

GENERALLY fair tonight and Saturday, except for patches of fog and low clouds along coast. Slightly warmer Saturday.

Maximum yesterday, 83; minimum today, 54. 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, .35; normal, .38. Season precipitation, 41.71; normal, 37.27.



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Election on Cities Merger Likely In September

Another Measure on Ballot Will Be Creation of Ward 8

By STEPHEN A. STONE City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz believes the special city election to vote on accepting West Salem as part of the city of Salem will be held the latter part of September.

Kowitz thinks that if the merger were the only question to vote on the election might be called 15 days after the city council legislation providing for the election. But other questions will have to be voted on at the same time, so the regular 30-day leeway will be necessary.

The legislation, Kowitz thinks, will be ready for the city council at the next meeting, Monday night, August 8.

Creation of Ward 8 One other question to be voted on at the same time will be a measure creating Ward 8, and adding one ward to Salem's present seven wards. The new Ward 8 will comprise West Salem and the recent Kingwood annexation. Legislation that has already passed the council makes the Kingwood annexation a part of Ward 3.

When the new ward is created, since it is located in Polk county, the Polk county court will have to make some readjustments of precincts, which will be added to Salem's present 42 precincts.

Other measures that probably will be voted on are the anticipated referendums against the Baldoock plan.

Charter Revision City Attorney Kowitz would like to have the people vote on a measure or measures to remove deadwood from the city charter, but things it should be held off for another election some time in the future.

One complication that may arise in connection with the special election, is a voting place for Ward 3. It is presumed there will be only one voting place in a ward, instead of voting in every precinct as in a regular election. Since the Kingwood annexation is now part of Salem the question arises whether the polling place for Ward 3 should be on the east or the west side of the river.

\$55,904,813 In Income Taxes

State personal and corporate income tax collections in the year ended July 1 totaled \$55,904,813, a new record and 18 per cent more than in the previous record year of the preceding year, the state tax commission said today.

The commission said the increase was caused by higher wages and more business.

Individuals paid \$35,863,526 of the taxes, compared with \$30,863,181 the preceding year. Corporations paid \$20,041,287, compared with \$16,575,914 in the previous year.

The commission pointed out that total tax collections, including both corporation and personal income taxes, are 11 times as great as they were in 1940. They are three times as large as they were in the peak war year of 1943.

There were 375,822 taxable personal income tax returns filed this year, which is considerably under the record number of 506,824 returns filed last year.

Charles Chaplin, Jr., Pinched As Drunk

Hollywood, July 29 (AP)—Charles Chaplin, Jr., 24-year-old son of the comedian, was arrested early today in front of gambler Mickey Cohen's Cafe Continentale on a drunkenness charge.

Officers at the Hollywood sheriff's substation said that young Chaplin was creating a disturbance outside the cafe. He created another disturbance at the substation, the officers added, when news photographers tried to take his picture.

Young Chaplin, son of the movie comedian by his second wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, was arrested in January, 1948, on a similar charge after a minor automobile accident. He drew a \$50 fine and a ten day suspended sentence at that time.

Elevator-Type Of Apartment House Sought

Application Made for 101 Unit Structure For Salem

Salem could use one or two elevator-type apartment houses in a central location. A small group of local businessmen were told that Thursday afternoon by Verne Elliott, assistant state director for the Federal Housing Administration.

In fact, one application has been made for a 101-room apartment house to be located on the southwest corner of Union and Winter streets, Elliott said. The property, measuring 165 feet by 165 feet is presently owned by Doug Yeater, Marion county legislator and local appliance dealer.

Final Approval Not Given Final approval by the FHA has not yet been given on this application, Elliott said. Based on FHA experience of \$8100 per apartment house rental unit, the cost of this elevator-type apartment has been estimated at over \$800,000. Rentals would probably be in the \$65 - \$75 a month category.

The assistant state director tried to encourage Salem interests in developing the apartment and housing situation here. There is a need for well-constructed houses in the price-range of from \$6,000 to \$8500, he said.

Businessmen attending the conference agreed with him. It was the general opinion of the group that such houses would forestall the need for any government-subsidized low-income or slum clearance type of dwellings.

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13,810 Traffic Death Toll '49

Chicago, July 29 (AP)—The nation's traffic death toll for the first six months of 1949 was 13,810—only 100 lower than for the comparable 1948 period.

The National Safety Council, which reported the figures today, said that a five-month comparison however, showed that the nation's motorists rolled up 6 per cent more mileage this year than last, and the ratio dropped to 7 deaths per 100,000,000 miles of travel.

This compared with a rate of 7.2 percent for the equivalent period last year—the previous low rate.

Twenty-two states reported fewer deaths for the first half of 1949.

The largest of the communities with perfect records were New Bedford, Mass., Pawtucket, R. I., and Cedar Rapids, Ia. Leading cities in each population group for the first six months of 1949, ranked according to the number of traffic deaths per 10,000 vehicles, included:

- 200,000 to 500,000—Portland, Ore., 1.1; Oklahoma City, Okla., 1.4; Newark, N. J., 1.7.
- 10,000 to 25,000—Richland, Wash., Ventura, Calif., and Holland, Mich., all 0.0.

Heavy Catch of Tuna Astoria, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Boats were bringing in rich albacore tuna catches today, as clear skies and calm seas aided offshore fishing. The catch was averaging a ton a boat.

Moscow Directs Stream Of Abuse at Douglas

Washington, July 29 (AP)—Moscow is directing a stream of its choicest epithets at Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as his vacation visit to Iran.

A Moscow radio broadcast to Iran recorded today by American official monitors referred to Douglas as an "arrogant speculator" who was accompanied by a "gang of spies" on a mountain climbing jaunt near the Soviet border.

Douglas, accompanied by his son, left in June on a summer tour of Iran and other Middle East areas. He announced in advance he planned to climb peaks in Azerbaijan, close to the Russian frontier. Moscow immediately voiced suspicion but did not really warm up to the subject until the latest broadcast to the Iranians in the Persian language.

Douglas, said Moscow, was accompanied by a "dozen devils"—that is, 13 Americans, who were really United States army officers who were disguised in mountaineering outfits. The Iranians were told:



Acheson Asks Full Arms Aid—Secretary of State Dean Acheson (center) confers with Rep. John Kee (left) and Rep. John M. Vorys prior to testifying before the house foreign affairs committee in Washington on the \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program for nations friendly to the U. S. Secretary Acheson asked for full approval of the arms program as a means of discouraging Soviet Russia from taking a gambler's chance to invade free western European nations. (Acme Telephoto)

Probe Maritime Strikes As Communist Plot

Washington, July 29 (AP)—House investigators said today they are looking into the Hawaiian dock strike to find out whether it fits into a plan laid down in Moscow to seize world-wide control of shipping.

A member of the house un-American activities committee said that a number of witnesses have been scheduled for closed door hearings. The first—Joseph Curran, president of the CIO national maritime union—will be heard Tuesday.

At a later date, this member said, the committee will hear an ex-communist who was in Moscow during the late 1920's. This witness, he explained, was present at an international communist meeting at which plans were discussed for taking over the maritime industry.

"We think there may be a pattern in the dock strikes in Hawaii and London," this member said. "We would not be surprised if these two strikes were followed by others in other parts of the world."

Curran, who broke sharply with left wing elements in his union a few years ago, appeared before the house un-American activities committee in 1939. At that time, he was a hostile witness suspected of left-wing tendencies.

Committee members said he is expected to be "cooperative" at Tuesday's session.

The Hawaiian dock strike is under the leadership of the CIO International Longshoremen's union, headed by Australian-born Harry Bridges. Bridges facing charges of passport fraud on the west coast.

Committee officials said they will not call Bridges until these charges have been settled. Committee members plan to hold no hearings in Hawaii until the strike is settled.

The Hawaiian strike has tied up all shipping in the islands since May 1.

Salem Man Elected Portland, July 29 (AP)—The Free Methodist church, holding its annual conference at campgrounds near here, re-elected the Rev. J. R. Stewart, Salem, superintendent yesterday.

Eye Glasses for Cross Eyed People

Southbridge, Mass., July 29 (AP)—The American Optical company today announced eye-glasses for cross-eyed people. It is easier to see through one lens than the other.

The announcement says doctors prescribe unequal glasses of this sort when cross-eyed people form the habit of using only one eye for seeing. Gradually the non-working eye loses its ability to see details.

The new spectacles blur the glass over the good eye. That eye can still see through the blurred glass, but has to work harder. The eye that has been out of training thereupon goes to work, too, and slowly regains its lost power.

Signing Recall Petitions Portland, Ore., July 29 (AP)—The committee spearheading the drive to recall Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Elliott today estimated that 12,000 petition signatures have been obtained so far. However, only 6,179 signatures have been filed with Registrar James W. Gleason for verification.

Hot Stuff on 5 Percenters

Washington, July 29 (AP)—Senators investigating the activities of "five percenters" took fast-talking John Maragon behind closed doors again today for more questioning on matters described as "plenty hot."

Maragon, dapper former boot-black who gets into the White House, spent more than an hour with the investigators at a hush-hush session yesterday. Afterward, his secret testimony was rated "plenty hot stuff" by a senate source.

Maragon showed up this morning at a basement room of the senate office building and immediately was closeted with the senate group looking into allegations of the use of influence in the awarding of government contracts.

"I'll be out in about 15 minutes," Maragon called cheerily to newsmen. A senate official said it would be much longer.

Maragon calls many top government officials and congress members by their first names. He listed President Truman's military aide, Maj Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, as one of his good friends.

27 Death Toll Of Heat Wave

Deaths from effects of a late July heat wave mounted today with at least 27 fatalities in eastern cities. No immediate break in the hot and humid weather was in sight for the area.

But some relief came to parts of the Midwest. A mass of fresh Canadian cool air moving south-eastward brought lower temperatures into the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

The outlook for further movement of the cool air into the sweltering east and south is not good, however, federal weather bureau forecasters said. They promised another day of hot and sticky weather for most of the eastern and southern sections of the country.

Temperatures—in the 90s over most of the area from the Rockies to the Atlantic coast for the last week—hit record marks for the day in several cities yesterday. Readings of 100 were common throughout New England. Boston's 99 was a record for July 28.

Nine persons died in Washington from the heat as the capital baked in 96 degree temperatures. Some 83,000 federal and District of Columbia government employees were sent home early because of the oppressive heat.

The hot weather claimed the lives of five persons in Pennsylvania as the heat wave extended for the 11th day. Philadelphia's top mark was 95 and it was 92 in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

Farmers Victors At Swan Lake

A battle for water in Swan Lake valley, east of Klamath Falls, was decided today in favor of 20 farmers located along the tiny creeks that go into Swan lake.

The ruling, by State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin, is against the Liskey brothers and Hankins brothers, who wanted all the creek water so it would flood the lake, and thus irrigate their 1,639 acres of crops along the lake's edge.

Stricklin's recommendation now goes back to the Klamath county circuit court for final order.

What started all the fireworks was when H. Douglas Whitelne, a farmer on Anderson creek, decided to build a reservoir on the creek for irrigation storage. The Liskey and Hankins brothers sought a court order to stop the reservoir, and the circuit court asked Stricklin to look into all water rights in the valley which is seven miles long and five miles wide. The lake, however, is only about a square mile.

Stricklin said that for the Liskey and Hankins brothers to irrigate their 1,639 acres with flood waters from the lake, they actually have to flood more than 10,000 acres. He called this a terrific waste of water.

Of the 20 creek farmers included in the order, only seven actually have water rights now. Stricklin said that in the past 10 years there actually have been only two years when there was enough flood water from the lake to irrigate the lands of the Liskeys and the Hawk-Ins.

Stricklin said the case was the first of its kind.

Arms Aid to Friendly Nations May Continue for 5 Years

Berlin Airlift To Be Ended By October 31

Berlin, July 29 (AP)—American and British military governments announced today the combined Berlin airlift will be reduced by gradual stages starting next Monday.

A joint statement said: "In view of the favorable stock position in Berlin, it has been decided to reduce the airlift by stages commencing August 1, 1949."

The airlift operation is to end, under present plans and barring renewed cold war pressure, on October 31.

Five Months' Stockpile The city has upwards of five months' stockpile of essential supplies, built up since the Russians lifted their blockade May 12.

The airlift, which once hit a peak of delivering almost 13,000 tons in one day, has been averaging 8000 tons. The western sectors of Berlin have existed during the blockade on as little as 3,000 tons but need between 12,000 and 15,000 for normal life.

Road, rail and barge traffic now are bringing almost 20,000 tons daily. The airlift was started by Gen. Lucius D. Clay on June 26, 1948.

70 Airmen Killed Air force officers today issued a revised total of fatalities, listing 70 airmen killed since the lift began. Thirty-one were Americans, 39 British. In addition, seven German civilians lost their lives in crashes.

The cut-back operation is scheduled to be done on a reduced tonnage basis. The daily schedule for August is 3,700 tons, for September 2,100, and for October 1,000.

This will be a breeze for pilots who have averaged 8,000 tons daily since the lift got into full swing and thundered in an eastern parade of nearly 13,000 tons in 24 hours.

Chinese Reds Near Changteh Outskirts

Canton, July 29 (AP)—Nationalist dispatches today pictured communist forces on the outskirts of Changteh in the heart of Hunan province's rice bowl.

The communist drive from the north appeared to be a flanking operation. Heavy fighting was reported under way for Changteh, which is 100 miles northwest of Changsha, Hunan capital.

Observers here saw the communist strategy as an attempt to block the nationalists from Kweiyang, Kweichow province capital. Kweiyang has been mentioned as a possible nationalist capital if Canton is deserted as was Nanking.

Kaiser Purchases 3 US Aluminium Plants

Washington, July 29 (AP)—Sale of three government-owned aluminum plants—one in Baton Rouge, La., and two in Spokane, Wash.—to the Permanente Metals Corp. for \$36,000,000 was announced today by the war assets administration.

Terms of sale provide for a down payment of five per cent and purchase money mortgage or mortgage over a period of 25 years at four per cent interest. The purchase price of \$36,000,000 represents 80 per cent of the fair value placed on the three properties by war assets.

Permanente, a Henry J. Kaiser industry, has been operating the plants under lease since early 1946, with options to buy. Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, liquidator of war assets, in announcing the sales, said:

"One of the principal objectives laid down by the congress in the disposal of surplus property from the last war was to foster the development of new independent enterprises and to promote competition in industry."

Log Jam Ties Up \$27 Billion Appropriations

Washington, July 29 (AP)—A total of \$26,809,282,632 in appropriations piled up today behind a plodding senate and there appeared little chance of a quick break in this log jam.

A bipartisan bloc of economy advocates is challenging almost every expense item in an attempt to chip off a few millions here and there.

A senate - house committee meanwhile worked on a compromise to keep the government's vast machinery rolling with emergency funds until the cash can be provided by appropriation.

The house and senate passed a stop-gap measure yesterday—the second time this year — to provide a part of the money which should have been available by July 1. The house voted to keep the money flowing to agencies through August. But the senate put the cut-off date at August 15. Conferees are trying to work out this difference.

L. A. Ex-police Chief Indicted

Los Angeles, July 29 (AP)—Ex-Police Chief C. B. Horrall's vacation has been cut short. The big bluff chief, who stepped down a month ago because of "ill health," is on his way home from Montana to face a county grand jury indictment charging him with perjury. Four of his aides surrendered yesterday on similar charges.

The indictments shared the limelight with the death of Mickey Cohen's henchman, Edward (Neddie) Herbert, one of the quartet shot in the ambush of the little gambling czar last week.

The body of Herbert, about 38, will be sent to New York for burial, and Cohen, about ready to leave the hospital, said he intends to attend the funeral.

But before Cohen can leave for the east, he must get superior court permission to do so. He is under \$100,000 bond in the assault case which touched off the grand jury investigation into police department vice tie-ups with the underworld preying on lush Hollywood.

The inquiry led straight to Brenda Allen's Bordello. After weeks of check - and - double checking, the jury yesterday charged Horrall, Assistant Chief Joseph F. Reed, Capt. Cecil Wisdom, Lt. Rudy Wellpott and Sgt. C. J. Jackson with not telling the whole truth before the investigating group.

Moreover, Wellpott and Jackson are accused of accepting five bribes from Call House Brenda.

Straighten-out Snarl on ECA

Washington, July 29 (AP)—President Truman has assurance that the snarl over foreign aid will be straightened out today and some sort of bill will be brought back before the senate.

Secretary of the Interior Krug told reporters about it after a cabinet meeting at the White House.

He said Vice President Barkley spent some time explaining "the mess on the ECA bill" to Mr. Truman.

Barkley, Krug said, assured Mr. Truman that the matter would be straightened out and some kind of measure brought out during the day.

The job on the \$5,723,000,000 money measure for European recovery fell to the senate appropriations committee, which got it back as the result of a technical tangle on the senate floor.

At least three decisions are possible:

Johnson Says \$1.5 Billion Bill Only a Starter

Washington, July 29 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson told congress today that U. S. arms aid for friendly nations may have to be given for four or five years, at diminishing annual costs.

He made the estimate—which he emphasized was only a personal one—before the house foreign affairs committee. He set the pitch before that group for a chorus of backing from the military high command for President Truman's request for a one-year \$1,450,000,000 program to help European nations arm themselves.

Johnson emphasized that "no man can give you an answer" when asked by Rep. Mansfield (D., Mont.) for an estimate of the overall cost and duration of the proposed program, now projected on a one-year basis up to June 30, 1950.

Cost Decreases Yearly "Personally," he said in measured words, "I think that you're into a program that may run four or five years."

The costs should decrease each year, he said, as the nations receiving help improve their own ability to help themselves.

Scheduled to follow Johnson on the stand were Gen. Omar N. Bradley, army chief of staff, and others of the high command. That group, making up the joint chiefs of staff, was ready for a quick takeoff for Europe this afternoon after giving the committee their views. The joint chiefs are going abroad to discuss the arms program and general defense plans with European military chiefs.

Johnson in his testimony reinforced the administration's assurance that no additional American troops will be sent to Europe as part of the arms aid program.

No U. S. Troops Used In a statement prepared for the house foreign affairs committee setting forth the national military establishment's views on the legislation, Johnson said he wanted to make one point "absolutely clear."

"That is," he said, "that under this program no United States troops will be sent abroad to employ the equipment we will provide."

"This military assistance program is solely an equipment and a technical and training assistance program. The only United States personnel involved will be a strictly limited number of technical and training specialists to assist and advise the participating countries."

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Bid of \$51,000 For Starr Plants

Portland, July 29 (AP)—A high bid of \$51,000 has been submitted for the Starr Fruit Products company plants at Portland, Salem, Sunnyside and Yakima, Atorney Edward A. Boyrie said here yesterday.

He said 15 bids were received for the bankrupt company's machinery, equipment and leases.