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Oregon—Fair, but with variable high cloudiness today and Friday. Little change in temperature.

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UN Cease Fire Rule Accepted By Israel Army

However, Forces Seize Historic Beersheba as Peace Deadline Nears

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Tel Aviv, Oct. 21 (UP)—Israel notified the United Nations today of its acceptance of a cease fire order in the Negev region and at the same time announced the capture of historic Beersheba, Biblical seat of Abraham and key base of south Palestine.

The formal notification of acceptance said the cease fire would be put into effect as soon as word was received through the UN that the Egyptians were honoring the truce.

The seizure of Beersheba, the southern limit of ancient Palestine and so-called capital of the Negev, was regarded here as the biggest prize won by Israeli forces on the battlefield in six months of fighting.

Egyptians in Flight
Reliable sources reported a mass flight of Egyptian forces from the area south of Jerusalem. The fall of Beersheba, after the Jewish victory north of Gaza, threatened them with complete isolation.

Acceptance of the UN security council's order to stop fighting was communicated to Warren Austin, council chairman, through the UN mission here.

The Israeli cabinet informed Dr. Paul Mohn, UN truce team member: "Israel is resolved to order an immediate and effective cease fire in the Negev, which will be implemented by Israeli troops upon receipt of notification" that the Egyptians are honoring the truce.

12 Hours Set
"Allowing for the time necessary to insure that it reaches all units, it will come into effect not later than 12 hours after the mediators' notification that it is received."

An Israeli military spokesman, Col. Moshe Perlman, said Jewish commanders in the Negev had been ordered to cease firing and at the time he spoke "there is no fighting in the Negev or anywhere else."

Report Premature
But the conditions expressed in the official notification to the UN made it evident that his report was premature.

Military sources reported that Beersheba fell to Israeli "desert rats" who met little opposition. The town, 22 miles southeast of Gaza, dominates the southern end of the Palestine plain, on the main road leading to Syria and Egypt.

School Children Of Bend Invited To Paint Windows

The annual Hallowe'en Hi-Jinks program, in which grade school youngsters decorate downtown store windows, will be held again this year under the sponsorship of the retail merchants' committee of the chamber of commerce.

The program was started two years ago and was conducted again last year.

Grade school youngsters, under the direction of their art instructors and Mrs. Barbara Steinhilber, school art director, are provided with brushes and washable paints for the project. Windows are judged and prizes are given to the best work.

THREE APPOINTED

Washington, Oct. 21 (UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., today appointed three Oregon youths to the army's West Point, N. Y., military academy.

Those named were Foster L. Thornton, Klamath Falls; Leo Clark Morton, Clatskanie, and Joseph W. Parker, Portland.

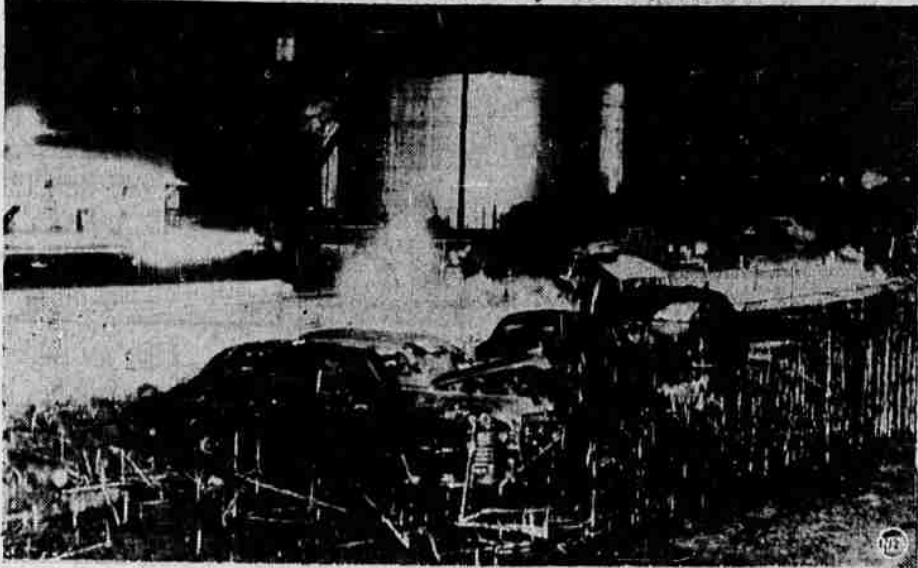
Complete Collapse of Communist Effort To Overthrow Korean Government Forecast

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 21 (UP)—Home minister T. Y. Yun today predicted "complete collapse" within four or five days of a communist-led attempt to overthrow the two-month-old government of President Syngman Rhee in the U. S. occupied zone of Korea.

Loyal constabulary troops, using fine "spotter" planes loaned by the U. S. army, were searching for scattered remnants of a rebel army of 3,800 men, whose northward march was halted in a pitched battle at Kurye, 50 miles north-west of Yosu seaport where the rebellion started Tuesday night.

The U. S. army planes, previously turned over to the south Korean government, were being increasingly gaining the upper

Four Die in Texas City Blast, Fire



Burned-out cars litter the side of the highway after a pipeline explosion sent a wall of flame over 14 autos waiting at a railroad crossing at Texas City. The flash fire killed four persons and injured 19.

Legion Calls on U. S. Congress To Enact Pension Legislation

Old-Age Aid for Persons Who Served in Two World Wars Sought; Veterans to Name Chief

Miami, Fla., Oct. 21 (UP)—The American Legion today called upon congress to enact a federal law granting old age pensions to veterans of both world wars.

Legionnaires shouted approval of a resolution urging the grant of \$60 a month pensions to ex-soldiers when they reach the age of 55 and \$75 a month at the age of 65.

Miami, Fla., Oct. 21 (UP)—S. Perry Brown, 56, Beaumont, Tex., today was elected national commander of the American Legion on the first ballot. Brown, veteran of both world wars, defeated 32-year-old James F. Green, Omaha, Neb., and George N. Craig, Brazil, Ind., both veterans of world war II.

The resolution, introduced by the Illinois delegation, reversed previous legion stands against general pensions. Similar proposals have been rejected either in committee or on the floor at the 1946 and 1947 conventions.

The only qualification for the pension would be 90 days' service in the armed forces or a discharge because of a service disability.

Resolutions Rejected
The legion committee on rehabilitation had rejected 12 resolutions for general pensions at this 30th annual convention, but the Illinois delegation called for a vote on their proposal.

It specified, however, that veterans be required to apply for the pension benefits. It stipulated that the pension payments be made upon request regardless of "any other income received."

Prior to the passage of the Illinois resolution, the legionnaires had approved by the same resounding voice vote a grant of pensions to veterans of world war I only. Since both were adopted, the rehabilitation committee will be required to combine them.

Next business of the final session was to be election of the national commander. Selection of a convention committee will be made by the convention commission at a meeting next month.

White Geese Land On Cement Strips

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 21 (UP)—Hundreds of Canadian snow geese today buzzed Springfield's multi-million dollar airport, landed without instructions from the tower, and refused to leave.

The situation has become acute. Commercial airliners were able to land only when trucks shooed the big geese off the glistening runways.

The geese thought the cement strips were rivers.

CRIPPLED BOAT IN PORT

Depoe Bay, Ore., Oct. 21 (UP)—The 40-foot fishing boat Sea Rose was in Depoe Bay today for repairs after being towed here by the coast guard from near Cascade head where the boat sprang a leak and nearly sank yesterday.

The main force of 3,800 rebels was defeated and at last reports was fleeing into the hills, according to accounts received by Korean and U. S. army headquarters.

The battle was fought along a 20-mile stretch between Kurye and Kwangju, 170 miles south of Seoul. Reports said the rebel marchers had hoped to join with civilian communist forces in Kwangju.

A reliable American source estimated that the rebel column numbered about 800 disloyal constabularymen plus about 3,000 civilian communists and supporters.

Maj. Gen. John Coulter said Korean officials believed the revolt was caused mainly by a dissident group of 40 constabularymen who objected to being sent to Cheju-do island, where communist outbreaks have been taking place.

Farmers to Pick Committeemen

About December 1, farmers of Deschutes county will have an opportunity to elect committeemen to administer the 1949 ACP program, storage and loan operations, and other activities important to agriculture in this county, leaders have announced.

In order to make it possible for all eligible farmers to vote, elections of all community committeemen will be made by mail. Three members and two alternates will be selected from each community to serve through the following year. Nominations will be made by a committee of at least three farmers of the community and at least two members must be nominated for each of the five positions. Space will be provided for write-in candidates on the ballots. One of the community committeemen shall also be elected on the same ballot to act as the community delegate to a county convention at which time the county committee is elected.

The first important function of the new committeemen will be to draft and approve the 1949 county handbook.

Food Price Drop In U. S. Looms

Chicago, Oct. 21 (UP)—Housewives will soon be able to buy larger quantities and a great variety of food for less money, a grocery executive said today.

Paul S. Willis, president of Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., said gradual declines in food prices and a continuation of high incomes should result in a rosier future for the housewife.

"It seems probable that the people will soon discover that weekly grocery bills are well in line with family income and therefore can be expected to maintain their interest in the eating of good food," he said.

Willis said that the national defense program, the farm price support program and the European recovery program all will tend to keep the nation's general economy on a high level, however.

Ample Food Expected

"We will produce ample quantities of food in the next 12 months and there is evidence that the American people will have plenty of money with which to buy them," he said.

He added that the grocery industry operates on the smallest profit margin of any industry in the nation and said the grocers have been trying to be as efficient as possible in order to mark down prices wherever they can.

He compared prices of specific food items in Aug. 1947 and Sept. 1948, and said that many foods have remained stable in price or even have dropped.

Cannery Season To End Oct. 27

The Redmond union high school community cannery will be open only on Wednesday of next week and this will be the last day of the canning season for this year. Patrolmen may come in the forenoon from 9:00 to 11:00, and in the evening from 6:30 to 8:00. It is requested that no meat, fish, chili or squash be canned in the evening because of the long time it takes to do the material.

All patrons having canned goods at the cannery have been asked to come after them next Wednesday or next Thursday afternoon between 4:00 and 5:30. Last year some canned goods were left which had been left after the canning season was over.

Bend Traffic Survey Report Given Officials

Engineer Decides That No Acute Problem Faced By City; Routes Studied

A report on downtown traffic problems, including the possibility of shifting highway 97 traffic onto Bond street, was made last night by F. B. Crandall, traffic engineer of the state highway department, to the city commission.

Crandall said no acute traffic problem existed in the downtown streets. He said the highway department would probably oppose splitting highway 97 traffic to send northbound vehicles over Bond street and southbound on Wall street, the present route.

However, the people of the city might wish to change the highway route to Bond street and could petition the state highway commission for the change, he said.

Not Solution

Crandall said a stop and go light would not solve any traffic problem at the Wall street and Franklin avenue intersection. He said an installation there would have to be of the three-phase type, to provide for north-south traffic, east-west traffic and for heavy left-turn volume of south-bound highway traffic from Wall street onto Franklin avenue. Stop and go lights provide traffic regulation but sacrifice traffic capacity at intersections, Crandall added.

At the Wall street-Bond street intersection north of the courthouse, Crandall suggested additional overhead illumination. He said experience with amber flasher lights indicated these devices do not check the speed of vehicles.

He recommended against allowing right turns without a stop from Newport avenue onto Wall street. He suggested elimination of three parking spaces on the south side of Newport avenue to provide a right turn lane and the elimination of one parking space on Wall street south of the Newport intersection. The commission voted to make this change.

Better Signs Favored

At Greenwood and Wall street and also at Wall street and Franklin, Crandall said better direction signs would assist traffic flow. He said the state highway department plans to replace small "finger" signs with larger lettered signs.

Left turns by westbound vehicles from Franklin avenue to Wall street do not constitute an acute traffic hazard, he said. It might be desirable to prohibit left turns onto Wall street from Minnesota, but only at peak hours.

A stop sign on Bond street approaching Greenwood avenue from the south might be in order, he said. He recommended that the stop line be as near the Trailways corner as possible.

Traffic Study

Crandall and W. O. Widdows, state signs engineer, appeared at the commission's request, and (Continued on Page 2)

Fire Protection Survey Planned

Organization of a committee to study fire protection needs in Bend is being planned by the chamber of commerce, with Gordon Randall named by the board of directors as chairman.

Randall said he has not yet completed organization of the committee. He said the study would include long range requirements of the fire department in view of the expected growth of the city. Fire insurance ratings and fire protection required to qualify Bend for better rating.

The question of whether or not the present fire hall on Minnesota avenue will be large enough for expansion of the department will come up. A suggestion has already been received by the chamber of commerce that the present hall be sold to the Deschutes veterans council for conversion into a veterans' memorial building and that funds received from the sale of the building be used in the construction of a new fire hall at Bond street and Louisiana avenue on the site presently set aside for the veterans' building.

Problem Is Seen

Construction of the new Memorial hospital on Lava road across the street from the fire hall may bring up the question of desirability of having the fire station close to the hospital. City officials have studied the question of removing the siren from the present hall and installing it at the city hall, to be operated by remote control from the fire department.

Additional equipment and possible additions to the paid staff of the fire department will also be considered by the committee.

Smoke, Fog Cut Visibility In Oregon

Portland, Oct. 21 (UP)—Fog and smoke combined today to keep most of Oregon shrouded from the sun.

The fog rolled in along the coast for the second straight day, spreading down the Willamette valley from Vancouver, Wash., to Roseburg, Ore. Traffic was disrupted slightly but not halted.

The weather bureau said the fog probably would lift later in the day.

Smoke from timber slashings was forecast for Central Oregon from Klamath Falls, through Bend to The Dalles and the Hood River valley.

'Hot Potato' Case First in Nation

Yakima, Wash., Oct. 21 (UP)—The federal district court today had on its hands a "hot potato" case which government officials said is the first one filed in the nation.

Melvin E. Waller, Sunnyside, Wash., trucker, was at liberty under \$1,000 bond on a charge of wilfully stealing, concealing, removing and converting to his own use 16 tons of potatoes belonging to the commodity credit corporation.

The government said Waller was hired to haul to the Charles F. Williamson ranch in the Sunnyside district some surplus potatoes which Williamson had purchased for cattle feed.

Potatoes 'Hot'

Waller is charged with re-sacking 320 bags of potatoes and hauling them to Portland where he sold them on the produce market.

"Hot potatoes" are those which have been declared surplus and are made available solely for use as stock feed. The government contends that even though potatoes are sold, they are designated for the specific purpose of feeding stock and remain federal property until such time as they are consumed.

In a preliminary hearing held before Federal court commissioner Thomas Granger last night, Waller said he would fight the charge and a formal hearing was set for Oct. 26.

Irrigated Farms Produce Millions

Hood River, Ore., Oct. 21 (UP)—Oregon, Washington and Idaho irrigated farms produced \$480,000,000 in cash farm income during 1947, L. R. Swarner, bureau of reclamation irrigation engineer, today told the Pacific northwest section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Swarner said indirect benefits of northwest irrigation of 4,000,000 acres, including processing and manufacturing plants, hardware and implement concerns and other businesses which serve the farm areas, "are as great and even exceed the direct benefits."

Total cash farm income from all types of farming in the three states during 1947 was \$1,347,000,000, Swarner said. He said also that 3,700,000 additional acres of new land in Oregon, Washington and Idaho were "suitable for irrigation and can be economically served with water."

Opens Meeting

Swarner opened a three-day meeting of the ASAE, called to discuss agricultural engineering problems of the northwest, including soil and water conservation, farm structures, rural electrification, farm power and machinery.

Principal address of the sessions was to be given by A. J. Schwantes, ASAE president and head of the University of Minnesota's agricultural engineering department.

Horses Have Place in Harvest



Horse power, of the team type, still has a place in the harvest of Central Oregon potatoes, a visit to the Louis Ellington ranch just east of Bend has revealed. Pictured here is a well-matched team drawing a potato digger. Aboard the digger is D. L. Ellington. Motorized equipment is being used generally this fall in the harvest of the region's biggest potato acreage.

Luxury Liner With 40 Aboard Crashes Into Power Line in Fog; Death Toll Placed at 38

Scotland Is Scene of Tragedy as Big Plane Hits While Maneuvering for Landing; Ship Bursts Into Flames; Pieces Fall in Field

Tarbolton, Scotland, Oct. 21 (UP)—A Constellation luxury transport plane of the Dutch KLM airlines with 40 persons aboard crashed into a power line in thick fog early today near here. Only two crewmen and one passenger survived, all of them seriously injured.

Nine Americans were among the 37 dead. One of them, Mrs. Mathilde Katherine Rohrs of (Highland Ave.) New York, was dragged alive from flaming wreckage, but died later in a hospital. A Dutch stewardess, Elsa Anna Maria Fey, also died in the hospital.

It was the first crash of a KLM plane on the trans-Atlantic run. The four-engined airliner had left Amsterdam last night, and was to continue to New York after a stop at Prestwick airport near here.

The plane was maneuvering for a landing at Prestwick, which was blanketed in heavy fog, when the pilot dropped too low and the great ship roared into a power-line and went down, bursting into flames.

In the moments after the plane struck the power line and before it crashed in a hilly pasture scattering wreckage over a 300-yard area, the Dutch pilot had time to tell the Prestwick control tower by radio:

Attempts to Climb

"I have hit something. I am going on fire. I am attempting to climb."

Then the plane struck the earth with explosive violence so great that Tarbolton's 600 residents were awakened. Miners from nearby workings were first on the scene. They dragged Mrs. Rohrs and four others from a rear compartment of the plane before the flames reached them.

Willem Hendrik Thillipou, a Dutch citizen who had given his destination as 1270 Broadway, New York City, was the only surviving passenger.

The two surviving crew members were second steward Hendrik Johannes Van Overbeek and flight engineer Jacob Beaukenkamp, both Dutch citizens.

Airline Official Killed

Among the dead was Hendrik Veenendaal, vice-president of KLM, who was en route to the New York office of the airline.

The plane was commanded by Commander Koene Parmentier, a Dutch citizen.

(The airline's listings accounted for 10 crewmen and 29 passengers aboard the plane. In New York KLM said it now was believed only 39 persons had been aboard the plane, instead of 40 as was reported from Tarbolton.)

Supply of Atom Bombs Not Big

Washington, Oct. 21 (UP)—The United States had no more "than three or four" atomic bombs in 1945 when military leaders were charting the invasion of Japan, it was reported today.

This, according to the demotics national committee, was why President Truman was anxious to draw Russia into the Pacific war. But it denied that his anxiety led him to sell America short.

The statements were included in a special "fact sheet" prepared by the committee's research division for use by democratic campaigners. The source of its information was not disclosed.

AL BURNS DEAD

Albany, Ore., Oct. 21 (UP)—Funeral services were being arranged today for Al Burns, 53, editor of the Western Stamp Collector and internationally known philatelist. He died here of a heart ailment.

Man Dies as Car Goes Into Slough

Independence, Ore., Oct. 21 (UP)—Fred Salinak, 26, Eugene, was drowned last night when the panel truck he was driving went off the highway and submerged in McLaughlin slough, two and a half miles north of here.

The truck plunged down a 30 foot embankment into a deep pool. Police theorized Salinak drove off the road during a heavy fog that blanketed the area last night.

PUD ELECTION SET

Salem, Ore., Oct. 21 (UP)—State engineer Charles Stricklin, secretary of the Oregon hydroelectric commission, said today that only one proposal to form a people's utility district will appear on the general election ballot Nov. 2. "That will be in the city of Rainier."