-37 Thursday night. Throughout the annual sports classic, students on the sidelines have kept themselves hoarse and tired while their favorite teams battled on the court.



NOT ANOTHER RECORD, it's just Wade "Swede" Halbrook, Lincoln High School's point-manufacturing seven-footer, recording his signature, which looks a lot like anybody else's, for two Eugene High School rosters, Shirley McLean (left) and JoAnn Hutchinson, during the Oregon State A basketball tourney in McArthur Court, Eugene.

Dogs Trapped For Two Weeks On High Ledge

DARRINGTON, Wash. — (AP)—Friendly help was slated Friday to replace the triple enemies of cold, hunger and angry eagles that have beset three cougar hounds trapped two weeks on a 4,000-foot mountain ledge. Six skilled mountaineers made plans to scale precipitous, snow-covered Mt. Push, 60 miles northwest of Seattle, at daybreak to rescue the still-yelping dogs. They became stranded on the ledge while chasing a cougar 15 days ago. A fourth dog escaped by leaping 100 feet to safety and landing in a tree or brush. Numerous attempts have been made to reach the dogs but would-be rescuers have been turned back by an 800 or 900-foot ice-sheathed cliff which it is necessary to descend. Meanwhile, Cleo Riddle, owner of the hapless hounds, has reported the dogs are still alive and fighting off attacks by angry eagles. The climbers who have volunteered to effect a rescue Friday are carrying long ropes and mountain climbing equipment to help them in their hazardous task.

Cost of Living Drop Cuts Railmen's Pay

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The government said Friday the cost of living fell, for the first time since last July, in the month ending Feb. 15. The decline brought a wage cut of one cent an hour for 1,150,000 railroad workers. The decline was featured by a 2.1 per cent drop in retail food prices, the largest since February, 1949, more than three years ago.

Speechless

LONDON — (AP)—Aneurin Bevan came down with laryngitis Friday. The Welsh orator, who has been sparking a leftwing revolt within the Labor Party, was forced to cancel a weekend speaking engagement.

Emotions Displayed At Games

Color? Excitement? Heartbreak? Skill? They're all present, in large amounts, in the annual Oregon State Basketball Tournament now being played at McArthur Court. In a day when the hue and cry everywhere is that competition is lacking in sports, Oregon's best are playing their hearts out in the state's top sports classic.

YOUNG, EAGER faces—on the floor, in the rooting sections and in the balcony. Faces straining to help the ball make the basket—faces glowing with victory, and in tears of defeat. Young and clean are the players. Tall, lithe bodies in top condition. What is lacking in finesse is made up in sheer fortitude and the competitive spirit often carries the player to heights he couldn't attain in another atmosphere.

LOOK AT the audience. Kids who have traveled far to see "their team" try for the title. The little, freckle-faced gal who whops the bass drum when the basket is made, the lad with the crew cut who paces the players with his mouth full of gum, the dark-haired girl who pleads with her eyes. Upstairs are adults who turn out to see good basketball and root for the "underdog." They go away firmly convinced they've seen the best ball game yet.

Here and there is a coach from a college. He knows that from these contests come the makings of the best college teams a few years hence. "Give that boy a few years and he'll show 'em new tricks."

HEARTBREAK accompanies every game. Defeat brings lumps to the throat, but always there is the loser's handshake for the victor and the courageous smile. It's all there.

For the best in sports, take the Oregon State Basketball Tournament. You won't go wrong.

Bogart, Leigh Handed Oscars; 'American in Paris' Top Movie

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD — (AP)—Humphrey Bogart said Friday he hadn't changed his opinion that academy awards don't prove anything—even though he won an Oscar Thursday night in one of the biggest upsets in Hollywood history.

Chinese Reds Cross Border Into Indochina

No Mass Movement, Lovett Tells Solons

By RUSSELL BRINES
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WASHINGTON — (AP)—Secretary of Defense Lovett said Friday the U. S. has been told some Red Chinese forces have crossed the borders of Indochina to join Communist natives fighting the French.

It is "always possible," Lovett told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that the development could lead to the same type of Chinese buildup that preceded their entry into the Korean war.

Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont) had asked Lovett about testimony Thursday by Secretary of State Acheson "to the effect that some Chinese Communists had crossed the Indochina border" to join the fighting.

"We have been so informed," Lovett said.

THE TWO CABINET members were called before the committee to answer questions about President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program.

Their statements marked the first official American report of involvement by the Chinese Reds in the bitter fight for Indochina, gateway to Southeast Asia.

Chinese Communist forces have been reported building strength for weeks near the Indochina border.

It is known that the Peiping regime has been aiding the forces of Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh for some time, supplying equipment and training insurgent forces.

NEITHER ACHESON nor Lovett indicated the size of the Chinese Red forces they said crossed the border. Acheson said, however, that the "bulk" of the troops fighting the French and their Vietnam allies were Indochinese natives.

Truman has asked 611 million dollars for all of Southeast Asia, 76 millions more than Congress appropriated last year. No breakdown has been announced to show Indochina's share.

Taft Supporters Eye Wisconsin

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's opponents Friday viewed his withdrawal from the New Jersey primary as a sign of weakness, but the Ohioan's supporters retorted that he will prove his strength in Wisconsin, April 1.

Republicans supporting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP presidential nomination said Taft gave their campaign its third big boost in the past two weeks when he pulled out of the April 15 New Jersey contest. The general already had swamped Taft in the New Hampshire primary and received an astonishing total of write-in votes in the Minnesota race.

Steel Union Postpones Strike Date

WASHINGTON — (UP)—The CIO United Steelworkers Friday postponed their threatened nationwide strike until April 8, leaving it up to the steel industry to accept or reject a 17½ cent hourly pay boost and union shop recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The union's 170-man wage policy committee accepted the board's recommendations shortly after 2 a.m., but warned it will call a strike if an agreement is not reached with the steel companies by the new deadline.

The wage board's recommendations are not binding on either side. The Steelworkers postponed their walkout for the fourth time only hours before Defense Mobilization Charles E. Wilson was scheduled to leave for Key West, Fla., to confer with President Truman on the crucial issue of steel prices.

Industry spokesmen have hinted strongly they will not go along with any proposal which does not assure a compensating price increase, and some observers expected the negotiations to bog down again if the price issue is not settled to the steelmen's satisfaction.

CIO PRESIDENT Philip Murray, who also heads the powerful steelworkers union, said negotiations with the industry would resume Monday.

Most observers felt the steelworker's acceptance of the board's recommendations shifted the pressure for settling the dispute squarely on the industry.

Industry members of the wage board bitterly assailed the panel's recommendations as an "instrument of union appeasement." The management delegation said the proposals were "unfair and inequitable, and in terms of stabilization are in serious disregard of the public interest."

THE BOARD'S union members said the recommendations offered "a solid foundation upon which... a sound, fair, honest, collective bargaining agreement" could be reached.

The Office of Price Stabilization's so-called Caphart steel formula for computing price increases is expected to be issued soon. Officials say it will permit the industry only an average \$2 a ton raise. The industry says it needs about \$9, but is understood to be willing to settle for about \$4 or \$5 a ton.

Two Patients Die in Fights

SALEM — (AP)—The state hospital disclosed Thursday that two patients had died there this week after fights in a ward.

Dr. C. E. Bates, hospital superintendent, said both fights involved patients only. He said attendants stopped the fights as soon as possible.

The first death was early Sunday, the other early Monday, Bates said. Both were men more than 70 years old. They were in a ward for the senile.

The superintendent said they were the first violent deaths at the hospital in years.

Manager Petition Check Said Half Completed

County Elections Deputy Lloyd Payne said Friday that work on checking the petitions to put the council-manager issue on the May primary ballot is about half completed.

Although no official count has been made of the number of valid signatures, Payne said petitions counted so far have been running about eight per cent useable names. "Our other work has to go on," he said, "but some of us will work this weekend and I think we will have a total Monday."



HUMPHREY BOGART
Gin-Soaked Captain



VIVIEN LEIGH
Faded Nymphomaniac

The critics had expected either "A Place in the Sun" or "A Streetcar Named Desire," both heavy dramas, to capture the award.

George Stevens was given a big ovation as he accepted an Oscar for best direction for "A Place in the Sun."

Best full-length documentary: "Kon-Tiki."
Best original motion picture story: "Seven Days to Noon," by Paul Dehn and James Bernard.
Best screenplay: "A Place in the Sun," by Michael Wilson and Harry Brown, from Theodore Dreiser's novel, "An American Tragedy."

Ridgway Cites Russian Threat

TOKYO, (Saturday) — (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway declared Friday Japan's "greatest problem" was the threat of strong Russian military forces already assembled north of this island nation.

The Supreme Allied Commander told a group of Japanese newspaper executives the Russians had completed the stationing of strong forces "including many fighter planes" at two points facing Japan.

One massing point was given as near Vladivostok, the big port and base in the Siberian maritime province. The other was on Southern Sakhalin, formerly held by the Japanese. Sakhalin lies north of Japan.

The editors said Ridgway assured them he was "not upset" by unfavorable comment of some Japanese on the Japan-U.S. Security Pact.

Ridgway was quoted as saying the purpose of the Russian concentration was to generate fear, but adding that when fear is not enough the Communists use power.

The general then referred editors to the case of China, where the Communists have organized a powerful military machine. Yet 30 years ago, China had no real military force.

Ridgway said there was evidence of the same methods in Japan. He pointed to the Communist influence in labor unions, to Red infiltration into various organs of public opinion, and to the party calls organized for violence.

Navy Bomber Crash Kills 10

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — (AP)—A four-engine Navy patrol bomber with ten men aboard crashed into Corpus Christi Bay Friday shortly after takeoff from the Naval Air Station.

Navy helicopters and air-sea rescue launches found no survivors. Two bodies had been pulled out of the wreckage by mid-morning. Divers said recovery of the remaining bodies would be a long, tedious process.

Identification of the dead was withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

Personal effects of the fliers floated to the surface. A winter flying suit, a baseball cap, a navigator's brief case and a fuel cell washed ashore.

The crew of ten included four officers, two cadets and four enlisted men.

A Navy spokesman said the plane "apparently disintegrated" when it struck the water in a roaring crash.

Lt. Comm. B. M. Dyer, assistant operations officer first reported the crash of the big craft.

He said he saw it going down behind the officers' housing area back of the Naval base.

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