

THE WEATHER HERE

GENERALLY FAIR tonight and Tuesday. Slightly warmer after-noon temperatures. Lowest to- night, 48; highest Tuesday, 80.

Maximum yesterday, 71; minimum to- day, 48. Total 24-hour precipitation: .17; for month, .35; normal, .68. Season precipitation, 42.25; normal, 37.50. River height, -3.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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House Debates Minimum Wage Hike to 75 Cents

Compromise Measure To Face Many Amendments

Washington, Aug. 8 (AP)—The house waded today into its second big labor debate of the year. This one is on whether to hike the national minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75.

The democratic party's campaign pledge of last fall to raise the minimum and broaden coverage of the 1938 wage-house act was up for redemption. It faced the same determined, well-organized foes as the still-unre-deemed campaign pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley law.

Democratic leaders were backing a compromise bill introduced last week by Chairman Lesinski (D., Mich.) of the house labor committee. Many southern democrats and republicans were lined up tentatively behind a measure sponsored by Rep. Lucas (D., Tex.), a labor committee member.

Unions' Lobby Active

House members reported labor unions active in drumming up support for the compromise, but said that representatives would not state their support of the measure in writing. It falls short of the original administration bill in its coverage of workers.

"The town is jumping with lobbyists on this thing," said one labor committee democrat.

Major amendments on the wage section of the bill were to be offered by Reps. Sims (D., S.C.) and Combs (D., Tex.), and floor managers of the legislation had notice of scores of other amendments to be brought up when the time comes.

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McKay Praises Hoover's Work

Governor Douglas McKay Monday issued a statement lauding ex-President Herbert Hoover, who will celebrate his 75th birthday Wednesday.

Mr. Hoover spent much of his boyhood in Salem, leaving the state to enroll in Stanford university.

"Herbert Hoover, only living ex-president of the United States," the governor's statement read, "will observe his 75th birthday August 10 at the Hoover Institute and Library of War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford university."

"For more than 35 years, Mr. Hoover had dedicated his entire time and energy to public service at home and abroad, in war and in peace, constantly striving to make the world a better place for mankind."

"His contributions toward furthering the highest ideals of our American way of life have played an important part in our social, economic and spiritual advancement as a nation."

"Let us see to it, in letter, in printed statement and in individual thought, that Mr. Hoover, one of the greatest Americans of all times, is made aware of the gratitude of the state of Oregon and the nation for his intense generosity as a citizen and public servant."

Krugen Enters Plea Of Not Guilty

Edward H. Krugen, accused of aiding the escape of two girls from Hillcrest home and contributing to the delinquency of one of them, pleaded innocent to both charges Monday in district court.

Trial on the charge of aiding the escapes is scheduled for August 19, while a preliminary hearing on the other charge was set for Tuesday. Total bail for Krugen was continued at \$3,000. The charges against him were signed by an official of the girls' home.

Tolo School Burns Down

Medford, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—The Tolo rural school was burned down and two homes damaged late Saturday in a brush and scrub fire that scorched 300 acres north of here.

Asserts Hunt Boasted of Entry To White House

Manufacturer Says 5 Percenters Said Vaughan Closest Friend

Washington, Aug. 8 (AP)—James V. Hunt, Washington business man who helped firms get government contracts, boasted that "he could and did go to the White House at any time," senate investigators were told today.

He also was quoted as describing Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, as "one of his closest friends."

Hunt's claim to White House entree was described to the senate investigating committee by Paul D. Grindle, president of the Charles W. Laing Woodworking Corp. of Framingham, Mass. Got Larson His Job

Hunt also claimed, Grindle said, that he was responsible for the appointment of Jess Larson as war assets administrator and was "at the White House when Mr. Steelman" told him Larson would be appointed.

Presumably he referred to Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman, Larson now is head of the government's big new general services administration. Hunt said he tried to get Larson's appointment held up because of Larson's health, Grindle said, but was told by Larson that he thought it was his duty to take the job.

Grindle's complaints about Hunt set off the senate investigation of alleged "influence peddling" by "five percenters" in behalf of business men seeking government contracts. Grindle, formerly a reporter for the New York Herald Tribune, told his story to that paper, which published the first account of Hunt's alleged activities.

Johnson to Cooperate Grindle testified after the committee heard Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson promise "whole-hearted cooperation" in ridding the capital city of "unscrupulous business." Johnson said that when he entered the cabinet last spring and checked up on the five percenters, "I was amazed at their audacity and the extent of their operations."

When the committee gets down to cases, one of the first things it will consider will be the construction of the Tanforan race track in California with scarce materials in the postwar period.

Blood Mobile Unit At Salem Tuesday

Tuesday brings the monthly visitation of the mobile unit from the Portland regional blood center to Salem, hours to be between 3 and 7 p. m. at the First Methodist church.

A last minute appeal is made by the local Red Cross office to all persons having appointments to keep such, or notify long enough in advance that substitutes may be dated. The unit is set up, too, to accommodate a number of "drop-ins," those interested in giving blood but who have not made appointments.

Several firms and organizations have encouraged their staffs and membership to donate this time, and a number of such listings are on the appointment books for Tuesday.

Montana Forest Fire Still Out of Control

Helena, Mont., Aug. 8 (AP)—The northwest's worst forest fire in 40 years still raged out of control today after devastating 6,000 acres and killing 13 firefighters in 96 hours.

Ranger headquarters said the blaze might be brought under control this afternoon, but A. D. Moir, supervisor of the Helena national forest warned that a strong breeze could wipe out all the last three days' work.

The Montana fire is the largest of an estimated 75 blazes roaring through 18,000 acres of forests and praries in five northwestern states.

Over 500 men have fought it along a 21-mile perimeter in a region so remote that supplies must be brought by boat, pack train, trucks and airplanes.

Rangers placed the number of firefighters throughout the five-state area at more than 2,500 men.

Some of the smoke-grimed men fighting the Montana blaze in the fates of the mountainous region had gone 72 hours without sleep. But they threw all



9400 Cases of Polio in 1949

(By the Associated Press) More than half again as many polio cases have broken out so far this year as during a similar period last year.

An Associated Press survey showed, however, that there are signs that the peak has passed in some of the hardest hit areas.

During the last four days of the week past—an AP state by state tally showed—1,400 new cases were reported.

This brought the 1949 total to 9,400 cases. The figure was more than half again as high as for the same period in 1948. That year was the second worst in infantile paralysis year on record.

In Washington, D. C., the U.S. public health service said it noted evidence of a slackening of the upward pace in the country as a whole.

Public health officials in hard hit Texas, Arkansas, and Detroit had words of cheer.

The survey showed that only in Indiana, Kansas, and North Carolina is the disease proving to be highly fatal.

About one case in ten died in the three states.

Six states have had no deaths: Delaware, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Polish Priest Defends Pope

Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 8 (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest here yesterday attacked "attempts to discredit the priests and the pope."

The priest was not identified because authorities might regard his sermon as hostile to the government which on Saturday ordered penalties up to death for violation of a citizen's "freedom of conscience."

Churches all over predominantly Catholic Poland were jammed yesterday for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop Stefan Wyszynski, primate of Poland.

The priest who came to the defense of the pope and Catholic clergy urged his parishioners to "pray for the pope and the nation."

Speaking of the attacks, he said "we fully realize where such accusations come from and why and who is spreading them."

The new government order was praised in editorials in Polish newspapers.

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Wrecked—But How?

—This badly damaged late model Ford sedan coupe, registered to Eldon Ardell Johnson, route 8 Box 248-W, was wrecked near Central Howell on the Salem-Silverton highway Saturday night. A report of the accident has not yet been made to either state police or the sheriff's office. The picture was taken by Frederick B. Nowack, 425 North 20th.

Launch Campaign to End Shoplifting Here

Salem merchants are losing hundreds of dollars in merchandise every week to shoplifters. In a year's time the losses reach thousands of dollars.

The Salem Retail Trade bureau held a special meeting Monday at the Chamber of Commerce to see what could be done about it, and called into conference Chief of Police Clyde Warren, City Juvenile Officer Allan McRee and County Juvenile Officer Norma White.

A decision was reached to keep lists of known offenders, and prosecute to the limit those who are caught. For every one caught under preventive efforts used so far there are 50 who are not caught.

Offenders are both adults and juveniles.

There was, for example, the wife of a prominent man, who for years carried groceries out of one store two or three times a week, and when finally caught and told not to come back, did the same thing at another store.

There was the theft ring of 17 high school girls. One was caught stealing money at school. She divulged the names of the other girls who, she said, were shoplifting. One store recovered seven or eight skirts from the group.

And there was the man who stuck a shotgun down his pant-leg and nonchalantly walked out of the store. And the other man who wore two pairs of overalls, the under pair with the legs tied tightly about his ankles. He could carry a wheelbarrow load of groceries inside his overalls.

Two girls were mentioned who got away with \$400 worth of goods from a department store by charging the goods to the account of another family with daughters of similar age and forging names.

Mrs. White exhibited two skirts taken from girls recently apprehended, and one merchant reported eight suits ruined by theft of the skirts, none of less than \$40 value. The girls go in for skirts, especially as time for school to open draws near.

Parents were blamed largely for the operations of the juveniles. Cases were mentioned in which girls had stolen skirts, worn them at home, evidently never questioned by parents as to where they got them.

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To Plan New Chinese Policy

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Ultimatum on Ferry Landing

Marion county court members indicated Monday they may serve notice on the Yamhill county court that if it does not get the approach to the Wheatland ferry on its side of the river in practical condition to take care of the situation during the high water periods of next winter, that the court here may order the ferry tied up as the winter approaches and leave it tied up until next summer.

Commissioner Ed Rogers said that the Yamhill court had agreed to build the necessary approach. Tom Bowden, ferryman, in town Monday told the court if Yamhill county is going to build the approach, now is the time to do it, as the water is at as low a stage as it will reach at any time this summer and if it waits another month water conditions are liable to change so it will be impossible to go ahead with the construction.

It is likely that Commissioner Rogers will be directed to have another conference with the Yamhill county court to call its attention to the water conditions and ask that it go ahead and carry out its agreement immediately as to the building of the approach, so ferry troubles will be reduced to the minimum next winter.

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Barkley at Game With Fair Widow

St. Louis, Aug. 8 (AP)—With nothing like the secrecy attempted two weeks ago, Vice President Barkley turned up at a ball game yesterday with a very lovely charming St. Louis widow.

Those are the adjectives he used with reference to Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, while she stared straight ahead as they sat together in Owner Fred Saigh's box at Sportsman's park at the game between the Cardinals and Giants.

"Romance?"—he was asked, and he answered:

"There have been humors like that about me for the past year but that's as far as it's gotten."

The last time the vice president detoured his Washington-bound plane to St. Louis for a Sunday luncheon with Mrs. Hadley it was supposed to be "sort of secret," according to reports.

Yesterday they kept their date in front of some 29,000 persons.

Ecuador Quake Death Toll Estimated Less Than 4000

Acheson Rejects Stop-Gap Arms Aid to Europe

Washington, Aug. 8 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson flatly rejected today a proposal by Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), that congress provide only stop-gap arms aid to western Europe until next year.

Acheson told the Michigan senator, who has been a leading supporter of the bipartisan foreign policy, that such a course would be little more than gesture.

In an obvious reference to Russia, Acheson told the senate foreign relations and armed services committees:

"In dealing with the forces with which we are dealing, you gain no advantage by assuming an attitude. We must deal in realities. The sooner we fill the vacuum of military weakness in Europe, the better it will be for our own security."

Vandenberg's Contention Vandenberg contended that the administration's \$1,450,000,000 arms program sets a pattern for the military defense of western Europe before the council to be formed under the north Atlantic treaty has come into being and set up a defense committee to make military plans.

He complained that the United States is going ahead without consulting its north Atlantic allies. He said that he favors instead an interim program which will show clearly that this country intends to furnish arms, but will not preclude further joint planning.

Vandenberg asked Acheson if he would "resist the idea" of proceeding with a stop-gap that would "demonstrate our attitude at the moment but wait until the next session of congress for passing upon the pattern of the total program."

"Yes, Senator Vandenberg, I would resist that," Acheson replied quietly. "I think we must go forward on both fronts."

He favored furnishing military aid while strategic plans are being drawn under the treaty.

Acheson told the combined senate committee earlier today that congress should approve foreign arms aid because "the United States is open to attack on its own territory to a greater extent than ever before."

In a prepared statement Acheson told the senators that the western European allies of the United States are now so weak in military power that their situation is an invitation to any would-be aggressor to strike.

Your Telephone Will Ring Some Day During Week

Mr. and Mrs. John Doe Salem, and Junior and Sue Salem:

Your telephone probably will ring Monday or some other day early this week. The caller will be a volunteer worker for the Salem Hospital Development program.

It may be the first opportunity you have had to give this cause, to provide better hospital facilities for Salem. Campaign workers point out that such facilities some day may save your own life or that of a member of your family; or may bring you or him a speedier recovery.

Your donation does not have to be big to be welcome. A dollar, five, ten or a hundred, even pennies and nickels of children are being sought.

If you will give, say so, and campaign leaders promise that a worker will be sent to your home.

Council Adds Greece, Turkey

Strasbourg, France, Aug. 8 (AP)—Foreign ministers of the council of Europe voted unanimously today to add Greece and Turkey to the council's original 10 members.

A Swedish source who attended the opening session in Strasbourg's medieval city hall said Iceland also was invited to join.

The foreign ministers met at the council's ministerial committee at 3:45 p. m., opening a historic effort to unify Europe. French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman presided.

The ministers represented Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Italy and Ireland, the charter nations.

Other tasks will be to fix an agenda for the council's legislative branch, the consultative assembly, which convenes in the Strasbourg university auditorium Wednesday.

An official source said the ministers intend to lay down general principles of European cooperation and thus leave the assembly wide initiative for detailed projects to carry out these ideas.

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, a member of the British delegation in the assembly, is to arrive here tomorrow.

Attempt to Escape from County Jail Frustrated

A frustrated jail break which might have emptied the Marion county jail of 35 inmates including a suspected murderer and two confessed gunmen was under continued investigation Monday by Sheriff Denver Young.

Although only four of the inmates admitted complicity in the attempt, Sheriff Young said that others would undoubtedly have joined in the break had the bars been cut through.

Immediately after the sawing was detected by a passerby, two hack saw blades were found in the cell. A subsequent investigation brought forth the admission from Jack Henry Dykes, a confessed car thief, that he had smuggled the tools into the jail by hiding them in the soles of his shoes.

The sheriff's office and the jail are on separate floors of the courthouse, and it would have been virtually impossible for the deputy on duty to detect the sawing noise provided he had not been tipped off by a sharp eared passer.

Others admitting their part in the attempt were Edward Charles McEwen, 32-year-old car and hearse thief who will be returned to Arizona to face a murder charge; Norman Betts, a gunman who with his partner, James Reeds, alias Jimmy Rich, was sentenced Monday to serve 10 years in the penitentiary for the armed robbery of George Fuller of Rickreall, and Frank L. Utech, being held for the FBI on charges of army desertion.

Young disclosed Monday that McEwen would be returned to Phoenix, Ariz., to face a murder charge against him there rather than to be tried in Marion county on charges of car theft.

A check of police records disclosed Saturday that McEwen, who has admitted stealing a car in Salem as well as the W. T. Rigdon hearse which was wrecked last week, was wanted on a first degree murder charge in the death of Charles T. Shoop, 45, an Arizona rancher.

Young telephoned Arizona authorities at noon Monday and learned that sufficient evidence connected McEwen with the murder to warrant his release for trial on that charge before hearings on charges in Salem.

The suspected murderer, however, pleaded guilty in district court Monday on a car theft charge and was ordered held for the grand jury.

Also on Monday, Betts and Rich appeared before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan for sentencing on charges of armed robbery involving the theft of Fuller's car and personal belongings. The two men pleaded guilty and were given 10-year penitentiary terms.

Another of the principals in the attempted jail break—Dykes, was taken before district court where he pleaded guilty to the theft of a car from the Teague Motor company in Salem. He was ordered held for the grand jury under \$1,500 bail.

Destruction in Property Put At \$50 Million

Quito, Ecuador, Aug. 8 (AP)—An official spokesman said today that destruction in last Friday's central Ecuadorian earthquake may reach \$50,000,000 or more, but he scaled down estimates of dead to between 2,000 and 4,000.

Many believed dead, he said, had been found among some 227,000 men, women and children who fled to the hills and plains in terror after the tremors wrecked their villages and homes. Rescue workers found them camping in the open, he said.

The spokesman was Miguel Albornoz, secretary to President Galo Plaza Lasso. The president himself in a radio broadcast Sunday after his return from the disaster scene had estimated the dead at 5000 and the injured at 20,000.

Many Returning "It is impossible to tell the exact total killed," Albornoz said, "until we begin large-scale digging in the ruins of towns, and this is made difficult because we lack bulldozers and other machinery."

"The task is too monumental to be tackled with picks and shovels."

"However, original estimates of the number killed may be rather high. It seems now, judging by the large numbers which escaped to the open country that the total will be found to be between 2,000 and 4,000."

"On the other hand, estimates of the material losses of \$20,000,000 seem far too little. It seems more likely losses will be \$50,000,000 or more."

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No Peace Signs In Honolulu

Honolulu, Aug. 8 (AP)—An imminent threat of government dock seizure brought no sign of early peace today in Hawaii's 100-day waterfront strike.

Backed by a new territorial law to put the government in the stevedoring business, Gov. Ingram M. Stainback ordered the islands' 2,000 striking CIO longshoremen and seven truck firms to resume work immediately.

There was no indication either side would obey the order to keep the territory from taking over and operating the struck firms.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union said its stevedores would not work for the government. ILWU President Harry Bridges said the union would fight "government scabbery" on the docks and in the courts.

The employer stand was not announced. Spokesman Dwight Steele said their attorneys still were studying the law, overwhelmingly approved Saturday by a special session of the Hawaiian legislature. To forestall seizure, the employers must come to terms with the union—or go to court.

U.S. government Conciliator George Hillenbrand was trying to set up a new negotiations session. But both sides still were far apart on the issue—a raise of 32 cents in the \$1.40 hourly basic longshore wage.

Auto Speeds Into River; Four Drown

Entiat, Wash., Aug. 8 (AP)—Police dragged the Columbia river today for the bodies of four persons whose speeding automobile careened down a hill onto a ferry and plunged across it into the swift current.

Tom Jones, ferry operator who was credited with jumping to the rescue of two of the six in the auto, told police he shouted at the car to stop its dash down the steep hill.

"But it just speeded up more," he said. "It snapped the safety chain on the open end and went over the edge."

Missing and presumed dead were Mrs. H. C. Petty and her daughter, Clementine, Louisville, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Wilker, Manson, Wash.