

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer. Lowest temperature tonight, 54; highest Thursday, 80.

Maximum yesterday, 56; minimum today, 52. 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, 0; normal, .51. Season precipitation, 41.87; normal, 57.54. River height, -2.3 feet.

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## Legionnaires Swarming Here For Convention

### 40 at 8 Monopolizes Days Activities and Stages Parade

American Legion convention delegates are expected to swarm into Salem en masse Wednesday night, the eve of the official opening of the 31st annual department of Oregon state convention. (Legion daily program on Page 5.)

Several hundred 40 et 8 members were holding their own convention all day Wednesday. The honor and fun-making society of the Legion will highlight their meet with a parade through downtown Salem at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and will conduct their annual "wreck" at the Legion club an hour later.

The Legion clubhouse is closed to everyone but 40 et 8 members all day Wednesday.

Committee Meetings  
Legionnaires get down to business Wednesday night with three vital committee meetings slated. The credentials committee, resolutions committee and rehabilitation commissions are all scheduled to meet.

Beverly Krueger of The Dalles, recently named "Miss Oregon," will make two appearances Wednesday. She'll ride in the 40 et 8 parade and will present the reading, "The Waltz," during the auxiliary ritualistic contest in the Willamette gym at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. It was this reading that Miss Krueger recited in winning the "Miss Oregon" contest at Seaside recently.

Program for Thursday  
Thursday offers a wide and varied program for Legionnaires and spectating townspeople. A feature of any Legion convention is the impromptu parades and concerts which blossom out on downtown streets, and with dozens of bands and drum and bugle corps coming to Salem for the 31st annual convention, this year should be no exception. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

## Josslin Backs Earl Latourette

William L. Josslin, chairman of the democratic state central committee, has recommended to President Truman appointment of Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette as United States district judge if the new judgeship in Oregon is authorized by congress.

As an alternate to Latourette in the event that his age of 60 proves a barrier to his appointment, Josslin submitted the name of Hugh L. Briggs, Portland attorney.

The recommendation of Judge Latourette by Josslin is in direct contravention with the recommendations made by national committeeman Monroe Sweetland and Mrs. Nancy Wood Honeyman, national committeewoman, who threw their support to Gus J. Solomon, also a Portland attorney, who is recognized as the attorney for PUD districts in the northwest.

"Judge Latourette's commanding lead over 22 other distinguished competitors in the poll among 1900 Oregon lawyers is a striking indication of his ability, impartiality and standing," Josslin said.

He added that Judge Latourette had more than 18 years of experience as a circuit judge, comes from a pioneer democratic family, "and is learned in the law, fair, humane and of strong liberal tendencies."

## Year and Day Prison For Stealing \$51,000

New York, Aug. 3 (AP)—A Washington state man was sentenced to a year and a day today on his guilty plea of embezzling \$51,000 in U. S. funds while a civilian employee on an army transport.

He was Frank J. Forster, 31, of Tacoma, whose guilty plea last May involved his service as a civilian disbursing officer on the USAT Private Francis X. McGraw.

Federal Judge Gaston L. Porter also imposed a three-year probation period to follow the prison term.

Forster is currently serving a six month sentence for embezzlement of an additional \$14,000 in government funds. He told the government he had spent most of the money on "high living" in New York and abroad.

## Detroit Road to Be Opened As Soon As Oiled

### Request by Lumbermen to Delay Railroad Abandonment Denied

By JAMES D. OLSON  
Efforts on the part of lumber operators in the Detroit-Dam area to delay abandonment of the Southern Pacific railroad from Gates to Detroit—a move army engineers declared would delay completion of the huge dam by at least a year—failed.

The state highway commission at its monthly meeting in Portland Tuesday, announced the Niagara-Detroit section of the new North Santiam highway, will be declared officially open to travel as soon as the U. S. Bureau of roads smooths and oils the roadway.

To Oil, Gravel Road  
And after considerable argument, Frank E. Andrews, senior engineer of the BPW agreed that his department would immediately smooth the road and lay a mixture of oil and gravel over the entire length of the road section under discussion.

Under an order of the Interstate Commerce commission, the Southern Pacific branch line cannot be abandoned until the highway commission certifies the new road open to travel.

The date when this certification can be made remains uncertain, but it was believed that the BPW will complete its program between August 8 and August 15.

Lumbermen's Protest  
Eberly Thompson, assistant to the president of M. & M. Woodworking company, acting as spokesman for a delegation of lumbermen, requested that the road opening be delayed until the new section had been surfaced. He contended that the road in its present condition was not only dusty but unsafe for use by the lumber trucks.

Col. D. A. Elliget, acting district army engineer, told the commission that any delay in the road opening proclamation "would put the dam construction back one entire season."

"A two week's delay could probably be made up," he said, but because of our tight construction schedule anything beyond that would be critical."

To Declare Road Open  
Harry Banfield, chairman of the commission declared that the first responsibility of the commission was to see that the road was serviceable and safe for travel.

After conferring with his fellow commissioners, Banfield announced that as soon as the BPR had smoothed out the road and placed the oil-gravel mix over the entire section, the commission would declare the road open. He also said that the commission would insist that the road be kept in good condition until it had been surfaced.

Andrew at first proposed a 24-hour around the clock water sprinkling program in lieu of the oiling, but this did not satisfy the commissioners.

Sprinkling a Failure  
"We have never had any success in keeping down dust by sprinkling," said Banfield.

"Come out and watch us do it, some time," countered Andrews.

Although protesting that he did not have equipment available, Andrews later agreed to the highway commission program. Banfield said that the highway department would, if possible, loan some needed equipment.

## 10 Million Labor Slaves In Russia, Says Britain

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 3 (AP)—Britain charged today that Russia has 10,000,000 slave laborers organized on a "mass production basis."



Welcoming Laura Goode—Mrs. Hubert Goode (third from right) of Portland, national president of the American Legion auxiliary, is welcomed upon her arrival in Salem by city and Legion officials. Pictured in front of the state capitol are, left to right, Lawson McCall, secretary to the governor, who represented Governor McKay; Mrs. Leon M. Brown, Salem, national resolutions chairman; Mrs. Mitchell Thorn, The Dalles, auxiliary president; Mrs. Goode; Kelly Owens, Salem, department commander; and Salem Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom.

## Mortuary Hearse Stolen and Smashed

A ghoulish thief stole the Rigdon mortuary hearse early Wednesday and left it crumpled in a ditch at Chemeketa and 24th streets.

The conveyance had been driven east on Chemeketa at a high rate of speed until the driver, apparently unfamiliar with Salem streets, roared into the blind "T" intersection at the end of Chemeketa.

The hearse smashed through a pile of dirt excavated at the intersection for the installation of water main, crashed through a barricade and slid part way over the open ditch before coming to a halt.

Dirt was tossed some 60 feet from the scene of the crash by the impact which left the tangled hearse wrecked. The cost of repairing the vehicle was estimated at from \$400 to \$500.

Detective George Edwards, who is handling the investigation into the theft of the hearse, learned Wednesday afternoon from a woman awakened by the crash that a man had been walking on the east-side of 24th street at the time of the smash-up.

In an effort to secure additional information on the affair, the detective urged the unknown bystander to notify police of anything he may have observed at the scene.

As additional information, the woman reported that a white ambulance was seen turning in the intersection after the accident. (The only white ambulance in Salem belongs to Salem Memorial hospital, and it was not in operation at the time.)

The stolen vehicle was taken after employees from the mortuary had returned from a call. They had left the car at the Chemeketa street building while they took a case inside. The rear door had been left open.

Upon returning to store the car for the night, the hearse was missing.

An immediate report to police was made, but the stolen vehicle was not seen until it was found at the Chemeketa and 24th street intersection.

One time during the hunt for the hearse, police halted the vehicle of another funeral home, but found that it was on a business call, too.

Police said they didn't think the theft and wreck could be attributed to Legion convention "funmakers."

Police found nothing in the hearse to indicate that the thief had been hurt by the crash.

## Takes Death Cell To Escape Snoring

Chicago, Aug. 3 (AP)—James Morelli, who is scheduled to die in the electric chair Aug. 12, is occupying a cell in death row at the Cook county jail—at his own request—so his final nights of sleep will not be disturbed.

The 22 year old "mad dog" killer was removed to one of the four cells adjoining the death chamber after he had complained of too much noise by other prisoners.

"The guys in the cells around me snore like rusty buzz saws with the teeth missing," Morelli told Warden Chester Fordney. "How about giving me some quiet for the time I've got left?"

Fordney suggested the death cell, where doomsday men customarily are held for only about eight hours before their death. The offer was accepted.

# Tito Offered Balkans Help to Quit Russia

## Atlantic Pact Defense Ready By End of Year

London, Aug. 3 (AP)—A defense organization under the Atlantic treaty "might be set up before the end of the year," Adm. Louis E. Denfeld said today.

That brief statement from the naval member of the American joint chiefs of staff was the first direct indication of their progress in meetings with the military leaders of the pact nations.

Denfeld spoke after he, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Omar N. Bradley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg met for more than three hours with the British chiefs of staff.

To Ask Allies for Money  
Asked how soon a defense mechanism for the Atlantic pact could be established, Denfeld replied "I should think it will not be too long. It might be before the end of the year."

Responsible officials said the U. S. joint chiefs of staff want Britain and other pact partners to promise money, large scale military unit in a common defense program.

The U. S. military staff chiefs—Army Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Air Forces Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg and Navy Adm. Louis E. Denfeld—arrived last night from Germany for two days of conferences in London before going to Paris late Thursday. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

## Netherlands Ratifies Pact

The Hague, Aug. 3 (AP)—The upper house of the Netherlands parliament ratified the North Atlantic treaty today. The vote was 29 to 2.

This completed parliamentary action by the Netherlands and constituted the next to the last stage before the treaty goes into effect.

All the original partners in the pact—the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—now have ratified the accord.

The treaty will become formally effective when the instruments of ratification of the various governments are deposited in Washington.

Communists cast the two votes against ratification in the Netherlands upper house. The lower house accepted the pact, 65 to 7, on July 19.

Newsboy's Body Found  
Portland, Aug. 3 (AP)—The body of 12-year-old Sammy Fong, missing since last Thursday when he went to pick up his newspapers for street sale, was recovered last night from the Willamette river.

The coroner's office reported an autopsy would be made to determine cause of death.

## French Boxcar Dedicated Today

"The symbolism of this ceremony could never exist without the generosity of the American people and the graciousness of the French people," Thomas McCall, private secretary of Governor Douglas McKay, said in his short talk at dedication services for the Oregon boxcar of the French gratitude train on the American Legion clubhouse grounds at noon Wednesday.

McCall represented the governor, who is out of town. Other speakers included Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, Maj. Gen. Thomas Riley, Dr. M. E. Cooper of Klamath Falls and Brazier Small of Salem.

The boxcar was presented to the state of Oregon by the people of France in gratitude for the friendship train, which carried needed food and supplies to the French.

The state turned it over to the 40 et 8 organization, and this noon it was permanently enshrined as a monument on the Legion club lawn at 2650 South Commercial.

Dave Hoss was master of ceremonies for the event, and the Rev. George Bailey of Pendleton gave the invocation in French.

About 100 40 et 8 voyageurs were present for the dedication ceremonies.

## Exploding Chair Injures Comedian

Hollywood, Aug. 3 (AP)—An exploding chair that exploded too soon left comedian Milton Berle with a slightly burned leg today.

A small blank cartridge was inserted in the "breakaway" chair to split it when Berle sat down on the set of his Warner Bros. picture. But it went off prematurely yesterday and gave him a surface burn.

## Foreign Aid Bill to Block Berlin Plan

Washington, Aug. 3 (AP)—The state department has protested to senate leaders that the new foreign aid bill would block the army from turning over German occupation duties to civilian control.

This surprise development cropped up as the senate met today to try to untangle the snarl over the \$5,647,724,000 foreign aid measure.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois said the state department protested the action of the senate appropriations committee in stripping house amendments from the bill.

He predicted these amendments will be restored to eliminate this threat. But until the action is taken the transfer, scheduled to take place in a few weeks, would be impossible, he added.

## Senate Slashes ECA 10 Percent

Washington, Aug. 3 (AP)—Some major alterations appeared in store today for the arms-to-Europe bill.

The house foreign affairs committee called a closed-door huddle to hear from two men who are supposed to know all the details of the \$1,450,000,000 program to help Atlantic pact and other nations erect a wall of weapons against Soviet aggression.

The witnesses were Maj. Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer of the army and Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner of the state department. Committee sources described them as "the men who helped draft this plan and know all the answers."

The committee already has received general endorsements of the plan from high administration officials and military men. The testimony they gave dealt with generalities and stressed the need to strengthen friendly nations against Soviet advances.

By voice vote, the senate quickly repeated its approval of a 10 per cent cut in the European recovery program.

It voted \$3,628,380,000 to carry ECA through the current year and approved ECA spending \$1,074,000,000 in the last quarter of the year which ended July 1.

But at this point the senate bumped into the troublesome amendment which would require ECA and the army to earmark \$1,800,000,000 for surplus American farm commodities.

This was the issue which sent the bill back to the senate appropriations committee last week for some rewriting.

Funds for Ship Repair  
Washington, Aug. 3 (AP)—The White House has advised Sen. Warren Magnuson, D. Wash., that the armed services have been directed to include in their 1951 budget funds for merchant ship repairs necessary for national defense.

## Faricy Heads Civilian Reserve

Washington, Aug. 3 (AP)—William Thomas Faricy, Chicago attorney and railroad official, today was named head of the national military establishments' new civilian reserve policy board.

Faricy's appointment by Secretary of Defense Johnson is another step in efforts to strengthen organization of the nation's military setup.

Legislation giving the defense secretary additional powers in consolidating the armed forces was passed by congress and sent to the White House yesterday.

Only President Truman's signature is needed to make the measure law.

In still another move to coordinate activities of the armed services, Johnson has ordered the navy to take over the army's ocean-going vessels. This means the navy will direct a new military sea transport service (MSTS) for all branches beginning Oct. 1.

In a similar action some time ago, all military air transport was switched to a single agency—air transport service (MATS). This now serves all three branches under air force control. The next step will be a land transportation service under army control.

Johnson's announcement policy the civilian component policy board to be headed by Faricy will coordinate the policies and program of the organized reserve.

## Wheat Subsidy Offered Growers for Exports

Washington, Aug. 3 (AP)—The government is offering a subsidy ranging from 23 to 34 cents a bushel today on wheat bought for export under the international wheat agreement which went into effect Monday.

Drafted early this year by 44 nations, the agreement is designed to stabilize world markets and supplies. It seeks to do this by dividing the export market among surplus-producing nations and by maintaining a schedule of maximum and minimum prices in the world markets.

The United States share of a 454,000,000-bushel annual allotment world market is 168,000,000 bushels.

The subsidy is made necessary by the fact that the maximum price set by the pact is below current domestic prices of the grain.

The maximum price is \$1.80 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat at Fort Williams and Port Arthur, Canada. The equivalent maximum price at any other particular point reflects the difference in transportation rates between that point and Fort Wil-

## To Cooperate In Shaking Off Soviet Control

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 3 (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito forecast yesterday that Bulgaria and Albania would quit the Moscow-led cominform and offered them a helping hand in shaking off Russian domination.

Tito has been tilting with the cominform (communist international information bureau) since June of last year, when Yugoslavia's communists were expelled for nationalism and other deviations from the Moscow brand of Marxism-Leninism.

Both Bulgaria and Albania have had recent purges among high communist leaders who were charged with heresies similar to the accusations leveled against Tito.

Speaks to 350,000  
The Yugoslav leader spoke at Skopje before an audience estimated at 350,000 by Yugoslav officials. It was the first time in recent months he appeared in Macedonia, which has been subjected to propaganda from anti-Tito factions urging an independent state made up of Yugoslav, Bulgarian and Greek Macedonia.

Tito declared the Bulgarian people ultimately would ignore "slanders against Yugoslavia and extend their fraternal hand to us and we will help them remove whatever individuals have so far put obstacles in the path of the creation and preservation of brotherly relations."

He said this statement also applied to Albania, Yugoslavia's tiny neighbor to the south.

Bulgarian Leaders Purged  
Traicho Kostov, former vice premier of Bulgaria and former member of the central committee of the Bulgarian communist party, was expelled from the party in June after being charged with nationalism and an unfriendly attitude toward the Soviet Union.

At about the same time, former deputy premier Koci Xoxe of Albania was executed after being convicted of treason.

Xoxe had been reported siding with Tito in his quarrel with the cominform.

Referring to two other communist neighbors of Yugoslavia, Tito said the cominform campaign against him had unleashed "chauvinistic passions" in Hungary and Romania.

He said leading communists in those countries were "quite audibly whispering" that something could be wrenched from Yugoslavia because it was "capitalistic," while their countries were "socialist."