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CLOUDY WITH rain tonight. Friday, mostly cloudy with showers. Slightly cooler temperatures. Lowest tonight, 54; highest Friday, 68.

Maximum yesterday, 66; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.47; for month, .42; normal, .66. Season precipitation, .82; normal, .66. River height, 3.8 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Forcing of CVA By President Hit by Morse

Sidetracking of \$1 Billion Bill Held Pollution Boomerang

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER

The administration "will find such a course of action will be a political boomerang" was the terse comeback from Senator Wayne L. Morse in reading that President Truman has asked congress to defer approval of a \$1,000,000,000 army engineer-reclamation bureau program for development of the Columbia river basin and has proposed instead that the Columbia Valley administration be set up first.

"The president is putting the cart before the horse when he talks about passing legislation for the administration of projects before they are even completed," Senator Morse added.

Reiterates Stand

Morse reiterated his stand given in a statement to the Capital Journal Tuesday regarding CVA when he said: "I am not interested in the political issue, it is the economic angle that is vital. . . I intend to keep my eyes on the economic facts of the river development program and not become embroiled in a partisan controversy over how we are going to administer a program when what we need first is to get the projects built so we have something to administer."

In further comments regarding the Truman request, Senator Morse said:

Testified for Bill

"Some weeks ago I testified in favor of the Magnuson bill S2180. I consider it a very sound bill. Its basic soundness is to be found in the fact that those of us who are sponsoring it with Senator Magnuson as chief author recognize the No. 1 problem as far as the Pacific northwest development is concerned is early completion of the power, reclamation, flood control and soil conservation projects provided in the bill.

"There is no disagreement as to either the need of these projects or as to the blue prints for these projects, therefore, it doesn't make sense to postpone their building until the administration can carry on a political fight over how they are to be administered.

Public Policy Not Involved

"There is no question of the fundamental public policy involved in building these projects but there are many questions of fundamental public policy in respect to the governmental organizations to be used in administering the policy. "I think it very important that all of us in the Pacific northwest think through very clearly just how the public can be served best in the administration of these multi-purpose dams once they are completed.

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Elliott's Bond Not Cancelled

Portland, Sept. 15 (AP)—Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Elliott's bond will not be canceled if the bonding company follows its attorney's advice, and presumably it will.

Calvin N. Souther, Oregon attorney for the Maryland Casualty company, said today he had advised the company to leave the \$110,000 bond in effect.

Cancellation had been asked by State Treasurer Walter Pearson who, as an insurance agent, wrote the bond. The bonding company had asked Souther for a report and an opinion on the request for cancellation. He said he told the company not to cancel because "it is not for a bonding company to say who shall hold public office and who shall not. . . That decision rests entirely with the voters."

The company is amply protected on its bond since negotiable collateral to cover it was put in escrow by Elliott's backers when he first took office and had trouble getting bond.

The bond cancellation proposal was only one of the office-boarding problems before Elliott. A recall move was nearing the final stage of having enough signatures to force an election on the sheriff's removal. Recall headquarters reported today that 28,014 signatures were at hand. Needed are 30,565.

Anti-Trust Suit Filed to Break up A&P Food Chain

McGrath Brings Civil Action in Federal Court in New York

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath today filed suit to break up the great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company's nationwide food chain.

The civil action was brought in federal district court at New York City this morning. It is a follow-up to a criminal conviction of the A. and P. company under the anti-trust statutes at Danville, Illinois, three years ago.

The conviction was affirmed in the U. S. court of appeals at Chicago early this year and the company paid fines totaling \$175,000. In New York, an A&P official branded the suit as "a threat to the welfare and living standards of every American citizen."

General Denial Made

Entering a general denial of the government charges, a spokesman for the big food chain said "the whole basis of this attack is the fact that we sold good food too cheap."

"This is not just an effort to destroy A&P, but an attack on the entire system of efficient, low-cost, low-profit, mass distribution which this company pioneered," he said.

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Greek Threat Worries Powers

Athens, Sept. 15 (AP)—Greece's decision to invade Albania in self-defense if necessary appeared today to have Washington, London and Moscow worried.

There were indications that the western powers might try to get the Athens government to alter its position.

On Tuesday, a high-ranking member of the Greek delegation to the coming United Nations General Assembly said Greek troops would invade communist Albania if guerrilla forces launched any new attacks on Greece from Albanian soil. He said the UN would be told of this decision during the debate on the Greek case.

Today, both American and British ambassadors in Athens were scheduled to confer with Vice Premier Constantin Tsaldaris. It was believed that U. S. Ambassador Henry F. Grady and Sir Clifford Norton, Britain's top diplomat here, might try to persuade the Greeks to soft-pedal their talk.

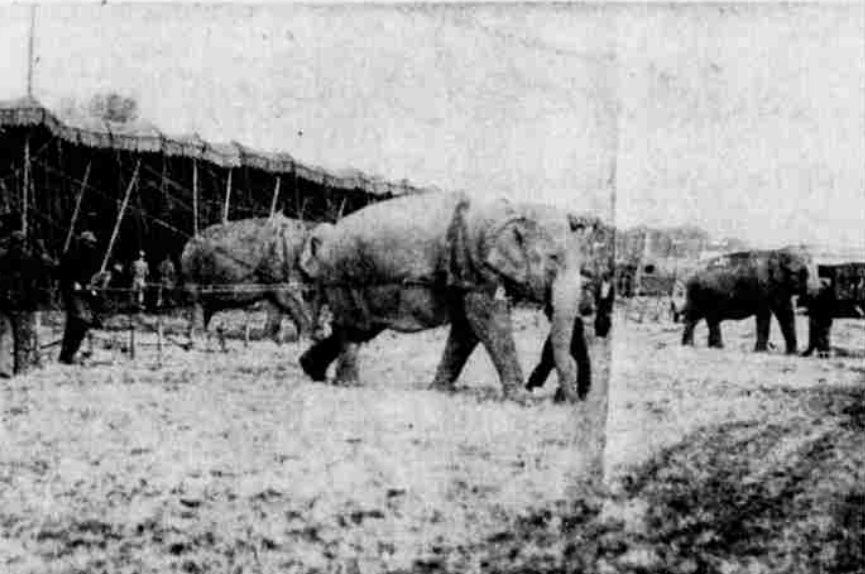
Foreign observers in Moscow said Russia would take a grave view of any Greek invasion of the little country on her northwest frontier. The Moscow press carried stories today stressing the friendship between Albania and Russia. Pravda displayed a headline which read: "Albanian-Soviet Friendship strengthening."

Assessed Valuation of County Over \$70 Million

By DON UPJOHN

Marion county's assessed valuation, including all classes of properties, jumps to \$70,349,212 for the current tax year from \$55,835,453 last year, or an increase of \$14,513,759, according to a summary just officially released by County Assessor R. Tad Shelton. Included in this is \$61,224,480 total net taxable value as assessed by the assessor and \$9,124,732 covering public utilities as assessed by the state tax commission. This is net after taking out \$376,950 allowed for veterans' and widows' exemptions.

Real property shows a jump of \$11,648,220 or about a 25 percent increase in the assessment of \$52,124,700 against \$40,476,550 for last year. Personal property is up \$1,134,66, a total of \$9,476,660 this year against \$8,342,000 last year. Total number of acres of lands assessed was 511,116, platted lands being assessed at \$7,569,395 and all other lands at \$22,745,680. Structural improvements on unplatted lands are valued at \$8,038,650 and on platted lands at \$13,771,045, or a total of \$21,809,695, or up about \$5,000,000 from last year. In personal property assess-



Russia Wants Big 4 Meet

Moscow, Sept. 15 (AP)—Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, slated to head the Soviet delegation at the U. N. assembly in New York next week, is expected to press for a new meeting of the Big Four council of foreign ministers.

With U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman all due to be on hand, informed circles here said Vishinsky will urge an early formal meeting of the council. When the foreign ministers ended their Paris meeting on Germany last June, they agreed to meet informally during the U. N. session to discuss their next meeting.

The Paris session reached an agreement to end Soviet traffic restrictions (the blockade) in Berlin, but several other questions were left hanging. Among major problems still to be solved are possible future economic and political unity of Germany, an independence treaty for Austria and reconciliation of divergent allied views on who should write a peace treaty for Japan. The Austrian treaty was turned over to the ministers' deputies, but they have failed to reach an agreement, thus turning the matter back to the foreign ministers council.

Walsh Urged to Oppose Morse

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15 (AP)—State Sen. William E. Walsh (R) Coos Bay, today is considering whether he should run against Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) in the 1950 republican primary for a seat in the U. S. senate.

Walsh said he has been under "terrible pressure" to oppose Morse, and that an adequate campaign fund has been assured him by Portland sources. He indicated that some republican party members do not care for the ultra-liberal views presented by Morse. Walsh is now serving his third term as state senator from Coos and Curry counties. He is a lawyer and part owner of a Coquille radio station, and was a former district attorney of Coos county.

Huge 'Machines' Used To Set up Biggest Circus

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

The area adjacent to the west and south sides of the Oregon state Fair Grounds bustled with mass activity throughout Thursday morning, as the mighty Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus demobilized itself from trains and set up its huge tents.

The early-morning silence was broken at 4:25 a. m., when the first of four trains pulled into a siding on the west side of the fairgrounds and the gigantic circus began to unfold.

From then until noon, curious spectators were treated to a performance of variety and amazing clockwork. Sections of the various trains moved in and out of position as if guided by a jeweled time piece and the process of unloading caused onlookers to marvel at the efficiency employed.

Not a second was wasted at any time in the operation. While workers on the 18th street fairgrounds parking lot were busily engaged setting up tents and displays, a group of wagons and trucks were bringing more circus "supplies" over from the railroad siding in a slow-moving but constant parade. At the same time, additional trucks and wagons were being unloaded rhythmically from the circus trains' flat cars.

At first a handful, then a few dozen, and finally hundreds of weather-scooping persons viewed the spectacular teamwork between man, machine and beast. More than in any previous circus visit to Salem, machines were employed for heavy work of setting up poles, pulling wagons, etc. The familiar spectacle of elephants being used for labor has almost disappeared.

However, the moving of the elephants still presented the amusing show of ambitious men with huge sticks prodding the big animals on, while the elephants were content to just stroll along at their own pace, in apparent complete disregard to the commands given them. Even the driving of the tent stakes into the ground has yielded to the machine age. Instead of muscle and sledge-hammer, two large machines with tremendous pounding arms were used to set up the stakes for the "big top" which stretches more than a city block in length. And though the process of transferring the gigantic circus from train to tent has become routine and precision-like to the workmen, the assortment of animals still view the whole affair with a snarling look that probably means, "Take me back to the jungle."

Brooks Youth Killed At San Diego

Brooks, Ore., Sept. 15—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smithers Dean received word this morning that their son, Ray Dean, 17, had been found dead in a boxcar at San Diego, Calif.

Dean and a companion from around Gervais recently ran away from home, it was reported here, but the other boy returned home, refusing to discuss anything about his disappearance. The Deans did not know where their son was until word of his death was received. The Dean family moved from this district to Canby about three years ago, returning to the Gervais community recently where they purchased property.

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 15—Neither the office of the county coroner nor the metropolitan police have any information relative to a "box car" murder here.

Air Coach to N.Y. Begins on Sept. 22

Portland, Sept. 15 (AP)—Air coach service from here to New York City via Northwest Airlines is scheduled to start Sept. 22 with a \$99-plus-tax price tag. Airline Manager James Speer said the rate of \$70 to Chicago compares with \$113.75 for the deluxe service.

Unions Threaten Strikes in Steel and Coal Industries

Lewis Insists On Payment of Welfare Fund

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—John L. Lewis today made another demand on the Cleveland Trust company to compel the Island Creek Coal company to pay up on its royalties to the United Mine Workers' welfare fund.

Lewis' new demand was in reply to a telegram from L. F. Freiberger, board chairman of the bank, denying that the bank controlled James D. Francis, president of the coal company.

Freiberger told Lewis last night that the Cleveland Trust company controlled only one-third of the company's stock, but Lewis said, "A one-third stock interest in a corporation whose stock is so widely scattered constitutes absolute and unqualified control."

Claimed Bank Control

"You can control him if you wish," Lewis told Freiberger. Lewis said Freiberger has "personally" exercised control for a long time.

Francis and a number of other coal operators have withheld their 20 cents a ton royalty due the welfare fund since last month, contending that the absence of a contract with the miners absolves them of responsibility for the payments. The miners' contract expired June 30. Payments on coal mined in July were due Aug. 20. In the coal mine dispute, a walkout would idle another 400,000 men.

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Dr. Adenauer Reich Chancellor

Bonn, Germany, Sept. 15 (AP)—Catholic Conservative Dr. Konrad Adenauer skinned through by a one-vote margin today to win the necessary majority to elect him first chancellor of the West German Republic.

The 73-year-old lawyer pulled a bare majority of 202 votes in the 402-member bundestag (lower house) of parliament after nomination by President Theodor Heuss yesterday.

As first German chancellor since Adolf Hitler, Adenauer will be the strongest man in the new federal government, heading a cabinet of his own choice. In his new position—equivalent to prime minister—Adenauer will assume the guiding role in Western Germany's return to self-rule.

The three-party rightist coalition supporting Adenauer came within one vote of failing to win the necessary majority. Although there are 402 deputies, only 389 were present at today's session. The constitution requires a majority of the full house, regardless of whether all 402 members are present.

At a session of the lower house next Monday, the chancellor will make a policy statement and announce his new cabinet, it was disclosed.

United States Opposes Increase in Gold Price

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder has notified the international monetary fund that the United States will not agree to a boost in the price of gold. His declaration indicates that this country will, if necessary, use its veto power to kill any general increase which might be favored by the board of directors of the 48-nation fund.

Snyder made his statement, it was learned today at a closed meeting of the fund's committee on gold. It helped to quash for the moment—a South African proposal for a fund study of a new, higher price. It is now \$35 an ounce. But the Union of South Africa, world's biggest gold producer, plainly had plans to raise the issue again before the annual governors' meeting of the fund and the World Bank ends tomorrow night.

And it became clear that the lines were drawn for a major assault—prolonged if need be—against the gold-price policy of the United States. Meantime the delegates here in annual meeting:



Judge Sherman Minton, appointed to supreme court by President Truman to fill vacancy caused by death of Justice Wiley Rutledge.

Minton Named To High Bench

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—Sherman Minton of Indiana, who battled in vain for the 1937 Roosevelt plan to put younger blood on the supreme court, today was chosen by President Truman to serve on that bench.

Minton, in 1937 a democrat, pro-New Deal senator, now is a judge of the Seventh U. S. circuit court of appeals. That court has headquarters at Chicago and embraces the states of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Mr. Truman announced his decision at a news conference today. He said Judge Walter C. Lindley of the U. S. court for the eastern district of Illinois will succeed Minton on the appellate court. Casper Platte, now a circuit judge of Illinois, will succeed Lindley.

Minton, 58, will fill the supreme court vacancy created by the death of Justice Wiley Rutledge. A democrat and a protestant, Minton served in the senate from 1935 to 1941. He had the desk next to Mr. Truman's when both were in the senate. Minton is a protestant but his wife is a Catholic.

There has been no Catholic on the supreme court since Justice Frank Murphy died in July. There had been speculation that the president might choose another Catholic until he named former Attorney General Tom Clark, a protestant, to succeed Justice Murphy.

With the death of Justice Rutledge, political dopesters again foresaw the possibility that Mr. Truman might give recognition to Catholics in filling the vacancy.

Gibson, Vermont Judge Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Truman announced today he is nominating republican Governor Ernest Gibson of Vermont to federal district judge for that state.

Murray Insists On Acceptance Of Board's Plan

Pittsburgh, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers today charged the giant United States Steel corporation is "deliberately seeking to force a strike."

The accusation came in a telegram the union leader addressed to U. S. Steel President Benjamin F. Fairless. Murray again insisted that U. S. Steel accept the recommendations of President Truman's fact finding board aimed at settling steel labor difficulties.

He wired Fairless: "The union still hopes that a strike in the basic steel industry can be averted. It can be averted if your corporation and the rest of the industry will agree with the union and with public opinion to accept the recommendations of the steel industry board."

Fairless for Bargaining Murray's telegram replied to an overnight message from Fairless which stated U. S. Steel is unwilling to accept the board recommendations without bargaining.

The board recommended that labor and the industry work out company financed pension and insurance plans but ruled out a wage increase for steel workers.

U. S. Steel took particular exception to the board's view that the pension plan be financed entirely by the industry. It said that "as a matter of sound principle any program of social insurance should be on a contributory basis."

Murray Forces Issue He told Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, that he wasn't satisfied with Fairless' initial answer that bargaining be resumed—without committing big steel to the board's findings.

Truman Hopes Strike Averted

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Truman expressed hope today that negotiations in the steel dispute will progress toward a settlement. This was Mr. Truman's comment on U. S. Steel's refusal to accept the presidential fact-finding board's peace formula without bargaining.

The company's action has raised the possibility of a strike in the industry after a truce expires September 25. The steel dispute was brought up at Mr. Truman's news conference. He was asked whether he considered the attitude of Philip Murray, head of the CIO steel workers, was proper in insisting on acceptance of the board's formula when it was agreed in advance that the findings would not be binding.

Mr. Truman said he hoped the negotiations would progress toward a settlement. Then he said he thought there was a decided difference between accepting a thing as a basis for negotiations and acceptance of a recommendation outright.

President Plugs For National Guard

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Truman, an old militiaman himself, put in a plug today for the National Guard recruiting drive. He told a news conference that the National Guard and the reserve are the backbone of this country's defense and he hopes the forthcoming drive will be a success.

He said he joined the National Guard on Flag day in 1905. When he was moved from the rear to the front rank, he thought it was the finest promotion he had gotten up to that time.

Earth Quake Near Borneo

Tokyo, Thursday, Sept. 15 (AP)—A strong earthquake was recorded on the Tokyo meteorological station seismograph at 4:37 a. m. today (12:37 p. m., PDT Wednesday). The location would be in or near north Borneo.