

Forecast

Mostly cloudy today; partial clearing late tonight and Saturday; chance few snow flurries today; high both days 35-40; low tonight 20-25.

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Max. yesterday, 39 degrees. Min. last night, 26 degrees. Sunset today, 5:00. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:32.

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Prisoners' Families Invited to China

Hopes Raised That Reds Will Eventually Free 17 Americans

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UP)—Red China has agreed to let the families of 17 jailed Americans visit them in Chinese prisons, the United Nations announced today. Eleven of the prisoners are American airmen jailed as "spies" two others are civilians also held as spies and the four others are airmen shot down in separate engagements during the Korean War. The announcement was the first of any positive nature to emerge from the talks in Peiping earlier this month between U.N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold and Red China's Premier Chou En-lai. A simultaneous announcement was broadcast by the Communist Peiping Radio.

Raises New Hope
It raised new hope that the Reds intended eventually to release the prisoners. It said facilities for the visit would be provided by the Red Chinese government and arrangements would be made by the Communist Red Cross.

The United Nations issued the following "note to correspondents": "as is being announced this morning from Peking (Peiping), Premier Chou En-lai during his talks with Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold indicated that the government of People's Republic of China would provide facilities for relatives to visit those U.S. personnel who had been convicted and whose cases were under investigation if they should wish to do so, and that the Red Cross Society of China would make all the arrangements necessary."

In Good Health
The United Nations understood that the Red Chinese invitation applied to the 11 American airmen and two civilians convicted with them as spies as well as to four other fliers the United States told the United Nations the Peiping regime was holding.

Hammarskjold gave this information to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief U. S. delegate, upon his return from Peiping Jan. 13 and also communicated it to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles Wednesday.

He also told Lodge and Dulles he had received assurances in Peiping that the imprisoned men were in good health. Sources here said the assurances were "more than mere words."

However, it was known that neither Hammarskjold nor any of his party actually saw the prisoners.

Hope For Freedom
Observers here saw the announcement as the most optimistic indication yet that the Chinese Reds eventually would free the fliers. They believed that the extraordinary invitation extended by Chou during his talks with Hammarskjold early this month would not have been made if the fliers were to be jailed indefinitely.

U. N. sources said that it was agreed from the time of the face to face talks in Peiping that this announcement would be made at some stage. The announcement was made simultaneously by the United Nations and the Communist Peiping Radio, apparently by arrangements completed this week by cablegram.

The 17 airmen involved include Capt. Elmer E. Llewellyn, Missoula, Mont., whose mother, Mrs. Henry Stiter, lives at Vista, Calif., and Airman Daniel C. Schmidt, Portland, Ore.

VISTA, Calif. (UP)—Mrs. Henry Stiter, mother of Capt. Elmer Llewellyn, one of 11 U. S. airmen held by the Chinese Communists, said today the news that families would be allowed to visit the fliers was "simply wonderful."

"Oh, if I only had the money," Mrs. Stiter said, "I certainly would make the trip as soon as possible."

Mrs. Stiter is a civilian employe at nearby Marine Camp Pendleton.

BOISE, Idaho (UP)—Mrs. Una Schmidt, wife of Airman Daniel C. Schmidt who is a prisoner of the Chinese Communists, said today she is extremely anxious to see her husband in Red China if transportation could be arranged.

She added that she couldn't afford the trip herself and she expressed some doubt as to her safety should she make the visit.

Schmidt was formerly stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, near here.

Mrs. Schmidt, who lives here alone, came to Boise last December and works at a local dime store.

Nautilus Makes Initial Dives
GROTON, Conn. (UP)—The nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus, which made its first dive yesterday, repeated the history making performance today, this time for the first time.

The Nautilus went under yesterday at 1:39 p.m., and remained submerged for one hour, according to a Navy announcement. Lt. William H. Layman, San Diego, the diving officer, took it down.

The submarine rescue vessel, Skylark, which has attended the Nautilus at all of its trial operations, circled nearby. A Navy helicopter hovered overhead.

The sea trials began Monday.

Death Claims Centenarian
CORVALLIS (UP)—Arthur Marks, 101-year-old retired farmer, died Wednesday night after an illness of less than one day.

Marks was born June 10, 1853 at Long River, Prince Edwards Island, in Canada. He came to Oregon in 1875 and homesteaded near Yachats.

Marks was in charge of the light-house at Nootka, B. C. between 1919 and 1920.



FOR POLIO BENEFIT—Pieces of this "treasure" cake, with prizes baked in, will be sold at the March of Dimes dance, tonight at Moose hall. In the picture are Carl J. Lindh, left, junior past governor of the Bend Moose lodge, and James Wood, secretary, who is chairman for the organization's fund-raising project for infantile paralysis. (Bend Bulletin Photo.)

Ike Expected To Request Formosa Aid

By UNITED PRESS
Indications grew today that President Eisenhower will soon send Congress a message on the Far East crisis.

They supported authoritative reports that Mr. Eisenhower will ask the House and Senate to give formal approval to use of American air and sea power to defend Formosa and, if necessary, to evacuate Chinese Nationalist forces under attack in the Tachen Islands by the Chinese Reds.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland indicated he expects a presidential message, perhaps the first of next week.

Other congressional news: Shortage: The Senate Agriculture Committee switched its attention from serious wheat surpluses to a "critical" wheat shortage. The wheat of which there isn't enough is the variety called Durum. It is the only kind which makes good flour for spaghetti, macaroni, and noodles. To ease the shortage, the committee approved a bill to expand Durum production.

Trade: Representatives of farm commerce, and educational groups urged extension of President Eisenhower's tariff-cutting reciprocal trade program. Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said the federation favored the bill and said it should be for a four-year period instead of three as proposed. Others approving the bill were representatives of the American Cotton Shippers Association and the American Association of University Women.

GIs: The House Veterans Committee scheduled hearings starting Monday on a bill to preserve GI educational benefits for men who get into service on or before Jan. 31. Committee members forecast quick approval of the bill before the deadline.

Far East: Key congressional Democrats said Mr. Eisenhower as commander in chief has all the power he needs to defend Formosa and its outposts without consulting Congress.

Pride Confident U.S. 7th Fleet Could Stop Reds

HONG KONG (UP)—Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride said this week he is confident his U.S. 7th Fleet could defend against any attack and that he did not believe the Chinese Communists could capture Formosa.

"We can take them" if the Chinese throw in Soviet-built MIG-15 jets against U.S. Navy planes, he said in an interview. "There is always a flow of new aircraft into the fleet."

The U.S. 7th Fleet has been charged with the defense of Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands from Communist invasion. The Pescadores lie about 40 miles west of Formosa toward the mainland. The Tachen Islands now under Red attack lie just off the mainland some 200 miles from Formosa.

Asked if he thought the Tachen fighting would mount into a full scale war he replied: "Only the Communists know that."

"But every expansion of the Communist perimeter is serious," he said.

However, he said it did not seem sensible to draw a line against Communist expansion in the direction of Formosa because "if you fix a line the enemy will come up to that limit."

Asked if submarines had been detected in the Formosa Straits, Pride said: "There is no sense telling the other fellow what we know about him."

Priority Set In Allocation Of Road Sum

Because only \$1,534,788 has been allocated so far, federal funds for highway work in Oregon are to be applied on a priority basis, it was learned here Friday.

One of the projects calls for the surfacing of the newly graded Cascade Lakes highway, from Bachelor Butte to Elk lake, with \$150,000 set aside. The allocation, however, is low on the priority program.

Even lower in the priority list is an item of \$500,000 for the Laurel Hill-Government Camp section of the Mt. Hood route, just west of the divide.

Originally, congress authorized \$22,500,000 for forest road work, of which Oregon was to get \$3,725,900. Only about a third of this has been appropriated so far.

Three other projects head the Mt. Hood, Cascade Lakes and McKenzie routes.

Quiet Prevailing In Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (UP)—Quiet prevailed in Guatemala City and the interior today, and it was believed the government had won out over a Communist-inspired attack on army and air bases.

The government however, continued its "state of siege" and it was expected to censor outgoing news cables.

The censorship was expected to be light. Official communiques said President Carlos Castillo Armas' government was in "complete control" of the situation, with the rebel force crushed except for scattered remnants now being rounded up here and in the nearby mountains.

Private reports reaching New York said the situation was "quite serious" in the provinces, with the army mobilized and pro-Communist uprisings in progress at several points.

Official sources said 8 to 10 persons were killed, "several" wounded and about 100 taken prisoner in clashes at the Aurora Military Base and Cipresales Airfield.

U.S.-built F-47 and F-51 fighters of the Guatemalan air force patrolled the skies over Guatemala City through the night.

The President said the stage of siege, effective at 10 p.m. Thursday, will continue "as long as necessary."

Searchers Find Crash Remains

SEASIDE (UP)—Skeletons of four persons who died in a light plane crash near here four years ago were recovered by a search party yesterday afternoon.

The victims were Archie Hopper, 32, formerly of Portland who piloted the plane; his son, Lyle, 32, a friend, Olive Howard, Warren-ton, and a niece, Mrs. Josephine Hayes, San Rafael, Calif.

Wreckage of the plane was found late Wednesday by two timber cruisers for the Crown Zellerbach Corporation. A serial number found on the wreckage identified it as the Hopper plane. The bodies were identified by personal effects.

The plane, a four-place Fairchild monoplane, took off from Astoria Feb. 11, 1951 en route to California, apparently crashed into the heavily wooded hillside a few minutes later in heavy fog.

Power Issue Is Taken Up At Legislature

SALEM (UP)—A new skirmish in the Northwest power battle hit the House State and Federal Affairs Committee today, on the issue of partnership construction of the Green Peter and Cougar dam projects in the Willamette river basin.

The committee, headed by Rep. William Braden of Burns, scheduled a hearing after adjournment of the House this morning on a Lane county memorial to Congress requesting federal funds to begin planning and construction of the two projects.

The memorial, introduced by the Lane county delegation in both houses, says construction of the Green Peter project on the middle fork of the Santiam river and Cougar project on the McKenzie river are badly needed to balance operation of already existing facilities in the Willamette basin. They also fit in as important units of the entire Columbia Basin power development affecting all of the Pacific Northwest.

Together, the two projects would produce 120,000 kilowatts of electrical energy, the memorial says, and would serve to alleviate recurring drought damages.

The partnership aspect of the memorial is frankly stated in the section pointing out that Lane county electric utilities, one municipal and one private, have offered to build and finance the power generation portions of the flood control projects.

Committee action on two other power memorials has been held up pending today's hearing. They are concerned with John Day dam on the Columbia river. One memorial would invite partnership construction and the other would ask full federal financing.

The House adjourned for the weekend after its morning meeting today.

Bills introduced in the House yesterday included one to create a state historical board for supervision and co-ordination of state agencies concerned with state history and science.

The House also heard a resolution from the legislative assembly of Puerto Rico, previously read in the Oregon Senate, condemning "aggression" against democracy in the Republic of Costa Rica.

Count Dismissed Against Pomeroy

The charge of being drunk on a public highway against Rensler Lyman Pomeroy, docketed for hearing in local circuit court today, was dismissed late yesterday on motion of District Attorney George F. Rakestraw.

The district attorney said he asked Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton for the dismissal on grounds of insufficient evidence.

The dismissal in effect overrules the justice court verdict finding Pomeroy guilty of the drunk charge.

The case was docketed in circuit court on an appeal by Pomeroy of his conviction in justice court. He was found guilty by Justice of the Peace O. W. Grubb in a hearing held July 21.

Pomeroy was arrested and charged with being drunk by state police following a collision involving his car and a local taxi in which the taxi driver, Frank Poindester, was killed.

Grievances List Handed Officials By 4 Prisoners

BOSTON (UP)—Four desperate convicts holding 11 hostages in Massachusetts State Prison today handed Warden John J. O'Brien a list of grievances and demanded they be delivered personally to Gov. Christian A. Herter.

The convicts made their demands in a two hour and 10 minute meeting with the warden and three other officials in the section where they are barricaded with five guards and six inmate hostages.

O'Brien denied reports that a guard had been killed, but he refused to comment on any other phase of the face-to-face meeting with the convicts.

The convicts, led by bank robber Theodore (Teddy) Green, 39, demanded their freedom in return for release of the hostages they seized after an attempt escape failed early Tuesday morning.

O'Brien has refused to grant the convicts' demands. He said only yesterday that he was determined to avoid making any deals or compromises.

No violence has yet occurred although the convicts are known to be armed with at least three guns and a liberal quantity of ammunition.

Outside their bastion, 200 state troopers, police and prison guards have kept a constant patrol with bazookas, rifles and sidearms.

Besides Green, the rebels included Joseph A. Flaherty, a rapist, Fritz O. Swenson, a cop-killer, and robber Walter Balben.

The captive guards were Warren L. Harrington, 29, Martin F. Mulken, 25, Eugene T. Willis, 39, Thomas D. Ryan, 25, and Gerard Kadlick, 28.

With O'Brien were State Public Safety Commissioner Otis M. Whitney, Correction Commissioner E. Lawrence Sourr and State Police Capt. John Mitchell.

ISOLATED?
MIAMI BEACH (UP)—There isn't an airport today at Miami Beach, the site of the first Florida flying field. The tourist city also has no railroad facilities.

Costa Rica's 'Air Force' Again Active

SAN JOSE (UP)—Costa Rica's fledgling "air force" hurled new attacks against undefended rebel targets near the northwestern border Thursday after a rebel mortar-and-bazooka barrage halted the government ground advance.

The pilots of the country's two operational F-51 fighters said they left the village of La Cruz "smoking and shattered" after the second raid in as many days, and that they shot up three "lightly armored vehicles" on the Pan-American Highway.

The rebel radio said Thursday night the "inhuman aggression" at La Cruz caused no insurgent casualties, but that there were "many civilian victims."

On the ground, the "gradual rebel withdrawal" reported in recent government communiques halted abruptly Thursday when loyal forces ran into heavy mortar and bazooka fire about a mile north of the town of Santa Rosa.

The government vanguard halted without making direct contact with rebel units.

Meanwhile, both Costa Rican President Jose Figueres and Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza had approved the idea of a six-mile neutral zone on the border north of the battle area, and international air patrols were already operating over the "buffer belt."

K. F. Club to Hear Former Mounty

Bend Knife and Fork club members at their January dinner meeting Saturday will have as their guest speaker Sydney R. Montague, former Canadian Mounty, soldier of fortune, adventurer and philosopher.

The ex-Mounty will be presented here as a speaker who believes "that the youth of today has new worlds to conquer and that vast, unsuspected resources are waiting to be discovered." Knife and Fork club leader said.

The dinner, to be served by the Trailways Coffee Shop staff, will be in the Thompson school auditorium, and will start at 7 a.m. Reservations are to be made by this evening.

the various funds.

General assistance, \$2,488.50; old age assistance, \$12,777.50; aid to dependent children, \$4,096.60; aid to disabled, \$2,428; and aid to the blind, \$59.

The bulk of expenditures from the general assistance fund is spent either for hospitalization and medication or for foster children care. Of the total in the general assistance fund, \$1,065.95 was spent for medication and hospitalization, and \$1065.96 for foster children care.

Miss Jameson advised that medical care for persons under the welfare programs is financed through the general assistance fund.

Knowland Urges U.S. to Resist Red 'Nibbling'

CHICAGO (UP)—Sen. William F. Knowland has called on the United States to resist such "operation nibbles" as the Communist assault on the Tachen Islands or "see Asia go down the drain."

Knowland charged in a news conference and a speech last night that the Communists are testing the United States to see if it is a "paper trigger" and might continue their "operation nibble" all the way to Formosa.

He also accused the Chinese Reds of still holding about 800 Americans who were captured during the Korean War.

The Republican Senate leader thus joined Gen. Mark W. Clark, former Far Eastern commander, who has estimated that there are 931 Americans in Chinese prison camps.

The Defense Department, however, has said that only 24 Americans are probable Red prisoners, including 11 airmen and two civilians who were recently convicted on trumped up spy charges.

Knowland said he reached his estimate of 800 "on the basis of the number of men we knew were Chinese prisoners" and the number who were repatriated following the Korean armistice.

"As long as I am in the Senate, I do not intend to remain silent while a single GI is in a Communist prisoner of war camp," he said in an off the cuff speech before the suburban Cicero Manufacturers Club.

There are doubts whether the Communists could take Formosa, he said, but if they did it would "certainly not be in our national interest" and would "drive a wedge" in our Far Eastern defenses.

He repeated his demand for a blockade of Red China in order to free the 11 imprisoned airmen and warned "if we aren't prepared to take risks, we must prepare to see the Philippines and others go down the Communist drain."

"We must draw a line in Asia and back it up," Knowland said.

Storms Batter Mid-U. S. Area
By UNITED PRESS
A band of snow, rain and freezing rain stretched today from Minnesota to Eastern Texas.

Texas was pounded by rain while Missouri, Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois got a vicious combination of snow and freezing rain. Snow fell on Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Elsewhere in the nation winter slackened the stormy pace it set earlier this week, although two inches of snow hit Salt Lake City.

It was chilly in most of the country and only the far Southwest and states bordering the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Coast being.

Sum for Welfare May Fall Short

Possibility that funds budgeted for the Deschutes county welfare department for the current quarter might fall short of the amount needed was indicated by welfare director Miss Olive Jameson following Wednesday's meeting of the county welfare commission.

She reported that the budget for the quarter, which runs January through March, has been cut despite an expected increase in relief payments during the period.

Miss Jameson advised that at the request of the financially-strained State Welfare commission \$900 has been trimmed from the local budget for the three-month period. Expenditures by her department through the first six months of the current fiscal year have been

higher than expected, she said.

In light of this increased spending, it is doubtful, according to the welfare officer, whether the department can complete fiscal 1954-'55 within the limits of the present budget.

She noted it would be particularly difficult to meet the county's welfare demands if further cuts in the budget are imposed.

A major factor accounting for increased spending this year, Miss Jameson said, is the jump in the number of dependent children being cared for with funds from the county welfare office.

To bolster the ailing aid-to-children fund, \$1000 has been transferred to it from the general assistance fund.

Miss Jameson reported.

The welfare director said that winter usually brings an increase in the case load, particularly in unemployment assistance as seasonal work falls off.

Total budgeted for the three winter months is \$70,292.

Spent during December from the various funds administered by the department was a total of \$21,856.65. This holds about even with the monthly expenditures of the department over the five prior months of the current fiscal year.

Expenditures in November totaled \$21,742. October, \$22,451; September, \$21,851; August, \$22,233; and July, \$20,892.

Last month's total breaks down into the following sums spent from