

### Forecast

Clearing and colder tonight; partly cloudy Sunday; low tonight 22-27; high Sunday 32-37

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### High and Low

Max. yesterday, 45 degrees. Min. last night, 31 degrees. Sunset today, 6:07. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:22.

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## Closed Door Meetings Hit In Measure

By BILL FORCE  
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SALEM (UP)—A bill which its author admitted was aimed directly at the State Board of Higher Education faced revision and amendment today in the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs.

Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D-Portland) said her bill requiring open meetings for all governmental bodies in Oregon was aimed at stopping unpublicized meetings of the State Board of Higher Education which she said were being held on Sundays at the Arlington Club in Portland.

Portions of the bill applying to city councils and other local governing bodies ran into stern opposition from Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem), former Salem mayor. He said that if a problem of unpublicized meetings existed in cities, the solution should be found on the local level rather than in a state law.

Bill Follows Plan  
Mrs. Neuberger said she was principally interested in practices at the state level. Her bill, she said, was designed after a plan long in effect for the Portland School Board where all business was transacted in the open, with the exception of personnel matters.

She declared that the open meetings of the state board of higher education were often mere formalities to confirm agreements reached privately. Only member of the board who did not attend the Arlington Club meetings, she said, was Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, because the Arlington Club does not admit women. Even the press does not attend, Mrs. Neuberger said.

Mrs. William L. Cawood of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs, told the committee that the Multnomah County Commission frequently holds unpublicized special meetings and she endorsed the bill for that reason.

Consider Substitute  
The committee agreed to consider a substitute bill for one introduced by Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) to require employers to grant free time off for voting. While endorsing the principle of the measure, the committee objected to some of its provisions as too complex and ambiguous. Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) was appointed to draft a substitute that would recognize the employer's responsibility for making time available to workers to cast their ballots without setting up hard and fast time limits such as contained in the original bill.

Both houses of the Legislature were in adjournment today but held several committee meetings yesterday afternoon.

## Mamie Better, To Attend Dinner Party Tonight

WASHINGTON (UP)—Mrs. Eisenhower has recovered sufficiently from the flu to join President Eisenhower tonight in giving a small white house dinner for one of their old friends, Robert Cutler.

For a while the dinner was in some doubt because Mrs. Eisenhower was confined to her bed most of the week with a mild attack of flu.

But Friday the White House said the affair will be held as scheduled tonight.

Cutler, since the start of the Eisenhower administration, has been the chief executive's special assistant on national security matters. But he is leaving April 1 to return to his Boston banking business.

Cutler will be succeeded by Dillon Anderson, Houston, Tex., attorney.

## Mennen Flexing Political Muscles In California

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Governor G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, of Michigan, flexing his political muscles in the Republican state of California, says he would consider the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination if party leader Adlai Stevenson were not available.

"Naturally, I would be proud to accept," he said here yesterday at a press conference. "If President Eisenhower is the Republican Party candidate in 1956, he'll have a lot of trouble. People are fed up with his record of broken promises."

The Michigan governor, who left last night for a political address at San Mateo, Calif., backed up National Democratic Chairman Paul M. Butler's recent comments about the health of Mrs. Eisenhower.

"From what I know of the case," Williams said, "I believe Mr. Butler had ample grounds for his observations."

"It's important to be healthy," chimed in Mrs. Nancy Williams, 44, the governor's wife.

## Alabama Jury Convicts Fuller

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UP)—Former solicitor Arch B. Ferrell, reputed "legal brains" of a Phenix City sex and gambling syndicate, will follow convicted ex-deputy Albert Fuller to trial for the murder of crime boss Albert Patterson.

Fuller, buried two gun chief deputy sheriff already facing a seven-year prison term for accepting bribes to protect a bordello in the notorious sin city, was found guilty of first degree murder by an all-male jury late Friday.

The jury, after its six hours and 40 minutes of deliberation, recommended mercy and this automatically fixed his sentence at life imprisonment instead of electrocution.

Vote Fraud Acquittal  
Ferrell, 38, a tense, close-mouthed former prosecuting attorney during Phenix City's crime era, at the same time was acquitted in another trial on a charge of switching 600 votes in Birmingham in a futile attempt to defeat Patterson's nomination as state attorney general.

Chief state prosecutor Cecil Deason said this acquittal would have no effect on plans to try Ferrell within a few weeks on a charge of murdering Patterson after the long time crusader against Phenix City vice won the nomination despite the alleged vote fraud.

The state's case against Fuller was built around testimony of Lamar Reid, former county Democratic Executive Committee chairman at Birmingham, who turned state witness after being indicted on the same charge.

## Dust Clouds Rolling Over Great Plains

CHICAGO (UP)—The worst dust clouds since the tragic 1930's rolled across the Great Plains today. In the Ohio Valley, residents fought floods as they tried to clean up the wreckage from Friday's devastating storms.

Winds were subsiding in Colorado and Wyoming but towering clouds of dust hung 19,000 feet high across Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

Farm experts said Friday's high winds — 92 miles an hour at Douglas, Wyo. — ripped out half of Colorado's three-million-acre winter wheat crop with a loss of 50-million dollars.

One Wyoming county alone suffered 45,000 acres of damaged croplands.

With the heavy damage caused by tornadoes, thunderstorms and high winds in the East, it appeared that Friday, March 11, 1955, might go into the record books as a day on which the nation took one of its worst beatings from the weather in history.

Total damage throughout the two wind-lashed areas might total several hundred millions of dollars a forecaster said.

## Opposition to Compromise Plan Growing

WASHINGTON (UP)—Two more Southern Democrats lined up today against a Senate Democratic compromise plan for cutting income taxes, increasing chances of its defeat.

They were Sens. Spessard L. Holland of Florida and A. Willis Robertson of Virginia.

Both told a reporter they intend to vote against the compromise, backed by Senate Democratic leaders, to give a tax cut to low income groups next year. Sens. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) and Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) previously had taken the same stand.

The compromise would give each taxpayer, beginning next Jan. 1, a tax cut of \$30 a year for himself and \$10 for each dependent except his wife. But the plan would increase taxes on business and stockholders to offset the loss of revenue from the income tax reduction.

## Administration Opposition

The administration is fighting the compromise, just as it did the House-approved plan to give all taxpayers and dependents a \$20 cut each. There is no chance that the Senate will accept the House proposal.

Four Democrats publicly aligned against the compromise should insure its defeat unless the Republicans lose more votes than they expect. They have said that only one or two GOP senators would desert the administration on this issue.

If two Republicans voted for the proposal and four Democrats against it, it would be defeated 49 to 47, assuming all senators voted or paired.

## Hopes For Support

It was understood that Byrd, one of the leaders of the opposition to the compromise, still had hopes of picking up two or three more Democratic votes in addition to the four already committed.

On the other hand, supporters of the compromise were hoping that GOP defections would be greater than indicated.

The Senate agreed late Friday to limit debate on the tax bill and to start voting on proposed amendments Tuesday afternoon. This agreement should insure a final vote by Wednesday, and possibly by late Tuesday.

Besides the House income tax proposal, the bill before the Senate contains administration-backed provisions to extend corporate and excise tax rates, now scheduled for automatic cuts April 1.

## Attack Shrugged Off by Reuther

DETROIT (UP)—Walter Reuther preparing to open his drive to win a guaranteed annual wage for his United Auto Workers (UAW) next week, shrugged off the latest attack on the plan today as the "purely academic" remarks of a "paid propagandist."

Reuther said the attack on the union's wage plan by Frank Rising general manager of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Assn., was "a reflection of an antiquated and irresponsible social philosophy which fortunately on the whole is a part of the dark past of labor-management relations."

Rising, in a speech at a conference on the guaranteed annual wage sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management in New York City, said the union was attempting to destroy the belief that a man working for a living should expect and get more than a man who is not working for a living.

Rising predicted the union would strike over its guaranteed wage demand and said he believed the union wanted a strike because strong unions "got that way by being militant and can only stay that way by being militant."

Reuther has flatly predicted his union will win the guaranteed annual wage in contract talks this spring. The talks to replace five-year contracts now running out will start next week.



GOODBYE, HAVE FUN!—Ready for the drive to the Redmond airport Friday afternoon, Mrs. Charles B. Hinds Jr. said farewells to Charles, Peter and Kela, who will keep house for her. Dad while Mom is away. Mrs. Hinds, who is chief observer in charge of the local Ground Observer Corps post, received an appointment to attend a two-week GOC school at Tyndal Air Base, near Panama City, Fla. After she completes her training, Mrs. Hinds will visit with her husband's family, who are spending the winter at Lake Wales, Fla. In the picture, Dr. Hinds is at the wheel. (Bend Bulletin photo)

## U.S. Holds Out Against British Plan on Islands

SEATTLE (UP)—Robert D. Murphy, deputy Undersecretary of State, said yesterday it was "doubtful" Britain's suggestion that Nationalist China abandon its coastal islands would serve the cause of peace.

The United States thus appeared to be holding out against any plan to get Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to pull his Nationalist troops out of Quemoy, Matsu and other islands just off the China mainland.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden called for such a move Tuesday as a step toward settling the Formosa fighting.

Murphy said the United States wants to obtain a cease-fire between Nationalist and Red China as other nations do.

"But," he said, "it is doubtful that the suggestion of the surrender to the Chinese Communists of further coastal positions would serve either the cause of peace or the cause of freedom."

Murphy said in an address delivered at the opening dinner of the Washington State International Trade Fair last night that the Chinese Reds have been "the initiators of violence in the area."

He said the Communists have boasted repeatedly that they intend to conquer Formosa and that they consider the coastal islands as stepping stones to that objective.

At an earlier press conference yesterday, Murphy said trade relations between Russia and Red China eventually could lead to a break between the two powerful Communist nations.

He said both the Russians and Chinese are shrewd traders, particularly the Chinese who "know when they are being done in."

Murphy said Red China is not receiving military aid from Russia as a gift, and the Communist Chinese were undoubtedly paying for it in some form, probably in raw materials.

## Gracie Facing Barbara Romack

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (UP)—Defending champion Mrs. Grace DeMoss Smith of Miami, Fla., who has played some of her best golf over the local course, teed off against Barbara Romack, national women's amateur champion from Sacramento, Calif., today in the 18-hole final of the Florida East Coast Women's amateur golf championship.

## House to Consider Measure On Fluid Milk Regulations

By WILLIAM WARREN  
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SALEM (UP)—A measure designed to strengthen regulations concerning fluid milk—sold in bottles and cans—is expected to come to the floor of the House some time next week for the second time.

It is back in the House Food and Dairying Committee headed by Rep. Leon S. Davis (R-Hillsboro) for consideration of a motion to continue the marketing of grade B fluid milk. In its original form, House bill 124 would have excluded all fluid milk for retail sale except grade A milk. An amendment now being studied would repeal only the provision permitting sale of grade C milk.

Under the proposed amendment, both A and B grade milk would be legal, but the same bacterial standard would apply to both grades; also, final delivery containers for both grades of milk would have to be automatically filled and mechanically capped.

Sponsored by Industry  
The grade A phase of this bill is a request understood to originate with the dairy industry; other features of the bill are largely corrective legislation and are proposals of the State Department of Agriculture which administers the fluid milk act.

Here's what other sections of the bill would do:  
1. Give the department specific authority to ask for an injunction to restrain persons from violating either the fluid milk act or the dairy products plant act. (The dairy products plant act deals with manufactured dairy items). It would prohibit persons from continuing to violate either act between the time a complaint was signed and a court decision handed down.

2. Three sections would give the department authority to condemn dairy equipment, including producer-owned milk and cream cans which are in bad repair and unfit for use.

Applies to Fluid Milk  
3. It would apply to fluid milk the same requirements for weighing, sampling and testing to determine butterfat as now apply to manufacturing milk. It would also require fluid milk plants to have a state-licensed pasteurizer operator supervise pasteurization operations. These two matters simply pick up requirements inadvertently left out of the fluid milk act when the dairy products plant act was amended in 1953.

4. Another section would tighten up the law relating to adulteration of milk by adding water.  
5. It would add to the fluid milk act a definition for a non-processing distributor and bring him under licensing provisions. In other words, a license would be required of a milk peddler, or one who distributes under his own label milk which he neither produces nor processes.

## Nixon Planning Major Address

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon was scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles today in advance of a major policy address Monday concerning his recent goodwill trip to the Caribbean and Central America.

Mr. Nixon will arrive via American Airlines and depart from International Airport for his home in nearby Whittier, Calif. He will return here Monday for three public appearances, including the major address before the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. The speech will be broadcast and televised nationally.

The Vice President's agenda for tomorrow included a brief talk at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. He will dedicate a new wing at White Memorial Hospital Monday and talk before some 2500 California Republicans at a luncheon meeting in advance of the major address.

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## Kydd Receives Term in Prison

David Campbell Kydd, Portland, pleaded guilty to forging a bank check and was sentenced to 18 months in the state penitentiary in local circuit court Friday.

Kydd was arrested Feb. 2 in Portland on a warrant issued through local justice court. He was held in county jail here in lieu of \$2500 bond.

## Baby A-Bomb Blast Tests New Defense Theory

By COLIN MCKINLAY  
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ATOP MT. CHARLESTON Nev., (UP)—A baby A-bomb exploded with the fury of 166 boxcar loads of TNT today above a Nevada desert smoke screen in a test of a new defense theory that smoke can insulate humans and cities from much of the searing heat of nuclear fission.

"Operation Asbestos" was triggered in the pre-dawn darkness atop a 300-foot steel tower at the Nevada Proving Grounds, the fifth in the 1955 nuclear test series being conducted by the Atomic Energy commission.

It was the second test in history of the Defense Department theory, only recently disclosed, that artificial smoke can save a lot of cities from the melting power of the thermal radiation of an atomic bomb, just the same as clouds stop some of the sun's warmth.

Two years ago, a similar test was held. But the AEC officially revealed this test only last Feb. 23.

## Nehru Fights Off Attempt On His Life

NAGPUR, India (UP)—Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, 65, personally fought off a would-be assassin today and wrenched a knife from his hand in a close-quarter struggle on the running board of an open automobile.

"It was a very small knife and not very dangerous," Nehru said. "It is an individual case of a crank."

Police described the weapon as a six-inch clasp knife.

Rickshaw Puller  
Soldiers, policemen and bystanders dashed to the side of the slim, wiry Prime Minister in seconds and attacked the knife wielder, a rickshaw puller named Babu Rao. Police arrested him.

Nehru was riding in the back seat of an open car from Nagpur Airport in Central India to the residence of the state chief minister here at the time. A man pulling a bicycle rickshaw, or pedicab, veered toward the slow moving car.

Nehru thought the man was about to hand him a petition.

"No Significance"  
But instead he leaped on the running board of the automobile waving the knife. Nehru, who was standing in the back seat of the car at the time, grappled with the attacker.

"The whole incident was over within ten seconds," Nehru said later.

"It is an individual case of a crank and no significance should be attached to it."  
"It was a very small knife and not at all dangerous."  
"I took it."

Seven years ago, on Jan. 30, 1948, Mohandas K. Gandhi, the man who inspired Nehru for many years, was assassinated in New Delhi as he walked across a lawn to a prayer meeting.

## Jackson Urges Clearer Defense Test Procedures

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sen. Henry M. Jackson urged today that the people get crystal-clear instructions on what to do in the more frequent and more realistic civil defense tests ordered by President Eisenhower.

The Washington Democrat, member of a Senate subcommittee looking into civil defense problems, applauded the President's order, disclosed yesterday by Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson.

But Jackson said it will be "unwise to dramatize" the dangers of atomic explosions and subsequent radioactive fallout "without giving the people a clear idea of what is expected of them."

## Indochina Strife Alarms French

PARIS (UP)—The government was reported increasingly alarmed today over evidence of new political strife in the Indochinese kingdoms of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia and the growing Communist threat.

There was open rebellion in South Viet Nam against the government of premier Ngo Dinh Diem and government troops were searching marshes around Saigon for soldiers of three religious sects which have combined their forces against Diem.

The crisis in Cambodia led King Norodom Sihanouk to abdicate last week in protest against the activities of Communists. New King Norodom Saramarit Friday accused the International Armistice Control Commission (Canada, India, Communist Poland) of intervening in Cambodia's internal affairs.

Communist infiltration has been reported in Laos.

Premier Edgar Faure was taking a personal hand in the critical Indochina situation which may be subject to a Big Three meeting soon.

Informed sources said the Big Three meeting may come during the meeting next month in London of the North Atlantic Treaty Council although no final agreement was reached.