

THE WEATHER HERE
CLOUDY, RAIN tonight, early Tuesday. Some clearing, occasional showers in afternoon. Not much change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 48; highest Tuesday, 58.
Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum today, 47. Total 24-hour precipitation: .00; for month: 1.11; normal: .52. Season precipitation, 2.48; normal, 2.50. River height, 1.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Annexation to Spur Plans for Vest Salem

Elfstrom Makes Plea For Merger Vote at Friday's Election

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Annexation of West Salem, which will be brought about by a favorable vote by the people of Salem next Friday on the merger of the two cities, will enable the city government to make orderly plans for development west of the river, Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom said Monday.

"It is the best annexation Salem has had an opportunity to vote on," the mayor said.

"It is simply history repeating itself, for similar mergers have taken place in practically all cities where rivers divided two cities."

The community is growing so rapidly in population and industry the mayor believes merger is important for that reason alone.

Industrial Sites
"Salem is expanding industrially," he said, "and West Salem needs to offer natural sites for industries. So it is important that we get in there with the utility facilities that meet their requirements."

"We are not taking on a liability by merging West Salem, whose people have already voted to join up with Salem. The assessment ratio of the two cities is practically the same."

"I think Mayor Walter M. Savage of West Salem and his council members are entitled to a lot of credit for their foresight in getting the merger question before their people, which resulted in the favorable vote by the people on that side of the river several months ago."

Amendments Important
Mayor Elfstrom, who has been out of the city on a hunting trip for several days, said also that it is important that other matters on the special ballots next Friday get a favorable vote from the people.

"The charter amendment that increases the number of wards from seven to eight, and the number of councilmen also from seven to eight, is important," he said, "because it will give the people west of the river representation on the city council."

The new ward will embrace the Kingwood district which already has been annexed, and will include West Salem if it is merged.

The mayor stressed another point. The additional alderman will make an odd number on the city council. Including the mayor, it will make the number nine instead of eight, and eliminate the tie vote nuisance.

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Little Damage by Wind Storm

It was a windy and showery week-end for Salem. The wind reached 30 miles an hour velocity with strong gusts Sunday morning. Greatest inconvenience caused by the blow was the litter of leaves on streets and lawns, the stronger gusts tossing great quantities of them about.

Rainfall here over the week-end amounted to but .09 of an inch. The forecast is for cloudy skies, more rain and fresh to moderate winds tonight.

All mountain highway passes were clear today, despite week-end snowstorms, the state highway department said. From 4 to 9 inches of roadside snow are measured on the passes, but plows have cleared the pavement.

Motorists are warned to be equipped for slippery conditions in early morning hours before the sun clears the frost off the highways.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—The weather bureau ordered southeast storm warnings hoisted at 12 noon PST, today along the Washington and Oregon coasts for southeast winds reaching 40 to 50 miles an hour off the Washington coast tonight and 30 to 40 miles off the Oregon coast and through Strait of De Fuca and inland waters Washington.

The weather bureau said the winds were expected to shift to the west to west off the Washington coast early Tuesday and off the Oregon coast and through inland Washington waters later Tuesday.

Big Turnover in State Workers Tapering Off

Situation Improved Though Technical Workers Shy

By JAMES D. OLSON

Heavy turnover among the 12,500 state employees, which reached high proportions in 1947 and early part of 1949, is beginning to taper off, according to Robert R. Johnson, civil service director Monday.

Separations from state service for all causes dropped from 584 during the fiscal year of 1948 to 519 in the same period in 1949.

"The situation has improved materially," Johnson reported "although there still is difficulty in obtaining services of some technical workers."

Shy of Stenographers
Johnson said there is a definite shortage of expert stenographers, nurses and men and women trained in some semi-medical classifications.

However, the civil service board is now finding no difficulty in filling requests for clerical help, common laborers, custodial and domestic workers, Johnson said.

A general increase in pay rates has cut down resignations from the state service, Johnson said, with most resignations now being attributed to other reasons.

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\$52,049 Mark in Chest Drive

Community Chest workers were \$450.50 short of their Monday goal of 50 percent of the \$105,000 needed for the 1949-50 Community Chest, when reports were made at the daily luncheon meeting Monday.

Total contributions by Monday noon had reached the \$52,049.50 mark, with \$7892 of that reported since the last luncheon held last Friday.

Leading the divisions with 70 percent of its quota reported was the south Salem section of the women's division with contributions amounting to \$1,675.43. Total quota for that section is \$2,330.

Five other divisions have 50 percent or more of their quota and three divisions, rural, utilities and educational, had no report to make. Carl Aschenbrenner, heading the educational division, was present at the luncheon, however, and assured the group that his division would have a complete report before the drive ends.

Divisions with 50 percent or more of their quota reported are automotive and transportation with \$6871.25 of its quota of \$10,550; general gifts with \$5,036 of its \$9990 quota; governmental with \$6191 contributions of its \$9500 quota; mercantile with \$920 of its \$16,200; and the central Salem section of the women's division with \$3424.94 of its \$6460 quota.

Other divisions and their standing at noon Monday were: contractors and builders, \$3821.10; educational, none; industrial, \$7,563.80; professional, \$5345.50; rural, \$295; utilities, \$880; West Salem, \$551.50; and north Salem section of the women's division, \$994.50.

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Tornadoes, Rain, Fog Kill 8 and Injure 54

(By the Associated Press)
Tornadoes, rain and fog combined to kill at least eight persons and injure 54 others last night and early today.

The whirling tornadoes took one life and injured four persons last night in the Great Plains.

A Rock Island passenger train roared off the rails at a track washout caused by heavy rains near Meade, Kas., killing four and injuring 50.

Near Cheyenne, Wyo., a Slick Airways plane diverted from its Denver destination because of limited visibility due to rain and fog, hit a knoll here, killing its crew of three.

From the Dakotas southward into Oklahoma and Texas, the clouds unleashed their moisture in thunderstorms. The bayous around Houston, though, were getting back to normal as flood waters receded.

But the weatherman used his trite but happy official phrase for the weather conditions over eastern, southern and central U.S. He said:

"Unseasonably warm temperatures continue."

In the western states, the thermometer readers were cool,



Beran Warns Catholic Clergy

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 10 (AP)—Archbishop Josef Beran told Catholic priests today that public consent to a new government church control law would be "treason to the teachings of Christ and the holy church."

The archbishop's message reached the press as the church bill, scheduled to take effect November 1, went before a committee of the national assembly. The assembly will meet Friday to take up the bill on an urgent basis.

Church sources reported that Beran, who by his own declaration has been "interned" in his palace since June, had sent a message to the priests urging them not to sell out "to the silver of Judas."

His message was described as simple and to the point.

"Public consent to this law is treason to the teachings of Christ and the holy church, and it grieves me very much," his message said. "You promised me and you said publicly you would not let yourselves be bought for the silver of Judas."

"I trust you will keep your promise. For the love of Jesus Christ, consider well the state of things and the results which could follow."

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Hiss' New Trial Postponed

New York, Oct. 10 (AP)—Alger Hiss' second perjury trial was adjourned today until Nov. 1.

Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox reserved decision on whether to grant Hiss' request to have the trial transferred to Rutland, Vt.

Cox gave attorneys for Hiss, former high state department official until Thursday to answer to government's arguments opposing the change.

In his brief opposing transfer of the trial, assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy denied that newspaper publicity had biased the minds of prospective jurors, as Hiss claimed.

Murphy said an analysis of all the news stories on the first perjury trial in the New York area showed 68.5 per cent were "completely factual."

The trial was to have started today, with Hiss asking that the case be transferred from the New York City area.

Warn East to Beware of West

Boston, Oct. 10 (AP)—The industrial east is facing a new rival in the Pacific coast states and may lose old markets if it doesn't get on the ball, a western economist advised today.

The confident warning came from Nathaniel H. Engle, professor of business administration at the University of Washington.

The economic dominance of the east is not as unchallenged as it was in prewar days, he said in an address prepared for the Boston conference on distribution.

Not only are the states of California, Oregon and Washington depending less and less upon the east for manufactured goods, he said, but they are invading it increasingly with merchandise and branch plants.

This trend is being aided, Engle declared, because national distributors have failed to evaluate fully recent changes in western population and income and "have been slow to make necessary adjustments in quotas."

So great has been the population jump in the Pacific states, he noted, that the employment level is below that for the nation as a whole, but new industries are mushrooming, and it is estimated that the 1960 per capita income in the three states will be 16.7 percent above the nation.

Motor Bus in Collision

Saturday night or early Sunday morning a bus of Oregon Motor Stages was struck in the rear by another vehicle on the Corvallis-Newport highway about eight miles west of Philomath. The crash separated the motor from the bus. The accident happened on a downgrade curve while the bus was headed for Newport. The other vehicle is believed to have been a truck, but its identity was not known at Oregon Motor Stages depot here. (Photo by Abel, Dallas)

Challenge Legality of Drainage Financing

Although the start of the wet season is practically here the city engineering department hasn't yet been able to turn the first dirt for drainage of the north part of the city, which suffers much distress from surface water in the winter.

The reason for this is that there has been unavoidable delay in coming to agreement with several property owners relative to easements across their property. And now there is the added reason that the city financing plan is being challenged as to legality. City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz and City Manager J. L. Franzen will both report at the council meeting Monday night, and the situation may be cleared then.

At the meeting two weeks ago, after a verbal opinion from Kowitz, the council authorized the manager to proceed with the project and take the expense money, nearly \$100,000, from the interceptor sewer and sewage treatment bond fund.

A few days after the meeting some of the aldermen got nervous about the legality of that procedure, spoke to Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, and the mayor asked Kowitz for a written opinion, which will be read Monday night.

In that opinion Kowitz will hold, as he did verbally two weeks ago, that if the drainage project is a necessary appurtenance of the sewer project, then the procedure is legal. If it is not so considered, then it is not legal. It will be up to the council, Kowitz will say, to decide whether the two projects are interlocked.

For the interceptor sewer project, now being built, and the sewage disposal project to come later, the people authorized \$815,000 in bonds. The \$215,000 portion for the interceptor sewer has been issued and sold.

The first three years of principal and interest are to be retired with tax money, and the remaining 17 years with sewer rental money, or any combination of the two methods that requirements may dictate.

The question arises whether it will be necessary, if the fund is used for drainage project, to ask the people for an additional authorization of bonds.

Revenue from sewer rentals runs between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a year.

Deer Hunter Lost Klamath Lake Area

Klamath Falls, Oct. 10 (AP)—A lost deer hunter was being sought in the Denny Creek woods on the west side of upper Klamath lake today.

Jack Hargrove, 20, Klamath Falls, was last seen by members of his hunting party at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. When he failed to return to his car at nightfall, a search was started.

More searching parties went into the woods at daybreak today. Max Hargrove, a brother of the missing youth, said it was young Hargrove's first hunting trip, and that he was not familiar with the wooded country.

Man Killed by Car

Hillsboro, Oct. 10 (AP)—Donald R. Wilson, 35, Hillsboro, was killed yesterday when struck by a car while attempting the roadside repair of his stalled automobile on the Sunset highway near here.

Blast Toll Six

Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 10 (AP)—The death toll from an explosion which sank the fleet tanker USS Chehalis in Tutuila harbor, Samoa, last Friday was listed officially as six by the navy today.

Navy Claims Russia's Radar Defense Could Stop A-Raids

Johnson Denies Slashing Navy To Second Class

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 10 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson repeated today there is no plan afoot to reduce the navy to "a second class role" in national defense.

Johnson, addressing the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, said the navy has an "honorable role" to play on the army-navy-air force team.

Johnson took notice of mounting protests from navy partisans that it was about to be "unified" out of business. He assured the navy he intends to keep it and the marine corps as vital parts of the defense combination.

Still Lead in A Weapons
The defense secretary—declaring that the possibility the Russians would learn the atomic secret long has figured in defense planning—said he is "confident" this country still has the lead in atomic weapons.

"I am confident we still hold the lead," Johnson said, "not enough of a lead to grow complacent but enough to be decisive if we continue the present pace."

Johnson said that progress is being made in unifying the defense team.

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Senate Group OKs DP Board

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—President Truman's nominations of the three members of the displaced persons commission, pending for more than a year, were approved today by the senate judiciary committee.

The committee put off action until tomorrow on a house-passed bill to open the doors of the United States to more displaced persons.

Acting Chairman Kilgore (D-W Va.) told reporters that it decided to adjourn in respect to Senator Miller (D-Ida.), who died Saturday, without acting on the house bill.

But before the adjournment, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) moved to discharge a judiciary subcommittee from further consideration of the displaced persons legislation.

His motion, designed to clear the way for senate action on the measure before congress adjourns, will be the committee's first order of business tomorrow, Kilgore said.

The nominations approved were those of Ugo Carusi of Vermont to be chairman of the displaced persons commission and of Edward M. O'Connor and Harry N. Rosenfield, both of New York, to be members of the commission.

House Refuses \$735 Million Airforce Cut

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—The house refused overwhelmingly today to accept a cut of \$735,000,000 voted by the senate in air force appropriations for the present fiscal year.

By a roll-call vote of 305 to 1, it insisted on providing funds for a 58-group air force instead of 48 groups, as the senate did at President Truman's request.

Rep. Marshall (D., Minn.) was the only member who voted to accept the smaller sum.

The house action returned to the senate the multi-billion dollar appropriation bill for the army, the navy and the air force, which has been tied up in a senate-house conference for more than a month.

If the senate refuses to back down and approve the higher amount, the bill will go back to conference.

As the bill passed the house originally it carried \$15,500,000,000 in cash and contract authority for the armed forces. The senate trimmed this to \$14,800,000,000, mainly by slicing \$577,755,000 from contract authority for plane procurement.

No Peace Moves in Steel Strike

(By the Associated Press)
The steel and coal strikes continued today and the prospect was for more widespread idleness this week. The nation's strike idle may reach two million this week.

John L. Lewis planned to go back to the bargaining table with operators Wednesday on behalf of his 380,000 striking soft coal diggers.

But there was no move toward settling the strike of 454,000 CIO steelworkers. The two strikes have actually cut off pay checks for more than 1,000,000 workers including those laid off thus far in businesses dependent on coal and steel.

Contracts between the steelworkers and fabricating plants began expiring Saturday, and the union's president, Philip Murray, has declared he wants these workers to have the free pension and insurance for which the other steelworkers are striking. This apparently means there'll be more plant shutdowns and more picket lines.

Oct. 17 is a deadline for steelworkers at the Aluminum company of America where 20,000 of them have voted to strike if they don't get the company-paid pensions, insurance and a wage boost.

Leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers who have threatened a nation-wide strike which would tie up all rail traffic, plan to meet tomorrow (Tuesday) with carriers to talk it over.

Hold Precision Bombing from Altitudes Myth

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—Navy men told congress today that Russian radar-fighter defenses could stop B-36 raids in numbers, and that any getting through would waste a lot of A-bombs by missing targets.

Comdr. Eugene Tatom brought gasps of surprise from the house armed services committee by testifying that you could stand at one end of Washington National airport and come through an atom bomb explosion at the other "without serious injury."

The runway is a little over a mile and a quarter long.

Tatom, head of the aviation branch of the navy aeronautics bureau, said the A-bomb is "completely devastating in the immediate vicinity of its burst."

But contrary to popular ideas, he said, the area of destruction is rather limited. He went on:

"You can stand in the open at one end of the north-south runway at the Washington National airport, with no more protection than the clothes you now have on, and have an atom bomb explode at the other end of the runway without serious injury to you."

Because of the tremendous cost of atom bombs and the scarcity of the materials in them, Tatom said, precision bombing is just as necessary as with conventional bombs.

"Just let me assure you, gentlemen," he said, "that precision bombing of military targets deep in enemy territory from 40,000 feet at night or in daylight is a myth."

Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) told Tatom to come back tomorrow to answer questions about the A-bomb.

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Austrians Vote Against Reds

Vienna, Oct. 10 (AP)—Austrian voters kept their nation lined up with the anti-communist countries of Europe in a week-end parliamentary election marked by a decided upsurge in rightist sentiment.

Final unofficial returns today revealed that Chancellor Leopold Figl's anti-red coalition government had remained firmly in the saddle despite some loss of strength. That coalition, composed of the conservative people's party and the socialists, will continue to run the new government.

Figl's people's party held its rank as Austria's biggest party, winning 77 seats in the 165-member lower house of parliament. The socialists won 67 seats, to give the government coalition an overwhelming 144-vote bloc in the chamber.

Communists, who won only four seats in the 1945 election, added one more in Sunday's voting. But their failure to make any appreciable gain led Chancellor Figl to proclaim that the voting gave "clear and unmistakable proof that Austria is an outpost of the western democratic world."

The unofficial final popular vote for the leading parties:

People's party—1,844,649.
League of Independents—487,783.
Communists—174,257.

Derailment Ties-up Southern Pacific Trains

Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Service on the main line of the Southern Pacific was disrupted today by derailment of four freight cars while being shipped at the Sutherlin depot, ripping up several hundred feet of track.

A broken connection was blamed, according to a report from Sutherlin, quoting SP personnel.

In addition to the derailed cars, three others loaded with lumber were damaged. Other cars loaded with new automobiles for southern Oregon barely missed the crash.

Service was to be restored "sometime during the day," it was expected.



'Bad Gamble'—Testifying before the house armed services committee in Washington, Adm. Arthur W. Radford described these air force B-36 bombers as a "bad gamble with national security." Adm. Radford's blast of verbal flak against the B-36 came shortly before it was announced that the defense department has decided to cut naval and marine aviation, but will give the air force "some leniency." These B-36's are shown at Carswell air force base, Fort Worth, Tex. (Acme Telephoto)