

Little Damage To Cherry Crop Caused by Rain

If Weather Remains Cool No Cracking Expected in Valley

If the weather remains cool through Monday there probably will be no damage to the cherry crop by the Sunday rain, even though the weather may turn warm again Tuesday.

This was the opinion Monday at the office of the Marion county agent. Should Monday afternoon turn warm, however, there might be damage by cracking. Comment was qualified by the statement that it is yet too early to speak definitely about effect of weather on the cherry crop.

There is quite a heavy tonnage of grass hay, clover and vetch down in the area, but with ordinary care not much damage is expected as a result of the rain.

Since there had been an absence of rain for three weeks the week-end downpour was welcomed generally by the grain farmers.

One good effect of the rain was to relieve the water shortage in the Salem Heights and Vista Heights districts. Because of new population and increased demand the irrigation of lawns had resulted in a shortage between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. The situation was normal Monday because the rain made irrigation unnecessary.

Water Shortage Ends
The shortage was caused by inability of the pumps to work fast enough to accommodate fully the homes about the 450-foot level. There was no shortage of water in the city reservoirs. The two districts get their water from the city on a master meter basis.

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Need 1000 More Cherry Pickers

The pressure for cherry pickers was increased over the week end and growers could have used an additional 1000 Monday morning, reported Wm H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service. Rain Sunday night created considerable anxiety among the growers.

The employment service is seeking outside help in Portland and southern Oregon to assist in gathering the cherries, since Willamette valley folk appear to be a bit indifferent as to whether the crop is harvested.

The crop is far above the average of recent years and pickers can make good wages, the labor office reports.

"There is no need of any young man or husky young woman or adults remaining unemployed," said Baillie. Growers are willing to provide transportation to and from their orchards. They report at 6 o'clock each morning at the employment office at South Cottage and Ferry streets.

Strike Stops All Sound Busses

Seattle, June 20 (AP)—The north-south intrastate bus driver strike entered its third day today with bus travel in western Washington virtually at a standstill.

The appearance of picket lines was the only change in the dispute. Nonstriking drivers observed the picket lines and refused to take vehicles in or out of the terminal. Passengers were being loaded and discharged at the street curb.

Approximately 550 drivers, members of the AFL motor coach employees union, are on strike.

John D. Parker, business agent for the striking union, said, "we are willing and ready to negotiate. The company will not meet with us unless we change our position."

John R. Neely, company spokesman, said, "we are ready to meet with the union any time they want to appear with a proposal that will dissolve the disagreement."

However, no strike conferences have been held since Friday night, and none are scheduled. The dispute is over wages and working conditions.

Man Killed in S. F. Hotel Conflagration

San Francisco, June 20 (AP)—An unidentified man was killed and 40 other persons were routed last night by fire in a three-story hotel.

The dead man was found under a bed in his room. He was believed to have suffocated.

There was no immediate estimate of damage.

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Czechs Tighten Guard on Palace Of Archbishop

Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 20 (AP)—The communist government's security police apparently tightened their guard on Archbishop Josef Beran's palace today while Catholics weighed the meaning of organized communist heckling of the prelate at Sunday's cathedral services. The heckling drove him from his cathedral and prevented him from completing his sermon.

Attempts of many persons to talk to the archbishop today were foiled by security police supervising the palace reception desk and telephone switchboard.

No Visitors Permitted
An attempt to reach his private secretary by telephone met a reply from the switchboard that "they are accepting no phone calls or visitors." It could not be learned whether the police had refused them the right to see or talk to anyone.

Shrill communist interruptions of the archbishop's Corpus Christi day sermon in St. Vitus cathedral yesterday brought the long battle between church and state to its highest tension. The archbishop, defiantly resisting communist efforts to control the church and break the spiritual rule of the vatican over Czechoslovakia's 9,000,000 Catholics, had to leave the pulpit and return to his palace, already under the watchful eyes of the security police.

Prelate Jeered
The whistling and jeering broke out from demonstrators bunched near the altar as the archbishop began a denunciation of the government's moves against the church. The rest of the congregation, many in tears, burst into a hymn in an attempt to quell the disorder.

Some Prague priests told their congregations the ancient cathedral might have to be reconsecrated because the disrespected had profaned Holy ground. However, a cathedral official said this would not be necessary.

Vatican Ousts Czech Hecklers

Vatican City, June 20 (AP)—The Roman Catholic church today excommunicated members of the government-sponsored Catholic Action society of Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia.

The sacred congregation of the holy office issued a decree which condemned the group as a schismatic one fraudulently labeled.

The decree, published in Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, declared: "Recently the opponents of the Catholic church in Czechoslovakia founded a so-called Catholic action by which they tried to induce the Catholics of that republic to desert the Catholic church and to deny obedience to the legitimate pastors of the church."

Archbishop Josef Beran, head of the Catholic church in Czechoslovakia, has denounced the communist-led group. Yesterday at mass in the Cathedral of St. Vitus in Prague, he was shouted down shrilly by hecklers when he began a sermon continuing his denunciation of government acts against the church. Church-state tension is high in Czechoslovakia, reminiscent of the conditions which existed in Hungary before the jailing of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty on charges of treason. Hungarians connected with that were excommunicated by the Roman Catholic church.

P.G.E. to Move Offices to Pacific Building, South High

Portland General Electric company, which for 32 years has had its Salem offices at 237 North Liberty street, will move the latter part of the summer to 136-142 South High, in the Pacific building.

The utility offices will take over by lease two adjacent 20-foot frontages, now occupied by the Jaquith Music company and the Fashion Lounge, the latter operated by Ben Wittner.

Douglas Jaquith was out of the city Monday but it is understood the firm is not yet ready to announce its new location. At the Fashion Lounge it was said that there has several locations available, but has not yet made a selection.

The two concerns in the Pacific building will move by August 1, and it will be necessary for Portland General Electric company both to remodel the new quarters and move out of the old location during the month of August. The removal will be completed by September 1.

With a frontage of 40 feet and a depth of 80 feet the company's

Key Test Votes On Labor Bill Loom in Senate

Washington, June 20 (AP)—The senate labor law debate edged today toward a series of key test votes on how to deal with strikes imperiling the national welfare.

Senate leaders hoped for a showdown by nightfall on that issue. It is regarded generally as a key issue because the outcome is expected to point up pretty definitely for the first time the voting strength of:

(1) Those in the senate who want to get rid of all or most of the Taft-Hartley law, and (2) those who want to preserve most of it.

Fight Over Injunctions
As the third week of labor legislation debate began, nearly all senators in that second group were backing a proposal by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) which would keep the Taft-Hartley provision for injunctions against critical strikes.

Taft's plan also proposes government seizure of struck plants—something which is not authorized under the present law.

Senators in the other group—those opposed to the Taft-Hartley law—are far from being agreed on an alternative to the Taft-Hartley injunction, a provision the labor unions hate.

But the plan which appears to have the most support in that camp is one by Senators Douglas (D-Ill) and Aiken (R-Vt). It would let the government seize plants for up to 90 days.

Taft Predicts Approval
The Douglas-Aiken plan says nothing about injunctions, but its sponsors have acknowledged that once the government had seized a plant or industry, the way would be open for an injunction.

Taft predicted over the week-end that his plan would be approved. He said he expects that about 16 of the senate's 54 democrats will vote for it, and that only four or five of the 42 republican senators will ballot against it.

But Douglas took a look at Taft's estimate and declared: "I still think we have a good chance. I am not worried."

On the other hand, another democrat who favors the Douglas-Aiken plan said privately, after some nose-counting, that it doesn't have a chance.

13 Death Toll - Virginia Flood

Petersburg, Va., June 20 (AP)—Rainless skies heartened thousands of Shenandoah and Potomac valley residents today as they dug out of the worst flood devastation in the district's history.

As the muddy flood waters of the Potomac and Shenandoah river branches receded, the death toll rose to 13 with eight bodies recovered and five other victims presumed dead. Authorities estimated from 11 to 20 victims still were missing.

The rain-swollen tributaries of the two rivers in West Virginia and Virginia raged over their banks Saturday. Hundreds were made homeless and property damage mounted into the millions.

National guardsmen, state police, Red Cross workers and volunteers joined into a gigantic rescue force to cope with the widespread disaster and suffering.

Second army headquarters at Fort Meade, Md., rushed land and water craft, 200 cots and 400 blankets to the stricken area.



President Grooms 'Boy Governor'—James Cooke, Salem, at President Truman's left, who presided as "governor" during the Youth in Government convention held here last April 28, 29, and 30, one of a group of boys from over the nation greeted last week by the president in the nation's capital. Young Cooke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Cooke, was Hi-Y president at Salem high school where he was a member of the student council and active in debate. He graduated with the June class. (AP Wirephoto)

Railroad Situation at Salem to Be Discussed

What may be the first definite step toward freeing downtown Salem from its steel shackles will be taken Tuesday evening.

Railroad tracks that hedge in the main part of the city on all four sides have long been an inconvenience to street traffic and an admitted hazard to persons and property. Tuesday evening representatives of the Southern Pacific company, the state, the city administration, and several other agencies will meet at the Senator hotel to talk about possible relief.

The meeting will be at 6 o'clock, and other meetings may follow at later dates.

Representing the Southern Pacific company will be J. W. Corbett, vice president; L. P. Hopkins, superintendent, and perhaps others.

The long range planning commission will be represented by Chairman J. N. Chambers, C. A. Sprague, George Putnam, W. W. Chadwick and C. A. McClure. For the city of Salem Mayor Robert L. Eilstrom and City Manager J. L. Franzen will attend.

The city planning and zoning commission will be represented by Hedda Swart, the state highway commission by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, and the state board of control by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

Relocation or grade separation of rail lines enters vitally into future planning for the city, and has to be taken into consideration in development of the proposed street grid system under the Baldock plan.

For motorists driving toward the city center Southern Pacific tracks are crossed on 12th street, Union street, Trade, and Front streets. For future consideration removal or tunneling of the 12th street tracks has often been mentioned, and by advice of the long-range commission the Union street franchise is extended only a year at a time by the city council.

Not only do the Southern Pacific tracks enclose the city center, but the Oregon Electric company also has tracks on Front and on Mill streets.

Women Flogged by Klansmen

Birmingham, Ala., June 20 (AP)—A 38-year-old mother said today that she and a 16-year-old daughter were flogged near here by a hooded mob while another daughter was forced to watch the beatings with a rope around her neck.

President Asks Congress to OK Reorganization

Washington, June 20 (AP)—President Truman today asked congress to create a tenth cabinet-rank department—a department of welfare—and to put the commerce department in charge of public roads.

The plans—seven all told—were sent to Capital Hill within a half hour after Mr. Truman signed the long-debated reorganization bill giving him broad powers to merge and streamline government agencies, subject to congressional veto.

The public roads administration now is in the federal works agency. Welfare and social security matters are handled by the federal security agency.

Carry Out Hoover Plans
All the plans, if permitted to take effect, will carry out reform and economy proposals of the commission on government organization headed by former President Herbert Hoover.

The other five would (a) give the bureau of employment security (jobless pay and job replacement) to the labor department, (b) reorganize the post office department, (c) enlarge the scope of the executive office of the president, (d) streamline the civil service commission, and (e) strengthen the authority of the chairman of the maritime commission.

All seven plans were described by the White House as conforming "quite closely" to the Hoover commission recommendations filed with congress this spring after two years of research.

In Effect in 60 Days
Under the new law, the plans will take effect in 60 days unless either house of congress vetoes them within that time by a majority vote of the house. Each plan is to be considered separately.

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Judith Coplon Repeats Denial

Washington, June 20 (AP)—Judith Coplon repeated today her denial that she ever gave government secrets to Valentine A. Gubitchev.

She further testified in her trial on espionage charges that Gubitchev never asked her to give him any government secrets.

Asked by Defense Attorney Archibald Palmer whether her relationship with the Russian engineer with whom she was arrested March 4 was on a "personal basis," the tiny brunette replied:

"Definitely." "As between a man and a maid?" "Definitely," Miss Coplon repeated.

The former justice department political analyst told the jury of eight men and four women that she and Gubitchev had long conversations about literature, but never even discussed the nature of her work in the justice department.

She said she was amazed at Gubitchev's knowledge of Milton, Shelley and Shakespeare.

Palmer jumped back and forth from dates and places as Miss Coplon neared the end of her story—flatly denying that she ever engaged in espionage activity and maintaining loyalty to this country.

Dividend Ordered Paid on Veterans Life Insurance

Washington, June 20 (AP)—Veterans administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., today authorized payment next year of a special \$2,800,000 dividend on national service life insurance policies.

Gray said he hopes veterans will begin receiving checks "some time in January, 1950," with payment substantially completed in the first half of that year.

The dividend payment has been hopefully anticipated by some economists as a stimulant to purchasing power which might help offset declining business activity.

About 16,000,000 veterans of World War II will receive the dividends.

This would average about \$175 for each ex-serviceman, but the agency said individual calculations have not been completed.

In general, every veteran who took out National Service Insurance and kept it in force at least three months will be eligible. Where policy-holders have died, the beneficiaries will receive the fund Gray said.

Application blanks for the dividends are being prepared and may be available in August in

New Meeting of Big 4 Called At Vishinsky's Demand After Withdrawal of Signed Agreement

Announcement Made Hour After Adjournment And Announcement of Pact Settling in Principle Stop Gap Arrangement

Paris, June 20 (AP)—The Big Four announced agreement in principle on Austria and a stop-gap arrangement for Germany today, and then adjourned. Russia immediately threw the final outcome into doubt, however, by asking and getting a new session tonight.

The new secret meeting was arranged at the French foreign ministry. U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson postponed his takeoff for the United States.

This was the sequence: The four powers adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p. m., Paris time. They issued a communique for publication at 8 p. m. Shortly before that hour, Vishinsky asked that the Americans be held up and a new meeting be convened. The Americans at first said it didn't seem likely his request could be granted. In any event, the communique already had been released.

New Moscow Orders
However, there were hurried conferences among the staffs of the western ministers, and the French arranged the new night session.

Vishinsky said he had new information from Moscow. There was no indication what this concerned.

The west, in the last hours of the conference, rejected a Vishinsky demand to discuss a Japanese peace treaty. They said the 10-power Far Eastern commission was the proper body to handle it. Acheson, replying to a Vishinsky assertion it should be taken up under the Potsdam agreement, commented that when the Potsdam declaration was signed, Russia was not in the war against Japan.

Agreed to Disagree
The ministers announced only agreement to disagree on German political and economic unity, at least until September, when they will discuss a new date and arrangements for another session. The Austrian agreement in principle, in which Russia pulled the props from under Yugoslavia's demand, is turned over to the deputies with instructions to try to reach full agreement by September.

On the German arrangement, an American spokesman said "we did not lose any ground nor did we gain any." But the Austrian agreement, he said, was a "substantial step forward."

Ending a session which began May 23, the foreign ministers of the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain disclosed agreement only on a "modus vivendi"—a sort of live-and-let-live arrangement for Germany.

A communique winding up the talks said the four powers will discuss in September during the United Nations assembly meeting the date and other arrangements for a new session of the council on the manifold problems of Germany.

Discussions Continue
Meanwhile, discussions will continue at a lower level among the occupation authorities of the four zones on problems of divided Berlin. The authorities will be guided in these talks by what has taken place at this conference in discussing steps to restore normalcy in Berlin's life.

On the Austrian treaty the ministers agreed on these lines: (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

Reds Say Ready to Repatriate Japs

Tokyo, June 20 (AP)—Russia said today she is ready to resume repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war. General MacArthur has been pressing the Soviet to speed up their return.

The Russian intention was announced in a letter from the Soviet mission here to allied headquarters. It requested that four Japanese ships of 2,000 man capacity be sent to Nakhodka, Siberian repatriation shipping center 50 miles east of Vladivostok.

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Cut in Defense Costs Promised

Washington, June 20 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson was reported today to have told senators defense spending can be trimmed by \$750,000,000 in the 12 months starting July 1.

Members of the senate appropriations committee said Johnson told them behind closed doors that this could be done mainly by cutting back the future size of the air force from the 70 groups proposed in congress to the 48 urged by President Truman.

The senators had called Johnson for testimony on the \$15,900,000,000 armed forces money bill passed by the house.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) of the subcommittee considering the bill has said he hopes that at least \$1,000,000,000 can be trimmed from it. He called defense officials back today for more closed-door testimony.

Chairman Tydings (D., Md.) of the senate armed services committee said in a radio interview yesterday that "unless some new situation evolves we may get by for \$14,500,000,000 or \$14,600,000,000 at the outside" in defending spending for the coming fiscal year.

Tydings also said at least 30 senators are backing a proposal which would direct President Truman to cut government spending from five to 10 percent below the total amounts voted by congress.

Court Upholds Spy Probers

Washington, June 20 (AP)—For the second time in as many weeks, the U.S. circuit court of appeals today upheld the house un-American activities committee in cases challenging its investigation methods.

The court ruled unanimously that the committee did not violate constitutional rights when in 1946 it demanded "all the books, records, documents and correspondence" of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

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Carrier Princeton In 'Mothballs' Fleet

Bremerton, June 20 (AP)—The aircraft carrier Princeton was decommissioned and placed "in mothballs" at ceremonies at the Puget Sound navy yard here today.

The 27,100 ton vessel is part of the Bremerton group, Pacific reserve fleet. One of the Essex class, she is 888 feet long.

Miniature planks, with small plaques attached, were presented to 24 of the Princeton's crew members who have served aboard her since commissioning ceremonies in November, 1945.

Those receiving planks included Harry N. Moore of Tacoma, and Walter B. Starrett of Bandon, Ore.

Planes from the Princeton saw action at Tarawa, Makin Island, Okinawa, Formosa, and Leyte gulf, where she was damaged by a bomb.

WEATHER
(Released by United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Clearing tonight, becoming fair and slightly warmer, Tuesday. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 44 degrees; highest Tuesday, 78. Conditions will be mostly favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 72. Minimum today 52. Mean temperature yesterday 62 which was normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .64 of an inch. Total precipitation for the month 77 of an inch, still .06 of an inch below normal.

Forecast is for clearing tonight with slightly warmer temperatures, Tuesday.

Most concern about any continued rain comes from the cherry and berry growers—gardens, pastures and lawns, etc. to benefit from the rain.