

THE WEATHER HERE

FAIR TONIGHT and Friday, except for morning cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 33, with local frosts; highest Friday, 63.

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Nationalists Cede Canton To Red Army

South China City Abandoned and Resistance Ends

Hong Kong, Oct. 13 (AP)—Telephone reports from Canton said nationalist forces tonight abandoned the South China city. Plans for all organized resistance ended within the provisional capital. Entry of communist troops is now awaited.

Gunfire was reported around North Station, about three miles north of Canton. The source—nationalists, Red guerrillas or regular communist troops—was not known.

No Resistance Offered Perhaps sooner than expected, Canton suffered the same fate as other major nationalist cities which have fallen to the communists with little or no resistance.

The South China city sprawls out on the left bank of the Pearl river. It is an old and shabby trade center 111 miles northwest of Hong Kong, with a population of nearly 1,000,000.

The nationalists set up their capital there last spring after they quit Nanking.

Earlier information from Canton said troops had pulled out of Canton but this was coupled with reports the nationalists had been ordered north to defend the city.

New Zealand Presbyterian missionaries told an Associated Press correspondent in Canton they had heard heavy gunfire round Kongsuen, 10 miles distant.

People Await Anxiously But there was nothing as yet to indicate whether the nationalists were quitting the city under military pressure or whether they were attempting to reach escape corridors ahead of the swift moving Red troops.

A million Cantonese waited, tensely, nervously, for the transition period.

Communist troops last were reported driving directly down the Canton-Hankow railroad to within 30 miles of Canton. There was no telling whether the gunfire at Kongsuen was Red or nationalist artillery or both.

Child Burned To Death in Fire Linda Lenore Spence, about 4 years old, lost her life in a fire that wiped out a string of cabins on the William Krebs hop ranch in the Jefferson area Thursday forenoon.

The child had been left in one of the cabins by her mother, Mrs. Grace Spence, who had gone to the laundry house. What started the fire is not known. Coroner Lester Howell is investigating.

At the Krebs office in Salem it was said about 20 cabins were in the string. Witnesses of the fire said that all but three or four cabins were destroyed.

Only a few of the cabins were occupied at present, most of them by unmarried men. One or two families, however, were living in some of the small houses.

The Jefferson fire department was called.

Baldock Urges Road Load Limits

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 13 (AP)—Enforcement of load limits on the nation's highways for economy reasons was urged yesterday by Oregon Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

The committee on maintenance and equipment of the American Association of Highway Officials later put the suggestion into a resolution. Baldock spoke as the committee's chairman.

He said the nation spent \$890,000,000 in 1946 and \$1,800,000,000 in 1947 for maintenance of streets and highways. "This terrific bill is growing ever larger, and still our failure to rebuild roads is retarding the economic expansion of the entire country," he said.

Senate Refuses To Return Olds To Power Job

Truman Rebuffed in Effort to Pressure Party Discipline

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—A smarting 53 to 15 defeat of the reappointment of Federal Power Commissioner Leland Olds today handed President Truman his third—and sharpest—senate rebuff this year on an important nomination.

Despite the pressure of party discipline which Mr. Truman marshaled behind the nominee, the senate refused overwhelmingly to return Olds to the commission for a third term.

The vote came shortly after midnight. It followed weeks of debate which steadily mounted in heat and bitterness.

"Foe of Capitalism" Opponents shouted that Olds is a foe of capitalism, that 20 years ago he wrote articles that helped promote communism.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), called him "a warped, tyrannical, mischievous, egotistical chameleon who predominant color is pink."

Senators supporting the nomination countered with charges that private gas and oil interests were backing the fight against Olds.

They pictured him as a devoted public servant trying to protect consumers by effective utility regulation.

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House Rejects New Farm Bill

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—The house today refused to accept the senate's bill to set up a flexible system for farm price supports. It stood by its own measure continuing the present program of 90 per cent of parity props for major crops.

However, the house agreed to negotiate with the senate on a compromise, through a house-senate conference committee. This committee may face a rugged tug-of-war between representatives of the two bodies before any agreement is reached.

After weeks of debate, a coalition of senate democrats and republicans yesterday pushed through on a voice vote the farm support bill sponsored by Senator Anderson (D-N.M.), former secretary of agriculture.

They substituted it for the one-year continuance of wartime-level price supports voted by the house in mid-July. Leaders of the coalition said they are confident the house will accept the senate version eventually.

Farm-minded house members talked equally optimistically about forcing senators to take their one-year extension of existing price props at least for 1950—a year when all 435 house members and more than one-third of the senators must face the farmers and other voters.

Brothers Found Dead

Toledo, Ore., Oct. 13 (AP)—The bodies of two brothers were found sprawled beside a brushy trail northeast of here last night after a middle-aged rancher told the sheriff "I hurt them."

Dead of bullet wounds were Melvin Longyear, about 25, and his brother, Charles Longyear, about 22.

Attlee Vetoes British Election London, Oct. 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee turned down today demands for a general parliamentary election this fall and decided that his labor government would ride out Britain's economic crisis.



Admiral Halsey Attacks B-36—Hands on hips, Fleet Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey stands before the house armed services committee in Washington charging that B-36-type intercontinental bombing is a sure way to unite enemy peoples in "fiery patriotism."

12 Die in Blast Of U. S. Bomber

Isleham, Eng., Oct. 13 (AP)—A U. S. air force B-50 bomber with a load of live bombs dived into a wheat field today and exploded with a roar heard 12 miles away. All 12 crew members were killed.

The plane, designed as the atom-bomb carrying version of the B-29, was on a 180-mile practice mission to the North sea island of Helgoland with twelve 500-pound bombs.

Villagers said the plane appeared to burst into flames just before it dropped through a light ground fog and struck the field. Flaming bits of the four-engined craft were blown hundreds of yards in all directions from the huge central crater dug by the blast.

Burning gasoline set fire to a ring of farm buildings and to 60 tons of stacked wheat. Windows shattered and plaster ceilings fell in Isleham houses.

Both British and American aircraft regularly use Helgoland for live bombing practice. Helgoland was a Nazi submarine and anti-aircraft base during the war.

The third air division said this was the first accident involving a B-50 since the 43rd group of these craft arrived Aug. 18 from their Tucson, Ariz., base.

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The announcement that there would be no early election was made, an official statement said, to quiet "disturbing effects on trade and industry" caused by widespread speculation of a vote this fall.

The labor government's five-year term runs until next July. Under Britain's constitutional system, the prime minister has authority to call an election at any time.

Attlee announced that he would not advise King George VI to dissolve parliament this year. General elections in Britain are precipitated by dissolving the parliament.

The former secretary was called as a witness in the committee's investigation of Downey's charges of corruption and mismanagement in the reclamation bureau.

In a blistering attack on Downey, Ickes denied the senator's statements that Harry W. Bashore, former reclamation commissioner, was forced by political pressure to resign.

Lewis Admits Demands Up Costs of Mining

Hints at Government Regulation in Case Of Deadlock

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Oct. 13 (AP)—John L. Lewis disclosed today that his contract demands on soft coal operators would cost 30 to 35 cents a ton more than now.

Lewis, at a 75-minute news conference, went into an exhaustive outline of his theory that powerful financial and steel interests were determined to hold up a coal settlement until they "battled it out" in steel.

The UMW president said that if the government must intervene and take over the coal pits, it should order a "bonafide seizure" by running the mines for the benefit of the people instead of the mine owners.

Lewis said that past seizures of the coal mines had been "make believe, papier-mache affairs."

He told reporters he was not suggesting seizure and declared: "We are willing to fight this out. The mine workers have whipped these operators and are willing to do it."

"We ask no aid. We prefer to be left alone, but if we are not left alone to defeat them on their own ground, then we ask fair treatment."

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Long Red Trial Nearing Jury

New York, Oct. 13 (AP)—The government's case against 11 high U. S. communists neared the jury today when the government completed its summation shortly before noon.

Federal Judge Harold R. Medina's charge was expected to take about two and one half hours, so the jurors may get the case about 12:30 or 1 p. m. (PST).

The 11 communists, who form the communist party's American politburo, are charged with conspiring to reorganize the party in 1945 to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the United States government.

U. S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey, who completed his summation at 11:48 a. m., referred to the intimidation of Eugene Dennis, one of the defendants, that the party might go underground if the defendants are convicted.

"I assure you," McGohey said, "that if the party goes completely underground, the FBI will go with them, performing with customary efficiency the task assigned to them in the detection of crime."

He also has come in for harsh words from some congress members because, by executive order, he has cut back appropriations that the lawmakers made for the navy.

Johnson publicly accused Downey yesterday of making "a grandstand play" by economizing on navy funds. He said the committee "is to have a lot to say about this."

Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, the navy's top officer, said today the "view is often evident" in defense department councils that there should be no marine corps and no naval aviation.

The chief of naval operations also told the house armed services committee that there has been "improper operation" of the military unification program.

Denfeld sits in on policy making by the joint chiefs of staff as the navy's representative.



Shirley Temple Seeks Divorce From John Agar

Hollywood, Oct. 13 (AP)—Actress Shirley Temple will file suit this afternoon to divorce actor John Agar, her first boy friend, whom she married at one of the film colony's fanciest wedding ceremonies four years ago, it was learned today.

Attorney George Stahlman said the grounds probably would be the standard movie-colony charge of "mental cruelty."

"She had been holding back for a long time trying to make up her mind whether to take this important step," Stahlman said. "It has been coming for some time."

"Shirley has tried hard to make things go."

The lawyer said the 21-year-old Miss Temple has been consulting him recently about problems involved in the divorce action.

He said it was planned to file the suit today, but that if a hitch develops in further conferences, filing would be "very soon."

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Expel 19 from Hi-School for Joining Frat

School Board Enforces Law Forbidding Secret Societies

By FRED ZIMMERMAN Convinced that they are merely living up to the state statutes forbidding the operation of secret societies in the public schools, a conviction that is backed up by legal advice, the Salem school board has carried out its announced intention of expelling 19 high school youths.

The names of the boys who had previously told board members of their affiliation with an organization known as "A.B.C." were not revealed by the school authorities who took the attitude that they were juveniles. The group included 14 seniors, four juniors and one sophomore.

Parents Protest However, the names of some of the parents of the boys involved were revealed in a statement protesting the action of the directors against the expulsion. These included Mrs. Lloyd Lebold, Mrs. R. E. Coats, W. R. Howard, N. J. Moore, E. A. Van Osdel, H. W. Turner, S. Anderson, Nona M. Klinefelter, A. O. Olson and J. H. Sohn.

This group threatens legal action against the board. They plan to hold a conference Thursday night to contemplate further action.

The board, in a statement, issued after final consideration of the problem, pointed out "that the organization of high school students formed during the summer, falls within the type of organization banned by the state laws of Oregon, which organizations school boards are charged with the responsibility to suppress."

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Salem Police Reorganized

A reorganization of the detective division of the Salem police department was in effect Thursday with the reduction of the staff by one man.

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To replace Skinner, Police Chief A. Warren assigned Patrolman David J. Bain to the plain clothes detail. He will work from 8 p. m. to 4 a. m. as a patrolman in plain clothes.

While the post doesn't carry a pay increase of detective status for Bain, the assignment is considered an advancement in that it is an "in training" assignment for full detective status.

Earlier yesterday, Detective Harvey Tauffert turned in his badge and credentials in resignation.

The changes leave the detective division with three regularly assigned officers—David M. Houser, Wayne A. Parker and George Edwards—in addition to Bain.

The shift in the detective division came on the heels of other recent personnel changes of the department. Last week Harley Cordray, former patrolman in the Hollywood district was dismissed under charges of civil service regulation violations.

Patrolman Everett Odle was assigned to cover the area formerly assigned to Cordray. Odle, formerly patrolman in the downtown area from midnight to 8 a. m., will work from 8 p. m. to 4 a. m. on his new detail.

Wilford A. LaFontaine, of 1270 Park avenue, was added to the list of patrolmen Wednesday to replace Odle on the downtown beat.

Local Frosts Due In Salem Area Local frosts are forecast for tonight or early Friday morning in the Salem area with the low here due to hit 33 degrees, one above freezing.

Thursday's minimum slid down to 33 degrees and Salemites shivered a bit during the early morning.

The general forecast is for fair weather tonight and Friday, the cool, snappy temperatures due to continue.

Some cloudiness is forecast for the early morning.



2 Killed, 5 Wounded Poker Game Hold-up

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 13 (AP)—Two men were slain and five others were wounded, one seriously, early today when two gunmen attempted to hold up a poker game in a downtown cigar store.

The gunmen fled after firing more than a score of shots at the 10 men who, Police Chief Harry Nelson said, were playing cards in the rear of the store.

Later one of the gunmen, wounded in the hail of bullets, was captured and removed to a hospital. Nelson said he orally admitted his part in the shooting. No charge was placed against him immediately.

Downey Called Liar by Ickes

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of interior today accused Senator Downey (D-Calif.) of "unabashed perjury" in his attacks on reclamation bureau officials.

Ickes suggested to the senate interior committee that the record of Downey's sworn testimony be sent to the attorney general for "appropriate action."

The former secretary was called as a witness in the committee's investigation of Downey's charges of corruption and mismanagement in the reclamation bureau.

In a blistering attack on Downey, Ickes denied the senator's statements that Harry W. Bashore, former reclamation commissioner, was forced by political pressure to resign.

He said that when Bashore resigned he recommended present Commissioner Michael W. Straus as his successor.

Ickes said Downey also presented to the committee a "totally false" account of the appointment and services of Richard L. Boke as California regional director for the bureau.

Cornelia Vanderbilt Marries London, Oct. 13 (AP)—Cornelia Vanderbilt, once called the world's richest bride, was married a second time yesterday.

The American granddaughter of famed Commodore Vanderbilt was married in deepest secrecy to Vivian Francis Bulkeley-Johnson, 58-year-old London banker. A notice of intention to wed gave her age as 43.