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Weather Forecast

OREGON — Cloudy today with light rain in northwest portion and light showers over state tonight but cooler throughout interior Saturday.

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Revenue To Close Ten Million Dollar Budget Gap Is Sought By Ways, Means Committee

Group Studies Possibility of Transferring Corporate Income Taxes Into General Fund; Chairman Told Move Would Be Held Illegal

Salem, Ore., March 21 (UP)—The joint ways and means committee searching for revenue to close a \$10,000,000 budget gap, today called the senate and house tax committee chairmen into conference to ask why \$7,000,000 of corporate income taxes could not be transferred to the general fund.

Rep. F. H. Dammasch, house ways and means chairman, said the general fund deficit definitely stood at \$10,000,000

because his committee had no assurance the proposed retail sales tax and cigarette tax would pass the senate or be approved by the people.

"Should the cigarette tax be enacted by the legislature and not referred and defeated by the people," Dr. Dammasch said, "the state would still be \$6,000,000 in the hole. We must either cut our expenses to the bone or go into debt."

Goes To Senate

The proposed 3-per-cent sales tax was sent to the senate today after being approved by the house 38 to 22.

Rep. Robert Gile, Roseburg, house tax committee chairman, answering the question of why his committee had not followed the governor's recommendation by introducing a bill to transfer the excise tax money, told the committee he had been "reliably" informed by legal and tax experts that such a transfer would be unconstitutional.

Corporate excise taxes are now used to offset property taxes.

Chapman Points Way

Ways and means adviser C. C. Chapman told the group that the deficit might be overcome by a bill passed by the house and now in the senate which would permit the state tax commission to estimate deficits for each biennium and draw up legislation to be referred to the people for additional property taxes to make up the deficit.

If income taxes are sufficient a property tax would not be necessary, Chapman explained.

Tax Is Asked

The committee also adopted a resolution instructing the house tax committee to take action on a bill to tax illegal slot machine revenues which would bring in an estimated \$4,000,000 every two years.

The house tax group took the bill off the table and voted to put it back on the table again shortly before the ways and means resolution was adopted.

Hunt For Missing Men Nearing End

Honolulu, March 21 (UP)—The search for 11 or 12 missing men from the ill-fated tanker Fort Dearborn was in its final hours today as a fleet of 16 American warships combed the last segments of a 28,000 square mile stretch of the Pacific nearly 1,000 miles northwest of Hawaii.

The cruiser Tucson and 15 destroyers had traversed nearly all of the 360-mile long, 80-mile wide course mapped out for them by navy experts who plotted where the missing Fort Dearborn lifeboat might have drifted after the men abandoned ship during a storm nine days ago.

UMPQUA BAN APPROVED

Salem, Ore., March 21 (UP)—The senate today passed and sent to the house Sen. Thomas Parkinson's bill to close the Umpqua river to commercial fishing until 1953.

By Rex Chaney

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 21 (UP)—Republican leaders were confident today that they finally have hit upon an income tax reduction plan which will go through the house next week without a hitch.

The house ways and means committee met in closed session this morning to give final consideration to the legislation. Chairman Harold Knutson, R., Minn., expected the committee to approve the measure without change, probably by a vote strictly along party lines.

The republicans have 15 members on the committee, the democrats 10.

The bill provides for:

1. A cut of 30 per cent for per-

Spring Here, Mercury Falls, Clouds Come

Central Oregon residents who have been enjoying clear skies and 70 degree daytime temperatures for the past week or so may be surprised, but spring did not officially arrive until today—at 3:13 a. m., Pacific coast time.

Incidentally, the final day of winter was just a bit warmer than the first day of spring. Yesterday's maximum was 72 degrees. At 1:30 p. m. today, the mercury rested at 65 degrees, with clouds covering skies that have been unseasonably blue for the past week.

With the advent of spring, the weatherman looked over his charts and forecast occasional rains for the northwest, with some snow billed for the high mountains of Washington.

Legion Building Site Is Sought

Plans for an American Legion building in Bend moved nearer realization last night when the Stevens-Chute post authorized Alva C. Goodrich, attorney, to take steps to secure a site that has been approved for the club structure. Location of this site will be made public just as soon as papers are signed, legion officials indicated today. Steps for construction will follow.

At last night's meeting of the post, in the south-house quarters, it was also decided that the legion should sponsor the attendance of several Bend boys at the Beaver State camp at Corvallis this summer.

Chamberlin Coming

Legionnaires have been notified that W. J. Chamberlin, director of national defense for the department of Oregon, will be in Bend on Tuesday, March 25, for a meeting with post members. A dinner for Chamberlin will be held at the Pilot-Butte inn, at 7 o'clock that evening, with post officers to be present. Arrangements for a public defense meeting will be discussed. There will be a general meeting of post members after the dinner.

Wage Increase Asked By UAW

Louisville, Ky., March 21 (UP)—The United Automobile Workers union (CIO) today asked General Motors Corp. for general wage increases of 23 cents per hour applicable to all wage classifications, vacation pay and a guaranteed 40-hour work week.

The wage demands were presented to Vice president H. W. Anderson of General Motors by UAW president Walter P. Reuther.

An estimated 225,000 GMC employees in more than 100 plants across the country will be affected by any wage increases, UAW said.

Reuther said the current wage contract with the GMC expired March 19, and that negotiations would be directed toward the increases for one year.

Special Fund Sought

He said the present general wage scale was \$1.33 per hour. UAW also asked that an "equalization fund" be set up, "to adjust wage rates based on the principle of equal pay for equal work."

UAW also asked a broad social security program embracing employer-finance group insurance coverage, insurance coverage to include death and survivors' benefits; disability benefits in the event of disabling sickness, injury or disease, and hospital, surgical, medical and maternity benefits.

Federalized Germany Plan Submitted Turkey Held In Need Of Help To Bolster Defenses

Russian Threat Seen As Factor In Call For Aid

Washington, March 21 (UP)—Acting secretary of state Dean Acheson said today that Turkey needed American aid to bolster its defenses against such "external pressures" as the soviet government's insistence upon participating in the defense of the strategic Dardanelles.

Acheson told the house foreign affairs committee holding hearings on the proposed \$400,000,000 aid to Greece and Turkey that the Turkish government was internally stable. But it needed American aid, he said, to resist external pressures.

One of those "external pressures," he said, included "the insistence of the soviet government for participation in the defense of the straits."

Refers To Dardanelles

He was referring to the Dardanelles.

Acheson told Rep. Karl E. Mundt, R., S. D., that the Turkish armies have had to remain in a state of semi-mobilization for several years. This, he said, has been a severe "budgetary strain" on the government.

The Turks are not worried about "internal hands of guerrillas," he said. Their worries stem entirely from "external pressures."

Acheson defined soviet demands for participation in the defense of the Dardanelles as an "external pressure." He also promised to reveal publicly the information on Greece and Turkey which was contained in a mysterious "black book" given to members of congress.

Turkey Visited

Mundt told Acheson that he had visited Turkey a year ago and that he thought he knew why "we are being asked to go into Turkey."

"The fundamental reason is that the soviet neighbor to the north is conducting a war of nerves," Mundt said, "pressing for a favorable decision on the straits and certain eastern provinces. The Turks are maintaining this huge army because of the war of nerves. Is that a fair statement?"

Acheson said he did not want to comment on that. But he conceded that the maintenance of a big army has strained Turkey's economy.

Crippled Plane Reaches Lisbon

Lisbon, March 21 (UP)—A Pan American airliner landed safely here today after a flight up the northwest coast of Africa during which it radioed a report that one of its engines was dead and it was losing oil rapidly.

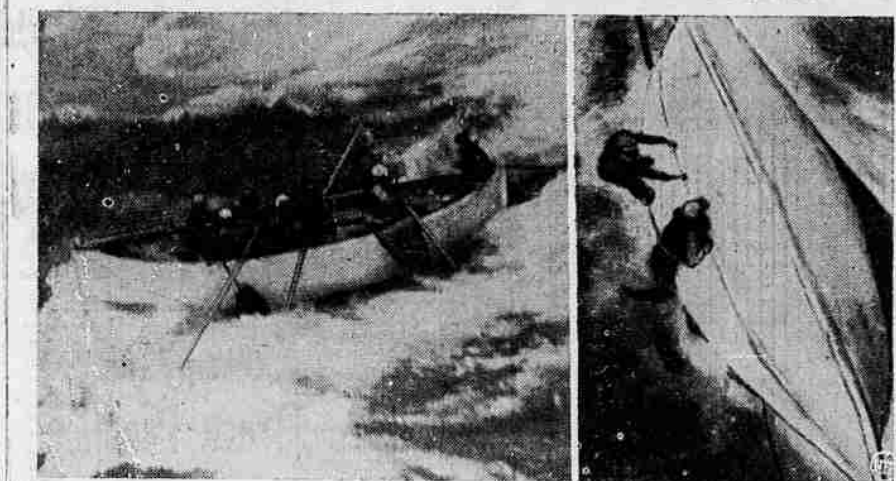
The transport brought 25 passengers from Rio De Janeiro.

Imperial Valley Reports Quakes

Brawley, Calif., March 21 (UP)—Two sharp earthquakes shook Imperial valley today but no damage was reported.

The shocks, felt at 11:28 a. m. and 11:50 a. m., rattled dishes here and at El Centro, Calif., but was not felt at Calexico, on the Mexican border.

Heavy Seas Thwart Lifeboat Rescue of Seamen



Seven-man rescue crew, launched from SS General W. H. Gordon in Pacific, battle heavy seas (left) in attempt to reach men stranded on drifting bow of broken SS Fort Dearborn. Minutes later, the lifeboat was overturned by giant swell, pitching all aboard into the sea. All were saved. Two men (right) sling to their boat as sea pounds them against their ship during preparations to haul the lifeboat aboard.

Control Of Rents For Year Is Goal

Washington, March 21 (UP)—A senate banking subcommittee voted unanimously today to continue federal rent controls until February 29, 1948, without any country-wide increase.

The group did not, however, decide what agency should administer rent controls. It will meet again Monday to settle that issue. The subcommittee recommended:

1. Extension of rent control until February 29, 1948.
2. Creation of local rental advisory committees in each rental area to recommend possible decontrols within an area, or needed rent revision. The board's decisions would be final unless reversed by the administrator within 30 days.
3. Elimination of rent control on new and luxury housing and on hotel accommodations.
4. Authorize states to set up their own rent control systems by passing special laws.

Water Forecast Meeting Is Set

The annual meeting of the Central Oregon water forecast committee, at which final predictions for 1947 water conditions will be made, is to be at Prineville at 9:30 a. m. on April 4, it was announced today. The meeting will be in the Crook county circuit courtroom.

Short water supplies are indicated in some parts of Central Oregon and forecasts made at the final meeting before the 1947 growing season are expected to be of great value to farmers this year. Irrigated areas depending upon storage reservoirs seem to be in fairly good shape, according to the March prediction, but some irrigated lands depending on natural runoff may be hard-pressed for water this year.

Rain lands are expected to be in poor condition unless heavy spring rains offset the past arid winter.

Members of the Central Oregon committee are Olaf Anderson, Phil F. Brogan, Claude Butler, LaSelle E. Coles, Ralph W. Crawford, C. W. Goodnight, E. N. Hoffman, Henry C. Hulet, R. A. Hunt, W. R. Lawson, John McTaggart, G. W. Montgomery, George T. Murphy, Charles C. Parsell, Aubrey Perry, M. F. Sandox, Robert W. Sawyer, R. L. Schee, C. H. Spencer, A. G. Winkel and E. L. Woods.

W. T. Frost, of Medford, head of the Oregon co-operative snow surveys and water forecast organization, will be present at the meeting.

'Phone Workers Vote To Strike

Portland, Ore., March 21 (UP)—More than 5500 Washington and Oregon telephone workers have voted 5 to 1 to authorize national strike action by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, local officials announced here today.

Similar strike votes were taken all over the country after what union officials described as "flat refusals" by the Bell telephone system to conduct bargaining hearings.

Big Business Asked to Lead In Price Cuts

Washington, March 21 (UP)—The commerce department's high command is urging big business to take a vigorous lead in cutting prices, it was learned today.

Secretary W. Averell Harriman and Undersecretary William C. Foster, who regard the department as a "general staff" for American business, are warning industrialists that the nation's present price structure is "distorted" and are calling for "price moderation."

Wildlife Area Work Projected

Work will start about April 1 on the first segment of the development project for the Summer lake wildlife management area and public shooting ground operated by the state game commission in Lake county, it was learned here today. A contract for more than 75,000 cubic yards of dirt in a canal and dike construction has been awarded to the Rogers Construction company, Portland, lowest of 21 bidders. This will accomplish the establishment of control over the water and make it possible to turn about 2500 acres of alkali flat into duck marsh.

This project has been planned for more than a year, but as three-fourths of the funds to be used are from federal aid, permission to go ahead with the project was denied until just recently by the office of war mobilization and conversion.

Total cost for the entire development project is estimated at \$48,000.

Berserk Negress Flees With Babe

Geneva, Ill., March 21 (UP)—A crazed teen-aged girl who killed a nurse and ran away with another woman's baby was sought throughout northern Illinois today by police who feared for the child's life.

Authorities said the girl, Theresa Jenkins, 18, unmarried Chicago negress, went berserk. Police said Miss Jenkins, an inmate at state training school for girls, beat the nurse, Mrs. Ida Swanson Isaacson, 63, to death last night with the top of a swivel stool. Throwing ether-soaked rags over the nurse's body, she ran to the nursery, scooped up another inmate's baby and escaped unnoticed.

Girl Mentally Weak Kane county state's attorney Charles G. Seidel said it was possible the girl's frustrated mother love motivated the kidnapping, but said he believed she just went berserk and thought the child somehow might help her escape.

He said the girl was mentally deficient and might "throw away" the seven-week-old negro child, if it impeded her flight.

FORD CUTS PRICES Windsor, Ont., March 21 (UP)—Ford of Canada, Ltd., today announced a \$35 reduction, effective tomorrow, in retail delivered prices of its cars and trucks throughout Canada.

McMinnville Group Coming

Bend will be visited next Tuesday afternoon by a 20-man good neighbor tour from McMinnville, according to Philip N. Bladine, who is in charge of arrangements for the western Oregon group.

The group will be made up of three or four cars and possibly as many as 20 McMinnville residents. They will be entertained in Portland at a Tuesday morning breakfast at the Multnomah hotel and will leave there in a caravan for Central Oregon.

The tour is being sponsored by the Oregon Advertising club and the McMinnville chamber of commerce in an effort to awaken interest in the state's tourist host program. In Bend the group will find arrangements for a 1947 tourist school already completed and the dates set for April 9, 15, 17 and 23.

The caravan is scheduled to arrive in Bend at about 4 p. m. and the group will remain here a short time before continuing on to the south.

British Bomber Crashes At Sea

London, March 21 (UP)—An R. A. F. Lancaster bomber crashed into the Atlantic ocean off the Irish coast today while on joint training exercises with the British navy. Two of the nine crew members were picked up by a naval vessel, two were killed and five were missing.

Air ministry officials said naval vessels were searching the seas for the five missing men. The Lancaster was one of six coastal command bombers from Ballykelly, northern Ireland, base engaged in the maneuvers.

The pilot of a Scandinavian airlines passenger plane en route from New York to Prestwick, Scotland, reported by radio to Stockholm that he had witnessed the crash and rescue from the air.

FARE INCREASE GRANTED

Washington, March 21 (UP)—The civil aeronautics board today approved a 10 per cent increase in passenger fares on domestic air carriers.

Heiress, Held On Suspicion Of Murder, Denies Charges

Santa Ana, Cal., March 21 (UP)—Grand jury indictments will be sought against Beulah Louise Overell, 17-year-old co-ed, and her sweetheart for the time bomb murder of her parents, Sheriff James Musick announced today.

Santa Ana, Calif., March 21 (UP)—District attorney James L. Davis decides today whether to file formal murder charges against heiress Beulah Louise Overell, 17, and her fiancé for the time-bomb deaths of her wealthy parents.

The girl, a University of Southern California freshman, calmly played solitaire in her jail cell as sheriff's and police investigators sought to shake her denial that she and 21-year-old George (Bud) Gollum plotted to kill her parents by blowing up the family cruiser.

Both were held on suspicion of

Reds Opposing Move Backed By British, U.S.

Moscow, March 21 (UP)—The United States and Britain presented to the Big Four today a plan for a federalized Germany, patterned somewhat after the American constitutional plan, in direct opposition to Russia's demands for a strongly centralized reich.

Secretary of state George C. Marshall and Foreign secretary Ernest Bevin sharply attacked soviet proposals for a centralized Germany, asserting that centralization might lay the foundation for some future Adolf Hitler once again to seize control of the German state.

Guarantees Sought

Marshall told the council of ministers bluntly that the United States would insist upon a German government structure which would provide "effective guarantees for the safeguarding of fundamental freedoms in all parts of Germany."

The Anglo-American plan for a federated Germany, headed by a president and with a bicameral legislature and supreme court, roughly on the American plan, was submitted to the Big Four by Bevin.

Marshall immediately supported the Bevin plan but Foreign minister V. M. Molotov who wants a strong central government with a minimum of power left to the states did not speak. He said he would reserve his presentation for a couple of days.

Demands Made

Marshall demanded that the process of establishing a German government get under way "immediately" so that a German state which could carry out the peace treaty now being drafted could be brought into being.

The ministers unanimously agreed to invite representatives of Austria to Moscow so, as Marshall said, "the council can make every effort to complete the Austrian treaty here."

Bevins Gives Views

After Ernest Bevin had presented in detail his views on the future German government, Marshall presented his opinions.

Marshall outlined a three-step process for the establishment of a central German government, and said the "process should be gotten under way at once so that there would be proper German authorities to carry out plans for the German peace—on which the foreign ministers are now working."

Light Rain Due At 2 Ski Bowls

Portland, Ore., March 21 (UP)—The weather bureau ski report:

Santiam pass: Roads clear with no chains needed. Ample parking. Snow depth 69 inches, granular surface. Temperature today 42. Maximum last 24 hours 61. Minimum 31. Calm and Cloudy. Good skiing and all towns operating.

Forecast for Santiam and Willamette pass areas: Increasing cloudiness with light rain to night. Saturday and Sunday cloudy with few showers, mixed rain and snow. Maximum today 53. Temperature range Saturday and Sunday 35 to 49.

Bits of evidence were collected yesterday by Sheriff Musick and Police chief R. R. Hodgkinson of Newport Beach, where the yacht blast occurred.

Musick said two coils of wire found in Gollum's automobile matched that used in wiring the time bomb. A roll of tape in the car also was similar to that used in constructing the bomb.

Police Speaker



POLICE SPEAKER

Capt. Eugene W. Ferguson, of the Portland police bureau, is in Bend today to instruct Central Oregon officers at the second class of the Oregon regional police school. Ferguson will review basic police laws.

Officers Review Basic Police Law

Basic police law is the subject of Captain Eugene W. Ferguson, Portland police bureau, at the second class of the Oregon regional police school in Bend being held this afternoon at the city hall. At this class, leaders said, the officers of Crook, Harney, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties will get instructions in an important phase of police law known as the laws of arrest. The origin and history of the law; importance of knowledge of the law to the police officer; and what the law is are some of the main headings which will be covered.

Arrest Is Topic

Captain Ferguson will review for the officers basic definitions of terms in criminal law and will give answers and discuss such questions as: What constitutes an arrest? Who can make an arrest? When and where can arrests be made? Can an arrest be made without a warrant? What degree of force can be used in effecting an arrest?

Classes of the current training series will be held on successive Friday afternoons through May 2, Ken C. Gullick, police chief, said.

Six Feared Dead In Boston Fire

Boston, March 21 (UP)—A four-alarm fire swept a combination business and tenement block in Boston's congested north end today and a deputy fire chief said he believed five or six persons had perished.

The blaze, in a five-story brick building at Hanover and Union streets in one of the city's oldest sections, was believed to have started on the top floor.

At the outset of the blaze, a man and two women were carried down ladders from an upper floor. Heavy smoke poured from the top floor of the building and it was believed this had felled occupants who were unable to reach the stairs.

Bend Weather

Bend and vicinity — Increasing cloudiness with moderate southerly winds; Saturday mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers; moderate southwesterly wind. High temperature today, 45; low tonight, 40; high Saturday, 55.