

THE WEATHER HERE
PARTLY cloudy tonight, becoming cloudy with scattered showers, Thursday. No important change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 55; highest Thursday, 74.
Maximum yesterday, 78; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: .56; normal, .08. Season precipitation: 42.23; normal, 27.45. River height, -3.4 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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15 Persons Die In Flames of Wrecked Bus

Greyhound Car Smashes in Bridge Abutment in Indiana

Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 10 (AP)—Fifteen persons died in the flaming wreckage of a greyhound bus that burned after smashing into a bridge abutment near here early today.

The bus, bound from Indianapolis to Bloomington, hit the bridge on a winding, hilly road shortly after midnight. Seconds later it was in flames.

The bodies removed from the bus were placed in six ambulances and a hearse and, accompanied by a police escort, were brought to the Indiana national guard armory here to await identification.

Tire Blows Out

Driver Wayne Cramer of Indianapolis, one of the survivors said a front tire may have blown out, causing him to lose control of the bus. After striking the abutment it skidded 150 feet down winding Highway 37 and came to rest on its left side, blocking the emergency door.

Flames enveloped the vehicle almost immediately. The driver said he and "two or three" passengers got out the front door. The other survivors escaped through a rear window which a passenger kicked out.

Tells of Flames

Blen Van Horn, manager of radio station WTTS of Bloomington, said one of the survivors told him he walked "through five feet of flames" to get off the bus.

The survivor, Wells Richardson, 18, of Evansville, Ind., told Van Horn he was dozing when the bus struck the bridge abutment.

Van Horn said Edgar Davis of Indianapolis, a Negro, was credited by other survivors with kicking out a rear window, through which most of the survivors escaped. Davis suffered a back injury and was brought to the Bloomington hospital.

1050 Fight Fire In Idaho Forest

McCall, Idaho, Aug. 10 (AP)—The worst fire in the Payette national forest since 1934 raged out of control for the fourth day today. Fire dispatcher Slim Vassar said "It just doesn't look good at all."

Bad burning weather—high temperatures, strong winds and low humidity—confronted an army of 1,050 fire fighters battling the 5,100 acre blaze along the Salmon river north of here.

Vassar said reinforcements are going out to the men now on the fire lines. The crews are working in such rugged terrain that all supplies, including food, are being dropped to them by parachute.

A new fire in the Boise national forest on Archie creek above Lowman was reported quiet by Lynn Knight, fire dispatcher. About 200 men are on this blaze.

He said crews are optimistic regarding their chances of holding their lines around this 300-acre blaze which broke out yesterday.

This was in marked contrast to the Salmon river situation where a sharp wind came up around midnight, causing two "blow ups" last night.

Sawmill crews and loggers helped in this fight. Power saws and tractors have been moved into the area, backing up the pick, shovel and axe squads.

No Beer Sold at State Fair Grounds

No beer will be sold on the Oregon State Fair Grounds during fair week this year, officials of the annual big show which opens Sept. 5, announced today.

Several concessionaires had offered sizable amounts for the franchise rights to sell beer in the grandstand during the afternoon races, they said.

Admission prices to ground and shows of the Oregon State Fair opening here Labor Day will remain at 1941 levels, Manager Leo Spitzbart said today.

There has been some agitation to increase the outside gate charge above the current 50-cent mark but most exhibitors have expressed willingness to assume slight increases in commercial space charges instead, he explained.

Truman Signs Armed Services Unification Bill

Defense Secretary's Control Extended Over Military Set-up

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP)—President Truman today signed the new armed services unification bill. He said that this will permit the United States to progress toward "a balanced and effective national defense."

Mr. Truman signed the measure in a ceremony in his oval room office. Senators and representatives who handled the legislation, the heads of the defense establishment and top ranking army, navy and air force "brass" looked on.

The legislation, which strengthens Secretary of Defense Johnson's control over the entire military setup, drew one criticism from Mr. Truman.

One Backward Step

"It is unfortunate that in this generally progressive legislation, at least one provision represents a backward step," the president said in a brief statement.

"New and cumbersome restrictions are placed on the membership of the national security council."

White House officials explained that under the previous law the president could add to the security council heads of any department and of certain agencies when he needed them.

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To Cut Cash in Arms Program

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson told senators today the military department is willing to accept 60 percent in cash and 40 percent in contract authority to launch President Truman's arms program.

It is agreeable to the military, he said, to spread the cost of the \$1,450,000,000 program over two or even three years.

America's three top military men—the joint chiefs of staff—waited for Johnson to conclude his testimony before they made their report to the senate foreign relations and armed services committees.

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), yesterday proposed a 50-50 split in the cash and contract authority to carry out the re-arming of the north Atlantic pact nations.

But Johnson said his staff has advised him that 60 percent of the \$1,160,000,000 for western Europe must be in cash. The remainder can be in authority to make contracts which will be paid for in cash later, he said.

Senator Saltonstall (R., Mass.) asked Johnson if this authority would mean a firm contract to be paid for in fiscal 1951-52. Johnson replied it would be.

Saltonstall asked if the re-arming of Europe will mean any reduction in the U. S. defense program.

Johnson said no, it would not. He said he would not agree to any plan which would reduce "the ample security of the United States."

New Sears Store Will Open Here Thursday

(See Special Sears Section in This Issue)

Promptly at 10 a.m. Thursday Sears, Roebuck & Co. will begin doing business in its new store at North Capitol and Marion streets.

The Sears building is the largest unit of the Capitol Shopping Center project of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of Los Angeles. It is designed in size and departmental organization to meet the demands of the trading area of the Willamette valley.

There will be a brief ceremonial when the doors open. Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom of Salem and Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem will be at the ends of a ribbon across the entrance. The ribbon will be cut by Mrs. Harold Heiserman, honored as "the average Sears shopper." Gardenias will be distributed to the ladies.

Present for the opening will be men from other cities who stand high in the company's organization. Fowler B. McConnell of Chicago, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., will not be here Thursday, but is dated for arrival August 30 when he will inspect the new plant. Whether A. T. Cushman, vice president for the Pacific coast region, will be here is uncertain. He was here recently.



Ex-President Herbert Hoover 75 Years Old

Hoover Gets Greetings From All Over World

Stanford University, Calif., Aug. 10 (AP)—Herbert Clark Hoover is 75 years old today, and tributes for the country's only living ex-president poured in from all over the world.

Late today Stanford university will honor its most illustrious graduate in the Frost amphitheater. A crowd of 12,000 to 14,000 was expected.

The program will be climaxed by a major address by Mr. Hoover, beginning at 6 p.m. (Pacific daylight time). His topic will be "Think of the Next Generation."

Even Mr. Hoover, who once said, "I have had every honor to which any man could aspire," probably was surprised by the stir created by his birthday anniversary and by the congratulatory letters by the thousands.

Two states, Arkansas and Maryland, proclaimed today "Hoover Day." Governor Earl Warren of California issued a proclamation in which he said: "Few men anywhere have lived more useful lives, and none with greater devotion, both at home and throughout the world."

The governors of Oregon, New Mexico and Vermont extended greetings to Mr. Hoover in proclamations, and personal congratulations were sent by the governors of Idaho, Alabama, Virginia, South Dakota, Kansas, New York and Washington.

Mr. Hoover, born in Iowa and a member of the first graduating class of Leland Stanford university, was the 30th president of the United States—from 1929 to 1933.

At 75 he is, as always, a hard worker, usually putting in a 16-hour day. His chief concern for many years has been for national and international affairs.

Search On for Plane

Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 10 (AP)—A search spread throughout the northwest today for a light plane with four persons aboard, missing since it left the Kitsap county airport here Sunday on a flight to Santa Fe, N. M. Air-traffic officials here said the plane was last reported at Pendleton, Ore., where it refueled Sunday afternoon.

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Company officials whom it is known will be here for the opening are:

S. A. Epstein, Los Angeles, assistant to Vice President A. T. Cushman; S. W. Donogh, Seattle, district manager; Claude Walter, Seattle, merchandise manager for the Pacific northwest; Harold Grisdale, Seattle, operating manager for the northwest; R. J. Begey, Seattle, superintendent of construction and real estate; Orville Lee, Seattle, in charge of setting up new stores and maintenance of all displays.

In addition to these high officials numerous department supervisors will be here from all northwest states.

New Tremors in Ecuador Admit Fear and Panic

Pillaging by Unruly Indians in Progress—6000 Death Toll

Quito, Ecuador, Aug. 10 (AP)—New earth tremors and pillaging by unruly Indians spreading fear and panic today among the thousands of survivors left homeless by Ecuador's destructive earthquake.

Official government estimates of the death toll in Friday's quake rose to 6,000. But the truth is no one knows for sure how many perished in the great piles of rubble that litter some 50 demolished towns in the populous Andes mountain region south of here.

Fresh tremors yesterday tumbled weakened walls in Ambato and other cities, adding to the terror of some 150,000 homeless.

Rescuers Buried

Groups of workers attempting to dig their way through the blocked highway to Pelileo, 100 miles south of Quito, were reported buried under a landslide loosed by the new tremors.

Shoot-to-kill orders were issued to troops guarding Pelileo against looting by the wild tribe of Salasaca Indians. Defense Minister Manuel Diaz Gnanados said one band of Salasacas had been driven off when caught ransacking the ruins.

The Salasacas have been the fiercest warriors in the Andes region for 400 years. Driven out of Bolivia by the Incas centuries ago, they have harassed Ecuadorian settlements even in modern times.

Landslides Continue

Continuing landslides and sulphurous fumes oozing from jagged crevices have terrorized the country folk who escaped the worst effects of the shocks.

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Drafting New Chinese Policy

(By the Associated Press)

The United States government tackled anew today the problem of working out a new policy for the Far East.

Ambassador to China J. Leighton Stuart was reporting to President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson on the complex situation resulting from the communist rule of Chinese Nationalist armies.

His report coincided with Canton dispatches which said the communists were throwing fresh forces into drives toward the Nationalist provisional capital.

Acheson went before a secret session of the house foreign affairs committee to discuss his program for working out a new approach. His department in a white paper last week wrote off aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists as a costly failure.

A new policy planning group, headed by Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup, was reported almost ready to start a broad survey of the problems facing the U. S. in China and elsewhere in the far east.

Acheson and his aides withheld official comment on the appearance before congress yesterday of Elpidio Quirino, president of the Philippines. The island leader appealed for at least moral support from the U. S. for a new anti-communist pact proposed recently by Quirino and Chiang.

Woods Says Vaughan Urged Racetrack Permit be Hurried

City-County Plan Drainage Project

The county court following a conference with City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Engineer J. H. Davis with the court agreed to cooperate with the city in its plan for a 1000-acre drainage project northeast of the city which will take care of surplus flow of water from as far as the Four Corners district down to Claggett creek just past the Pacific highway north.

Albania Claims Greek Invasion

London, Aug. 10 (AP)—Albania said today she is being invaded by Greece and that fighting is in progress along a 30-mile front.

A broadcast by the official Tirana radio said bloody clashes with Athens government troops began four days ago.

It added that hundreds of Greek soldiers have been killed or taken prisoner.

A spokesman for the Greek information service in London said "there is certainly no invasion." He said the Albanian report probably referred to the new offensive launched by the Greek army against the communist-led guerrillas in the Grammos mountain area not far from the Albanian border.

Senators Ask Recall of Mac

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP)—A group of 10 senators today "urgently requested" Secretary of Defense Johnson to recall General Douglas MacArthur from Japan.

Nine republicans and one democrat—Senator Byrd of Virginia—said in a letter to Johnson that the pending \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid bill deals with "a problem which is global in character."

Noting that the chiefs of staff have visited European countries but are not likely to have time to go to the far Pacific, the senators said they want the views of MacArthur and Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, naval commander in that area, before voting on the arms measure.

Senator Knowland (R., Calif.) and 12 other senators have proposed that \$175,000,000 of the bill's funds be earmarked for military aid to non-communist China.

Those who signed the letter urging MacArthur's return included Knowland, Byrd and republican Senators Bridges of New Hampshire, Smith of New Jersey, Hickenlooper of Iowa, Morse of Oregon, Wiley of Wisconsin, Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Baldwin of Connecticut and Gurney of South Dakota.

Attempted Rape Kills Cripple Aged 65

Portland, Aug. 10 (AP)—Emotional shock from attempted rape by a teen age boy has been determined the probable cause of death of Mrs. Hatti Davidson, 65, a cripple.

She died yesterday, soon after complaining of dizziness. A physician had sent her to a hospital on diagnosing her trouble as irregularity of the heart.

Deputy Coroner Myron Costley said "emotional shock" from the Saturday night assault had probably caused her death.

Order Issued Following Day By Expediter

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP)—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods said today he recalls that Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan asked him to "hurry" along a construction permit for the Tanforan race track.

Woods told a senate investigation subcommittee that Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, came to his office Jan. 12, 1948, to make the plea. He said Vaughan was accompanied by Eugene Mori of Camden, N. J., listed as Tanforan's president.

Woods previously had told the subcommittee only of being called to the White House Jan. 9 last year by Vaughan to discuss the Tanforan matter. He quoted Vaughan as telling him at the White House meeting that "some of my friends" were interested in the case.

Might Lose Franchise

Woods said that at the meeting three days later he believed that Vaughan asked him to "please hurry" along the permit because there was "something" before the California race track commission which would make Tanforan lose its franchise if the construction work could not proceed.

Woods sent letters to the justice department the next day urging modification of a court order issued against the former owners of the track to stop construction.

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Hunt Got Fee Of \$86,000

Washington, Aug. 10 (AP)—Senate investigators reported today that "five per cent" James V. Hunt got an \$86,000 fee for helping former owners buy back for \$835,000 a Long Island hotel they had sold to the navy for \$1,300,000.

Hunt was put on to the deal by Albert W. Lewitt, secretary of then Sen. Albert W. Hawkes, R., N. J. but under sharp questioning Lewitt steadfastly denied suggestions that he got a \$5,000 fee of his own.

The story, told by a senate investigating committee official, disclosed that the purchasers sent Hunt a \$5,000 down payment for his services while he was a \$50-a-day consultant to the war assets administration. WAA is the federal agency which disposes of surplus government property.

Hunt sent the check back after keeping it three months without cashing it, left the WAA, set himself up as a "management consultant," and accepted a second check for \$5,000. His total fee for the deal was \$86,000—\$71,000 in cash and \$15,000 in notes.

The transaction, involving the Swank Lido Beach hotel, was detailed on the witness stand by Francis D. Flanagan, committee investigator.

Iron Lung Sought For Salem by Eagles

Action to provide an adult size lung, portable respirator and all accessories, for use in the Salem area, was taken at the meeting of the local Fraternal Order of Eagles, Willamette aerie No. 2081, last evening. The decision of the lodge was another step in the local preparedness program should a polio outbreak occur in the Salem area.

The goal set for purchase of the equipment is \$4000 and Vic Withrow was named by the lodge to appoint a committee of members to work with him in securing the equipment. Purchase of the equipment is to be at the pleasure of local physicians and hospitals who will designate the type needed.

Weigh for Ring Fight

New York, Aug. 10 (AP)—Ezard Charles, recognized as the heavyweight boxing champion in the 47 NBA states, weighed 180 pounds today for his title fight tonight with Gus Lesnevich, who scaled 182.

Sears, Latest Addition to Capitol Shopping Center

