

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Tuesday. No important temperature change. Lowest tonight, 50; highest Tuesday, 84.

Maximum yesterday, 79; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation, .8; for month, .38; normal, .36. Season precipitation, .45; normal, .37. River height, .75 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Series of Quakes Rocks Wide Area in Northwest

Eye Witness Letter Exposes 5 Per Cent Deals

Ties in With Whole Chain Of Exposures Declares Mundt

Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—A secret letter beginning "Dear Pop" is shedding new light on the perfume oil and home freezer aspects of the five percent inquiry, Senator Mundt (R-SD) said today.

The letter was written by a former member of the armed services to his father, who turned it over to Mundt. The South Dakota lawyer is a member of the special senate subcommittee checking on whether improper influence has figured in the handling of government business.

Mundt declined to discuss the contents of the letter in any detail. He did describe it as a "significant eye-witness account of something which took place which appears to have an important bearing on matters we have been investigating." He added:

"The letter ties in with the whole chain of events dealing with the presentation of home freezers to prominent people in Washington and the subsequent activities of representatives of the perfume company which paid for the freezers."

Mundt said the youth who wrote the letter either will be called to testify at the senate public hearings, to be resumed tomorrow, or will be questioned privately.

Mundt declined to name the boys or his father. He said the letter was investigated by accounts of the promotion which appeared in the newspapers during the last few days.

The committee has been told that seven home freezers presented to Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan and other Washington notables in 1945 were paid for by the Albert Verley company, a Chicago perfume oil firm.

Soviet Demands Death of Tito As Rift Widens

Charges of Espionage Exchanged in Official Notes by Each Nation

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 22 (AP)—Moscow published a demand for Marshal Tito's death today as the Russian-Yugoslav rift steadily widened.

The Yugoslav press struck at the Soviets with a charge of espionage.

The press of the two countries traded blows after the two governments exchanged bluntly worded notes over the week-end.

The Soviet note, delivered on Saturday, threatened "effective measure" to protect Soviet citizens in Yugoslavia.

The Moscow newspaper Pravda, organ of the Russian communist party, published the demand for Tito's execution in a three-column article signed by Bedri Spachiu, secretary of the Albanian communist party.

The Communist timetable had called for more than 100,000 of Finland's 300,000 unionized workers to be on strike today in what the government charged was an attempt to prepare for a communist coup.

The government has not yet been able to compile an official report on the number who actually have left work but employer estimates gave the total at 27,000.

The strike threat generally appeared to have been overcome by the combined firm efforts of the social democratic (socialist) government of Premier Karl A. Fagerholm and the loyal Central Trade Union Federation.



Spaatz in Favor Of B-36 Bombers

Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—Gen. Carl Spaatz, former army air force chief of staff, said today no outside influence was involved in the air force's purchase of the B-36 bomber.

With the United States having temporary monopoly of the atomic bomb and B-36 to deliver it, Spaatz said, the nation is fairly safe from attack by an aggressor.

Spaatz, now retired and writing on military subjects, said that in 1940 and 1941 military planners thought an inter-continental bomber was essential in the face of Hitler's successes in Europe.

Again in December, 1946, and January, 1947, he told the house armed services committee investigating "irregularities" in the super bomber program, it was decided to continue the B-36 contract because of continued unsettled world conditions.

"Unless an aggressor can develop weapons and techniques at least equal to ours he will not start a war," Spaatz said.

The possibilities of a long cold war, he said, "requires that our military security be obtained at a minimum sacrifice of our national wealth."

This is emphasized, he said, through the atomic bomb and B-36.

Keizer Scout Troop Travels to Pendleton

Nineteen members of Keizer troop No. 41 departed to Pendleton this morning for a five-day vacation including a view of the Roundup.

Baldock Plan Doesn't Affect Capitol Group

A report that the newly-created state capital planning commission would try to get the city council to defer action Monday night on the Baldock plan had caused public confusion on the question today.

It had also brought the question as to what right the commission has to interfere in the matter.

The three ordinance bills covering the street and traffic development plan, including a one-way street grid, rebuilding of the present Center street bridge, and construction of a new bridge over the Willamette, are on the calendar for third reading at the Monday night meeting.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom said he had received no official notice that the capital commission was making the request.

"I have checked with officials of the state highway department and they say there is no real conflict of interest between the Baldock plan and questions with which the commission is supposed to concern itself."

Mayor Elfstrom wants to see the plan adopted, and is hopeful that enough aldermen will vote with him to put it through the council.

If the bills pass it is understood the plan will be presented at a meeting of the state highway commission set for September 19 and 20.

Truman Pleads For Approval of Full Arms Bill

Tells Critics Peace With Russia Can't be Bought Cheaply

Miami, Fla., Aug. 22 (AP)—President Truman pleaded today for fast approval of the full \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program as "part of the price of peace."

He indirectly told critics of the plan in congress — without calling any names — that peace with freedom and justice "cannot be bought cheaply" in a world made uneasy by "Soviet pressure."

And he described the goal as prevention of aggression.

"We are not arming ourselves and our friends to start a fight with anybody," the president said. "We are building our defenses so that we won't have to fight."

He spoke before the golden jubilee convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars after an 822-mile flight here from Washington in the Independence, the White House plane.

His schedule allowed just enough time for a 15-minute talk and a couple of dozen handshakes, before his return flight to Washington.

The president blamed Russian inaction in the United Nations and elsewhere for the need to arm friendly nations "to resist aggression."

Russia, the president declared, "has blocked every effort to establish an effective international police force and to free the world from fear of aggression."

Burglar Tops Stolen Sundae with Ice Cream

A nocturnal goda-jerk is operating in Salem.

Sometime Sunday night the Top Hat restaurant at 1275 State street was broken into by a sweet-toothed thief with a particular yen for sundaes.

When an employee of the cafe came to work early Monday morning, he discovered that someone had lifted out the back window, gained entry, opened a can of sundae topping, scooped a dipper of ice cream from the freezer, then sat down at the counter and enjoyed a sundae.

The used sundae glass was still sitting on the counter when police made their investigation.

The thief also drank two bottles of coke and made himself a ham sandwich.

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Instead of stepping out of the car, the passenger hit the cab driver over the head. Ricketts says the next thing he remembers he woke up in the taxi, then parked at Leslie and South High streets. None of the driver's personal belongings were stolen.

Two men and two juveniles were apprehended by city policemen late Sunday night when a city patrolman saw them riding in a car which had been stolen earlier from West Salem.

Northern British Columbia Center Of Disturbance

Tremor Felt From Alaska to Portland—No Loss of Life

Prince Rupert, B.C., Aug. 22 (AP)—An earthquake which lasted longer than the devastating shock in Ecuador and was stronger than the San Francisco quake of 1906 struck off the coast of British Columbia last night, but there were no reports of casualties or major damage.

The violent submarine tremor, its main shock lasting six and one-half hours with subsequent shorter shocks, was felt as far north as Juneau, Alaska and as far south as Portland, Ore.

Seismologists said the quake would have been destructive had it not centered offshore.

It appeared to center off the British Columbia coast, but the greatest shock felt on land was in the Skeena river valley.

In Seattle, the University of Washington seismograph station said the severity of the quake knocked the needle off one seismograph drum. It lasted for six and a half hours. The Ecuador quake of Aug. 5 was recorded in Seattle for four hours.

Graphs Report Severity Prof. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, said it was "very large," the largest ever recorded in California from a distant point. He said it was more severe than the one which shook San Francisco in 1906.

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When we went out to get them we could hardly row because of the pull of the water. We pulled them high up on the beach where we thought they would be safe. Then the lake surface suddenly rose four feet and took all our boats out again.

Crime Wave in City Hits Autos

A brief crime wave involving auto thefts struck Salem over the weekend. Two of the cases involved bodily assault.

Ervin J. Sisk, who lists Salem general delivery as his address, was beaten about the head by a man he found sitting in his car in the 200 block, Ferry street, late Saturday night.

Sisk had just come out of a beer parlor and had started to get into his car when his assailant, described as an Indian or French-Canadian, assaulted him, forced Sisk out of the car, then drove off in Sisk's auto.

The car had not been recovered by noon Monday.

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Two Men Killed In Plane Crash

Republic, Wash., Aug. 22 (AP)—Two men were killed in the crash of a light plane last night 1 1/2 miles west of Danville, on the Canadian border north of here.

The pilot of the plane was identified as Jack P. Deane, 29, Shelton, Wash., and his passenger as Harry Ozeroff, 30, British Columbia, civil aeronautics authorities reported.

A civil aeronautics board from Spokane is investigating the crash today.

Public Debt Set At 255 Billions

Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—The public debt, rising as the government overspends its income, has climbed above \$255,000,000,000 for the first time since February, 1948.

Treasury data showed today the debt totalled \$255,076,248,000 on August 18 and was on its way up. The government already is \$1,674,796,000 in the red for the 1950 fiscal year, which began July 1, and apparently is headed deeper into the hole for the full year as a whole.

In rounded figures, government spending so far this fiscal year amounted to \$5,341,000,000, or about \$300,000,000 more than at this point last fiscal year.

Receipts from taxes and other sources so far this fiscal year total \$3,666,000,000 and are about \$130,000,000 below last year.

American officials said it would require some notable feats of statesmanship to prevent the conference from hurting instead of improving British-American relations. The conference will reach a climax early next month.

Among other things the British say they take a dim view of the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury Snyder to head up the American delegation for the main, second stage of the negotiations which will open Sept. 6 or 7. They say they would have preferred Secretary of State Acheson.

House Debates Flood Control

Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—The house opened debate today on a \$1,114,539,000 omnibus rivers and harbors and flood control authorization bill.

Action was delayed until tomorrow on a second bill. It would provide money for water project construction during the 12 months which began July 1.

Chairman Whittington (D, Miss.) of the house public works committee chided the house rules committee for delaying house consideration of the omnibus authorization bill by requiring him to call it up under a special resolution bypassing the rules group.

He said the bill involves projects all over the United States which are considered meritorious by the army engineers and should be made eligible for future appropriations.

On money for current construction, senate and house conferees have been in disagreement since June 1. Before Easter, the house passed an appropriation bill allowing \$593,292,220 for army civil functions consisting mostly of funds for flood control and rivers and harbors projects of the army engineers. The senate added the amount to \$751,440,690 adding dozens of new projects.

Missing Plane Found—Rescuers examine tail section of air force B-26 bomber that crashed into Mississippi head of Mt. Hood, Ore., in April, killing three. Pieces of the ship were scattered over an area of 160 acres—as far down as the patch of snow showing to the left of the tail section. (Acme Telephoto)

Forest Fires in 6 States Still Out of Control

Hundreds of fire fighters battled flames in national forest areas of six western states today. At least six major fires were still out of control, three in the Payette national forest of central Idaho and three in Yellowstone national park in Wyoming.

Four crewmen were hospitalized, one in California and three in Idaho.

More than 300 lightning-caused fires, most of them small, covered an estimated 33,000 acres of timber and grass lands in the drought-stricken forests.

British Parley Opens in Gloom

Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—Preliminary American-British talks on Britain's economic crisis will open here this week in an atmosphere of bitterness and gloom.

American officials believe the British negotiators are coming here with hands outstretched for another round of American help—not a loan comparable to that of 1946 nor a new kind of Marshall plan but rather some more indirect measures.

American officials have not displayed any particular enthusiasm for such British ideas. This is partly because they believe Britain's troubles must be solved by major internal moves and partly because they foresee trouble in getting any British aid measures through congress.

No Flies for Fair There will be no flies on Oregon's state fair which opens here Monday, Sept. 5, Manager Leo Spitzbart declared here today following completion of a DDT spraying program over the entire grounds.

Electric Chair for Lonely Heart Slayer

New York, Aug. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Martha Beck, 29, and Raymond Fernandez, 34, today were sentenced to die in the electric chair the week of Oct. 10 for the murder of Mrs. Janet Fay, 66, Albany, N. Y. widow.

Mrs. Beck, 200-pound 29-year-old divorcee, and Fernandez, a professional rubeo-gone, were convicted of the bludgeoning and strangulation of Mrs. Fay last Jan. 4.

The state charged the Fay murder, and two other murders laid to the defendants in Michigan, grew from a scheme to fleece lonely women.



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