

# Rainmaking Try Said Ineffectual

CONDON, Ore. — (AP) — Wheat farmers who paid \$50,000 to cloud-seeders in an Eastern Oregon area last year did not get their money's worth, an Oregon State College meteorologist reported Thursday.

Robert Beaumont, asked by the Oregon Wheat Growers League to study the rainmaking attempt, said the area got less rainfall than surrounding areas, which had 100 to 200 per cent of normal rainfall.

THIS WAS the second annual report by Beaumont on the effect of rainmaking attempts in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties of Eastern Oregon, where farmers hired the Water Resources Development Corp. of Denver to seed clouds.

The previous year Beaumont reported rainfall was above normal for other areas as well as the tri-county section—and he could draw no conclusions.

This year he said the tri-county area got an inch less than could be expected in comparison with rainfall in other areas.

Lewis O. Grant, research direc-

# Sabres Destroy 7 Commie Jets

### Bombers Plaster Rail Installations

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — U.S. Sabre pilots shot down seven Russian-built MIG-15s and damaged two Friday as the Red jets swooped on Allied fighter-bombers blasting North Korean rail lines near Manchuria, the Air Force announced.

The MIG kills were the first reported since Saturday.

Five were shot down and two damaged in a battle just before noon between a screening force of 36 Sabre jets and 16 Red fighters.

PILOTS REPORTED one MIG knocked down in a separate fight at about the same time between 27 Sabres and 12 MIGs. A check of gun camera film later showed a second MIG was destroyed in the battle.

U.S. Fifth Air Force said its planes to date have destroyed 316 MIGs, probably destroyed 58 and damaged 507 in the Korean war.

Allied losses in Friday's fighting, if any, will be announced in a weekly summary.

In pre-dawn darkness, United Nations B-26 bomber pilots damaged two locomotives and destroyed six box cars in attacks on trains on the line running through Kwanju, in mountainous Central North Korea just south of the Yalu River boundary with Manchuria.

B-26 PILOTS also attacked Communist rolling stock between Congju and Pakchon in Northwest Korea and at Wonsan on the East Coast.

They destroyed 45 supply vehicles on main roads.

In the heaviest fighting Thursday, dug-in North Koreans blasted Allied raiders on the mountainous eastern front with grenades and an artillery and mortar barrage.

Possibly 300 Reds on a mountain ridge northeast of the punchbowl fought off the raiders in a seven minute battle.



SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R-Wis.) (left) and Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) (right) sit ready for opening in Washington of pre-trial hearing in McCarthy's two million dollar libel-slander suit against Benton. With Benton at the hearing in the Senate office building is his attorney, G. P. VanArkle.

# More Spuds Due On Market Soon

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government reported Friday that wholesale prices of white potatoes shot up as much as \$2 to \$4 per hundred pounds overnight after the removal of price ceilings.

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Predictions that the potato soon will be back in its usual grocery bins, and at trimmed prices, followed the government's action Thursday in cancelling price controls on potatoes.

But price officials and produce men alike said that before the potato price goes down, it will probably go up.

A produce buyer for a large eastern store chain said: "A lot of speculators are going to get caught with high-priced spuds, and when the dumping begins, these abnormal prices will soon become history. Three more weeks should see plenty of potatoes in most stores."

# Steel Stoppage Idles Industries

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The five day old steel strike spread a creeping paralysis through the nation's railroad, mining and shipping industries Friday.

By early next week unless Washington negotiators can reach some kind of settlement 800,000 workers may be idle in the mines and on the railroads.

In addition to the 650,000 Steelworkers automatically idled by Philip Murray's decision, thousands of railroaders have been furloughed with more scheduled to be laid off Friday.

# Airmen to Try To Top World Glider Record

WENATCHEE, Wash. — (AP) — Two sailplane enthusiasts were poised here Friday awaiting favorable winds to begin an assault on the world's glider endurance record.

With the right winds, they'll spend three days and three nights cruising over this Central Washington community in their motorless two-place plane.

Capt. Earl J. Drew, 26, a U.S. Air Force meteorologist, and Marvin M. Howlett, 24, an accountant who flies glider planes as a hobby, planned to take off Saturday, using westerly winds prevalent over a 12-mile long bluff near East Wenatchee.

Their first goal will be the American record of 12 hours, 3 minutes set at Warm Springs, Calif., in August, 1951. Then they'll go after the world's record of 50 hours, 26 minutes set by two Germans over Rossitten, Germany, in 1938.

Drew said Friday he is confident they will top the German mark and if the wind is right go on to set a "worthwhile record" of 76 hours—three days, three nights and four hours.

Fancher Field here will be headquarters for the flight. At night, the fliers will check Wenatchee city lights for orientation and during the day they'll watch the factory smoke.

Drew and Howlett tuned up for the attempt on the world record with a seven hour, 15 minute flight over Wenatchee last weekend.

# Third Arrested In Rope Sales

HOUSTON — (AP) — The FBI Thursday arrested a third ranking officer of the Beaumont, Tex., mothball fleet in connection with the theft and sale of government rope.

Arthur Lorton, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Capt. Howard J. Gray, suspended assistant reserve fleet captain, was arrested while fishing at the pilot's house at Sabin Pass Thursday morning.

Gray has been charged with cooperating with Capt. Manuel Gonzalez, assistant chief of the Maritime Administration's ship repair division, with embezzlement and sale of 170,000 pounds of rope.

A New Orleans rope dealer, Emile Schmidt, has also been arrested.

# Harriman Postpones Oregon Visit 1 Week

PORTLAND — (AP) — W. Averell Harriman, Democratic presidential candidate, has postponed his Oregon visit for one week.

He will arrive June 28 instead of June 19. William E. Sanborn, secretary of the state Democratic organization, said Thursday.

Harriman will confer with delegates to the Democratic national convention in the morning. He will speak at a Portland luncheon and then attend meetings at Lebanon at 3 p.m. and Coos Bay at 8:30 p.m.

# Allies Repeat POW Refusals

### Nam II Brings Fresh Charges

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — Allied truce negotiators said Friday the U.N. command never will follow the path of "betrayal, force and bloodshed" by bowing to Red demands for blanket repatriation of some 170,000 Allied-held war prisoners.

The prisoner issue is blocking negotiations at Panmunjom for a Korean armistice.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. delegate, said acceptance of the Communist proposal would "mean an abandonment of the principle of human rights."

NEITHER NOW nor in the future do we intend to be a party to such a transaction," he declared.

North Korean Gen. Nam II said Allied refusal to repatriate prisoners who do not want to go home "was devoid of any reason, any precedent and any legal basis."

He said the U.N. plan would not be "tolerated by an opposing belligerent who stands on an equal footing with the opposing side."

Nam's long tirade included charges that Allied planes have bombed and strafed prison camps in North Korea and that Red prisoners on Koje Island have been slaughtered.

BEFORE THE fruitless 58-minute session began Communist staff officers filed a formal complaint that an Allied artillery barrage landed near the truce talk site, Panmunjom Thursday and that three civilians were wounded by shell fragments which hurled into the neutral zone.

Allied officers promised an investigation.

The delegates will meet again at 11 a.m. Saturday, 6 p.m., PST, Friday.

# Dakota Vote To Be Checked

SIoux Falls, S. D. — (AP) — An official canvass by county auditors Saturday will determine whether Sen. Robert A. Taft or Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower won South Dakota's 14 Republican national convention delegates.

Nearly complete unofficial returns from Tuesday's presidential primary election indicated Taft had won his last vote battle with Eisenhower before the Chicago convention. However, Eisenhower supporters refused to concede a thing. They said they'd wait for the canvass.

With only seven of the state's 1,950 precincts missing, Taft maintained a scant 639-vote margin.

The count gave: Taft 64,749; Eisenhower 64,110.

On that basis, Taft had won 50.249 per cent of the votes and Eisenhower, 49.751.

# TOO MUCH

LITCHFIELD, England — (AP) Pvt. Cornelius C. Knight, 28, began serving 42 days in the stockade Friday for going AWOL. Knight said at his court-martial that he married a woman who told him she was 32 and turned out to be 51. "I just went all to pieces," he said.

# OPS PUT the ceiling on potato prices Jan. 5, after a rise dating from September, that almost doubled the price. The order became effective Jan. 20. It has been criticized from the outset by growers' associations and Congressmen from potato growing states. Some growers said the price ceiling forced potatoes into the blackmarket, creating a shortage and leading to higher prices.

Price officials said there would have been a shortage anyway, due to a 1951 crop about 25 per cent under that of previous years. The 1951 crop was the first produced after the government removed price props from potatoes.

AN AGRICULTURE Department survey of potato planting intentions for this year indicated farmers would plant even fewer potatoes than last year.

A slight effort to ease the present shortage with imported potatoes failed Thursday when the department prevented the unloading of 6,000 bags from Spain at New York because they were found infested with a plant pest.

# Morse Cancels Trip

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Morse, (R-Ore.) said Friday he has cancelled plans to attend the International Labor Organization (ILO) conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

Morse, a Senate delegate to the conference and one of its scheduled speakers, said the importance of issues still pending in Congress "compels me to cancel the trip."

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Hot Fight on Amendment  
Vote Postponed on Control  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Thursday night put off action on the economic controls bill until Monday in a maneuver by administration leaders to stave off a vote on an amendment offered by Sen. Byrd (D-Va.).

The amendment would request President Truman to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act to halt the nationwide steel strike, which Byrd declared is imperilling the national safety.

After a hot argument over the proposal, the Senate voted 42 to 38 to put off further action on the pending bill to extend the president's powers to control things as wages, prices, rents and materials.

Before the postponement, Senate slapped down a similar Republican-led move to curb or curtail federal controls over the nation's economy.

HORSE STILL WITH US  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — The horse is apparently on a comeback in New Mexico. It was notified of the theft of saddles in the same night.

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