

THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

State Forecast
OREGON — Fair today, increasing cloudiness Wednesday with intermittent rain by afternoon. Slightly cooler tomorrow.

Russians Demand Removal of Occupation Forces

Miami and Florida Region In Path of Hurricane Blast

Winds Up to 140 Miles Per Hour Expected

Miami, Fla., Sept. 21 (UP)—A hurricane generating winds of from 125 to 140 miles per hour slashed across the Florida Keys today and headed for Miami.

A 12:30 p. m. advisory from the Miami weather bureau said the storm was 25 miles north-east of Key West and moving on the Miami area at 12 miles per hour. Hurricane winds were due to hit Miami at about 5 p. m. EST.

Near hurricane force winds of 60 miles per hour whipped through downtown Miami and Miami beach at 10:20 a. m.

Key West Hit
Key West, home of the sprawling U. S. naval air and sea base where President Truman has his "Little White House," caught the brunt of the storm at 10:30 a. m. when wind velocity rose to 110 miles per hour.

Telephone communication between Miami and Key West was cut off at 10:15 a. m. when the winds ripped loose all overhead lines.

In a brief telephone conversation before the height of the storm struck the little island city, a United Press correspondent reported "everything ok."

The storm slowed somewhat as it increased its power, the weather bureau reported, delaying the arrival of the hurricane winds but assuring a longer stay when they do arrive.

Strong gales covered an area 300 miles in diameter around the whirling center.

WCTU Predicts State Victories

Portland, Sept. 21 (UP)—Kentucky, "home of Bourbon whiskey," is 90 per cent in favor of prohibition, Mrs. E. D. Hinkle, president of the Blue-grass state's Women's Christian Temperance union told delegates at the group's 74th annual convention today.

And Kansas "will reject" a proposal to lift state prohibition in the general election, predicted Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, Ransom, Kan., recording secretary of the National WCTU.

About 2,000 delegates were on hand before the convention's opening when the Kentucky and Kansas reports were rendered.

Mrs. Hinkle said 93 of Kentucky's counties are dry under local option, and only 14 are "wholly wet."

Kansas, said Mrs. Hays, has been dry since 1880. The last time a move to lift prohibition was referred to the voters, in 1934, it was rejected by an 89,000 ballot majority.

A WCTU vice-president, Mary B. Ervin of Columbus, O., told delegates that 680,000 American women are alcoholics and "problem drinkers."

Huge Salmon Cargo to Move Through Strikebound Port

San Francisco, Sept. 21 (UP)—A Seattle stevedoring firm today announced that west coast shoremen on strike against the Waterfront Employers' association will handle some \$10,000,000 worth of strikebound salmon at the Seattle terminals.

It was believed that the salmon would be the first commercial cargo handled by CIO longshoremen since the strike began 19 days ago. Previous agreements between the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union have covered only government cargoes.

Meanwhile, left and right wing factions of the California CIO closed ranks on the maritime strike issue.

Tim Flynn, who replaced Harry Bridges when the latter was ousted as northern California regional director in a left-right wing

James R. Benham, Pioneer Of Central Oregon Country, Dies at St. Charles Hospital

James R. Benham, 82, pioneer of Central Oregon who settled in the Prineville country in early days and filed on land in the upper Deschutes basin in 1885, died this morning at the St. Charles hospital. He was the victim of infirmities of old age.

A native of Harrisburg, Mr. Benham attended Bend's first school, taught in 1881. Benham falls, on the upper Deschutes river, was named for the pioneer. He moved from Prineville to what is now Deschutes county in 1879, and was the county's second oldest resident, so far as known. The oldest, in point of residence, is Mrs. Eva Bennett, Bend, daughter of John Y. Todd, midstate pioneer.

Benham falls, considered as the site of a federal reservoir on the upper Deschutes, received its name from the fact that Mr. Benham's homestead, on which he filed in 1885, was in that area. However, Mr. Benham did not long live on the homestead, inasmuch as the government rejected his filing. He later homesteaded about half way between Bend and Redmond, nearly 50 years ago. Up until about 10 years ago he made his home on a ranch about ten miles north of Bend.

Attended First School
Bend's first school, attended by Mr. Benham 67 years ago, was taught by Mrs. Electa M. O'Neill, wife of William O'Neill, one of Central Oregon's pioneer settlers. The school was taught in the O'Neill cabin, erected earlier in 1881 by three sons of the teacher, George, Charles and Walter O'Neill. The building was on the land of John Slesmore, where the Brooks-Scanlon mill now stands.

Pupils were Ida and Lucy Slesmore, Amanda Benham, James Benham and Anna Trupin.

In his long years in the Bend country, Mr. Benham saw the region develop from a rangeland outpost, visited only by stockmen en route to mountain pastures, to a region tapped by major highways and three railroads. In those days, Mr. Benham frequently recalled in discussing pioneer times, Bend was only a stopping place on the Deschutes river for stockmen.

He also witnessed the rush for timber in the early years of the century, and the growth of Bend from a village to a city, second largest in Oregon east of the Cascades.

In Prineville in 1926, Mr. Benham was married, and was later divorced. There were no children.

Made Violins
In his latter years, Mr. Benham devoted considerable time to wood working, and made violins from juniper wood. He played one of these violins at the winter meeting of the Deschutes Pioneers' association, of which he was a member, this past year.

Mr. Benham was active until recent weeks, and attended the pioneers' picnic in Bend this summer. So far as known, Mr. Benham has no relatives in the Bend country. A niece, according to available information, lives in Washington. Funeral service plans have not yet been made.

GET LAW CERTIFICATES

Salem, Sept. 21 (UP)—Seventy new attorneys received law certificates today at ceremonies in the supreme court chambers here.

Spy Probe May Indict Three

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—Rep. John McDowell, R., Pa., said today he believes house spy investigators have assembled enough evidence to indict three persons for espionage.

Two of the three, McDowell indicated, had access to some highly secret atomic information during the war.

These two are Americans, he said. He said he did not know whether the third person is an American.

McDowell said all three have testified before the committee.

A reporter asked if McDowell's position was that he would propose to the full house un-American activities committee that it recommend to the justice department that the three be indicted.

"That is correct," McDowell said.

Group Plans Recall Vote November 2

Bend voters at the general election on November 2 will also pass on the proposal that five members of the city commission be recalled, if plans announced at last night's meeting of the Citizens for Efficient Government and Law Enforcement materialize.

The plan to place the recall proposal before the voters at the general election received unanimous approval at last night's meeting of the sponsoring group, held in the Deschutes county court room before a packed house, with many standing. Over 140 persons were present, and when a standing vote was taken it was indicated that more than half of these were members of the recall league.

Benson Speaks
Included in the large audience were visitors who apparently expected some "fireworks" in connection with the appearance before the group of Rea L. Benson, who was recently discharged from the city police force. However, Benson's talk was largely a recital of details of his appearance before Police chief K. C. Gulick and City manager C. G. Reiter, who had asked for his resignation. Benson said he refused to resign and was asked to turn in his equipment. Benson also said he refused to divulge to the officer whether he had or had not signed the affidavit that accused Chief Gulick on various counts.

Following Benson's brief recital of events leading to his discharge from the police force, he was asked a series of questions by Mack Malcolm, president of the recall group. Others also joined in the questioning.

Chief Criticized
Included in the group criticizing the chief for alleged irregularities in arrests was Earl Wood of the Downing hotel, who said two men arrested in the hotel on a breaking and entry charge on the opening day of the 1947 deer season were seen on the streets of Bend the following day. He said the two men had been released.

(Police records reveal no arrests at the Downing on the opening day of the 1947 season. However, on Sept. 30, 1945, records show that two men were arrested at the Downing, and were released when no complaint was filed.)

Speakers at last night's meeting included Rev. Len Fishback, who said rumors that he was stepping out of the recall move was without foundation. Some of the men who are taking part in the recall move have lost their jobs, Rev. Fishback said, and added that he had received unsigned letters, Malcolm, in answering questions, said he had a new job. Coming within the range of the minister's fire were the city attorney, the city manager and the commission.

Included in List
On a motion by Mel Erickson, the group voted to include Benson in the list of officers who should be reinstated on the police force if the recall move carries.

A house to house canvass in an effort to obtain 1,000 or more signatures to the petitions was proposed by Malcolm, and eight members of the group volunteered to circulate the petitions. M. M. Orona, vice president of the group, said he had investigated and learned that when once filed the petitions will become a public record.

President Malcolm was authorized to call the next meeting of the group.

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Australian President of UN Assembly

Paris, Sept. 21 (UP)—Australian foreign minister Herbert V. Evatt was elected president of the United Nations general assembly today in a runoff ballot with Foreign minister Juan Bramuglia of Argentina.

The final vote was 31 to 20 with one abstention and six invalid ballots. The voting was secret, but obviously the Russian bloc of six countries refused to vote for either of the candidates who went into the runoff.

On the first ballot Evatt received 25 votes, Bramuglia 22, Zygmunt Modzelewski of Poland, 6, and Josef Bech of Luxembourg, 2, with one abstention and one invalid vote.

Bramuglia, who was temporary president, had to announce his own defeat. Evatt took over the gavel immediately.

Truman Makes Charges Against GOP Chairmen

En route with President Truman, Sept. 21 (UP)—President Truman, as he campaigned from Colorado into Utah today, accused republican chairmen of the house and senate appropriations committees of being ignorant about the problems of the west.

Truman, after criticizing the republicans for reducing appropriations for reclamation projects at the last session, picked out as his particular target the republican chairmen of the house and senate appropriation committees, Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, and Rep. John Taber of New York.

"What do they know about the west?" he shouted. "I doubt that either one of them has ever been west of the Appalachian mountains."

"If the senator was out here on a jaunt or something, he probably didn't know what he was looking at."

Appears Rested
The president appeared rested and refreshed after one of his longest spells from speechmaking and public appearances since leaving the White House in his 18-car special train last Friday.

In his brief platform appearance at Grand Junction, he delivered his 27th speech of the arduous campaign tour to date.

After reviewing reclamation, power and preservation of the soil as the "life blood of the west," the president told of this region's "rolling advancement" after the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was first elected.

Then he appealed for support of the democratic ticket next Nov. 2. He cautioned that two-thirds of the people of the United States failed to vote in 1946, in which year the "do-nothing 80th congress" came into being.

Republicans Plan Luncheon Session
Precinct committee members of the republican party, and other GOP members, are being urged to attend a luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Pilot Butte Inn.

Mrs. John Y. Richardson, of Portland, vice chairman of the state republican central committee, will be guest speaker. She is interested in meeting all local republicans, it was announced by Mrs. E. R. Ryan, president of the Bend unit of the National Federation of Republican Women's organizations, who has assisted in plans for the meeting.

Reservations may be made up to tomorrow morning by calling Mrs. Pearl Staples, phone 200.

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U. S. Asks UN To End Jewish-Arab Warfare

Paris, Sept. 21 (UP)—The United States urged the third general assembly of the United Nations today to seek an end to Arab-Jewish warfare in Palestine by supporting the proposals of the UN's assassinated mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden, which provided for recognition of the Jewish state of Israel.

U. S. Secretary of state George C. Marshall formally proposed acceptance of Bernadotte's report even before the general assembly, meeting against a somber backdrop of expressed fear of another world war, had completed its organization.

Arabs, Jews and the 58 nations of the UN, Marshall said in an official statement, should accept Bernadotte's recommendations in their entirety "as the best possible basis for bringing peace to the Holy Land."

Assembly Convened
The general assembly convened in the plush Palais de Chaillot overlooking the Seine amid the gravest crisis since the war, in which attention of most delegates centered upon the cold war between Russia and the western powers rather than on lesser problems such as Palestine.

Only three hours after the assembly opened, foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and France were to meet at the Quai d'Orsay, possibly to agree on a showdown action in the dispute with the Soviet Union which has its focal point in the Berlin crisis.

But Marshall seized upon the interest in and concern for the Palestine situation which followed the assassination last Friday in Jerusalem of Bernadotte to issue a formal statement in which he said that the Swedish mediator's conclusions regarding the "Holy Land" "are sound" and expressed hope that both sides would accept them in the spirit of fair compromise.

Board Train
Among those who boarded the train for the trip to Denver were Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, R., Colo., GOP senate candidate Will F. Nicholson, Congressman William H. J. Edgar, Chenoweth and Robert E. Rockwell; David Hamill, GOP candidate for governor in Colorado, and Chris Cusack, republican congressional candidate.

Dewey speaks in Denver tonight at 8:30 p. m. MST. A crowd of 200 met the special Dewey train at North Platte, Neb., today but he did not appear on the platform during the half hour stop.

GAME FARMS OFFERED
Portland, Sept. 21 (UP)—The Oregon state game commission said today it will offer for sale its Pendleton and Eugene game farms. The Pendleton game farm will be consolidated with a new modern game farm near Hermiston while the Eugene property is to be abandoned because of the development of the area as a residential district, the commission said.

BOOSTERS TO MEET
The Athletic Booster club will meet Thursday at 7 a. m. at the Trailways Coffee shop, President Joe Slate announced today. Election of officers and reports from football coaches are on the program.

STREET VACATIONS TO BE ASKED FOR EAST SIDE SCHOOL SITE
Bend school directors last night authorized their attorney, Alva C. Goodrich, to start proceedings leading to the vacation of streets traversing the high school location site recently acquired from Deschutes county in the east part of Bend. Parts of East Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, of Cascade and Overturf avenues and of Lake place will be involved if the city commission accedes to the request. The board, meeting in the superintendent's office on Wall street, had no idea when the new site might need to be put to use but was agreed that preliminaries should be disposed of now.

Lack of room in the gymnasium building for growing music activities of the high school has led to temporary arrangements being made for use of the nearby First Methodist church, superintendent James W. Bushong told the board, which gave its approval of the plan. As soon as the new grade school, now under construction at Wall and Georgia is completed, its auditorium will be available at certain hours for high school music, Bushong said.

Another result of the growth of the district and of its population was seen in the intensive use being made of the four school buses being operated by the district. Looking forward to still greater use, the directors suggested that the superintendent collect information on which acquisition of a fifth could be based.

The board granted use of the Allen school auditorium for a state teachers' association meeting on November 13, expected to be attended by some 300 instructors. It designated both Bend banks as district depositories and heard requests from a parent-teacher committee, headed by Mrs. Gale Blackley, for improved playground facilities at Kenwood school. Mrs. Blackley and her committee members, Mrs. Elsie Cruikshank, Mrs. Grace Elder, Robert Hawes, G. M. de Broekert and W. T. Welcome, were interested in more and better equipment and in some treatment for the playground surface which would abate dust in dry months and mud in wet ones. They were told that equipment, long on order, is expected to arrive some day and that the board would be glad to entertain suggestions for dealing with mud and dust.

Members of the board attending last night's meeting were Dr. G. W. Winslow, chairman; Vance T. Coyner, Glenn H. Gregg, Dr. J. S. Graham and L. T. Standifer.

Fish and Game License Sales Up

A final analysis of the 1947 hunting and angling license sales reveals an increase over 1946 of 8.30 per cent in the number of license holders, according to information in the current issue of Oregon state game commission bulletin. The number of licensed individuals in Deschutes county was 12,799, with anglers leading hunters 8,447 to 7,184. The total sales in Deschutes county aggregated \$47,211.

Multnomah led all counties with a total of 69,565 individuals licensed. In upstate Oregon, Klamath county was first, with 18,883 individuals purchasing licenses.

In the state at large, 372,814 individuals obtained hunting or fishing licenses in 1947.

Hall Sustains Charges Made Against Freck

Salem, Sept. 21 (UP)—Gov. John H. Hall today sustained his charges of misconduct, neglect of duty and inefficiency against Joseph Freck, chairman of the Oregon state liquor commission, and ruled that Freck had legally disqualified himself from the commission.

In a five and one-half page decision, Hall said he had found that Freck had "violated his oath of office by purchasing supplies from his own firm in contravention of the state constitution."

"Freck has legally disqualified himself from holding the office of liquor commissioner. His removal therefrom was justified from the facts and law. Charges contained in the written notice of removal have been sustained," Hall said.

Dewey Answers Truman Charge Concerning West

En route with Dewey, Sept. 21 (UP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, in an obvious reply to charges by President Truman, said today that he would "do something about western development" and "not just talk about it."

The republican presidential nominee followed Truman into Colorado by one day to discuss the same subject—development of western resources. Truman told Colorado audiences yesterday that the republicans had blocked western development.

Addressing a crowd of several hundred which met his train at Julesburg, Colo., Dewey promised action on western projects, but refrained from mentioning directly the president's accusations. It was Dewey's first rear platform talk in the centennial state.

Red Squads Prepared
Indications were that the Russian demand was based on confidence that communist action squads and soviet-trained German militia easily could seize power in Berlin once troops of the western allies were removed.

Observers believed the soviet demand was timed strategically to coincide with the opening of the United Nations general assembly at Paris.

Should soviet diplomacy fail to block United Nations consideration of the Berlin crisis, as planned by the western powers, Russia could offer as a solution that all four powers withdraw from the disputed German capital.

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