

THE WEATHER HERE

FAIR WITH little change in temperature tonight. Thursday, lowest temperature tonight, 42; highest Thursday, 80.

Maximum yesterday, 74; minimum 47. 41. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month, 1.31; normal, .94. Season precipitation, 1.31; normal, .94. River height, .27 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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\$2,385,000 for Baldock Plan Bridge Allotted

Salem Signs Contract With State Highway Commission

By JAMES D. OLSON Work on the first unit of the Baldock traffic relief plan for Salem, estimated to cost \$2,385,000 was authorized by the state highway commission at its monthly meeting in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Included in this unit is construction of a two-way bridge over the Willamette river at Marion street, to be followed by re-construction of the present Center street bridge; together with a comprehensive plan of one-way streets to facilitate traffic flow through the city.

The entire traffic relief measures outlined in the Baldock plan are estimated to cost \$7,600,000 and will take seven or more years to complete.

Salem Delegation Present

A delegation of Salem and Marion county citizens, headed by Mayor R. L. Elvstrom urged consideration of five projects, including the one approved. The Salem mayor presented an agreement signed by members of the Salem city council covering initial unit of the traffic plan.

Emphatic pleas were made to the commission for the immediate rebuilding of the North Santiam highway between Mill City and Mehama together with replacement of two bridges, connecting Marion and Linn counties.

County Commissioner Rogers told the commission that tons of cement for the Detroit dam would be hauled over this road and in addition casings for the power unit for Big Cliff dam, each casing measuring 17 feet in height would also be taken over the road.

Detroit Road Dangerous

"At present the road is dangerous," said Rogers. "The present bridges are not high enough nor strong enough to support the loads that must be taken to the damsite."

Harry Banfield, chairman of the commission said that the commission lacks funds to launch this project now and held that the federal government should contribute a part of the cost of this road and bridges. He intimated that government officials would be approached on the subject.

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Acheson Sees Peace Possible

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today re-affirmed his belief that east-west differences can be eased peacefully, but warned that a solution will not be quick or easy.

In a solemn American policy speech before the United Nations assembly, Acheson promised the 59 national delegations the United States is ready to do its part. As expected, his tone was conciliatory.

His declaration blamed Russia for the "profound sense of insecurity" which he said has enveloped large areas of the world and has led to such steps as the formation of the North Atlantic alliance.

It is the main task of the assembly, he said, to try to solve the problems which lay behind the cold war.

"I pledge for the United States unreserved support and devotion to a concerted effort to this end," he said.

Acheson made no direct appeal to Russia for a general settlement, but did call for Soviet cooperation on several specific problems such as the Balkan dispute and Korea.

Acheson said this session of the assembly comes at a time when the main postwar adjustments have been completed and it is possible to see with more clarity what the real problems are.

Some of them, he said, "are of a terrible seriousness." He added: "They are too deeply rooted, in many instances, to be rapidly overcome by persuasion or compromise or by isolated diplomatic gestures."

Stuck Freighter Freed

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—The freighter Pine Bluff Victory, stuck on a Columbia river mud-bank near Vancouver more than 24 hours, was freed early today by the tug Salvage Chief.

Fall Opening Great Success In Every Way

Record Crowds Throng Streets and Store Displays

An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 people flooded Salem's business districts in festive fashion Tuesday night as the gigantic fall opening was held.

The first fall opening since the war matched the pre-war spectacles in both size and splendor, and the turnout of townspeople was probably the greatest in history.

Streets were jammed solid with a sea of window-shoppers who were treated to the finest in ultra-modern displays, emphasized more than ever before by unique lighting innovations.

Everything from automobiles to zinnias was shown by the nearly 100 local merchants who participated in the gala extravaganza of fall merchandise display.

Top honors in the window decoration contest went to The Man's Shop at 416 State street, which featured formal men's wear displayed behind the store's huge curved show glass.

Leon's Shoe store at 234 North Liberty and J. C. Penney at 180 North Liberty ranked second and third, respectively, in window display competition.

Judging was based on the amount of energy put into the displays, the overall impact on spectators, theme involved and the display's ability in getting across the idea portrayed.

Three Portland store display managers, Bob Wiseman of Weiner's, Jack Muck of Bedell's and Larry Ness of Nuedleman's, were the judges.

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Greeks Wipe Out Guerrillas

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—The United Nations special commission on the Balkans (UNSCOB) said today the Greek army has eliminated organized guerrilla resistance along the northern borders of Greece.

This does not mean that the civil war is ended. Communist guerrilla bands still rove parts of the interior. The Greek army's recently concluded Grammos mountain offensive drove strong rebel detachments across the Albanian frontier, as other offensives have done before.

Each time in the past, the guerrillas have reorganized and returned.

The Athens general staff announced in Greek news night 13 Albanian soldiers who surrendered to Greek frontier guards reported that guerrilla leaders hoped to re-enter Greece soon "with Russian aid."

Greece holds a temporary advantage at the frontier. The commission warned, however, of "increased gravity of the threat to peace" if Greece's communist northern neighbors, Albania and Bulgaria, continue aiding guerrillas in defiance of UN assembly resolutions.

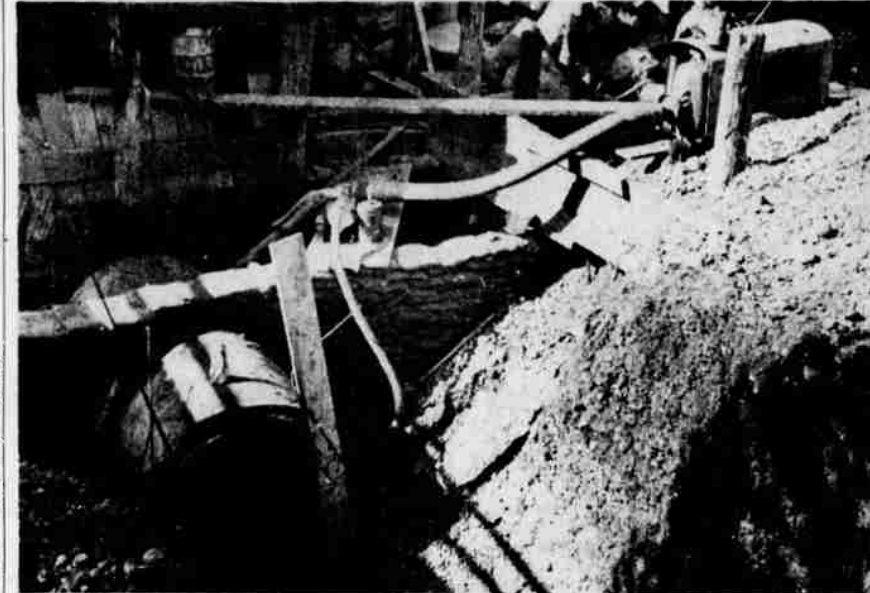
9 Months Needed to Finish Bridge Surveys

Designing of the Marion street bridge, authorized by the highway commission Tuesday, together with other engineering work, will require approximately nine months time, Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Wednesday.

The estimated cost of the bridge of the right of way charges to be borne by the bureau of public roads and the highway commission on a 60-40 basis.

No work will be undertaken on the Center street bridge reconstruction until completion of the Marion bridge. The reconstruction work is estimated to cost \$750,000 with street reconstruction absorbing the remaining \$380,000 of the allotment.

As soon as the two bridges are built, Center street will be designated eastbound from the bridge to Capitol; and Marion westbound from Capitol to the bridge. The commission is to build a traffic interchange on the west end of each of the bridges, to make a connection with the Wallace road and Edgewater street, with provisions for a later four-lane roadway between Edgewater and the river. The plan, as mapped out, calls for a truck by-pass turning west



Traffic Closed For New Sewer

Salem's new interceptor sewer, now under construction at both extremities by H. C. Werner, Inc., of Eugene, is now being laid across Mill creek on Church street near Union and the stream has been diverted to allow the 60 inch concrete pipe to be placed and embedded in concrete six feet below the normal surface of the stream.

Traffic across Mill creek on Church street is now closed by the excavation and one of the older bridges in city usage has been closed by the project. Age of this bridge is estimated at not less than 30 years and some of the piling supporting the structure is rotten to the extent that the caps sustain the piling.

Clyde Barker, foreman in charge of the project, states that an unusual sand formation resembling quicksand in behavior has been encountered in excavation to the detriment of progress. Besides usual debris found in creek bottoms Barker discovered an all leather boot of a pattern worn by Salem sports about 50 years ago. Though three used in stitching was pretty much rotted away the leather was as sound and pliable as when the boot was discarded decades ago.

In more ways than one the diversion of Mill creek at this point has been a disillusion for Barker. At one time Clyde was a gold miner and when he detected the break in strata excavated the formation suggested the possibility that gold might be found betwixt and between. So he started panning but no glitter of the auriferous metal remained to stimulate further endeavor.

Next day mallard ducks, fat and independent in the pool above construction, presumed to swim through the 33 inch by-pass conduit now carrying the waters of Mill creek. Clyde thought it would be amusing to catch a duck as he emerged from the conduit. He did and the quacker bit him savagely to boot. And that was that.

Gold Strike Fraud

Capetown, South Africa, Sept. 21 (AP)—The fabulous Orford gold discovery, which touched off a \$10,000,000 stock boom last June, was a fraud and the perpetrators are being sought, the South African government said today.

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White Plains, N.Y., Sept. 21 (AP)—A police chief's son and five other young men were under indictment today in connection with violence which followed a Paul Robeson concert September 4.

They allegedly were among roadside hecklers who stoned the concert crowd leaving the left-wing Negro singer's performance. Three of them are teenagers.

One of those named is Joseph A. Lillis, Jr., 25, son of the police chief at Peekskill, N.Y., near where the outdoor concert was held.

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Polk Escapees Still at Large

Dallas, Ore., Sept. 21—Polk county authorities are still without information as to the disappearance of three men who sawed their way out of the Polk county jail Tuesday. Missing are John Theodore Forrester, Wesley James Edwards and William H. Phillips.

One thing perplexing the officers is that a window leading to the outside from the "bull pen" had been carefully replaced, regarded as a "delicate operation." Officers are also investigating the possibility that a trustee who has access to the court house may have smuggled in a saw from the basement.

Three men, in shirt sleeves, were reported seen in the vicinity of Monmouth Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police Frank Graber. They were on foot. So far there have been no reports of a stolen automobile received here.

Fireman Injured

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—A stubborn roof fire at a block-long automotive supply building resulted in extensive smoke and water damage last night. One fireman was hurt.

George Rotegard, president of the Tracy and Company Auto Electric Service, did not estimate the damage. He said the building held about \$400,000 in stock.

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The sixth man, Robert Lent, 29-year-old Peekskill war veteran, was charged with carrying concealed weapons, also a felony. He allegedly had two knives, one strapped under each pantleg.

Truman Asks New Six Day Truce in Steel Dispute

Britain Facing Political Crisis In Labor Ranks

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—Britain's labor government faced a political crisis in its own ranks today. Trade unions threatened to revolt against higher prices resulting from money devaluation.

Outside Britain echoes of the slash in the British pound's value continued to jolt the world's markets. In all, 23 nations now have devalued. Belgium, with a cut of 12 percent in the Belgian franc, and Portugal, with a 15 percent cut in the value of the escudo in relation to the dollar, were the latest to join the devaluation parade.

France proposed to Italy, Holland and Belgium that the four countries act together to ease trade barriers and make their currencies freely interchangeable.

Balk at Devaluation The threat of a British political crisis was raised by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, whose eight million members are the backbone of the ruling labor party.

The TUC council—instead of endorsing government policy as it has in the past—decided last night it "could not pass on the necessity of devaluation." It called for assurances from Economic Chief Sir Stafford Cripps that the government would make every effort to limit price rises which will be sure to come from cheaper money.

Observers regarded the TUC reluctance to take a positive stand on devaluation as evidence of a split in labor's own ranks. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

State Building For Highways Bids Too High

The bid of \$1,334,264 submitted by Ralph and Howitz, Portland, for construction of the new state highway building in Salem, was referred Wednesday to the highway engineer and attorney for checking.

The bid was 12 per cent higher than the engineer's estimate and members of the commission indicated that it was quite possible that new bids would be asked for. However, any action on the bids will await the report from the highway department officials.

The building is to be constructed on the block bounded by Chemeketa, Capital, Summer and Marion streets. The majority of homes on this block have already been wrecked to make room for the building.

West Germany Army Rule Ends

Bonn, Germany, Sept. 21 (AP)—Military government rule in western Germany ended today and was replaced by a high commission of the United States, Britain and France.

The ceremony opened with west German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer informing the three allied high commissioners that he had formed a German federal government.

Andre Francois-Poncel, speaking for the commissioners, said in reply that an occupation statute—a form of peace treaty—went into effect "at this very moment."

The occupation statute gives the Germans far greater rights of self-government than they have possessed since the war. Under the statute, the allies retain controls only over such key affairs as foreign trade and relations, demilitarization, decartelization and displaced persons.

Adenauer described the occasion as the "first contact between the Germans of the federal republic and the allied high commission."

The chancellor, however, asked the commissioners to consider, as soon as was possible, making revisions that would allow the Germans still greater freedom than they will receive under the statute.

Pope Calls on Films To Stress Home Life

Castel Gandolfo, Sept. 21 (AP)—Pope Pius XII has called upon the cinema to devote itself to the services of family unit "rather than debate itself in intrigues of divorce and separation."

The pontiff, addressing members of the International Family union received in special audience yesterday, urged press and radio, as well as films, to cooperate in defending the family.

Death Penalty Asked for Rajk

Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Hungarian state prosecutor demanded the death penalty today for former Hungarian foreign minister Laszlo Rajk and seven others on trial for treason.

The prosecutor, Gyula Alapai, demanded a "merciless" verdict in a 40-minute address to the court which closed the week-old trial.

The eight defendants, seven high Hungarians and one Yugoslav, were accused of treason, espionage and plotting to overthrow the government. All pleaded guilty and incriminated themselves in detailed confessions in the pattern of the Moscow purge trials of the 1930's.

The prosecutor said Rajk and his fellow defendants were "common agents of American imperialism."

During the trial Rajk and the second leading defendant, Lt. Gen. Gyorgy Palffy, confessed that they plotted to assassinate top communist leaders in Hungary, and seize the government.

Campaign for Santiam Highway to Continue

The Marion county court isn't going to give up its campaign for immediate construction of the Mehama-Mill City highway regardless of a setback given it at a state highway commission meeting Tuesday.

The statement of Chairman Banfield of the state highway commission that the court should seek federal funds for this improvement doesn't even throw ice water on it as far as the county court is concerned.

County Judge Grant Murphy, just back from a week's travel in eastern Oregon, declared that the delegation asking for the Mehama-Mill City improvement "doesn't have to make any apology, even if it does run the state highway costs around here up to \$15,000,000" as cited by Chairman Banfield.

"Since 1939 the only federal aid spent in Marion county was \$237,000 on the Silverton road last year and we have an authorization for \$450,000 more on that road. The highway department also matched about \$500,000 on the North Santiam highway as a relocation project. The new Pacific highway improvement was built out of war funds and not from state or federal aid funds, and it was built as a military road.

"Marion county has been contributing to state highway funds through gasoline and other channels an average of \$2,000,000 a year and additional 1-cent tax will run that up probably to \$2,500,000. We received back an average of about \$300,000 a year.

"Undoubtedly in the 10-year period from 1939 we have contributed around \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 into the state highway fund. We are not blaming the highway commission for it hasn't been expedient or convenient to do these things until now and a vast backlog of them has built up. The city of Salem evidently is going to reap the harvest from this backlog but certainly such projects as the North Santiam highway, Silverton road and South River road should not be long delayed.

"The North Santiam highway is wholly a state project and we believe it is entitled to early consideration."

Resumption of Peace Parleys Strongly Urged

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—United States Steel Corp. today accepted President Truman's request for a new six-day strike truce and agreed to bargain with the CIO Steelworkers union.

The president also asked that the steel concerns and the CIO steel workers union resume collective bargaining on their own. He said federal mediators would be available to assist them.

Cyrus Ching, mediation chief who announced Mr. Truman's new truce request, said no reply had yet been received from either union or companies.

The present truce runs out Saturday midnight and the union is poised for a walkout by its 1,000,000 members at that time. In National Interest

The president asked that the truce be maintained until 12:01 a.m. Saturday October 1 in the "national interest."

President Philip Murray of the steelworkers advised Ching that the union will decide on its reply to Mr. Truman's request at a union wage-policy committee meeting at Pittsburgh tomorrow. Ching said the steel companies promised to reply soon. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Lewis Resumes Contract Talks

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Sept. 21 (AP)—John L. Lewis turned to vital contract talks with northern and western coal operators today after serving a blunt "pay up" ultimatum to southern mine owners.

As coal pits across the nation remained idle for the third straight day, Lewis' United Mine Workers union gave notice that it would not bargain further with the southerners until the operators have paid up their royalty contributions to the miners' health and welfare fund.

UMW Secretary Treasurer John Owen announced that stand yesterday at Bluefield, W. Va., where the union has been holding contract talks with the southern operators.

Lewis southern negotiations at Bluefield last May. But he was on hand for the bargaining with northern and western owners—and for separate talks with representatives of mines owned by the United States Steel Corp.

Strike Voted On Burlington

Chicago, Sept. 21 (AP)—Possibility of a strike against a second major railroad—The 11,000-mile Burlington system—developed today.

A strike against the Burlington has been authorized by four operating brotherhoods in a drive to speed up handling of grievance claims.

C. H. Atkins, general chairman of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers lodges on the railroad, disclosed the strike vote result, said "it looks like another Missouri Pacific case."

Atkins said that 95 per cent of the 7,000 Burlington employees affected had approved strike action. There has been no strike date set, but Atkins said a date may be set within the next two or three weeks.

The other three unions involved are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The same unions have shut down the 7,000-mile Missouri Pacific since Sept. 9 in a similar dispute. The unions are protesting delay in arbitration of 412 pay claims and grievances, some of them dating back to 1943.

Motorcyclist Killed Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—Motorcyclist Gage Billings, 25, died last night. His machine struck a car and plunged into a pole Saturday.