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State Forecast
OREGON—Fair and continued warm today and Thursday except for late afternoon and early evening thunder showers in mountains.

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Human Chain Used in Rescue Work



Survivors and rescue workers at Vanport City, Ore., make a human chain to pass along wounded and crippled persons to safety across a makeshift bridge of planks laid over the wreckage of their city.

Columbia River Flood Recedes

Arab Nations Agree to Palestine Truce

U. S. Defense Budget Placed At 13 Billion

Washington, June 2 (AP)—The house appropriations committee today stamped its approval on money requests for the armed services that sent proposed defense costs for the next fiscal year soaring to \$13,394,672,250. It was not a record peace-time budget for the army, navy and air forces. But it approached the more than \$14,000,000,000 budget of the 1947 fiscal year. Acting in the face of a warning from Army Chief Omar N. Bradley that was with Russia is a "plausible possibility," the committee today approved two measures which will give \$10,196,672,250 to the army, navy, air force and other defense establishments.

Public Hearing On Budget Held

Public hearing on the 1948-49 city budget was held last night at the city hall with no taxpayers appearing for or against budget items.

The \$328,795 budget was approved by the city commission and will be the subject of a special city election on June 14, when voters will cast ballots for or against the portion of the tax levy in excess of the amount allowed by the six per cent limitation.

The budget required a tax levy of \$182,870.89, more than \$48,000 larger than the levy made for the current fiscal year. With Bend's assessed valuation estimated at \$4,750,000 the levy will require a tax rate of about 38.5 mills, the highest since 1927.

Two polling places—Kenwood school and the city hall—will be used at the budget election. Voting hours will be from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

All members of the city commission were present at the meeting. Also present were W. L. Stollmaek and Dr. J. C. Vandewert, appointed members of the budget board.

Girls Are Invited To Bid for Queen

An invitation to Central Oregon girls to enter the Mirror pond pageant queen contest was issued today by directors of the Bend Stampede and Water Pageant association. Fifteen girls will be needed to handle the advance sale of tickets, and from this group will be selected a queen and her royal court.

There will be no sponsoring organizations in the queen contest this year, and each of the contestants will "be on her own," the association officials, headed by W. J. Bader, president, announced. Girls selling tickets will again work on a commission basis.

Instructions Given
Girls wishing to assist in the work and take part in the queen contest are being asked to leave their names at the chamber of commerce office in Bend. When 15 names are received, a meeting of the girls will be called and instructions will be given.

Girls comprising the Mirror pond court will be in the Oregon spotlight over the Fourth of July holidays, with thousands expected to attend the river fete on the night of July 3 and 4. The queen and her princesses will again head the parade of floats down the Deschutes.

Brooks-Scanlon Changes Time

The Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., plant adopted the daylight saving time schedule, effective this morning. All departments of the plant have made the time change, the mill office said.

Klamath Falls, June 2 (AP)—Daylight saving will begin in Klamath Falls Sunday at midnight, the city council voted yesterday.

VERNONIA HOTEL BURNS
Vernonia, Ore., June 2 (AP)—The 22-room McDonald hotel here was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

Chiefs Submit Rigid Demand To UN Council

Lake Success, N. Y., June 2 (AP)—The seven Arab nations agreed today to a United Nations four-week truce in Palestine, but served notice they would resume the Holy Land war after that period unless the new state of Israel is dissolved.

The Arabs in their formal reply to the UN invitation to the security council that peace efforts in Palestine "will not have the least chance of success" unless Palestine is turned over completely to the Arabs.

The Arabs asked the security council to set a time for the start of the truce.

Acceptance Set

The Israel government sent its formal acceptance of the security council's cease-fire plan to UN headquarters yesterday, but attached five "assumptions" to which the Arabs seemed certain to object.

The formal Arab league reply, received this morning, also contained conditions likely to be rejected by the Jews.

The question was whether the security council could persuade both sides to lay down arms for four weeks and then talk out their differences in that period.

The Arab reply, signed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Mohammed Khashaba, contained two major points— that Palestine ultimately must become a "political unity" under Arab control and that the flow of Jewish immigration must either be limited or cut off.

Supervision Asked
The Arabs said the UN should set up a special body for "the most careful supervision" of the security council cease-fire program and they demanded a place on it for the Arabs.

The security council appeared certain to fall into a bitter fight over the conflicting Arab and Israeli interpretations of the truce plan when it convened later today.

FIGHT CONTINUES

Tel Aviv, June 2 (AP)—The Israeli army reported officially that Arab forces were hammering hard at Jewish positions in Jerusalem and scattered sectors throughout the country today in defiance of Israel's provisional order for a truce.

A war communique said that Arabian armies vigorously pressed their hostilities in all the active battle zones. In addition, it reported, Egyptian troops opened a fresh onslaught near Negba, midway between Rehovoth and Gaza.

Hitler's Doctor Dies On Gallows

Frankfurt, June 2 (AP)—Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician, and six other Nazi doctors were hanged at Landsberg prison today for war crimes.

Convicted at Nuremberg last August after an eight-month trial, they appealed without success to the U. S. military government for clemency and petitioned the U. S. supreme court for a review of their case.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American occupation commander, upheld them and the supreme court refused jurisdiction.

Others Named

In addition to Brandt, those executed were Wolfram Sievers, director of a research institute which collected Jewish skeletons for "research"; Karl Gebhardt, Himmler's personal physician; Rudolph Brandt, no relation to Karl, a personal administrative assistant to Himmler; Joachim Mrugowsky, chief of the SS hygienic institute; Viktor Brach, a colonel in the SS medical corps; and Waldemar Hoven, chief physician in the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp.

Evidence introduced at their trial convicted them of inhuman and degrading experiments on inmates of Nazi concentration camps.

Work on Dike to Block Escape Of Storage Nears Completion

Hole Into Which Wickiup Reservoir Water Is Flowing Bared as Level Further Lowered

Water pouring into a fault on the south side of Wickiup reservoir should be halted this week when crews complete a temporary dike to block the escape channel, J. W. Taylor, construction engineer for the Deschutes project, said today.

Work on the dike was started last week shortly after the fissure was discovered, and by last night the eight-foot embankment was nearing completion.

A power shovel and four trucks have been at work moving earth from a nearby borrow pit down to the water line where the dike is being thrown around the fault. About 300 feet of dike are being built in the temporary project to cut losses from the reservoir.

Permanent work to block the earth fault will be undertaken later this year when the storage level of the reservoir is reduced after the irrigation season. Then soil in the fault area will be stripped off, the fault will be filled with rock and dirt and a layer of compacted earth will be replaced. In 1945 a fault in a lower part of the reservoir was successfully plugged in this manner.

Hole Now Visible

With the flow of water partly reduced by the dike, a hole in the bottom of the fault is now visible and a heavy stream of water can be seen disappearing into the ground.

The fault was carrying water out of the reservoir at a rate estimated at 150 cubic feet per second when it was discovered in a shore line search last week.

The water level in Wickiup reservoir is now about 126,000 acre feet, while Crane prairie reservoir several miles up the Deschutes has a storage of about 38,000 acre feet. These supplies of water will be ample to supply all irrigation needs this season, it was stated. The water situation might have been critical if the leak in Wickiup reservoir had developed at a lower level where it would have been impossible to take emergency measures to stop it, Taylor said.

The month just past was the second dampest May in the history of the Bend weather station, yielding wet honors only to May, 1945, observers in charge of the Bend weather bureau reported today. In the past month, 3.12 inches of moisture was recorded here, compared with 3.76 inches, the all time high, in the damp May of 1945.

Rain fell on 13 of the 31 days in the past month, with most of the moisture concentrated in the final half of the month. The heaviest 24-hour precipitation was 1.08 inches, on May 19.

Normally, May is a damp month in Bend, the weather bureau personnel noted, but seldom in the 44 years records have been kept here has the May moisture exceeded the two-inch mark.

Year's Total High
The normal May precipitation is 1.13 inches.

Up to the end of May, precipitation in Bend for the year was 9.92 inches. Bend's annual mean precipitation is just short of 13 inches, and so far the local station is well ahead of its moisture schedule.

Rainfall In May Close to Record

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O'Hearn Winner Of Golf Tourney

Rod O'Hearn is winner of the 1948 spring handicap tournament of the Bend Golf club, it was announced today, having defeated Dr. J. S. Grahman 4 and 3 in the final match of the championship round.

O'Hearn succeeds John Prince, who won the event in 1947, as the club's spring handicap champion. Prince is attending the University of Oregon this year and did not participate in the tournament.

First flight winner was James W. Bushong, who downed Sig Skavlan 1 up. Ben Hamilton won the second flight by defeating Farley Elliott 3 and 2, while Judge Ralph S. Hamilton came out on top in the third flight with a 5 and 4 victory over A. W. Bend.

Twins in Gilchrist Class



Included in the Gilchrist high school senior class graduated this past week were twin sisters, Joyce Griffin, left, and Dorris Griffin. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Griffin of the northern Klamath county mill city. The musically gifted girls are identical twins, but in their vocal duets one is an alto and the other is a soprano.

Toll of Dead In Area Gains; Crest Passes

By Roger Johnson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Portland, Ore., June 2 (AP)—The Columbia river's destructive flood crest began dropping slowly at Portland today and the peak of the Pacific northwest's spring thaw crisis appeared to have passed after two weeks of record-breaking devastation.

Approximately 100,000 persons were left homeless or temporarily displaced, 28 persons were killed or drowned and an estimated \$80,000,000 damage was inflicted on crops, property and riverfront industries in four states and British Columbia.

During a three-hour period, the Columbia dropped from 30.2 to 30.0 feet at Vancouver and the Willamette, carrying a backwater load from the Columbia, lowered six-tenths of a foot during a 12-hour period.

Danger Not Over
The danger to the flood-stricken Portland area and down-river communities was not eliminated, however volunteer workers and troops, laboring under searchlights, fought through the night and morning to prevent a threatened break in a north Portland dike which would flood a farmland area 12 miles long and two miles wide.

The Columbia's mighty crest, gathered from a myriad of streams and creeks throughout British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, moved from Portland to the river's mouth at Astoria, Ore., 112 miles distant.

As it bulged over and through its retaining dikes, it poured floodwaters into a row of deserted communities despite the day-and-night toll of volunteers, summoned by emergency calls.

Towns Flooded
Between Portland and the ocean, the Columbia spilled into Clatskanie, Brownsmead, Ore., Woodland, Wash., and other riverbank communities while its Washington tributaries flooded Kalama and South Kelso, Wash.

The Red Cross registered 7,000 homeless in Portland at the civic auditorium. Thirty thousand meals were dispensed to refugees from the destroyed city of Vanport and other flooded metropolitan areas. Twelve shelters were set up and 50 doctors and 25 nurses cared for more than a hundred injured and suffering.

Downtown Portland fought off the final surge of the Columbia and the Willamette, while streams of homeless refugees streamed into the city for relief. Twenty-five per cent of the Portland metropolitan area and its suburban environs was flooded.

Final Surge Fought
Emergency crews were fighting off the final surge of the Columbia and Willamette rivers against downtown Portland.

They worked under searchlights through the night to hold back the seeping river which threatened to crumble an embankment and inundate a huge new area of the flood-harassed city.

The Columbia and Willamette leveled off Tuesday night at their expected crests of 30 feet but Portland's flood situation still was dangerous.

Radio stations issued frequent appeals for volunteers to sandbag new weak spots in dikes protecting the few remaining unflooded lowland areas.

Seawalls Under Pressure
The Willamette, backing up southward in the heart of the city, threw tremendous pressures against the bulkheads of the seawall which guarded the downtown business district.

The peak of the Columbia flood-tide swept on Vancouver, Wash., and the wide waterway toward its mouth at Astoria, Ore., 112 miles distant.

Dikes were mushy with water and the Portland seawall leaked above its sandbagged top. But the downtown district appeared safe from further ravages.

Many blocks of industrial Portland, on the east side of the Willamette, were covered with water. A 7,000-acre area of residential Portland became a placid lake, dotted with floating houses from

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Budget Body Estimates Levy For Deschutes

Deschutes county's budget makers, completing their estimates covering county financing for the coming fiscal year, wound up last night with a prospective levy which will be within the statutory six per cent limitation and disclosed possibilities that the county may be in even better condition a year from now. At the close of a session devoted largely to review, which was held in the circuit court room, the budget committee, composed of county court and appointed members, approved general fund, county school fund, county library expense totaling \$333,738.49, but found cash on hand and estimated receipts of \$147,000 to bring this down to \$186,738.49. This will be the approximate levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1. If full advantage were taken of opportunity for increase over the current levy within the six per cent limit, the levy could be \$188,254.

Calculations Made

Assessor Ed Risen made quick calculations this morning that the taxable valuations in the county have increased 10 per cent, enough to absorb the six per cent increase in levy and still allow for a slight millage decrease.

Few changes were made last (Continued on Page 5)

Judge Hints John L. Lewis Will Get Order to Bargain

Goldsborough Says Walkout of Miners Would Be National Tragedy; New Brief Put On File

Washington, June 2 (AP)—Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough hinted today that he will order John L. Lewis to bargain with the Southern Coal Producers association.

He dropped the hint at hearings on a government request for an order directing Lewis and his United Mine Workers to negotiate with the southern group on a new soft coal contract.

"Nothing you have said," Goldsborough told UMW Counsel Welly K. Hopkins, "shows the association is not competent to negotiate."

Goldsborough also said "it would be a national tragedy if there was a walkout at the conclusion of this contract."

The present soft coal contract expires June 30.

Lewis walked out on new contract negotiations two weeks ago when the coal operators voted to seat a representative of the southern association. He refuses to bargain with the association as a group on grounds it is not a signatory to the present contract, which was signed by the southern operators as individual groups.

Argument Presented
The government, in requesting the order against Lewis, argued that his refusal to bargain with the association has created "imminent danger" of another soft coal strike on and after July 1.

Such a strike, it said, would do "irreparable injury to the nation."

The argument was set forth in a brief filed with Goldsborough by Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the national labor relations board.

Lewis was not in the courtroom. The UMW arguments were presented by Hopkins who repeated Lewis' charge that the association had adopted a "recalcitrant, destructive and stubborn attitude" during negotiation of every bituminous contract since the association was formed in 1941.

The UMW has asked Goldsborough to dismiss the government request on grounds it is illegal.

Nominations Up At Legion Session

Nomination of officers for the coming year will highlight the meeting of the Stevens-Chute post of the American Legion Thursday night at 8 o'clock, in the Deschutes courthouse assembly room, R. K. Innes, commander, announced today.

Innes said the meeting will be one of the post's most important of the season and he has asked all members to be out.

Meeting Voided; Quarters Flooded

Portland, June 2 (AP)—E. H. Crosby of Portland, treasurer of the Western Forest products safety conference, notified western states members today that a conference at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., June 9 has been cancelled.

The reason, Crosby explained tersely, "is because of too much flood water in the top story of the hotel."

Medical Center Costs Provided

"The cost of organizing and publicizing the campaign for proposed Memorial Medical center has been advanced by a number of public-spirited citizens," according to K. E. Sawyer, treasurer of Central Oregon Hospitals foundation. He stated, "All subscriptions obtained during this campaign will be cancelled and any money paid thereon will be returned to the subscriber, if sufficient subscriptions have not been obtained to justify proceeding with this project."

Time Limit Set

The successful bidder will be required to start work on the project within five days after receiving notice to proceed. The contract calls for the company furnishing all power cable, poles, crossarms and other material.

Lackoff was informed that it was expected the contract would be awarded to the low bidder. Final details of the contract are now being rushed in order to get work started on this part of the project at the earliest possible time.

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Tacoma Firm Low In Bidding

Low bid for construction of the 42-mile Maupin-Madras section of the new Pacific Power & Light company transmission line, to bring more power into Central Oregon, was submitted to the company by McPhall Engineering of Tacoma, according to word received today by W. A. Lackoff, district manager of the company.

GOP Leaders Elected

The five republicans apparently winning both nominations were Leroy Johnson, Richard Welch, Jack Z. Anderson, Gordon L. McDonough and John Phillips.

The three leading candidates for 23 congressional seats with 21 incumbents seeking nomination. Nearly all the candidates and all the incumbents sought both major party nominations as allowed by the state's election laws.

The voting was heavily in the favor of republican candidates. The only exception was in voting for unopposed republican and democratic delegates to the party.

President Truman's slate got 224,458 votes to 191,020 for a republican slate pledged to Gov. Earl Warren. Election of both slates was automatic.