

THE WEATHER HERE

CLEAR TO PARTLY cloudy to night and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 50; highest Tuesday, 80.

Maximum yesterday, 81; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: .28; normal: .18. Season precipitation: 42.38; normal: 37.40. River height: 2.4 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Smuggling Plot Connected With Gift of Freezers

Wisconsin Senator Makes Charges in Defending Mrs. Truman

Washington, Aug. 15 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today an employee of the company reported to have paid for deep freezers sent to Mrs. Harry S. Truman and a number of other notables had engaged in "attempted smuggling activities."

McCarthy emphasized that he does not think there was anything "even remotely improper" on Mrs. Truman's part.

The Wisconsin senator made his statement at the opening of today's five percent hearing. The senate investigating committee is trying to find out whether improper influence with government officials figures in the activities of persons who charge fees for help in landing government contracts.

Paid For by Verley

Albert J. Gross, a Milwaukee manufacturer, told the committee last week that his company sent deep freezers to Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, and a number of other prominent Washingtonians. He said the units were paid for by the Albert Verley company, a Chicago perfume house.

In a statement to newsmen Saturday, Vaughan said two old friends of his—one of whom is associated with the Verley company and the other reported to have been associated with it formerly—gave him seven freezers in 1945, and that he in turn made gifts of them to friends.

Vaughan said he had one of the freezers sent to the "Little White House" at Independence, Mo. A committee member has said he was told that Mrs. Truman sent a thank-you note for this freezer to Gross, thinking he was the donor.

Research Contract

Colonel John A. MacLaughlin of the chemical corps told the committee he was informed last March or April that White House "pressure" was being exerted to determine the status of negotiations with a Connecticut firm for a research contract.

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Order Building Site Cleared

Homes now located on the site of the new state highway department building, directly north of the new state office building, must either be moved or demolished by September 1, state highway department officials said Monday.

All of the property on the block on which the \$1,600,000 building will be constructed has been purchased and the majority of the buildings have been removed. Bids for the purchase of the remaining homes were opened Monday afternoon.

Members of the state highway commission will meet with representatives of Whitehouse, Church, Newberry & Church, architects next Friday to discuss specifications and also determine when bids for the construction of the building will be called.

It is the hope of the highway commission that the contract can be let in time to permit the excavation for the building before the winter rains set in. This would require letting of the contract sometime next month.

The building will be five stories high and similar in architecture to the library and new state office buildings. However, by means of a deep set back in the rear of the building, more windows will be installed, giving better light although cutting the floor space down somewhat.

Margaret Mitchell 'Somewhat Better'

Atlanta, Aug. 15 (AP)—Novelist Margaret Mitchell appeared today to be "somewhat better," though still in critical condition, a member of the family reported.

X-rays yesterday showed the 43-year-old writer received a fractured skull and fractured pelvis when struck down by an automobile Thursday night.

House Group OKs Full Sum For Arms Aid

Vandenberg and Dulles Move Slash in Senate Measure

Washington, Aug. 15 (AP)—The house foreign affairs committee today approved the full amount asked by President Truman for western Europe arms aid. The committee, however, split it up between cash and contract authority.

The committee also refused to include any authorization for an arms-aid program for non-communist China.

It split the western Europe fund into two allotments, one to be used up to next March 31 and the other to finance the program between March 31 and June 30, 1950.

Asked \$1,160,990,000 Cash

The president had requested \$1,160,990,000 to help Atlantic Pact nations arm against aggression. He wanted it all in cash.

The committee decided to give it this way:

Cash: \$498,130,000 to be used up to next March 31, and \$157,710,000 to be used between March 31 and June 30.

Contract authorization: \$428,100,000 up to March 31 and \$77,050,000 from March 31 to June 30.

The house committee acted shortly after Senators Vandenberg (R., Mich.) and Dulles (R., N.Y.) had moved to shave \$160,990,000 of the European arms program.

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Typhoon Lashes Kyushu Island

Tokyo, Aug. 15 (AP)—A typhoon lashed southern Kyushu island today with gales as high as 85 miles an hour and torrential rains that caused floods and destruction to an area already twice visited by typhoons this summer.

There were no immediate reports on the extent of damage. The U. S. air force typhoon warning network alerted American military units throughout Kyushu and southern Honshu. All Japanese shipping and fishing vessels were tied up.

The seasons seventh typhoon, nicknamed "Judith," split into two storms last night. The right wing drove up the Pacific east of Kyushu and dissipated, while the left wing struck directly against the southernmost Japanese island.

The left wing was reported sweeping due north across the length of Kyushu at a speed of eight miles an hour. Its course would take it directly over the U. S. air force base at Itazuke. However, the storm's intensity was expected to decrease to less than 60 miles an hour in the next 24 hours.

American 'Cannibals'

Bucharest, Romania, Aug. 15 (AP)—The current issue of the Cominform bulletin, out today, calls Gen. Omar Bradley, U. S. army chief of staff, and Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) "American cannibals."

Battle On Power Policy Opened in Congress

Washington, Aug. 15 (AP)—A senate battle over the nation's power policy opened today.

Lined up on one side were those advocating the use of public funds to build transmission lines for distributing power generated at government hydro-electric dams.

On the other side were senators who argue that government power should be distributed, when possible, by private utility companies.

One of these, Senator Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.), said the issue is "the nationalization of electricity in the United States."

Thomas, a member of the senate appropriations committee, upheld the committee's action in deleting house-approved funds for a number of government transmission lines in the southwest, northwest and west.

On the other hand, Senator Hayden (D., Ariz.) told the senate Friday that the private utilities have no cause for alarm that the "government intends to drive them out of business."



They Helped Open New Highway—Youth and age joined in dedication of the North Santiam highway at Breitenbush bridge near Detroit Sunday. Top, royalty in attendance just before ribbon was cut. Princesses Frankie Payne, Lorena Davine, Daphne Tucker, Mary Gordon, Governor Douglas McKay, and Queen Jeanne Bray. Below, L. T. Hennes, pioneer of Lyons, 95 years old, points out to Governor McKay, Mrs. J. R. Geddes, 94, of Mill City, to Mrs. McKay and by-standers some of the things he remembers about the North Santiam as a boy. (Photo by Mrs. Wanda Gifford)

Governor Aids Queen in Dedicating Santiam Road

In the presence of thousands of people, under cloudless sky, Queen Jeanne Bray Douglas cut a ribbon held by Governor Douglas McKay on the new Breitenbush bridge, thus formally dedicating the newly constructed portion of the North Santiam highway Sunday.

Powerful loud speakers carried the voices of the speakers to listeners as far away as half a mile, unable to reach the scene of the ceremonies. A picnic lunch followed the ceremony.

Featured on the program were many of the old time residents of the area, including J. T. Hennis, 95, who came to Lyons with his people in 1865 and lived there ever since. Also introduced were Mrs. J. R. Geddes, 94, who settled in Mill City in 1883 and Mrs. Hattie Reed, 93, who in 1872 crossed over the pass by wagon train on almost the same location as the new road.

Immediately after the ceremony, road officials stripped gunny sacks over signs designating the highway as No. 222. Incidentally, business was at a standstill at Detroit and Idanha during the progress of the ceremony, the merchants simply closing up shop.

Delegations from central Oregon joined with residents of the Willamette valley were welcomed by Mayor Ed Vickers, who called on Dave Hoss of Salem to serve as master of ceremonies.

Beverly Krueger of The Dalles, Miss Oregon of 1949, and Joyce Davis, Redmond, Miss Oregon of 1948, took part in the ceremony, the latter singing an Irish ballad accompanied by a piano set in the middle of the bridge.

It was announced that the road above Breitenbush Hot Springs will be closed to traffic for the remainder of the season due to heavy construction. Up to the springs the road will be open only from 1 to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 a.m. daily and all day Sunday.

"We are just starting on a great project," Gov. McKay said in his brief talk, "which we hope will continue to bring our government closer to all the people."

The government order prohibits such ceremonies unless prior government approval is obtained. It also prohibits pilgrimages to the ceremonies. A large crowd attended, however, despite a government transport blockade.

War on Hoppers—Washington, Aug. 15 (AP)—Agriculture field men have been assigned to grasshopper infested areas in Oregon, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore) said today.

Public Enemy No. 1 Captured

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 15 (AP)—A man tabbed by the FBI as "public enemy No. 1" was held here today in connection with the fatal shooting of one policeman and the wounding of another last night.

Police Chief Carl Heustis identified the man as Earl D. Bircham, 45, and said he was charged with murder and malicious shooting. A woman identified by Heustis as Bircham's wife—Mrs. June Bircham, 26—was held without charge.

An FBI circular said Bircham was wanted for fleeing Kansas to avoid confinement for robbery and had been charged with bank robberies in Tennessee.

Fred Halford, special agent in charge of the Louisville office of the FBI, said Bircham is "recognized by the FBI as public enemy No. 1."

Halford said Bircham was sentenced in 1941 to Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing for first degree robbery. He escaped twice. Born in Tennessee, Bircham was wanted in connection with several holdups totaling more than \$55,000 in Nashville, police there said recently.

Weather Delays Channel Swimmer

Dover, England, Aug. 15 (AP)—Shirley May France's advisers decided not to send her to France tonight for her attempt to swim the English channel because weather conditions were not right. There was a westerly breeze.

Her coach, Harry Boudakian, believes Shirley May is in top condition to try to conquer the treacherous 21 miles of water separating England from the continent.

Church Consecrates 2 Czech Bishops

Trnava, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Roman Catholic church defied an order by Czechoslovakia's communist government and consecrated two bishops yesterday.

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Airliner Crashes in Atlantic Off Ireland; 9 Die, 49 Saved

West German Voters Defeat Communists

Frankfurt, Germany, Aug. 15 (AP)—Western Germany's conservative parties moved today toward a coalition which would commit the new republic to the free enterprise system during the next four years.

Those parties emerged in the strongest position in yesterday's parliamentary election — the first free balloting of its type since Hitler took over in 1933.

The voters rebuffed both the communists and the extreme right pro-Nazi groups. The social democrats (socialists) ranked second in the popular vote. Control of the government, however, is expected to rest with the anti-socialist parties.

The election was regarded as communism's fourth major defeat in western Europe since the war. The earlier ones occurred in France, Italy and Western Berlin.

Western Germany's rebuff marks the retreat of communism to the river Elbe where the Red army stands guard.

Social Democrats Second

West German voters also rejected socialism and extreme right pro-Nazi groups, giving control of the 402-member parliament to the free enterprise parties whose policies have the confidence of American officials.

Topping the popular vote with 7,356,025 were the conservative Christian Democrats.

Close behind with 6,923,303 were the Social Democrats who want to nationalize big industries. They closely resemble Britain's ruling labor party.

The Free Democrats, who favor the free enterprise system with no reservation, surged into third place with 2,827,948 votes.

By joining with the Christian Democrats they can assure a controlling bloc in parliament and will be able to form a conservative cabinet.

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62 Out of 9,987 Fired on Suspicion

Washington, Aug. 15 (AP)—Out of 9,987 cases handled by government loyalty boards, 62 federal employees have been dismissed on grounds of doubtful loyalty.

Jobs have been denied to 29 persons seeking them.

This was reported today by the loyalty review board of the civil service commission. The report covered work on the government loyalty boards since they were established in March 1947.

Most of the loyalty investigations were conducted by the FBI. However 101 were carried out by the office of Naval Intelligence and the commission itself.



Marshal Husni Zayim, President of Syria

Zayim Slain in Military Coup

Damascus, Syria, Aug. 15 (AP)—Syria's president and premier were shot yesterday in a lightning military coup whose repercussions thundered through the explosive middle east.

Col. Sami Hennawi, 51, Syrian hero of the Palestine war, led the group of senior army officers who overthrew the government of Marshal Husni Zayim.

A sharp burst from a firing squad at the great Mazza military barracks ended the rule of the stocky little Zayim who had seized power four and half months ago.

Zayim's bespectacled premier, Muhsen Bey Zerabi, generally considered the brains of the regime, died with him.

Col. Hennawi issued communiques telling of the shootings. They called the dead rulers "traitors" and "tyrants," and ordered the army and police to join forces to maintain calm.

(Dispatches from Syria are subject to censorship.)

Col. Hennawi summoned a meeting of about 50 prominent Syrian politicians last night. He told them Zayim was guilty of "conceit and despotism." He said the revolution was forced by the president's reckless spending of government funds and his failure to follow through on promises of reform.

The assembled politicians, including Faris El Khouri, Syria's delegate to the United Nations, called on former President Husein Bey Atassi to form a new government. He accepted.

Atassi named 11 men to serve in his cabinet, including former Syrian minister to Washington Nazem Duki as minister of foreign affairs.

Boy's Body Recovered

Seattle, Aug. 15 (AP)—The body of nine-year-old Kit Selman, missing since last Wednesday, was recovered from Lake Union Sunday morning.

Robert Kessler, 24, a newspaper carrier, discovered the body in 10 feet of water as he delivered his Sunday papers.

Dramatic Air And Sea Rescue Of Survivors

Galway, Ireland, Aug. 15 (AP)—Its fuel exhausted, an American four-engine air liner bellied into the Atlantic off western Ireland in darkness early today. Nine of its 58 occupants were killed and the rest were saved in a dramatic sea-air rescue.

Among those saved was Ruth Nichols, 48, noted American aviatix.

The big skymaster, bound from Rome to New York with 47 Italian emigrants to Venezuela and 11 Americans aboard, overshot Shannon airport. Another American airliner tried to escort it back to Shannon, but the skymaster's gasoline gave out and it plopped into the calm sea 15 miles off the Irish coast.

British and American transport planes guided surface vessels in the rescue operation.

11 Americans Aboard

Nine of the Americans aboard were crew members and two were employees of transoceanic airlines, owners of the plane.

Ten hours after the plane dropped through cloudbank into the sea, the British trawler Stalberg pulled into Galway harbor with 49 survivors. The Irish steamer Lanahone had helped her in the rescue work.

One American crewman was killed. The other eight dead were passengers, according to Otis Nelson, president of Transoceanic airlines.

Nelson identified the dead crewman as radio officer Herbert Asbel of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Steel Profits Held Unusual

New York, Aug. 15 (AP)—A steel industry expert told a presidential fact-finding board today that recent high profits in the industry were unusual and would not continue.

The statement was made by Dr. Jules Backman, an associate professor of economics at New York university.

Backman continued for a second day his testimony before the three-man board named by President Truman in an effort to avert a nation-wide steel strike.

He answered the testimony of Robert R. Nathan, one-time government economist who appeared for the CIO steelworkers union when his side of the case was presented to the board.

"Certainly there is no evidence in the past which suggests the possibility or probability of continuous operations at or near the level that prevailed early this year," Backman said.

"With the disappearance of this unusually high rate of operations, the profits reported by the steel companies also have melted rapidly. Thus, in the second quarter of 1949, reported profits of steel companies fell about 25 percent below the first quarter total."

Nathan had argued that the "phenomenal" steel profits of recent months were proof the companies could pay the 30 cents an hour "package" asked by the union without increased prices.

To Bring Comella Back for Forgery

Deputy Sheriff William DeVall and City Detective Wayne Parker left Monday morning for Bend where DeVall will pick up Bartley Comella to return him to Salem to answer to a check charge.

On the way they expect to stop at the Linn county jail at Albany for an interview with Ted Norman Drake under arrest there on a charge of burglarizing the Santiam Lumber company and also suspected of having had some connection with a rain of bad checks said to have been spread over 23 Oregon cities including some in Marion county.

They wish to see if they can get any light from him as to checks said to have been passed in the Stayton and Mehama area and possibly around here.



Queen Chats with Pioneer—While they were spectators Sunday of the opening ceremonies of the North Santiam highway, young Queen Jeanne Bray chatted with Mrs. Hattie Reed, 93. Each was interested in the reactions of the other to the history-making event.