

THE WEATHER HERE

CONTINUED FAIR and warm tonight and Thursday except for morning fog and cloudiness in coastal area. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 55; highest Thursday, 90.

Maximum yesterday, 90; minimum today, 53. Total rainfall past 24 hours, 0; for month, 0; normal, 35. Season precipitation, 44.51; normal, 37.51. River height, 2.4 feet.

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Krug Opposes CVA Northwest Referendum

Secretary Says Issue Should Be Decided by Congress, Not People

Washington, July 13 (AP)—Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug today opposed a referendum of northwest states on creation of a Columbia valley authority.

Krug told the house public works committee the issue should be decided by congress because it was a national as well as a local problem.

He supported legislation to create a Columbia valley authority, and said the people of the northwest are unanimous in wanting speedy development of the Columbia River basin.

He said it could be done best under a single authority rather than under the combined efforts of the reclamation bureau, army engineers, and Bonneville power administration.

Government Unduly Alarmed

Krug said the governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana were unduly alarmed about an authority.

The authority, he said, would not usurp state jurisdiction over any activity. He said the bill was designed to protect states' rights over their resources. If congress found the states were not protected, he said, the language of the bill should be changed.

Krug declined to make an estimate of the overall cost of the project, but said he thought it would take from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 a year to carry out the program.

Chairman William M. Whittington, (D., Miss.), asked if it was true that the federal government had done more to develop this area than any other section of the country.

Comparison With TVA

Krug said in dollars spent that might be true, but comparatively the Tennessee valley was 90 per cent developed compared to 10 per cent for the Columbia valley.

As far as hydroelectric power is concerned, Krug said, "the Columbia river is our big undeveloped source."

"That basin, in dollars spent, has not been neglected in comparison to other areas," Whittington replied.

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75 Pints Blood Donated Here

Salemites donated 75 pints of blood during the visitation of the bloodmobile from the Portland regional blood center, Tuesday—a sum far short of the goal of 100 pints but a good showing for so warm a day, the mobile unit officials said. A total of 108 persons signed up to give blood, but there were many rejections.

Of the 108 signed to give blood, 14 were replacements by persons who wished to give in return for blood that had been given their families and friends. The replacement total was a gratifying gesture for the Red Cross chapter. Although replacements are not required, the blood being given free of charge to all in need of it without restriction, those who can be encouraged to line up replacements.

Two residents from Turner who had brought in children for the "learn to swim" campaign dropped in to donate blood, saying they believed that was the least they could do in appreciation of the service.

The Tuesday visitation was marked by the record made in keeping appointments. Heretofore, many who signed failed to show up when the unit came, but yesterday practically every person signed to give blood kept his appointment, the Red Cross office reported.

Mark Julius Johnson Dies

Astoria, July 13 (AP)—Mark Julius Johnson, 87, prominent Clatsop county dairyman and former legislator, died Monday of a heart attack.

He was president and a founder of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association, a school director and member of the legislature from 1928 to 1932. The widow, two sons and two daughters survive.

Strike Ordered in Steel Mills at Midnight Friday

Affects All Plants Not Accepting Truman's 60 Day Delay Offer

Pittsburgh, July 13 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers today accepted a presidential proposal to avoid a steel strike for 60 days. But Union President Philip Murray said he would call a strike tomorrow, effective at midnight Friday, against those companies who declined President Truman's proposal.

The walkout will be effective at midnight, Friday, July 16, said CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray said he had no definite information on which companies would be struck but that they appeared to be the U.S. Steel Corp., Republic Steel Corp., and Bethlehem Steel Corp. "as far as my present information goes."

Only one steelmaker—Jones & Laughlin—has accepted President Truman's proposal. The giant U. S. steel corporation, the nation's top producer, Bethlehem and Republic all have rejected the white house proposal.

A strike embracing 500,000 union workers was threatened for this week-end, at Friday and Saturday midnight. President Truman had proposed a 60-day contract extension while an unofficial fact-finding board investigated the issues.

Unionist's Viewpoint

A highly placed unionist said after the executive board's action that:

"The picture now looks as if our truce will be effective only with those concerns which go along with the president. The picture may change but that's the way it looks now."

The union's 170-man wage and policy committee must ratify the executive board's action. This ratification was expected at a meeting this afternoon.

CIO President Philip Murray announced the executive board's decision. Murray told a news conference after the executive board meeting that "when the wage policy committee acts today we will officially notify the president of our decision."

3 Referendums Shy Signatures

Portland, July 13 (AP)—Old age referendum backers claimed success today, but the daylight saving referendum was still short of the needed signatures.

The other two referendums—the Rogue river dam and the electrical contractors' licensing bill—appeared doomed.

Joe E. Dunne, old age pension leader, said 16,981 signatures have already been certified on the old age referendum.

A total of 15,926 signatures are needed to submit laws to referendum, and prevent their going into effect until the election of 1950.

The daylight saving referendum was 5,000 certified names short, but sponsors—who had other names ready for certification—still hoped to meet the deadline.

W. J. Smith, who headed the drive to halt construction of a Rogue river dam, reported "very, very bad" prospects for the success of his referendum.

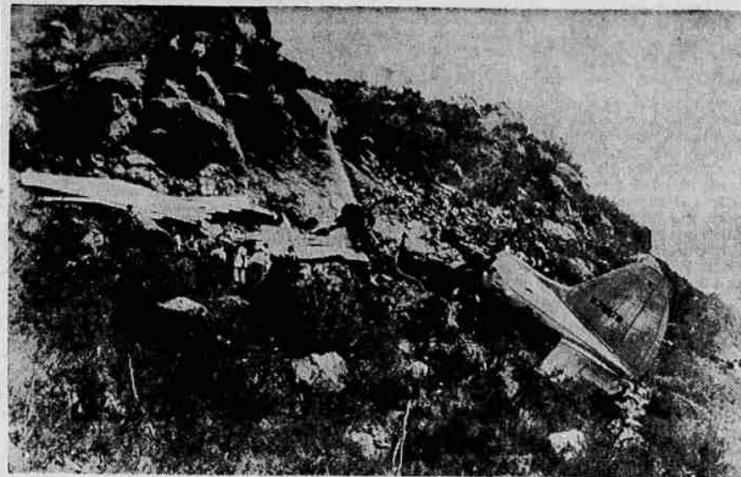
Senate Prunes Power of Public Power Projects

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The biggest reclamation program yet has been approved by the senate appropriations committee for the year which started July 1.

But the committee—which reported a \$590,685,911 interior department money bill to the senate—announced that it pruned several controversial public power projects from the reclamation bureau plans.

Gone from the bill as it was passed by the house were funds for the Central Valley "west side" transmission lines and steam plant, the Kerr-Anaconda power line in Montana, two power lines on the Colorado-Big Thompson project in Colorado, a power line and switchyards on the Anderson ranch dam project in Idaho, and several proposals of the southwest power administration.

Cutting deep into the power program advanced by the interior department through several of its agencies, the committee indicated that, if private utilities will promise to do the job of delivering government power



Plane Crash Fatal to 26—Rescue workers examine the crumpled and twisted wreckage of the C-46 airliner in which 26 persons were killed. The plane crashed into Santa Susanna pass, 20 miles north of Burbank, Calif., where the plane was to have landed. Standard Airlines, which operated the plane, listed 43 passengers and five crew members aboard the plane. Seven minutes before the plane crashed, the pilot radioed Lockheed Airport tower that two men were fighting on the plane. (Acme Telephoto)

New Laws Raise Fees for Visits to Courthouse

Starting Saturday as new laws go into effect it's going to cost people visiting the courthouse on certain missions more money and in some cases more troubles.

Fees for recording papers both at the clerk's and recorder's office will be upped from 75 cents a page to \$1 a page. Those securing game or fish licenses will pay an extra dime on all licenses costing under \$5 and an extra two-bits on licenses costing over \$5, this added fee to go into the county general fund to cover license issuing costs.

On January 1 next year licenses themselves will go up from \$3 to \$4 for hunting and fishing licenses and from \$5 to \$7 for combination licenses, plus the dime and two bits.

A change made in the laws covering reporter's fees in circuit court which heretofore were \$10 a case or \$10 a day, are now changed to \$10 for more than half a day and \$5 for half a day or less and an added \$5 for transcribing notes.

After July 15 when microfilms are made of public records they will be made in dual rolls instead of one, one of these to be kept at the courthouse and the other stored outside. County Clerk Harlan Judd says the project going on for several months to microfilm probate records up to 1923 will be finished a few hours ahead of the deadline so he will avoid necessity of doing part of that in dual film.

Under a change in marriage license laws any person in the armed forces may have a medical examination by a physician in the public health service or armed forces.

Price of securing a certified copy of a birth certificate from the county records will go up from 50 cents of \$1 and also will go into effect a law putting recording of delayed birth certificates into the circuit court rather than into the probate journal.

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Thomas for Cut in Army Funds

Washington, July 13 (AP)—A belief that Russia will avoid war any time soon was offered by Senator Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) today as "the underlying reason" for cutting appropriations for the armed services.

"I think everyone agrees right now that Russia is in no condition for another war," Thomas told a reporter. "Not too long ago, we were told we might be bombed any minute."

Thomas called a closed-door session, starting at 9 a.m. EST, today, of a senate appropriations subcommittee to act on funds for the army, navy and air force for the next 12 months.

"I think we can safely cut \$1,500,000,000 and perhaps a lot more out of this bill as it passed the house," Thomas said.

The house approved just under \$16,000,000,000 in cash and contract authority for the armed services in this biggest of all regular appropriations.

Deliberations of the senate subcommittee may take several days and then they will be reviewed and subject to change by the full 21-member appropriations committee, before going to the senate.

William O'Dwyer Will Run for Mayor

New York, July 13 (AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer announced today that he will run for re-election.

The mayor said at a news conference: "I deem it my duty in the best interests of the city to run for re-election."

The announcement came a day after the democratic mayor conferred with President Truman in Washington.

Army Building Bill Hearings

Washington, July 13 (AP)—Hearings open today on a \$623,000,000 military construction bill which would pour more than \$195,000,000 into the nation's Alaska and Pacific defenses.

Truman on Radio At 5:30 P.S.T.

Washington, July 13 (AP)—President Truman is going to sit down tonight and tell the American people about his prescription for heading off a depression.

He wants to get over to them his idea that there is nothing to be scared about in the moderate economic decline unless folks get panicky.

And he wants to defend the fiscal policy of his administration against criticism by some members of congress.

The president will talk to the nation over four major radio networks via television from a desk in the movie projection room at the White House.

This first major so-called "fireside chat" by Mr. Truman this year is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time).

The talk, White House aides said, will be an elaboration of his midyear economic report to congress on Monday. In this he scrapped earlier demands for a \$4,000,000,000 tax increase and proposed an 11-point program to expand production, employment and purchasing power.

The theme of that message was that the country cannot have prosperity "by getting adjusted to the idea of a depression—by cutting investment or employment or wages or essential government programs."

Demos Revolt On Farm Bill

Washington, July 13 (AP)—A rebellion broke out in democratic ranks today against the administration-supported farm bill.

This threatened to defeat even a three-crop trial run for the controversial Brannan plan of production payments or subsidies to support farm prices.

Rep. Gore (D., Tenn.), usually an administration supporter, announced a bi-partisan group and some farm leaders are drawing a substitute bill to continue the present farm program in 1950.

The present program supports major crops at rigid 90 per cent of parity, through government loans and purchases that remove price-depressing surpluses from the markets. Parity is a price calculated to give farmers a purchasing power in fair relation with the prices of things they must buy.

Gore's bill would reject the Brannan production payment plan entirely and set aside the Aiken law enacted by the republican-controlled 80th congress and scheduled to become effective next year. The Aiken law permits a flexible 60 to 90 per cent of parity support program for major crops. Aiken contends, however, that rigid supports could be maintained under the law.

Rural Phone Bill Passed by House

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The house today passed legislation designed to provide better rural telephone service.

The bill now goes to the senate.

The measure allows the rural electrification administration to make long term loans to private companies or cooperatives to build and extend telephone facilities in rural areas.

The interest rate would be 2 per cent, the same amount now charged on REA loans for electric lines. Reps. Allen (R., Ill.) and Brown (R., Ohio) tried to hike the rate but failed. Allen proposed 2.5 per cent, Brown 3 per cent.

Pilot of California Airliner Flying 2000 Feet too Low

Bodies of 40 Recovered in Bombay Crash

Bombay, India, July 13 (AP)—The rain-soaked underbrush on Ghatprah hill today yielded the bodies of 40 of the 45 persons killed yesterday in the flaming crash of a Royal Dutch (KLM) airliner on Bombay island.

Thirteen of the dead were American news correspondents. The bodies of all but one of the correspondents—Fred Colvig of the Denver Post—have been identified.

Hundreds of police slogging through monsoon rains continued the search for the five missing bodies. Luggage aboard the ill-fated plane has been recovered.

On 800 Foot Hill The plane, a Constellation, crashed on the 800-foot high hill while preparing to land at an airfield 15 miles north of Bombay. Controller of Airdromes Shumshere Jung said the field was "perfectly okay" at the time of the crash and that other aircraft had made takeoffs a short time before.

The American consulate received instruction from the U. S. state department to have seven of the bodies of the correspondents cremated at the request of relatives who want the ashes sent to them.

In Hong Kong, Mrs. Dorothy Brandon of the New York Herald Tribune, denied that she had refused to board the plane because she had feared it would be sabotaged.

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CAB Inspector Asserts Fight Between Passengers Had No Bearing on Santa Susanna Crash

Chatsworth, Calif., July 13 (AP)—Pilot Roy G. White was 2000 feet below officially prescribed altitude when he smashed a C-46 Commando into the Santa Susanna mountains with loss of 34 of its 48 occupants, civil aeronautics board inspector James Peyton said today.

"I think I know why he was too low, but I don't want to say why until we complete our investigation and hold a formal hearing," he said.

He said he was convinced a fight between two passengers had no bearing on the crash.

The plane, owned by Standard Airlines, a non-scheduled line, crashed and burned in Santa Susanna pass yesterday morning. White was coming in for a landing at Lockheed air terminal, Burbank.

33 Bodies Recovered Ventura county deputy coroner, John Bragg, said 33 bodies have been recovered. Fourteen injured were identified and one passenger was unaccounted for and presumed dead. The airline said that one of the originally reported 49 occupants, Lois Tucker—apparently failed to board the plane at Kansas City.

Peyton said he and his investigators would spend "another two or three days" digging through the charred wreckage strewn among the boulders in an effort to confirm his opinion of why White was flying at 1600 feet instead of 2500 as prescribed by the CAB.

Approach Held Normal "Everything else about his approach was normal," Peyton said. "He came in on the right leg, contacted the control tower at the proper points, lowered his landing gear as prescribed, and made the correct procedure turn."

He added that visibility was adequate, pointing out that a California Central Airlines pilot in the air awaiting his turn to land was able to see the burning wreckage of White's plane from the prescribed altitude of 3500 feet.

"The reports of a fight aboard the plane have a place in our thinking, of course," Peyton said, "but from our interview with survivors we're sure it had no bearing on the crash. It wasn't too big a fight, and it was over long before the crack-up."

Identifying Bodies Deputy Coroners Bragg and Frank Watkins concentrated today on identification of the 33 recovered bodies. They said some may never be identified positively because they were so badly burned and mangled.

Another phase of the investigation was scheduled by District Attorney Arthur Wait, who planned to interview Charlotte Grenander, stewardess on duty when the New York-to-Long Beach, Calif., plane crashed at 7:50 a.m. yesterday.

Reuther Seeks Control of UAW

Milwaukee, July 13 (AP)—Stronger than ever and starting his newly-won third presidential term, Walter Reuther sought today to make absolute his control of the CIO United Auto Workers.

This goal was regarded by observers at the union's convention as a possibility but no cinch.

All four top officers won hands-down re-election late yesterday over weak, left-wing opposition that was only a ghost of another faction that once dominated the million-member UAW.

Reuther overpowered W. C. Grant, ex-president of the big Ford local 600, by a 12 to 1 margin. The final but unofficial vote count was 8,080 to 672.

Reuther will hold his post until the next convention in April, 1951—some 20 months hence.

His three top aides won their second terms about as easily. Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey beat out James Lindahl of Detroit Packard local 190.

Richard T. Gosser and John W. Livingston held onto their vice presidencies with resounding defeats of William H. Johnson of Detroit and John De Vito of Cleveland.

All four candidates who ran against the Reuther slate were nominated by a group of left-wing communists—known as the "progressive unity caucus."



India Crash Victims—Fred Colvig (left) of the Denver Post and George Moorad (right) of the Portland, Ore., Oregonian, were among the 13 American news and radiomen aboard the Royal Dutch Airlines Constellation which crashed near Bombay, India. Besides the newsmen there were 31 other persons aboard the plane all of whom were killed. (AP Wirephoto)

Negro Lawyer On FEPA Board

Oregon's only Negro attorney, Ulysses Plummer, today was named to the seven-member advisory committee ordered by the 1949 legislature to counsel the commissioner of labor in his handling of Oregon's new fair employment practices act.

Gov. Douglas McKay announced the appointment of Plummer, five other men and one woman—all from Portland—to the commission.

In making the announcement, Gov. McKay said he was "most hopeful that the committee's efforts will lead the way to an era of real progress in this important field of labor relations."

Public members named by the governor are Plummer, who formerly was assistant district attorney at Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Thomas, prominent in Portland church and WCTU activities, and David Robinson, lawyer, president of the Portland City club and a leader in northwest Jewish affairs.

Other members are Al McCready, newspaperman (Oregonian) and chairman of the Oregonian unit of the CIO American Newspaper Guild, and S. P. Stevens, 9th district vice president of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL, and member of the executive board of the Portland Central Labor council.

Business and industrial management will be represented by Herald Campbell, personnel manager of Pacific Power and Light Co., and Francis Kern, one of the state's highest Catholic laymen and owner of the Eagle Lumber Yards of Portland and a Portland sash and door plant.

Acheson Raps Arms Bill Cut

Washington, July 13 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today flatly opposed any cut in the administration's projected \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid program.

He said this figure represents the absolute minimum needed for western Europe and other areas.

The secretary stated his position at a news conference while opposition led by Senator Taft (R., Ohio) was wiping out prospects for a quick senate vote on the North Atlantic treaty.

The small group opposing the defense agreement centered their fire on the military aid program and the commitments carried in the pact.

Acheson also commented on another issue which has arisen on Capitol Hill. He agreed with Senator Dulles (R., N. Y.), that the United States delegation at the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Paris had considered whether the American people should be kept "artificially alarmed" and had rejected the idea completely.

The matter came up, Acheson said, in discussion of whether the Russians might try to create a false sense of peace and security by making a show of cooperation. The U. S. delegations, he added, decided that it should not reject any possible avenue of cooperation with the Soviet Union merely because acceptance of the avenue might relax tension in the world.

Majority Leader Lucas (D., Ill.), said he may keep the senate in session Saturday to reach a vote on the 12-nation alliance