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INCREASING cloudiness to-night, mostly cloudy Wednesday, light rain by evening. Slightly cooler. Lowest tonight, 52, highest Wednesday 78.

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State to Consult Architect on Portland Site

May Employ Designer For \$2,500,000 Office Structure

By JAMES D. OLSON Employment of an architect to draw plans and specifications for the proposed \$2,500,000 office building in Portland, will be considered by the board of control Thursday.

This was decided at a meeting of the board Tuesday after Governor Douglas McKay and State Treasurer Walter Pearson agreed that it probably would be wise to consult with the architect in regard to the site for the building.

Six sites, under option, both on the east and west sides of the river, are under consideration.

Capitol Air Conditioning Treasurer Pearson raised an objection to the manner in which the air conditioning project is being handled in the state capitol.

"It looks to me this is a piecemeal job under the present set-up," Pearson said.

The board granted permission to Warden George Alexander of the state penitentiary to omit state identification markers on three automobiles used at the institution.

These cars, the warden said, are used for investigations, running down prisoners and for funerals of the prison.

Pendleton Sewers A claim of \$8,605.17 filed by the city of Pendleton for the state's share in the cost of constructing an interceptor sewer there, was approved.

The state is contributing 25 percent of the cost.

Other claims allowed: Western Engineering company, \$7,486.80 for work on air conditioning of the state capitol.

Erwin A. Batterman, \$4,120.77 for work on remodeling a laundry at the Eastern Oregon state hospital, and Alan A. Siwert, \$4,380 for work performed on a residence for the superintendent of the school for the blind in Salem.

Bean Pickers Badly Needed

This is the crucial week in the Willamette valley bean harvest. The beans have got to come off the vines at once.

The yards need workers, and need them badly. And it has become necessary to depend on the home folks to do the work.

The migrant workers got discouraged by weather conditions that delayed the crops, and they moved on.

Stayton, the Independence and the Silverton areas need pickers especially, but they are needed in other spots also.

Branch offices of the employment service are located at all those places to direct the workers when they report.

It is desirable that many workers furnish their own transportation, but just as desirable that others who can stay longer on the job be prepared to set up camp.

If pickers cannot make either of these arrangements they may report at the employment office at 6 o'clock mornings and transportation will be furnished.

The office is located at South Cottage and Ferry. It's phone number is 3-9288.

Engineer Killed at Cottage Grove Dam

Eugene, Aug. 9 (AP)—Bert W. Wagner, age about 60, civil engineer of the U.S. corps of engineers on the Cottage Grove dam, was instantly killed Monday night while inspecting the earth fill.

In his capacity as impervious core inspector, Wagner was on the job at 10:35 p.m. when he was crushed beneath a huge dirt roller.

Deputy Coroner Robert Mills of Cottage Grove said that Wagner, whose address was Cottage Grove hotel, had stepped out of the way of a caterpillar directly into the path of the roller.

50 Percent Cut In Cash Arms Aid Proposed

Vandenberg Proposes \$580 Million Money—Balance Contracts

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) today proposed a 50 percent cash reduction in the first year's cost of the western European arms program.

The Michigan senator suggested to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson that about \$580,000,000 be furnished in cash by congress—with the balance in contract authorizations (to be met by later appropriations) which would not be charged against the current budget.

Vandenberg said he believes the budget President Truman sent congress for the 1950 fiscal year carries funds for European military aid which would cover almost all the money cost of the first year.

Johnson Objects But Johnson, appearing before a joint meeting of the senate foreign relations and armed services committee, argued that the full amount—\$1,450,000,000—is needed to safeguard the security of the United States.

"Should western Europe be overrun by a hostile power and should its vast industrial and manpower potentials be added to those of such an aggressor, the United States would stand isolated in a dangerously insecure period.

"United States security, therefore, demands that Europe be safeguarded."

"A military vacuum in western Europe," Johnson added, "is a great temptation to the Soviet Union and international communism."

He told the senators that it would take months and years for this country to mobilize, equip, train and transport troops across the Atlantic.

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Czech Police Quell 'Revolt'

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 9 (AP)—Police have put down a "revolt" in a Slovakian town where Catholics defending their priest from threatened arrest had set up their own local government, a communist weekly news magazine reported today.

Aroused villagers led by a band of fighting peasant women had beaten up the chairman of the communist-controlled local executive board, Svet Prace weekly magazine of the Czechoslovak communist party said.

Two persons were reported wounded and "several" arrested in the incident at Strenco.

The magazine gave no precise date for the clash but said the offending village had its electric power cut off for several weeks, apparently as punishment.

Strenco is in the Zilina district of Slovakia where fighting between Catholic villagers and communist-controlled police broke out about six weeks ago.

Whether this was a new incident or a report on details of former fighting now coming to light could not be definitely established.

(Vatican sources reported last week that new clashes had occurred in Slovakia, which is strongly catholic.)

Manager Told to Get Broadway Right of Way

City Manager J. L. Franzen was directed Monday night to exercise the options to get right of way for the opening of Broadway from Hickory to the north city limits.

As soon as all of the right of way is acquired an ordinance will be enacted by the council dedicating it as a street. It will open into Mapleton addition where it will connect with Broadway in the addition, extending beyond the city limits to North River road.

The county has already graded the highway beyond the city limits.

Options on seven parcels of property will be exercised by the city. The property owners and amounts of options, totaling \$5466 are:

F. E. Gearhart, \$114; C. L. Morrison and wife, \$550; S. L. Sun and wife, \$1427; Willard W. Winegar and wife, \$1250; K. V. Maguren and wife, \$1025; C. M. Doan and wife, \$1000; William E. Patton and wife, \$100.

After exercise of the options the property owners have 30



5000 Dead in Ecuador Quake—The tower of La Merced church in Latacunga, summer resort south of Quito, Ecuador's capital, crumbled into the street during the quake which hit Ecuador. Death toll caused by the quake is estimated at 5,000 persons, with an additional 20,000 people injured. Latacunga was less severely hit than other towns in the disaster area. (Acme Telephoto)

No Chance of Parking Under New Courthouse

The proposal for establishment of underground parking facilities under the new courthouse became admittedly a dream Tuesday when County Judge Grant Murphy laid down to E. L. Gray, appearing for the sponsors of the plan, just what the county court's condition would be even for its consideration.

The county judge said first the sponsors would have to submit a written proposal such as might warrant consideration of the court. Then, if it was considered feasible, no consideration would be given without the matter being submitted to the electorate of the county and the sponsors of the plan would be required to underwrite the expense of the election.

And, if they agreed to do this, it would be necessary to hurry so as to place the proposal before the people at the election next May, unless the sponsors cared to go to the heavy expense of caring for the expense of a special election.

Judge Murphy said that if everything went well, construction of the new courthouse cannot start before July 1, next year. The earliest date he expects to see county offices removed from the present structure is January 1, he said, and then the old building will have to be razed, contracts prepared and entered into and other details worked out before actual construction can start.

He added, that even if an underground parking proposal met the approval of the people, it would be necessary to change some of the courthouse plans and elevate the new building above the level now contemplated.

E. L. Gray, after listening to the county's requirements, indicated that they were of a nature to quash the plan which he said, "now becomes a dream, but I still think it was a good one."

Prior to Judge Murphy's statement Gray had said that living heirs to the courthouse property had been ascertained to number 40 adults and, if the court was in a mood to consider the plan, he said steps could be taken to secure quitclaim deeds from all of these heirs so as to clear away any legal cobwebs involved in leasing the property for parking purposes. But securing of such quitclaim deeds evidently will be abandoned now with seemingly no chance for the project to go ahead.

Chiefs of Staff Return Home

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—The joint chiefs of staff returned today ready to give congress the benefit of their 10-day conferences in Europe with Atlantic pact nations military chiefs.

General Omar N. Bradley, army chief of staff; General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force chief of staff, and Admiral Louis Denfield, chief of naval operations, returned aboard a board President Truman's plane, The Independence. It landed at 6:30 a.m.

They will lunch with Defense Secretary Johnson. Tomorrow they are to appear before the senate armed forces committee.

General Bradley described the conferences as "a grand start toward organizing the unity and collective security under the Atlantic pact."

Bradley said the chiefs in making the trip had two objectives: to inspect U.S. forces in Germany and Austria, and to discuss with the defense chiefs of Atlantic pact nations possible organization under the pact.

"We discussed several forms of organization," Bradley said "but we didn't try to arrive at any decision."

S. A. Commander Shifted to Hawaii

Portland, Aug. 9 (AP)—Brigadier H. B. Collier, division commander of the Salvation Army for Oregon and Southern Idaho, has been promoted to command of the Hawaiian island division.

He will leave for Honolulu after a successor is named here.

Cripps Recovers

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 9 (AP)—A British chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, has made a satisfactory recovery from his ailment and will leave the Birch-Benner clinic here on Wednesday, his doctors said today.

Canadian Power Bought for Oregon

Portland, Aug. 9 (AP)—Arrangements were completed today for five Oregon and Washington power companies to buy 50,000 kilowatts of power from the British Columbia Electric company.

Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric, Washington power, Puget Sound Power and Light and Mountain States Power companies joined in the purchase agreement, a spokesman announced.

Transmission lines of the Bonneville power administration and Seattle city light will be used.

Taking Options For Detroit Lake

Portland, Aug. 9 (AP)—Army engineers announced today they were beginning to take options on property needed for the Detroit dam reservoir area along the North Santiam river, southeast of Salem.

Lt. Col. D. A. Elliget, acting Portland district engineer, said nine options had been accepted. Before the operation is through, the total will be several hundred.

The largest payment in the first group was \$19,910. This went to the Oregon Pulp and Paper company for 55.5 acres.

Lt. Col. Elliget said the real estate division of his office would continue to accept options until all necessary property had been acquired.

The dam, a major unit in the Willamette valley flood control project, is now under construction.

Elliget said first option with the Hammond Lumber company was for 146.73 acres for which the federal government paid \$4,585.

The second option with the Oregon fish commission was for 80 acres for which the government paid \$2,884. The third with Oregon Pulp and Paper company was for 55.5 acres with the government paying \$19,910.

Woods Implicates Vaughan In Tanforan Racetrack Deal

Ecuador Faces Task of Housing 100,000 People

Quito, Ecuador, Aug. 9 (AP)—The government faced the problem today of housing 100,000 persons made homeless by Friday's earthquake which gutted 50 communities and caused thousands of deaths.

A spokesman for President Galo Plaza Lasso said the government had not yet been able to compile a death list, but estimated that the toll might be between 2000 and 4000. Previous estimates ranged up to 6000.

The president announced Sunday that in the town of Peileo alone some 3200 had perished. Must Be Torn Down Plaza told newsmen that in the ravaged city of Ambato 75 percent of the houses still standing must be torn down.

He said the government had asked the American republics to rush tents to the area and that the United States already was sending emergency shipments of canned foods.

Plaza said his previous estimate of \$20,000,000 property damage might go much higher. The government plans a survey to get a definite figure.

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ECA Bill Sent To Conference

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—It was up to a joint senate-house conference committee today to settle upon a final version of the foreign aid appropriation bill.

The senate passed the bill last night by a vote of 63 to 7 after weeks of heated debate and controversy. But senate fiscal experts estimated that its bill actually provides the government with almost \$500,000,000 less than the house version.

As passed by the senate, the bill would provide \$3,628,380,000 for the operations of the Economic Cooperation Administration in the fiscal year 1950. It also allocates \$900,000,000 for occupation costs in Germany and Japan and \$45,000,000 for economic aid to Greece and Turkey.

The house-approved ECA appropriation was only for a 10 1/2-month period. On the basis of its spending rate, however, its 12-month total would have amounted to \$4,078,251,420.

Adriatic Issue Settled Venice, Italy, Aug. 9 (AP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi said today a full agreement with Yugoslavia to settle the Adriatic question is possible. He made the comment in an interview published today in the independent newspaper Il Gazzettino.

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Intensive Training for Firemen's Drill Tower

Two Salem firemen, equipped with masks and lifelines, will be sent into a smoke and gas filled room with instructions to find "the body."

"The body" may be any object, possibly no bigger than a shimble or a spool of thread.

That's one phase of training Salem firemen will go through when they get their new drill tower. City Manager J. L. Franzen was authorized by the city council Monday night to proceed with erection of the tower.

Two distinct advances were made by the council in behalf of the fire department—the drill tower, and authorization of a call for bids for the new fire station in Kingwood. The new station is estimated to cost about \$4000. Timbers from barracks at the airport will be used largely. The drill tower will cost about \$3800, counting the concrete footings.

The drill tower will be located at South 20th and Howard on city property. It will be a timber structure 12 by 18 feet and four stories high each story 12 feet, and at the top will be a 3 by 6 parapet wall.

The first floor will be semilight for smoke and gas drills. It will be equipped with double sliding windows to teach proper ventilation, and a sprinkler head for instruction in that device for

12% Jobless Needed to Get U. S. Spending

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—The White House indicated today that government spending will be concentrated in areas where unemployment has reached 12 per cent or more.

It made public a letter by presidential assistant John R. Steelman. This said that an effort will be made to channel aid into the following areas where the bureau of employment security indicates such a situation had developed in certain New England areas.

Steelman, in letters to the national defense establishment and other government officials, said that he would report soon on additional labor markets in which unemployment has reached 12 per cent or more of the available labor force.

Security Tax To Be Increased

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—The house ways and means committee agreed today to increase the social security payroll tax from \$1,800,000,000 a year to \$2,700,000,000 next year and to about \$3,600,000,000 in 1951.

The committee also called for further increases in the taxes in 1960, 1965 and 1970, with the rate reaching 3 1/4 per cent as compared with the present one per cent against employer and employee.

The committee at the same time voted to increase by about 70 per cent the old age and survivors benefits of persons already drawing such benefits. This is calculated as a "cost of living" increase.

These moves, all subject to house and senate approval, followed yesterday's committee approval of other sections of the social expansion legislation that would add 11,000,000 workers to the 35,000,000 already covered by old age insurance.

The committee's action came in the face of virtual abandonment by democratic leaders of any hope for final congressional action this year on social security expansion.

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie has advanced a six-point program to strengthen the world peace organization and reduce the dangers of war.

The program is outlined in Lie's fourth annual report which was published last night. The report, by far the most optimistic yet written by the secretary-general, said the fear of war has definitely decreased since his last report.

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New Town to Replace Mongold at Dam

Detroit, Aug. 9 (AP)—A new town will rise in the North Santiam canyon to replace the doomed Mongold.

Mongold, now the housing site for army engineer employes and office headquarters during construction of the Detroit dam, will be razed within two years as the waters from the reservoir begin to rise.

The new town will be built on higher ground. It will be located on the new highway between the new Breitenbush and Tumble creek bridges. No name has been selected. At the outset the town will have 15 permanent homes.

Minnis and Shilling, Eugene, recently won a \$138,734 contract to build the facilities for the new townsite.

Truman Aide Ask Clearance Of Construction

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—Housing Expediter Tighe Woods said today that Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan summoned him to the White House in 1948 and told him Vaughan's friends were interested in a California race track construction case.

Woods said the track owners then were trying to get government clearance for construction at the Tanforan track, near San Francisco, Calif. The use of scarce building materials was sharply restricted at the time.

The housing official told a special senate investigation committee that Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, told him at the White House on January 9, 1948:

"I want to make sure there is no prejudice in your office, just because this is a race track case."

Friends Interested Woods said Vaughan also told him:

"Some friends of mine are interested and it is your duty to handle the case on its merits and on its legality."

Francis D. Flanagan, an attorney for the committee, previously had read a private memorandum saying Vaughan had stepped into the dispute. It quoted Vaughan as saying he was "damn sore" at Frank L. Creedon, federal housing expediter in 1947, for his handling of the case.

Creedon was succeeded by Woods, who testified he had been expediter only a little more than two months when Vaughan got in touch with him.

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