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## Weather Forecast

OREGON—Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness over the state tonight and Saturday. Occasional light rain in northwest portion.

## Fight On SB 99 Nears Climax; House Debates

Niskanen Says He Will Oppose Nullification Of Governor's Veto

By Eldon Barrett  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—House opponents of senate bill 99 appeared to gather strength as the fight to override Gov. Earl Snell's veto neared a climax with closing argument set to start this afternoon.

Backers of the bill need a two-thirds majority to repass the bill and put it into law.

The lengthy but subdued debate started at 10:15 a. m. and lasted until 12:35 p. m. when the house recessed for lunch.

**Niskanen Upholds Veto**  
Two representatives, William Niskanen, Bend, and Frank A. Doerflinger, Salem, who had voted for the measure when it passed the house 46 to 14 last week, said they would oppose overriding the governor's veto today.

The bill would change the 1931 state hydroelectric act to allow private power companies to retain their power sites during periods for which they are licensed. It was passed over the veto by a 27 to 3 vote in the senate after a lengthy and bitter debate.

Eastern Oregon legislators contend passage of the measure would pave the way for the Idaho Power company to construct a \$10,000,000 dam on the Snake river to serve that area which is experiencing an acute shortage of power.

**Bill Opposed**  
The house had a taste of what to expect when Rep. J. E. Bennett reiterated his opposition to the bill in a short but heated speech on the house floor yesterday before speaker John Hall cut him short, terming his remarks out of order.

Other power bills were worked over by public and private interests at a house utilities committee hearing.

The two groups locked horns on bills introduced by Lane county legislators that would provide a method to dissolve people's utility districts and compel PUDs to furnish proof they are needed before starting organization.

Residents from Western Lane county testified that Lincoln county PUD service is inadequate and "there should be some way for people to get out of these deplorable conditions."

## Dinner Meeting Set For Culver

The February meeting of the Central Oregon chamber of commerce is to be held at Culver Tuesday evening with the Culver chamber of commerce, newest of the midstate group, as the host.

The Tuesday meeting will place emphasis on the 1947 tourist season with R. Hal Powell, member of the executive committee of the Oregon Advertising club, and Walter Meacham, executive secretary of Oregon council of the American Pioneer Trails association, as speakers.

Secretary Guy F. Wade, of Madras, has announced that a capacity attendance is expected at the dinner meeting, which will be at the Harris cafe and that the number attending from other chambers of commerce including Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras will have to be limited.

Powell is to be speaker at a forum meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn Wednesday noon and Meacham has scheduled a number of other talks in Madras, Culver, Redmond and Prineville while on his visit to Central Oregon.

## Stevens To Head Big Cooperative

Redmond, Feb. 21 (UP)—Directors of the Deschutes Farmers cooperative holding their reorganization meeting here this week re-elected Art Stevens as president. Stevens headed the cooperative in its first year of existence.

Boyd Simmons was named vice-president and George Elliott, secretary.

## TO HONOR WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—President Truman will lay a wreath at George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon tomorrow at ceremonies commemorating the 215th anniversary of the first president's birth.

The commemorative pageant is sponsored by the veterans of foreign wars.

## Gay Butterfly Perches On Weather Box

While a fierce winter storm gripped the eastern seaboard today, springlike weather continued in the Bend country, with the temperature reaching 56 degrees at 1 p. m. as it continued toward a probable 60 degree maximum.

And there were other signs of spring around town.

Bend weather observers reported a fluttering butterfly gaily perched on the sunny south side of the weather shelter, at 1426 Harmon boulevard.

Softball was in play on the various school grounds.

Shirtsleeves—but no straw hats—were seen in downtown Bend.

## Californians Buy Big Priddy Ranch

E. W. Williamson, of Bend, announced here today that negotiations are being completed for the sale of the Priddy ranch, on Trout creek, which he purchased in 1946 from H. L. Priddy. Changing hands for the second time within a year, the ranch, one of the largest real estate holdings in Central Oregon, will be occupied this spring by the new owners, Tom and Parr Norton, formerly of Willows, Calif.

The stock ranch covers 36,000 acres and is improved with three houses and two large barns. The Norton brothers reportedly have purchased the Cherry creek ranch on the John Day slope, making their total acreage, with deeded and leased lands, in the neighborhood of 100,000 acres.

**To Raise Cattle**  
The new owners plan to continue to produce beef cattle and will also specialize in raising saddle horses, it was announced. Williamson is owner of Eddie's Sales and Service here. H. L. Priddy, who sold the ranch to the Bend man, now makes his home in Redmond.

H. H. Schmitt, Prineville realtor, handled the transaction.

## 30 Suspects Held In Lynching Case

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 21 (UP)—Sheriff R. H. Bearden disclosed today that police know who fired the fatal shot during the lynching of a Negro Monday and said details of "full confessions" from approximately 30 white men involved in the lynching will be made public soon.

Bearden said that 27 of 30 men already arrested have given detailed confessions of their part in the lynching of 25-year-old Willie Earle, Liberty, S. C. Negro who was dragged from jail and stabbed and shot to death.

Bearden said the bulk of the lynch party was made up of taxi drivers, bent on revenge for the fatal shooting earlier of T. W. Brown, a white Greenville cabbie.

## Redmond Jaycees Planning Banquet

Redmond, Feb. 21 (Special)—The Redmond junior chamber will observe its first anniversary as an organization Saturday night with a banquet and dance at the Townsend hall.

The Redmond organization was issued a charter in January, 1946, and the charter was officially installed at ceremonies in February last year. Kenneth Munkres is president of the club.

## Death Toll In Los Angeles Blast Put At 15; Investigation Of Explosion Is Under Way

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (UP)—Bulldozers and steam shovels ground through the debris of an electroplating plant today, clearing the way for an investigation of the earth-shaking explosion which leveled a city block and left 15 persons dead and hundreds injured.

The death toll was established by Coroner Ben Brown who said that the casualty figure may be revised upward from the list of critically injured. More than 100 of the known 200 injured remained in hospitals today.

The city's worst explosion might have been caused by a breakdown in the plant refrigeration system only an hour earlier, Fire prevention chief Earl H. Richardson said. He said the plant was using a new plating process for aluminum which employs concentrated perchloric acid. The acid is so volatile it must be kept under constant refrigeration.

## Atom Energy Future Held Endangered

Compton Says Savants Are Leaving Positions; Lillenthal Gets Backing

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—Dr. Karl T. Compton, one of the developers of the atomic bomb, today expressed "disillusionment and disgust" over senate delay in confirming David E. Lillenthal to be chairman of the federal atomic commission.

Compton, who is president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, warned that further delays would reduce the nation's atomic energy program to "a hollow shell."

Compton expressed his views in a letter to Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich.

**Threat Is Made**  
He said that scientists would quit atomic projects en masse if convinced that political and special interests would be successful in blocking Lillenthal's appointment.

His letter was introduced into the record of the senate atomic committee now considering the appointment.

Members were prepared for a test of strength on the drive of Sen. Kenneth McKellar, D., Tenn., to block confirmation. Compton said further delay in acting upon the nomination would be "a blow to progress" in both military and industrial applications of the new power.

**Approval Asked**  
The entire program, he said, would be reduced to little more than "glib talk" if action approving Lillenthal was not immediately forthcoming.

Already, he said, scientists have quit their jobs at the atomic projects at Los Alamos, N. M., and Oak Ridge, Tenn. The effectiveness of the plants has been reduced seriously. Although he stoutly backed Lillenthal's appointment, Compton made clear that the problem was more far reaching than the mere question of confirming Lillenthal.

## Symposium Unit Coming To Bend

University Of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 21 (Special)—University of Oregon symposium members will speak at the Prineville high school at 9 a. m. February 25 and before five Bend groups that day and on February 27. The discussion will be on the topic: "Do public needs of Oregon (education and social, state and community) require a new method of taxation?"

On February 25 the Bend Lions club will hear the discussion at noon and the group will again speak at 8 p. m. to the Bend junior civic league.

Beginning at 11 a. m. February 27, the symposium team will appear at the Bend high school, at the Rotary club at noon and again at the Bend chamber of commerce at 6:30.

The three members of the symposium team are Leland Cramer, sophomore in liberal arts from Redmond; Dedo Miley, junior in business administration from Oregon City and David Kookan, sophomore in liberal arts from Eugene.

## ROADS UNCHANGED

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—The state highway commission today reported that Oregon highway conditions remained unchanged and that all roads are normal.

## Death Toll In Los Angeles Blast Put At 15; Investigation Of Explosion Is Under Way

The mushrooming blast, so deafening that persons miles from the scene believed an atom bomb had fallen, left an estimated 500 survivors homeless.

At least 100 families were fed in emergency canteens and then transferred to housing projects for the night. Many of them lost all their possessions when the explosion tore up their homes.

Property damage amounted to \$1,000,000 and possibly may double that. The one-story O'Connor Electro-Plating Works was virtually disintegrated. A dozen homes in the same block were demolished. Thirty others were said by city building inspectors to be unsafe until repaired. A total of 300 buildings were demolished or damaged.

Windows were broken two miles away. A 12-year-old Negro boy riding his bicycle three blocks distant was killed by a flying block. The reverberating roar and blast shook homes more than 15 miles from the scene. A mushroom

# East Buried Under Deep Snow Russians Reduce Forces In Germany

## Called Home



Present delicate relations between U. S. and Polish government gave significance to the recall "for consultation" of Arthur Bliss Lane, U. S. ambassador to Warsaw. Indications are that he will not return to his post, but will be replaced.

## Eagles To Honor Hans Rovelstad

Bend eagle of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will present an award each month for outstanding community service by a Bend citizen. It was announced today by L. E. Snelson, eagle president.

Hans Rovelstad, 826 Delaware, has been chosen as the recipient of the February award, the first made by the eagle. Rovelstad was chosen by Eagles officers for his work with the American Legion junior rifle club which was organized in 1938, nine years ago, and is still operating for the boys of Bend.

Rovelstad has given at least 7,000 hours of his time for the youngsters and at present has four teams, sponsored by the Elks, Eagles, Moose and Legion organizations.

**To Present Certificate**  
The award will consist of a civic service certificate which will be presented at the eagle's 21st birthday meeting tonight. Presentation will be by a member of the Eagles lodge.

In explaining the local eagle plans, Snelson said the Eagles will make the awards to give deserved recognition to persons who contribute to the public welfare of Bend. Any citizen of Bend is eligible to receive the award and membership in the Eagles lodge is not a requisite.

## Army Prisoners Disarm Guard

Camp Kilmer, N. J., Feb. 21 (UP)—Military and civil police broadcast an alarm today for four escaped army prisoners who overpowered a work detail guard and seized his rifle.

The prisoners were working in an army hospital car yesterday at about 5 p. m. when one seized the guard's rifle. While another held a mess kit knife at the guard's throat, he was tied and thrown on one of the beds in the car.

The guard later untied himself and reported the escape.

## Soviets Lower Iron Curtain In Berlin Zone

Berlin, Feb. 21 (UP)—The soviet army has completed a big-scale demobilization and transfer of its troops in Germany, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney reported today.

Berlin observers believed the soviet occupation forces had been reduced to fewer than 200,000, or about the same as the American forces in Germany.

Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky advised McNarney of the completion of the troop movements. McNarney reported it in his final Berlin press conference as military governor in Germany.

**Forces Reorganized**  
Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who takes over from McNarney on March 15, announced a sweeping reorganization of U. S. forces, with most of the leadership transferred from Frankfurt to Berlin.

McNarney said Sokolovsky told him yesterday that the troop movements were completed, and correspondents again would be issued permits to visit the Russian occupation zone.

The zone has been sealed off since last October, when the major redeployment move began.

**Failure Seen**  
Reviewing his 15 months in Germany, McNarney said he felt that the allied control council had failed to fulfill the Potsdam agreement in failing to create a central German government.

He reported "significant progress" on the four-power report being drafted here for the council of foreign ministers meeting next month in Moscow. But he gave no details.

The trading with the enemy act will be lifted or made more flexible soon, McNarney said, and administrative machinery to that end is being devised in Washington now.

## Romney Enters Not Guilty Plea

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—Kenneth Romney, former house sergeant-at-arms, pleaded innocent today to charges of making false statements to defraud the government of \$143,863 in the congressional "bank."

Federal Judge Bolitha J. Laws set trial date for April 21.

Romney was given 15 days in which to file motions in the case. His \$2,500 bond was continued. An indictment accused Romney with filing false statements with the general accounting office on the condition of his office's accounts with the intent to swindle the government.

**Charges Made**  
Romney included in those statements, the indictment said, items purported to be checks which allegedly were worthless. It also charged him with covering up an alleged confession by Frank Mahoney, a former employee in the sergeant-at-arms office, of being short in his accounts.

The Montana-born Romney was sergeant-at-arms in the house for 17 years. He lost his post after the republicans won control of the house in the last elections.

The sergeant-at-arms' office acts as "bank" for house members, sometimes advancing salaries against future paychecks.

## Hughes May Test New Photo Plane

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (UP)—Multi-millionaire Howard Hughes debated today whether he will test a duplicate of a photo-reconnaissance plane which nearly carried him to his death.

Hughes was critically injured July 7 and the army XF-11 demolished when it crashed into a Beverly Hills mansion.

His office disclosed yesterday that a replica of the plane had been built. It said the 41-year-old manufacturer and movie producer had not decided whether he will fly it.

Hughes also was considering test flying his \$20,000,000 mammoth "Hercules" seaplane. A date for its test flight has not been set.

## Tears of Happiness



With his wife, Dorothy, and brother, Mickey, crying on his shoulders, Jack Westover sits in Los Angeles court after hearing inquest jury exonerate him from blame in the death of John Brewer. Westover said that he and Brewer fought after the latter had insulted a barroom waitress.

## Deadly Quiet Prevails Inside San Quentin's Concrete Walls

Fear Is Held That Prison's 4,200 Felons May Continue Defiance of Regulations

San Quentin, Cal., Feb. 21 (UP)—A deadly quiet prevailed inside the concrete walls of San Quentin penitentiary today as Warden Clinton Duffy indicated some of the prison's 4,200 felon inmates might continue to defy authority.

"Anything can happen," Duffy said, refusing to say a recent wave of sit-down strikes in the prison jute mill had ended.

Abiding by an underworld code which demands retaliation for those punished as a result of turmoil inside the prison, 345 convicts yesterday staged the third sitdown strike in three days.

The rebellious group only returned to work in the jute mill after 61 prisoners were segregated for disciplinary action. This brought the total number of prisoners disciplined during the three days of agitation to 165.

**Third Strike Staged**  
The third strike, fomented by prisoners Duffy described as "young hoodlums," followed a similar resistance movement Wednesday. After the second strike Duffy transferred 84 prisoners to Folsom, California's "escape-proof" prison, and ordered solitary confinement for 20 others.

Basis for the agitation was a protest over long working hours and prison food. Duffy said the meals were "better than those eaten by many American families."

"They are not overworked," he added.

## Semi-Holiday Billed Saturday

Bend will observe a semi-holiday tomorrow, as flags will be displayed in honor of the 215th birthday of George Washington, American general and first president of the United States. Most stores will be open as usual, but both banks, the courthouse, the city hall, the state highway office and all government agencies, including the postoffice, will be closed all day.

The holiday, falling on a Saturday, does not mean an extra day off for many government workers, employed on a 40-hour week. In this category are personnel at the O.P.A. rent control office, the bureau of reclamation, selective service board, forest service, deputy collector of internal revenue, and others, whose offices are regularly closed on Saturdays.

Patriotic exercises were held today in the classrooms of local grade schools, and a program was scheduled for 3:10 at the junior-senior high school. A skit and appropriate speeches were to be relayed to all roll-rooms over the public address system.

## Zone Districts Shown On Map

A map showing districts under the proposed zoning ordinance for the city of Bend is published on page 4 of The Bulletin today. A public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance has been scheduled for 8 p. m. February 26 in the city commission room in the city hall.

The ordinance as it now stands is the result of a number of months of work by the city planning commission headed by Hans Slagvold, chairman. This commission was appointed by the city commission to formulate the zoning ordinance as well as handle other phases of Bend planning.

**In Five Districts**  
The city is set up into five types of districts including industrial, central commercial, tourist commercial, neighborhood commercial and residential. Types of building that would be permitted in each of these districts are explained in text accompanying the map.

At the hearing Wednesday the city commission will consider arguments for and against any portions of the zoning plan. Once the ordinance is enacted it will be extremely difficult to change the boundaries of any of the zoned areas, it is pointed out.

## Elks To Attend Albany Meeting

A number of members of the Bend Elks plan to make a trip to Albany this week-end to help the Albany lodge celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Some of the men making the trip plan to remain over until Sunday and will attend a meeting of the Oregon state baseball league with the plan of entering the Bend Elks team in the league this year. The meeting of the league was called by Ray Brooks, of Portland, who has headed the organization for many years.

Bend Elks teams in years past participated in the Oregon league against teams from Eugene, Albany, Portland and other west side cities.

## Drifts Pile Up To Six Feet In Rural Sections

(By United Press)  
The worst storm in years buried most of the eastern seaboard in snow today.

It howled up from the south riding on tailwinds of 30 to 50 miles an hour, headed through Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, curved through New England and out to sea. By nighttime 12 persons were dead.

Weathermen had predicted it would shift over the Atlantic north of Boston around noon, but at mid-day it still raged, leaving behind two to 19 inches of snow and piling drifts six feet deep in rural sections.

**Planes Grounded**  
The storm grounded all airplanes. It delayed ships at sea. Train travel was slowed from minutes to more than three hours. Commuters to large cities got to their jobs late. Schools were snowed in. Thousands of rural residents were marooned. Business in the east and government in Washington slowed to a walk.

The dead were scattered along the seaboard, six in Philadelphia; three in New York; one in Washington; one in New Jersey, and one in Connecticut.

Fires imperiled the lives of hundreds. Many died into the storm from blazing homes.

**Ambulances Snowbound**  
In Newark the city hospital's fleet of ambulances were snowbound by drifts blocking the doors of the ambulance garage.

Airplanes were not flying. A total of 213 flights into and from LaGuardia field in New York were cancelled. A private twin-engine Lockheed en route from Maine to South Bend, Ind., landed safely at Mishawaka, Ind., last night.

Trains were running behind schedule and surface transportation was slowed in some of the nation's biggest cities. Two New York to Washington trains were tied up for more than an hour last night because of a snowlogged switch at Marcus Hook, Pa.

**Winds Whip Snow**  
Winds of from 30 to 50 mile velocity whipped the snow into hard-packed drifts. Many rural schools in northern New York were closed.

Philadelphia reported an 11-inch snowfall and in Pittsburgh and Baltimore it was 10 inches deep. Nine inches fell in New York City and eight inches fell in Washington, throwing the capital's transportation system into chaos.

The storm area extended from central Florida to New England and as far west as central Ohio, with heavy rains buffeting the south.

## Misfortunes Pile Up In Bend Family

Misfortunes are doubling up in the family of Paul B. Sevy these days.

In the St. Charles hospital is Mrs. Sevy, who underwent a major emergency operation yesterday. She was reported today to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Sevy only recently returned from Milton, where his mother, Mrs. L. B. Sevy, 72, long a teacher in Oregon, died.

On the way to Milton just prior to Mrs. Sevy's death, the Bend couple were in an automobile wreck, when Sevy's car skidded on a slick road. Mrs. Sevy was injured, but not seriously.

Three weeks ago, members of Mrs. Sevy's family were involved in an automobile accident in Idaho.

## Gambling Devices Out In La Grande

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—Slot machines, pin ball machines and punch boards were missing from all public places in La Grande today after city manager Ed Ford issued orders to city police to halt gambling in the city. Ford was acting on orders from the city commissioners, he said.