

PARTLY CLOUDY to clear tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer temperature. Lowest tonight, 55; highest Saturday, 86.

Maximum yesterday, 86; minimum 49. 48. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month; 0; normal, .05. Season precipitation, 41.81; normal, 37.38. River height, 2.5 feet. Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.



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Legion to Stage Annual Parade Friday Evening

Splash of Brightness And Blare of Noise Starts at 7 o'Clock

The grand convention parade, the most colorful event of the 31st annual state American Legion convention...

In its two hour march, the parade will display a panorama of city, state, military and Legion dignitaries, drum and bugle corps, bands, military units, comedy acts, noisemakers, etc.

The parade will form at 6:15 at Commercial and Center. From there it goes south on Commercial to State; east on State to Liberty; north on Liberty to Court; east on Court to High; south on High to State; east on State to Cottage, disbanding at Willson park.

Soon after the disbandment of the parade, the "Convention Cavalcade," a vaudeville show, will be presented from the outdoor stage at the state Fairgrounds.

Eddie Dean a Feature. Featured on the show will be Eddie Dean, star of stage, screen and radio who will soon appear on his own television show in Los Angeles.

Tato the Clown with his pet "Cheeta" the chimpanzee will also appear at the Fairgrounds. The Tato troupe also includes a trained Shetland pony, trained mule and trained dog.

Legionnaires Nab Soldier

A hastily formed posse of Astoria Legionnaires trapped a Ft. Lewis soldier in the brush near the Willamette university residence of Dr. G. Herbert Smith early Friday morning after a hit-run accident.

The soldier was identified as Pvt. Aurelio Martinez, who is attached to the army unit brought to Salem for the Oregon American Legion convention.

He is being held on charges of failing to remain at the scene of an accident, and car theft.

A police report of the affair told how a car driven by Martinez, but registered to John Turrittine, Jr., 239 S. Cottage, was seen to smash into two parked cars in the 200 block on south Winter street about 3:00 a.m.

The car continued for a block before the soldier leaped from the hit-run machine and fled on foot.

Thirteen Astoria Legionnaires pursued him in view of the fact that the accident had involved a car belonging to Charles W. Laurens Jr., an Astoria delegate. The other belonged to Bert Regan of Portland.

The posse trapped Martinez in the brush near the university president's residence. At that point, the police report said, Martinez "came out fighting" and "attempted to whip the gang."

There was no evidence of his success or failure on that score, but the report explained that Martinez was being held for police upon the arrival of the officer.

Martinez was placed under arrest on charges of failing to remain at the scene of an accident. A later investigation showed him to be driving Turrittine's car without his knowledge or permission.

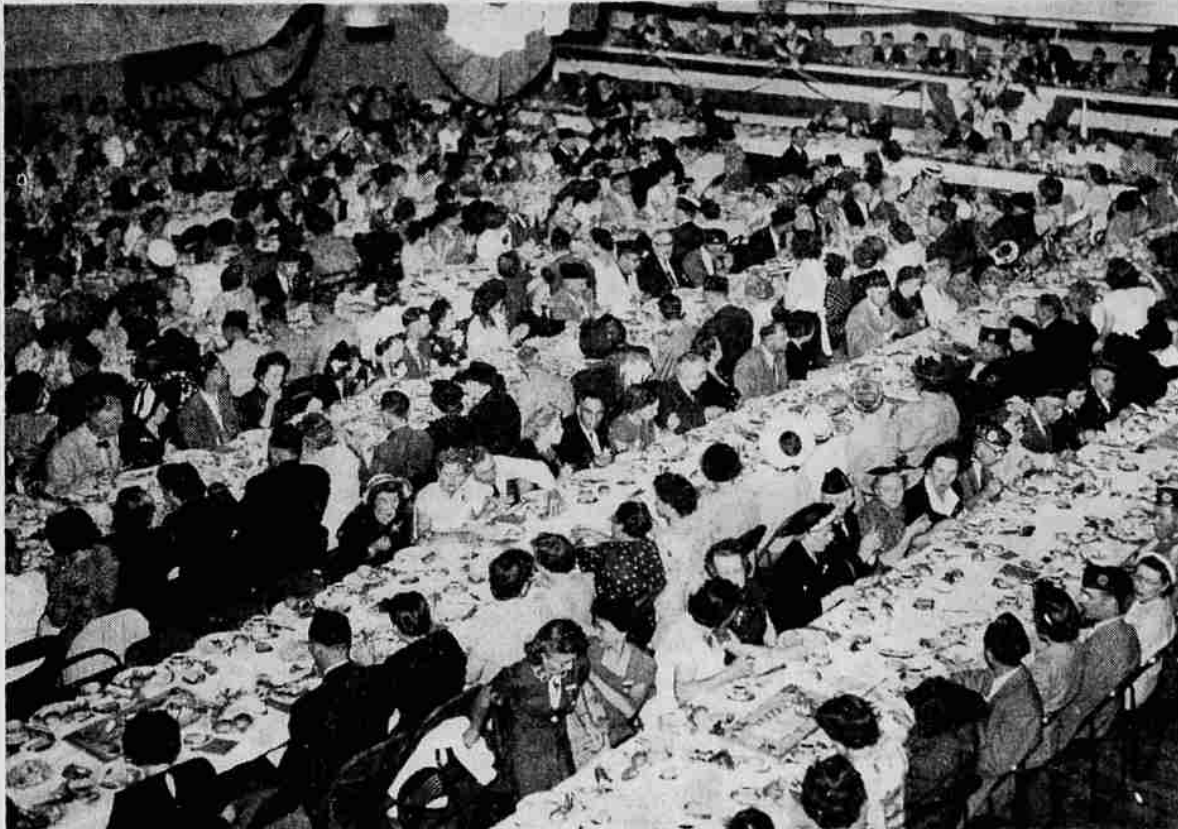
The soldier told police he had been "picked up" by a girl identified as "Frances" who had asked him to drive around the block a few times and pick her up later. He claimed to be following her instructions when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Graham for Auxiliary Prexy

Mrs. W. W. Graham of Corvallis was the only nominee for state president of the American Legion women's auxiliary after nominations were made during a business session of the auxiliary in the Senate chambers of the capitol building Friday morning.

Elections will be held Saturday. Mrs. Stanley Krueger of The Dalles received the lone nomination for the vice-president's position.

Other nominations made at the meeting included Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, Portland, secretary; and Mrs. McKinley Kane, Dundee, treasurer.



Banquet Crowd—American Legion convention delegates dine at the grand convention banquet in the Salem armory Thursday evening. About 800 Legionnaires were present for the event, held in honor of Laura Goode, national president of the Legion auxiliary.

Reds Picket Chief of Staff

Paris, Aug. 5 (AP)—Communists massed 1,500 singing marchers in protest against Atlantic pact talks here, but the presence of 6000 troops and police in the Place De La Concorde cooled the demonstrators' ardor.

The marchers sang the communist anthem, The Internationale. They made no attempt to break through lines of police, bolstered by soldiers in battle equipment. They had intended to march on the U.S. embassy in the square and protest against the presence in France of the American joint chiefs of staff, who are discussing Atlantic alliance strategy.

The staff chiefs already had gone to Fontainebleau, 40 miles outside Paris, for talks with western European chiefs.

Brig. Gen. Joseph O'Hare of the embassy received a delegation of four communists twice in the afternoon. They wanted a third meeting tonight, but O'Hare put them off until tomorrow.

In Bordeaux, U.S. Consul Walter Lihicun received a delegation of the communist-controlled general labor confederation.

Many American tourists had gathered in the Place De La Concorde in Paris in anticipation of trouble with the communist marchers, but there was none.

The Fontainebleau meeting lasted less than two hours. A communique was issued, saying: "The U.S. chiefs of staff met western European commanders in their committee at Fontainebleau this afternoon at 1530 (3:30 p.m. French time). Useful conversation took place in a most cordial atmosphere. The U.S. chiefs of staff left Fontainebleau at 1720 (5:20 p.m.) to return to Paris."

Truman Appointments

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Tracy S. Voorhees for promotion from assistant secretary to undersecretary of the army. He also nominated Archibald S. Alexander, 1948 Democratic candidate for senator from New Jersey, to be assistant secretary of the army.

New Attack Ordered In Hospital Campaign

A revamped plan of attack, to make the hospital development program the responsibility of every man, woman, and child in Salem, evolved from a weekly report luncheon of campaign workers today.

Charted under the fast windup plan is a program of telephone calling in which it is hoped that every home in the city will be contacted. The householder will be asked to name the amount he can give. Campaign headquarters then will offer to call at the home to receive the money.

This course of action was adopted following a challenging statement by Al W. Loucks, chairman of the public division, who told the luncheon meeting at Senator hotel Friday noon of his disappointment over results obtained to date. The drive for

U.A.L. Fights Loss of Small Cities Served

San Francisco, Aug. 5 (AP)—United Air Lines President W. A. Patterson today told a civic aeronautics board that his company intends to "fight to the last ditch" any proposal to discontinue their service to smaller cities.

Discussing general UAL policy, Patterson said "we're not cream skimmers, we're willing to take the good with the bad and if we are forced to drop our service to smaller cities, then we will be accused of being a big octopus."

But when it comes to the question of suspending UAL service, Patterson declared, "our position is quite clear. We don't feel that CAB has the power or authority to take anything away from us. If anything is going to be accomplished here, it will have to be done in agreement between all parties. It can't be done by an order."

Today's hearing dealt only with six California and Oregon cities. Cities such as Salem, Ore., were not mentioned. But the airlines president outlined the policy of his company with respect to all feeder operations.

He termed the UAL service to some smaller 38 cities a "feeder line operation," even though the CAB did not recognize it as such, and said United did not want to abandon any of these flights, which produced good will that offset any possible financial loss.

He attacked the tactics of some smaller lines, saying they were "throwing rocks," and said it would not be possible for UAL to come to any agreement with Southwest Airlines by which United might temporarily abandon its service to the six cities until Southwest's "approach was different."

The company plans to replace the DC3s now servicing these smaller cities with DC4s as much as possible, Patterson said.

In response to questioning by CAB officials, Patterson said that taking all short feeder hauls away from the big airlines would increase mail costs and fares to the smaller communities.

The CAB proposes to transfer to Southwest Air Lines the present United routes serving Santa Barbara, Salinas, Monterey, Red Bluff, Eureka, and Klamath Falls.

United Air Lines opened its case yesterday with the testimony of James A. Moore, UAL executive, who contended that it would cost the government \$286,000 per year to switch airline routes. He said mail subsidies to United would have to be increased by \$463,000 per year to compensate for the loss of revenue it would suffer under the proposed change.

Mail pay to Southwest, he contended, would be diminished by only \$177,000, resulting in a total mail pay increase of \$286,000.

Roosevelt Eyes Governorship. Los Angeles, Aug. 5 (AP)—Today's political tip from the insiders: Look for another Roosevelt hat in the ring about Oct. 1.

James Roosevelt said yesterday that when he expects to announce his intentions toward the governorship of California.

Slav Troops Alerted by Tito

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 5 (AP)—Yugoslav troops were in a state of alert today to guard against what Premier Marshall Tito called provocations and intimidation by his Soviet-dominated neighbors.

Tanjug, the official news agency, last night quoted Marshall Tito as saying bloody clashes already had taken place in Macedonia. The stormy Balkan region lies between communist Bulgaria and Albania, with Greece on the southern border.

Tito said his troops were in a "state of alert in order to safeguard the peaceful construction of our socialist country."

The premier, who defied Soviet dictation a year ago in a row with the cominform (communist international information bureau), accused his eastern neighbors of trying to intimidate Yugoslavia by spreading rumors of a threatened Red army invasion.

Tito called them "nothing but ordinary rumors" but added: "Nevertheless, we are not vigilant here either... we are prepared to prevent all provocations, to defend our country against everyone."

In a slap at Moscow, Tito added Yugoslavia would defend the principles of Marxism-Leninism "even against the creators of these principles, should they go against them."

Vandals Tear Welcome Flags

Merchants in the 400 block on Court street were angered Friday morning to find American Legion welcome signs and red white and blue bunting had been ripped from store fronts and left hanging or torn on the streets.

Dr. Harry A. Brown, jeweler and optometrist, immediately offered a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals who desecrated the colors and ripped the decorations down.

Several other merchants in the same block were similarly aroused by the acts.

City Attorney Chris Kowitz was of the opinion that an ordinance dealing with flag decorations had been repealed, and that he knew of no national or state law dealing with the problem. Arrests could be made, however, on the charge of vandalism.

Dr. Brown reported that George E. Donaldson, one of the committee heads of the convention, had advised him that several merchants had entered complaints earlier in the week dealing with similar acts of desecration.

Six Bandits Rob Ex-French Colonel

Nice, France, Aug. 5 (AP)—Six bandits, armed with submachine guns, robbed the home of a retired French colonel in Toulouse of \$1,230 in cash last night.

The description of the bandits, their accents and their technique tallied with that of the four men who Wednesday robbed the millionaire Indian potentate Aga Khan and his wife

U.S. Admits China Lost to Reds but Warns Russians

Officially Open Salem Air Base With Ceremony

Public ceremonies held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at McNary field officially established the Salem U.S. Naval Air Facility and commissioned the Volunteer Naval Air Reserve unit (active). During the ceremony Lt. Comdr. Wallace Hug, USNR, was given his orders as the officer in charge of the U.S. Naval Air facility and Lt. Ernest Eldridge received his orders placing him in command of the Salem Volunteer Naval Air Reserve unit, Executive officer at the air facility is Lt. Stanley Fallander, who came to Salem from Corvallis.

Buckley Main Speaker. Capt. A. E. Buckley, commanding officer of the Naval Air Reserve Training unit, Naval Air Station, Seattle, gave the main address at the ceremonies, which were preceded by a concert by the 13th Naval district band under the direction of Navy Bandmaster C. G. Ellis.

Short talks were given also by Gov. Douglas McKay, Mayor Robert L. Elstrom and B. E. (Kelley) Owens, state commander of the American Legion. Other distinguished guests attending the ceremony were introduced by Lt. Comdr. Hug prior to Capt. Buckley's speech. Citations Awarded. Another feature of the ceremony was the presentation of citations, awarded for distinguished war service in the Pacific during the last war, to AD2 E. G. Hastings, one of the station keepers at the air facility. The citations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh gold stars in lieu of the Air Medal.

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Chinese Reds Take Changsha

Canton, Aug. 5 (AP)—The fortress of Changsha fell to the Reds today and a credible report of a nationalist army revolt on that front may mean the road to Canton soon will be almost wide open.

Loss of Changsha, 365 miles to the north, was bad news enough for the nationalists. But the Reds in another lunge southeast of Changsha were only 215 miles from this refugee capital.

Both these reversals were admitted officially. Unofficial but credible reports said Gen. Chen Ming-jen, new governor of Hunan province, the bread basket province, had revolted.

General Chen only recently replaced Gen. Cheng Chien. The government charges Cheng fled from Changsha and went over to the Reds Monday. The government ordered Cheng's arrest, accusing him of trying to arrange a local peace with the communists.

The unofficial accounts said General Chen, close friend of his predecessor, also went over to the Reds taking at least one of his three armies with him. His armies totalled 90,000 men.

Defection of the Hunan general would create a serious situation. It conceivably could compel Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, the commander in the south, to withdraw his troops southwestward into Kwangsi province. This would leave the road to Canton open for a swift and easy communist advance.

Truman Sends New Arms for Europe Bill

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—The administration sent to congress today a new arms-for-Europe bill shorn of provisions giving President Truman power to decide when and where aid should be given.

The new measure, submitted to the house and the senate, named specifically the countries to be aided under the \$1,450,000,000 program.

It made no change, however, in cost of the proposed program. The proposed outlay has been criticized sharply by both republicans and democrats in congress.

The rewritten measure was submitted to the senate by Chairman Connally (D. Tex.) of the foreign relations committee and to the house by Chairman Kee (D. W. Va.) of the foreign affairs committee.

Education Aid Bill Speeded

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—President Truman called democratic congressional leaders to the White House today in an effort to get passage on a controversial federal aid to education bill.

The controversy over whether public funds should be made available to parochial and other private schools for auxiliary services has blocked efforts to get the measure to the floor in the house.

Chairman Leiniski (D. Mich.), of the house education and labor committee refused to say, after the conference, whether he will call his committee back into session to consider it.

Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, the democratic floor leader in the house, told reporters that Mr. Truman was very urgent in his appeal for passage of the bill at this session, to redeem one of his 1948 campaign pledges.

Pearson Out For Latourette

Portland, Aug. 5 (AP)—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson came out today in favor of the appointment of Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette to Oregon's new federal judgeship.

Pearson, a democrat, said he had tried vainly to persuade Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland to withdraw his support of Gus J. Solomon, Portland attorney, for the post.

"I told Sweetland that if he continued to support Solomon and Solomon is appointed, it will split the democratic party in Oregon right down the middle. I suggested he withdraw Solomon's name and the democrats try to select a man upon whom they can agree.

"He would not agree with me, so I told him if he continued to support Solomon, I would support Latourette. I wrote to the national committee urging Latourette's appointment."

Latourette has the backing of the state democratic central committee chairman.

Flying Farmers to Meet. Prineville, Aug. 5 (AP)—The Oregon Flying Farmers will hold their annual convention in McMinnville Sept. 4-6, President Claude Williams announced here.

New Policy for Orient Charted In White Paper

Washington, Aug. 5 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson wrote off China's Nationalist government today as a total failure before the onslaught of communism. He charted a new course for America's anti-communist policy in the far east.

In a bitingly critical "white paper," including the long-suppressed Wedemeyer report, Acheson told President Truman in a letter that U. S. policy now must be shaped to "encourage all developments" in China which are aimed at throwing off the "foreign yoke" of Moscow-directed communism. The report, made public today, is two inches thick and more than 1,000 pages long.

Red Regime Serves Russia. Acheson said the communist regime serves the interests "of Soviet Russia." He advised the President it may "lend itself to the aims of Soviet Russian imperialism" to start an aggression against China's neighbor nations.

If that aggression comes, Acheson indicated the United States would try to block it through the United Nations. While not all China is presently under the Red banner, Acheson said in another document of the white paper, the communists can take over the rest any time they want and nationalist armies will be powerless to resist. He thus advised chairman Connally (D. Texas) of the senate foreign relations committee March 15.

Blame Put on Chiang. For the "ominous result of the Chinese civil war," Acheson placed full blame on Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and other leaders of the crumbling national government. He said they "lost no battles" in the last crucial year for lack of American weapons.

Their failures, he said, were due to loss of popular support and loss by the armies of the will to fight. The communists battled with "fanatical zeal," Acheson added, but: "The nationalist armies did not have to be defeated; they disintegrated."

To support the position that Chinese—not American—leaders were to blame for the disaster, the state department included among the unveiled state documents a sensational letter from China's current acting President, General Li Tsung-jen.

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Wedemeyer's Report Spurned

Washington, Aug. 4 (AP)—Lt. Albert C. Wedemeyer urged President Truman in 1947 to adopt a new five-year aid program for nationalist China—if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would agree to drastic reforms in his government and army.

Wedemeyer told the president this action was necessary to defeat the Chinese communists and block Russia's "dangerous" plans for expansion in the Far East.

He made the recommendations to the White House September 19, 1947, after conducting an on-the-spot survey as head of a Truman-appointed investigating mission to China.

The army general denounced Russia's role in the Chinese revolution and told Mr. Truman: "Any further spread of Soviet influence would be inimical to United States strategic interests."

Wedemeyer suggested that the president urge China to appeal to the United Nations to set up a five-year "guardianship" or trusteeship over the rich industrial area of Manchuria. The trustees would be the U. S., Britain, Russia, France and China.

Wedemeyer's advice was not followed. The administration suppressed his report until today. In making it public, Secretary of State Acheson gave this reason for the secrecy:

"It was decided that the publication at that time of suggestion for alienation of a part of China from the control of the nationalist government, and for placing that part under an international administration to include Soviet Russia, would not be helpful."



Opponents in Campaign—James Green of Omaha, Neb., (left) and Eric Cocks, jr., of Dawson, Ga., show their rivalry in a friendly basis as they chat jocosely during a gathering of the state Legion convention. The men are both candidates for the national commandship of the Legion.