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GENERALLY FAIR tonight and Saturday, except early morning fog. Continued cold tonight. Slightly warmer Saturday afternoon. Lowest tonight, 28; highest Saturday, 60.

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Top U.S. Reds Sentenced by Judge Medina

Ten Get 5 Years Prison, One 3 Years, All \$10,000 Fines

New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—The 11 top leaders of the American communist party were sentenced to prison today for conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence.

Identical sentences were handed down against Eugene Dennis, the party's general secretary; John Gates, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker, party paper; New York City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.; Jack Satcher, national educational director; Henry Winston, national organizational secretary; John Williamson, labor secretary; Gilbert Green, Illinois chairman; Carl Winter, Michigan chairman; Gus Hall, Ohio chairman; and Irving Pollash, vice president of the International Fur and Leather workers and a member of the party's national board.

Two of Politbureau Free The conviction and sentencing riddled the communists' high command. Of the 13-member national board, only two members remained free. They were William Z. Foster, national chairman who was too ill to stand trial on the same charge, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn who was named to the board after the other 12 were indicted by a New York grand jury.

Medina told U.S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey that he was giving "the most careful attention" to the fact that Thompson received the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroic action in leading a patrol of the 32nd infantry division during the Buna campaign in New Guinea.

Individual Sentences Medina pronounced sentence on each of the 11 individually, beginning two hours after the court session began.

The judge directed the 11 to stand at their chairs at the left of the bench and called each of them by name as he pronounced sentence.

Behind each defendant was a U.S. marshal. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Everson Jailed For Firearms

Clifford M. Everson, an executive employed with the Salem Merchant Patrol business protection service, was ordered held in Marion county jail Friday in lieu of \$1000 bail pending a hearing on charges of illegal possession of firearms.

Everson was taken to district court in the morning, but asked for a 24-hour period to study the charge against him. The charge accused him of a felony, illegal possession of a firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

The charge was based on a law making it illegal for ex-convicts to carry such weapons. A conviction carries with it a one to five year penitentiary sentence.

Everson was arrested in 1932, but paroled. On a forgery conviction in 1933, he served four months at the Oregon State penitentiary.

The arrest came last night while Everson was on patrol for the protection service operated by Harley V. Cordray, the former Salem police officer and ex-convict from Illinois, who was arrested Thursday on charges of promoting a lottery tied up with slot machines.

Cordray posted \$1000 bail and was free pending further action of Marion county circuit court.

Pickets Hold-up Payroll

Pittsburg, Oct. 21 (AP)—Striking CIO United Steelworkers today refused to let non-union workers cross picket lines to collect pay at the Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation. Some joined the union so they could get through. No disorder developed.

Teachers of 5 Counties to Meet Monday

Instructors from Benton, Lincoln, Polk, Linn and Marion to Confer

By DON UPJOHN County Superintendent Mrs. Agnes Booth Friday announced plans for a high school conference for teachers of five counties to be held in Salem next Monday and Tuesday at Salem high school with teachers here from Benton, Lincoln, Polk, Linn and Marion counties.

On the same days at Leslie Junior high school an elementary teachers' conference will be held for elementary teachers of Marion county only.

At the opening session of the big five county teachers' conference guest speaker for the morning will be Governor Douglas McKay. Greetings will be extended from Rex Putnam, state superintendent of schools, and invocation will be by Rev. Chester W. Hamblin of the First Presbyterian church. The balance of the morning and afternoon will be given over to departmental meetings while that evening has been designated as "fun night" with square dancing and games and an orchestra provided.

Departmental Meetings Tuesday morning's program is made up of departmental meetings. In the afternoon F. A. Carleton will open the discussion followed by greetings from Cecil Posey, executive secretary. This will be followed by a panel on private industry and the conservation program with Charles A. Sprague acting as moderator. Panel members will be Walter DeLong, director of public information for Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, and Art King, soil conservationist for Oregon State extension service. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Truman Quoted On Big Strikes

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—The White House refused today to affirm or deny reports that President Truman said there is "no sense" to the steel and coal strikes.

Mr. Truman reportedly made the statement in an off-the-record talk to a group of 200 industrialists at a hotel here last night.

He also was reported to have told the businessmen there was something wrong with them if they didn't sit down with their employees and work out their problems. He was quoted as saying labor has equal responsibility with management in settling the coal and steel strikes.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross was informed of second hand quotation but declined to say whether it was correct. Ross did say he had seen a stenographic transcript of the president's impromptu remarks.

He said he is not making public the transcript because the president spoke off the record and announced he was going so at the start and close of the talk.

Ross said he understood the dinner was arranged by Ward Canaday, chairman of the board of Willys-Overland.

A printed program carried about 200 names of industrial executives, including many steel company officials.

Holding up Pearson's Bill Hit by Neuberger

Pendleton, Oct. 21 (AP)—State Senator Richard Neuberger charged today that it is a "prime act of political hypocrisy" for the secretary of state's office to question a \$160 state printing bill run up State Treasurer Walter Pearson, "for so-called personal advertising."

(It was Gov. Douglas McKay, not Secretary of State Earl Newberry, who refused yesterday to approve Pearson's printing bill, Newberry's assistant, William E. Healy, said he thought it looked like a political campaign statement, and predicted that Newberry—out of town at the time—would not approve it, either.)

(The governor and Newberry are republicans; Pearson and Neuberger are democrats.) "I don't approve what Pearson did," said Neuberger, "but Newberry has turned the licensing of motor vehicles into a personal publicity agency for distribution of his own name."



Deadlock in Both Big Strikes

(By the Associated Press)

Coal operators walked out on contract talks with the United Mine workers Friday. But there was a flicker of hope that a break may come in the steel strike.

Northern and western mine operators left White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where negotiations designed to end the five weeks old coal strike, were being held.

They accused John L. Lewis of being willing "to destroy" the coal industry "in his mad race for power." They said they would meet with union leaders again when the union leaders show they are ready "to consider our employees and the industry."

The situation in the costly, 21-day steel strike, says Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediation chief, "is not hopeless."

But Ching said in a statement in New York last night after conferences with U. S. Steel corporation officials, "we do not want to create the impression that there is a basis for optimism."

Ching's hint of hope, coupled with a warning against optimism, followed earlier comment by President Truman that he has no present plans for intervening in either the steel or coal strikes or for seizing either industry.

Ching's statement came as the continuing steel-coal tieups choked off much of the nation's industrial activity and made idle more than a million workers.

Nationalist Troops Escape

Hong Kong, Oct. 21 (AP)—More than 50,000 nationalist troops from Canton and Kwangtung province escaped by the West river in the last days before Canton's fall and now are heading for Hainan islands, private reports said today.

The troops are commanded by Gen. Yu Han-Mour, who advised his family by telephone that he was seeking sanctuary on Hainan, of the southwest China coast.

Forces under Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, which have dwindled from 300,000 to 200,000 men because of disaffection over failure to receive pay, were reported retreating through southwest China toward the Indo-China border.

All communications with Swatow, southern coast port evacuated by the nationalists, have been cut.

Unemployment Claims Near Top 1949 Levels

(By the Associated Press)

Unemployment claims increased by 3,500 in the two weeks preceding mid-October to approach 25,000 a week, according to a labor report issued Friday by the state unemployment commission.

Employment was maintained at near the top 1949 level through recent weeks, but seasonal declines in lumbering and food harvesting and processing began early in the month, the report stated.

Local offices reported 36,000 qualified workers without jobs on October 1, a figure 21,000 higher than the unemployed a year ago. Placements for the month were slightly higher with jobs found for 7,505 persons in trade, service and industry and 15,523 in agriculture.

Only 1,583 were placed in construction and lumbering, however, as compared with 2,952 during September, 1948, and only 88 jobs in these industries remained unfilled at the end of the month, the report said.

On the basis of reports covering 1,000 representative establishments, the number of non-agriculture jobs as of September 15 was estimated at 433,500, almost the same as in August but 16,400 under a year ago.

Lumber and logging operations occupied nearly 77,000 persons for most of the past two months—about 14,000 below the 1948 all-time peak for Oregon's main industry.

Construction with 25,600 workers was also about 15 per cent below last year's top, but other industries and most trade and service groups reported as many or slightly more employees than a year ago.

Most of the early October increases in unemployment claims, the report said, came from western Oregon, where seasonal layoffs in food processing and lumber were held responsible. In the two weeks preceding mid-October, the report said that initial claims from Salem, Eugene, Astoria, Roseburg and Medford had more than doubled, while over-all increases of from 10 to 70 per cent were reported by nearly every office west of the Cascades.

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Johnson Hits Hard at Critics Of Strategic Defense Plans

Secrecy Veil Screens Visit of Chinese Reds

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Senators have clamped a secrecy lid on a state department memorandum discussing reports that seven representatives of the Chinese government arrived in the United States last August.

The existence of the document came to light today in the printed report of hearings held by the senate appropriations committee on the foreign arms program.

The report shows that Senator Knowland (R., Calif.) told Undersecretary of the State Webb, who was testifying behind closed doors:

Seven from North China "I have been informed on what I believe to be reliable authority that there are seven representatives of the North China communist government that came into this country by way of Honolulu on or after August 25. . . ."

"I would like to know, first, if that is a fact; and second, if they are in this country, what kind of passports they have traveled on. . . . and whether their passports or visas in this country had the approval of the state department."

Webb, according to the printed hearings, said he would furnish the information.

Chairman McKellar (D., Tenn.) remarked that it would be made a part of the record.

But the record released today contains only a parenthetical sentence: "This information has been supplied to the committee."

Opposition to Higher Taxes

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Capitol Hill fired back at President Truman's talk of a tax increase today with counter proposals to slash government spending instead.

Another popular suggestion on how to make the government's ends meet was:

By tax adjustments and other incentives, encourage a billowing industrial and business economy with sights set on a \$300,000,000,000 national income. That, it is figured, would yield adequate revenue—without hikes in tax rates—to support federal, state and local governments. National income now is at the rate of about \$217,000,000,000.

House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, issued a statement saying the president wants more taxes to put "his socialist schemes over on the American people."

"The American economy," he declared, "is so shaky now that an increase in the tax burden might easily lead to a depression with millions out of jobs."



Sheriff Mike Elliott

Portland Votes On Recall of Sheriff Elliott

Portland, Oct. 21 (AP)—Portland and the rest of Multnomah county voted today in a special election on whether to recall Sheriff Marion LeRoy (Mike) Elliott.

James W. Gleason, elections registrar, predicted 50 per cent of the registered voters would cast ballots, a heavier number than normal in special elections.

Pineapples Still Unloaded

The Dalles, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—A carload of Hawaiian pineapple waited on a spur track today and there was no hint when or whether it would be moved past picketing CIO longshoremen.

The car was loaded with 49 tons of canned pineapple, destined for a San Jose, Calif., cannery, yesterday. Railroad officials said necessary paper work preliminary to moving it was not completed yesterday. Longshoremen, however, were banking on rail crews refusing to cross their picket line.

Three pickets lounged at the port entrance today and two sat in a car near the spur track leading to the terminal.

Longshoremen say the pineapple was loaded in Hawaii in defiance of a longshore strike there, since settled. An effort to unload it last month ended in rioting.

Only that which was unloaded before the fight broke out was put in the boxcar. The rest—some 2,540 tons—still is in the barge.

A representative of Isleways, Ltd., the cargo owner, said yesterday the company still plans to unload the barge, but has not decided how or when. The port commission say the company must hire its own stevedores if it wants to do the work.

Plans Adopted Represent All Arms Branches

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said today his direction of the military establishment is aimed to keep world peace and get taxpayers 100 cents worth of defense for every dollar spent.

The big, balding cabinet officer cracked back hard from the witness chair of the house armed services committee at critics of his department and its policies.

The navy men who have attacked strategic policies, he asserted, have built their case on "straw men" and "false rumors."

In truth, Johnson said, the department has an "emergency war plan" that calls for utmost use of all the services and doesn't resemble at all the picture painted by some admirals. Climactic Witness

Furthermore, Johnson said, the congress members might be surprised to learn, in view of all the hullabaloo, that the plan was approved unanimously by the joint chiefs of staff representing all the services.

Johnson was the climactic witness in the wind-up of the house group's airing of the bitter row in the armed services. On the final day of the two weeks of hearings it also heard former President Herbert Hoover and Gen. George C. Marshall, war-time army chief of staff and former secretary of state.

Hoover called for "peace within the armed services." Marshall said money was "at the root" of all the squabbling. The difficulty, Marshall said, is that none of the services can have all the money they think they need. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Johnson Fired Sec. Sullivan

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said today he asked for the resignation of John L. Sullivan as secretary of the navy because Sullivan did not believe in armed services unification.

Sullivan resigned last March 25 with a blast charging Johnson with halting construction of a proposed navy super aircraft carrier without even consulting Sullivan.

Johnson gave his account of Sullivan's leaving to the house armed services committee. He did so after Rep. Short (R., Mo.) had remarked that Johnson's story of the carrier cancellation varied from Sullivan's. Johnson was before the committee testifying on bickering in the armed services.

"I have kept my mouth shut about Mr. Sullivan's resignation, and Mr. Chairman, neither you nor anyone else has ever heard me say any unkind word about him."

"Mr. Sullivan was not for unification and would not support unification."

"He submitted his letter of resignation to the president on March 25 or a day or two before I was sworn in (as secretary of defense), because I told him there was no room on my team on the civilian side of the defense establishment for any person who is not enthusiastically for unification."

Police at Monmouth Active During Month

Monmouth—Police department, city of Monmouth, report for September, is as follows: Number of arrests, 64; speeding, 13; no operator license, 8; parking violations, 4; blocking traffic, 6; no tail light on car, 3; total traffic violations, 53. L. M. Boyer of Willamina was arrested for drunken driving; Bernard J. McHugh of Portland was arrested for reckless driving. Two arrests were for being drunk on streets in car. Melvin Keith Ross and Robert R. Winkeback, both also of Salem. Total fines collected during the month, \$387.50.

Doris Not to Re-wed

New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—Duke, the tobacco heir, today said he didn't marry Porfirio Rubens because he didn't like him.



'Unification Can Work'—Army Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins (left) listens intently as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former army chief of staff, tells the house armed services committee in Washington that he believes unification can work. He said differences of opinion were bound to occur and that "We're expecting perfection too quickly." Gen. Collins also testified, stating that he wanted to dispel any fears that there was an "overall plot" between the army and air force to "eliminate or drastically reduce the effectiveness of both the Marine corps and the fleet air arm." (Acme Telephoto)