

THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY with showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 48; highest Wednesday, 65.

Maximum yesterday, 70; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation: .00; for month: .00; normal, .31. Season precipitation, 1.46; normal, 1.58. River height, .3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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State Hospital Under Fire by Portland Group

Charges of Brutality By Attendants But No Evidence Submitted

Charges of brutality and some murders of patients at the Oregon State hospital by attendants were made Tuesday before the board of control by a Citizens Action committee.

Members of the board admitted that there had been some cases of brutality by attendants at the hospital but that steps have been taken to eliminate such practices. Board members also told members of the group that if they had any actual evidence of brutality it should be submitted to the board but "hearsay" statements could not be considered.

Allege Murders in 1940

Samuel Friedman, a member of the group, claimed that a hospital attendant had murdered three patients at the state hospital in March, 1940. A coroner's jury at the time, it was pointed out by board members, had found that the patients had been strangled by another patient.

Members of the group urged that there be jury trials for persons up for commitment to the hospital. Governor McKay told the group that this change would require legislative action as the board has no power to change the present procedure of commitment.

Alleges Railroaded C. W. Pullen, another committee member, said that patients are being "railroaded" into the hospital and that many times relatives were not advised of the commitment for two or three months.

Stadter Asks For More Aides

District Attorney Ed Stadter appealed to the county court Tuesday for more help in his office, saying he is being snowed under, especially by criminal business.

Stadter told the court he already has handled more than 400 criminal matters this year and they seem to be on the rise, rather than tapering off.

He said his stenographer was also snowed under, not so much by her stenographic work but because she was required to constantly answer two phones which left her little time for her routine duties.

He suggested one of two remedies, either to hire an extra girl at around \$170 a month, or to secure a young lawyer at \$180 a month who could answer the phone and assist in the legal work of the office. Stadter said he thought such help would be available and be worth more than the extra cost.

The office cut off one deputy with the start of Stadter's term, a real property deputy who had been paid \$150 a month from the property revolving fund.

The district attorney said his office had to handle two circuit court juries now instead of one, a district court, six justice courts, two very active at Stayton and Silverton, as well as the county court.

County Judge Murphy asked that the matter be deferred to the first of the year which was agreeable.

Bar Logging Trucks In Abiqua Basin

The Marion county court Tuesday countered a move of the C a s a d e Operating company blocking hunters out of the Abiqua basin and use of the Bridge creek road because they interfered with logging operations.

Gunfire Breaks Brief Calm in Steel, Coal Area

Violence Flares As Strikers Stagger American Economy

Pittsburgh, Oct. 4 (AP)—Gunfire and death broke the brief calm in the strife-scarred mine fields as the twin strikes of 900,000 steel and coal workers ground on today at a staggering cost of more than \$30,000,000 a day.

Violence flared in Tennessee. A Virginia miner was killed in a rock fall. Pickets wrecked machinery at a Pennsylvania bituminous pit.

America's economy staggered and creaked in the wake of the two-pronged pensions shutdown. The United Mine Workers and southern operators gathered for new contract talks but nobody was doing anything official as yet to stop the four-day-old steel strike.

Over Million Idle

John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal diggers who work in the bowels of the earth east of the Mississippi have been strike-idle since September 19. That's 16 painless days.

And 500,000 of Philip Murray's CIO steelworkers struck 95 percent of the nation's steel mills and iron ore mines last Saturday.

Pensions are involved in both disputes. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Attlee to Talk With Churchill

London, Oct. 4 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee decided today to hold a closed door discussion with Winston Churchill next month on atomic bomb developments in Russia.

The conservative party leader told parliament last week the word that Russia has brought off an atomic explosion means that it has "outstripped" Britain in this field.

The British Press association lobby correspondent, who often writes with official guidance, said the talks between Attlee and Churchill will cover the whole field of defense.

Minister of Defense A. V. Alexander and other government ministers will take part, as well as some of Churchill's lieutenants of the opposition conservatives.

The meeting is expected to take place soon after parliament convenes for its regular session October 18.

It will be the third conference on the subject of defense this year among Churchill, Attlee and their closest advisers.

60 Days, \$300 Fine For Shooting Hunter

Delake, Oct. 4 (AP)—Mistaking a hunter for a deer cost Lyman Gaucher of Grand Ronde \$100 cash — an additional \$200 fine and a 60-day jail sentence were suspended.

Gaucher was charged with gouching W. C. Mair, Portland hunter, in the leg on the deer season's opening day. Justice A. E. McIntire levied the fine.

Launch \$102,000 Drive For Community Chest

Taking with them the thought that "when you are selling the Community Chest you are selling the greatest merchandise in the world—the American way of life," 350 volunteer workers began soliciting \$102,000 for 1949-50 Community Chest funds Tuesday.

Canvassing of the city and surrounding area started Tuesday morning after the kick-off breakfast at the Marion hotel at which the main speaker Gov. Douglas McKay, gave them that thought as his closing statement.

McKay, Salem's Community Chest's first campaign chairman, in his brief talk pointed out that selling people was what actually sells and success follows if people are sold. He urged the workers to prepare for their selling job, noting that the actual time put in selling any commodity was far less than the preparation time. He reminded them that some of the contributors would cut the amount of their donation this year but added: "There are many new people here."



Truman Fights To Keep Olds

Washington, Oct. 4 (AP)—In a fighting letter to the senate, President Truman said "powerful corporations" are trying to block his nomination of Leland Olds for a third term on the federal power commission.

Mr. Truman launched a fight for senate confirmation of the appointment shortly after a senate commerce subcommittee voted 7 to 0 to recommend that the nomination be rejected.

The president wrote Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), chairman of the full commerce committee:

"The powerful corporations subject to regulation by the commission have not been pleased with Mr. Olds.

"They now seek to prevent his confirmation for another term. It would be most unfortunate if they should succeed. We cannot allow great corporations to dominate the commissions which have been created to regulate them."

In the letter, dated Oct. 3, Mr. Truman said he was aware that efforts had been made before the senate committee to "discredit" Olds, apparently referring to testimony about articles which Olds wrote 20 odd years ago and which Olds admitted were radical.

But the president said "nothing has been presented in testimony there which raises any doubt in my mind as to his integrity, loyalty or ability."

Soviet Accused By Nationalists

Canton, Oct. 4 (AP)—The nationalist government today accused the Soviet Union of using the Chinese communists to make China a Russian vassal state.

In a statement prompted by Russia's swift recognition of the new communist "Peoples Democracy of China," Acting President Li Tsung-Jen asserted:

"The Chinese communist bandits, under the direction and leadership of the USSR, have become part of the communist international aggressor bloc."

Earlier, Nationalist Foreign Minister George Yeh had declared at Lake Success that Russian recognition of the "bogus regime" at Peking was "not only an act of aggression against China but also a threat to the peace and security of the far east."

Kangaroo Court Grinds at Willamette—Kangaroo court went into annual session at Willamette university Tuesday morning, and the Capital Journal cameraman snapped this scene from the proceedings. Front row: With paddle, Chuck Massey; judge, standing, Ray Loter; men down, Bob Sanders and John Skeemus; also with paddle, Albert Mann. Second row, from left, Cece Conner, Jack Patterson, Ted Loder, Les Aldrich, Back row, from left, Roy Harrington, Charley Nee, Jimmy Noa.

Annual Kangaroo Court Penalize WU Freshmen

It was simply a case of the freshmen not being able to win in any event when upper classmen of Willamette university conducted their annual kangaroo court in the gymnasium Tuesday forenoon.

The court was "packed" against the yearlings who paid the penalty for real and fancied crimes against the dignity of the seniors. The freshman who made himself obscure proved the lucky one for he did not come under the eye of the roving scout.

With Ray Loter, Portland senior, holding down the role of prosecutor, and Roy Harrington, Charlie Nee and Jimmy Noa, presiding as judges (attired in robes borrowed from the choir), the freshmen suffered the customary indignities, plus a few more originated during the year.

One hapless miss, charged with squeezing the knee of a football player, was sentenced to make love to a young man. The latter enjoyed the process so thoroughly the judges all came off their bench and sampled the young woman's amorous activities.

Another young woman was compelled to make love to the campus dog while a third, rumor has it, was confined to the infirmary with nervous indigestion due to anticipation of what might befall her. An upper classman said it reflected a guilty conscience.

The customary whacks with the official paddles were handed out in an indiscriminate manner although the "blows" apparently raised no blisters.

Sewing patches on the seats of the pants of two males stretched across their laps was the penalty doled out to two female members of the freshman class. In view of the fact that the young women were blindfolded, it was a bit hard to determine who was being punished.

An automobile of ancient vintage was found on the front porch of Eaton hall early Tuesday morning. In all probability the freshmen are accused of the prank.

Seek to Double A-Bomb Output

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 4 (AP)—President Truman will ask congress to double the nation's atom bomb production program as an answer to Russia's possession of that weapon, the Nashville Tennessean reported today.

Mr. Truman, at the request of the atomic energy commission will ask for emergency funds before congress adjourns, the paper said in a copyrighted Washington dispatch.

The AEC, the article said, wants the president to ask congress to double its 1950 appropriation of \$378,000,000 and to okay \$30,000,000 to \$80,000,000 for construction during the present fiscal year.

(Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) said last week in Washington that appropriations for the nation's atomic weapon program allowed in advance for Russian developments.)

(The program from the start, he added, has been based on the assumption that Russia sooner or later would produce atomic bombs.)

(Hickenlooper declared in the same statement that it was too early to say whether additional money will be needed for the atomic program here.)

Pilgrimage to Mecca

Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 4 (AP)—Saudi Arabia's King Ibn Saud personally led 300,000 Muslims on the traditional annual pilgrimage to Mecca yesterday, the Arab news agency reported. Of the pilgrims, 100,000 had come from abroad.

Little Damage by Hurricane At Houston and Galveston

Navy Morale to Be Investigated By Congress

Washington, Oct. 4 (AP)—Members of the house armed services committee said today they will begin an investigation next week of charges that navy morale has hit a new low and the navy has been weakened to a dangerous degree.

They said witnesses to be called will include three admirals whose names appeared in a sheet of papers slipped with great secrecy to newsmen yesterday by a navy source.

"We are going to hear everybody who knows anything about this and nobody will be required to clear his statements in advance through official channels," a committee member said. "This is too serious a matter to treat lightly."

To Get to Bottom

This member asked not to be named because there has been no formal announcement of the committee's decision on an investigation. He said Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) probably would announce it tomorrow.

Vinson himself had told reporters earlier that the committee "will get to the bottom of this" as soon as possible.

The navy complaints were contained in typed copies of papers signed with the names of Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations; Vice Admiral Gerald F. Bogan, commander of the First Pacific task fleet, and Admiral A. W. Radford, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

Slipped to Newsmen

They were slipped to newsmen last night in a downtown office building by a naval source who stipulated that his name not be used. There were indications that the navy might start a probe to find out who turned them loose.

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U. S. Can't Sell Water

Sacramento, Oct. 4 (AP)—Attorney General Fred N. Howzer ruled today the federal government cannot sell water from California's streams to the people of California.

Moon Eclipse Visible Here

Portland, Oct. 4 (AP)—Thursday's eclipse of the moon will be visible here at 5:25 to 7:30 p.m., the weather bureau reported today in its forecast of clear skies.

Tito Declares Yugoslavia to Defend Itself

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Oct. 4 (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito, accusing Russia of trying to "endanger a small people," has bluntly warned that Yugoslavia is ready to defend itself to the last breath.

In one of his toughest speeches since Yugoslavia's feud with the Soviet bloc began, Tito told his army officers that Russia "has been forging its irons" against its one-time communist partner.

Unmistakably aiming at Russia, Tito said in a speech made public last night:

"No one has the right, regardless of who he may be, to endanger a small people."

"We are prepared," the Yugoslav chief added, "to defend this country to the last breath, regardless of where the attack comes."

"It pays to live," he added, "but it pays to die as one should."

Czechs Break With Yugoslavs

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 4 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's communist government scrapped its friendship pact with Yugoslavia today and demanded that the Yugoslav ambassador to Prague be recalled immediately.

There was no immediate indication that the demand for the recall of Yugoslav Ambassador Marijan Stifinovic meant a final break in steadily worsening diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The announcement read over Prague radio said the Czech government considered the ambassador's presence in Prague as undesirable, accusing his embassy staff of including spies linked with an unnamed western power.

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The New Orleans weather bureau in an advisory said that winds should diminish as the hurricane moved inland. But within 25 miles of the center of the hurricane they raged at a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Hurricane warnings may have cheated the big winds of human casualties.

Most towns in its path were buttoned up, many residents had fled to inland cities. Five thousand persons sought shelter in Houston's city auditorium and Sam Houston coliseum.

They were calm, even cheerful. Many mothers carried babes in arms.

Buck Hi-Jacked by Trio of Hunters

Bend, Oct. 4 (AP)—John Thomas of Bend shot a four-point buck and ran into hijackers, losing his deer, his proof and his temper.

He headed back for the woods yesterday, in a bitter frame of mind, after reporting:

Just after he bagged his four-pointer, three men came up with their rifles leveled on him. One fired a bullet into the dead deer's hind quarters, announced that the deer had his bullet in it and was his.

At gunpoint Thomas was ordered to get gone.

Edna Mae Jackson Gets 2 Year Term

Dallas — Edna Mae Jackson, found guilty of issuing a forged check in the sum of \$50.49 to a local grocery last December, was sentenced Monday by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker to a two year minimum sentence in the state penitentiary. The convicted woman was arrested in Twin Falls, Idaho last July and has been confined in the Polk county jail since then.



Bus-Train Collision Kills 17—Rescue workers attempt to remove the body of a soldier who was trapped when an Air Force bus collided with a Union Pacific diesel train at Ontario, Calif. Seventeen soldiers and their dates were killed and five others known to be seriously injured. The bus was returning to March Field air force base from the Los Angeles county fair. (Eyewitness story of wreckage seen on page 20). (Acme Telephoto)