

CLOUDY WITH rain tonight, Saturday; rain occasionally moderate. Continued windy. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 45; highest Saturday, 52.

Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 45. Total 24-hour precipitation, .27; for month, .82; normal, 1.96. Season precipitation, 4.50; normal, 4.55. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)



McKay Stresses Allegiance to Government

In Armistice Day Speech Governor Urges Crusade for Principle

"Democracy is not a self-sustaining institution but requires constant efforts upon the part of all citizens to insure its continuation," Governor Douglas McKay declared in his Armistice day address Friday morning.

"There never has been a time in the history of the nation that demands from the people today the active and aggressive support of government," the governor said.

"To carry on it is necessary that all citizenry subscribe 100 percent to the creed of America and for what it stands. Too many people are inclined to exercise only 10 percent of the duties of citizenship."

Need of Vigilance Governor McKay called upon his audience on this 31st Armistice day to again pledge allegiance to the government and the American way of life. He also urged a crusade by the people to carry on the principles upon which the nation was founded.

In concluding Governor McKay emphasized the need of education by all the children upon whom rests the ultimate destination of the nation.

Inclement weather caused the transfer of the formal program to the armory instead of the front of the court house as planned. Wind and rain, combined with the general opening of stores in the business district, resulted in one of the shortest parades on record and also the smallest turnout of spectators, most of whom were huddled beneath marquees at the street intersections.

Football Game Tonight The high school band turned out in uniform but did not participate in the parade, leaving the legion drum corps the only marching musical organization in the line of march.

The annual breakfast of past commanders of Capital Post No. 9 American Legion opened the observance at 8 o'clock with a buffet lunch served at the American Legion club house from noon to 4 o'clock. Open house was also held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars home.

No activity was scheduled for the afternoon, the attraction at night being the Willamette-Whitman football game on Sweetland field at 8 o'clock, followed by dancing.

Armistice Salute By Naval Planes

Salem got an Armistice day salute Friday morning at parade time from all seven of the planes at the Salem Naval Air Facility. In spite of low hanging clouds and rough flying weather.

The planes, which were in the air about 35 minutes, were led by Lt. Comdr. Wallace Hug, officer in charge of the facility, and Lt. Stanley Fallander, executive officer in an SNB. In the other SNB were Lt. Ernest Eldridge, commander of AVAU unit here, and Lt. (Jr.) L. A. Griffith.

Lt. (Jg) Glenn Fravel led the five SNJs from the facility and flying the other four planes were Lt. Ed Schiess, Ens. Carl Dill, Lt. Ivan Essau and Lt. Wayne Hadley. All men are from Salem.

N. W. Governors Bid To Power Conference

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 11 (AP)—Governors from Washington, Oregon and Idaho and 100 key northwest industrialists have been invited here Nov. 16 to hear a detailed report on the northwest power situation.

The northwest utilities conference committee, after a meeting here yesterday, said the power situation has improved somewhat in the past two weeks but that the margin between supply and demand was still narrow and would continue to be "delicate" throughout the winter season.

Finance Markets Closed

New York, Nov. 11 (AP)—Financial and commodity markets throughout the United States and Canada were closed today, Armistice Day. However, various livestock reports were issued by the department of agriculture as usual.

Truman Urges Quick Passage Civil Rights Bill

Deplores Iron Curtain Campaign Against Religion

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP)—President Truman said today he feels congress is duty bound to approve his civil rights program in view of the Constitution and "the fundamental faith of this country."

The president, in an obvious slap at the Iron Curtain countries, also deplored the campaigns "being waged to turn religion into a tool of the state." Such actions, he said, represent "a new barbarism more terrible than that of ancient times."

Mr. Truman spoke at a luncheon of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, after making the traditional Armistice Day call at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National cemetery.

Raps Intolerance "No American knows and no real American cares," Mr. Truman said "whether that man is a Catholic, a Jew or a Protestant, or what his origin or color were. That grave—the Grave of the Unknown Soldier—symbolizes our faith and our unity."

On civil rights, an explosive factor in the 1948 election campaign, the president recalled that he wanted the federal government to take a more active part in achieving "greater justice" for all racial groups.

"I have called for legislation to protect the rights of all citizens, to assure their equal participation in nation life, and to reduce discrimination based upon prejudice," he said.

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Peace Hinges on U. S. Defenses

The nation's top military leaders today urged Americans to keep their armed forces powerful and thus help avoid a third World War.

They spoke at Armistice day observances across the nation, as the world marked the 31st anniversary of the close of World War I—the "war to end wars."

Secretary of Defense Johnson set the tone with a speech at St. Louis in which he declared that "weakness breeds war, and that strength commands respect and discourages war."

In a talk at Greenville, N.C., Secretary of the Army Gray placed the probable ultimate cost to this country of World War II at one trillion dollars, and added that the United States must stay strong to avoid future conflict.

Secretary of Air Symington weighed the cost of the second World war in terms of men and resources, as well as dollars, and said "we must do everything in our power to prevent recurrences of those international disasters called 'world wars.'"

21 Past Leaders of Legion at Breakfast

Twenty-one of the 24 living past commanders of the 31 who have headed Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, attended the annual past commanders' breakfast at the American Legion club house Friday morning.

Initiated was Charles H. Huggins, immediate past commander, succeeding Lawrence Osterman, '48, as president. New president is King Bartlett, '36, now in California. George Averett, '37, succeeded the late Irl McSherry, '32, deceased, who had served as secretary since the organization of the group. Past commanders serve in order of their term in office as commander of the post.

Fewer groups in the country have as many high executives as is represented by the membership of the past president's club of Post No. 9. In addition to public service many others have distinguished themselves in the service in the organization.

This group includes Governor Douglas McKay, '29; E. M. (Bing) Page, '31, member of the state supreme court; Rex Kimmel, '47, Marion county circuit judge; H. G. (Fod) Maison, '28, superintendent of state police; Allan Carson, '33, state senator; Carl Gabrielson, '24, head of the state motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office;



Parading in the Rain—Veterans (top) bearing mass colors in Salem's Armistice day parade faced strong wind and pelting rain as they marched down Commercial street to the armory. Lower: Company G, in storm attire, marches through rain drenched streets to commemorate the end of World War I.

Warning Issued By Crommelin

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 11 (AP)—The navy's still-burning firebrand, Capt. John G. Crommelin, stressed today that it is a patriotic duty to keep an eye on how the armed forces are organized and administered.

Crommelin, born here 47 years ago, addressed an American Legion meeting.

It was the first speech by the outspoken critic of Pentagon high command policies since he was restored to duty Tuesday after his 33-day suspension and reprimand for releasing to newsmen documents the navy styled "confidential."

These documents disclosed that several high ranking admirals agreed with him in fears that the navy was being stifled in the Pentagon. This led to an investigation by the house armed services committee.

Crommelin did not repeat any of his earlier charges that nearly got him court martialled, nor did he directly mention any phase of the controversy. On this day of tribute to men who lost their lives in the first World war, he said:

"For us, the living, every American man and woman, it is a patriotic duty to keep informed and interested in the organization and administration of the armed forces so necessary to our security.

"You must not share and you cannot delegate this responsibility to anyone."

Russian Claims of Use Of A-Bomb Held Silly

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP)—Andre Y. Vishinsky's statement that Russia is using precious atomic explosives as a substitute for cheap blasting powder struck officials here today as being on the silly side.

One official called it "more Vishinsky hot air." Others less polite called it other things less printable but adding up to much the same figurative meaning.

The Soviet foreign minister, addressing the UN General Assembly's special political committee at Lake Success, N. Y., yesterday, said:

1. Russia is using atomic explosives not for bombs but for peaceful purposes—such as moving mountains and irrigating deserts.

2. But if "the need arises, the Soviet Union would have as many atomic bombs as we need—no more and no less."

Vishinsky's remarks echoed a story published by a Soviet licensed newspaper in Berlin last Saturday. It said the Russians had used atomic explosives to blast a couple of mountains apart in order to divert a couple of rivers to irrigate a desert.

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L. A. Downpour Snarls Traffic

Los Angeles, Nov. 11 (AP)—Southern California gave itself a pat on the back today—and coughed up a little water—after the biggest rain-storm since Christmas Day, 1946.

Farmers worried about their crops and foresters worried about fires welcomed the long overdue rain, but it snarled traffic badly, interrupted some phone and electric service, and washed into some hillside homes.

The storm brought 2.18 inches of rain to Los Angeles, raising the season total to 2.21. Last year at this time .09 had fallen. Normal is 1.15.

Streams of water charged down the slopes of nearby La Crescenta, where 2.72 inches fell, and some seeped into homes.

In the mountains, precipitation totaled 5.19 inches at Lake Arrowhead, 4.28 at Big Bear lake, and 5.13 at Mt. Wilson.

Pasadena had 2.55 inches, Glendale 1.92, San Diego 1.10, Santa Barbara 1.66.

Chapman to Succeed Krug As Secretary of Interior

United Nations Debate Atomic Bomb Control

Lake Success, Nov. 11 (AP)—The riddle of Soviet atomic production hung heavily over the United Nations on this Armistice day of the pre-atomic first World war.

Russia claims she is using the power of the atom for peaceful economic development—for moving mountains—for irrigating deserts—for cutting through jungle and tundra—for spreading life, happiness, prosperity and welfare—where the human footstep had not been seen for thousands of years.

But Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky added this warning yesterday in a sharp speech before a U. N. assembly committee: "If war comes, Russia could produce atomic bombs—as many of these as we should need—no more and no less."

13 Nations to Speak The atomic debate, the long-deadlocked attempt to find control of atomic energy, goes on in the U. S. special political committee at an afternoon session (noon PST) today. Thirteen countries are on the list to speak: Argentina, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Uruguay, Czechoslovakia, White Russia, Norway, Liberia, Nicaragua, Israel, India, Peru and the United States.

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Ending of Steel Strike Held But A Formality

Pittsburgh, Nov. 11 (AP)—Settlement of the strike against the giant United States Steel corporation appeared only a formality today.

Legal talks continued on an agreement reportedly fashioned after the Bethlehem peace plan which cracked industry's fight against free insurance and pensions.

The CIO United Steelworkers 35-man negotiating committee stood by at a hotel ready to act on the settlement. President Philip Murray took part in closed door huddles with corporation and union officials.

Murray was expected to go before the negotiating committee later. A union spokesman said the committee then likely will have a session with corporation representatives.

Sound Out Lewis On Fact Finding

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP)—The government was reported ready today to sound out John L. Lewis on letting a fact-finding board recommend a settlement in the coal dispute. It would be selected by President Truman.

Lewis is known to be opposed to the idea. Still, officials said the White House wants to give him the same chance as was given his rival, Philip Murray of the CIO, in the steel strike.

A three-man board appointed by the president in the steel dispute without resorting to the Taft-Hartley labor law suggested a peace plan that helped pave the way for eventual strike-settling steel agreements.

Lewis told newsmen several weeks ago he is against fact-finding boards or any other government attempts to settle his demands on the coal industry.

Administration officials evidently are determined to do everything possible to avoid a new coal strike Dec. 1 when Lewis' present truce expires. The shaggy-browed president of the United Mine Workers put the miners back to work Wednesday for the rest of this month, after a 52-day walkout.

Mine operators have indicated they are willing to cooperate with a presidential fact-finding board that might point out the way to avoid a new strike.

Truman Lays Wreath On Soldier's Grave

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP)—President Truman stood solemn and silent today before the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington National cemetery.

A military band played the Star Spangled Banner. Precisely at 11:01 a.m. (EST) the president stepped forward and placed a wreath of yellow chrysanthemums at the tomb.

The mournful note of taps sounded. That was all.

Resignation From Cabinet Unexplained

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Secretary of the Interior Julius (Cap) Krug and chose Undersecretary Oscar L. Chapman to succeed him.

The cabinet shift is to be effective Dec. 1. Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross announced the president's action.

He would not say why Krug is quitting. When asked about that, Ross said that an exchange of letters between the President and Krug would be made public later in the day.

He told newsmen to make their own interpretation after reading the exchange of letters. When the letters were made public, they turned out to be cast pretty much along the usual lines of the communications exchanged on such occasions.

Krug spoke of last Tuesday's election results as indicating the people believe "we have done a pretty good job of accomplishing our objectives" and asked to be relieved. He pledged help in the 1950 and 1952 election campaigns.

Mr. Truman said he was accepting the resignation "reluctantly and with sincere regret."

The president told him "it would be hazardous to the nation" to accept the "status quo" and that "hostility to change is too often inspired by narrow timidity and selfish fear."

There have been reports for a long time that Krug's relations with the president were declining.

Krug told reporters yesterday that he was quitting, effective Dec. 1.

The general expectation had been that Chapman would get the cabinet post.

At 53 a veteran of many years in the government, Chapman is a favorite of Democratic National Chairman Bill Boyle and other party officials.

His elevation to head of the department will put two Coloradans in the cabinet. He and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan are both from Denver.

Once intimate friends, Krug and the president apparently have not been on the best of terms recently.

Big 3 Talk to Bonn Regime

Paris, Nov. 11 (AP)—For the first time since the German war machine was crushed, the big three western allies prepared today to talk directly to a German government about relaxing occupation controls.

The foreign ministers of France, Britain and the United States last night issued "certain instructions and powers" to their high commissioners in western Germany for negotiating with officials of the west German republic.

Details of the two-day talks by the Big Three ministers were kept a closely-guarded secret. There were indications the French, traditionally distrustful of Germany, still shied away from full agreement with the British and Americans on how far to ease Germany's postwar restrictions now.

U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson planned to talk to Prof. Theodor Heuss and Konrad Adenauer, president and chancellor respectively of the new West German government. He will fly to Germany later today to visit the western capital at Bonn.

Acheson's visit will be the first time since the war that so high an American official has conferred directly with the Germans.

Fighting Ending In Colombia

Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 11 (AP)—Pre-election fighting was reported subsiding in most parts of Colombia today as troops held the country under virtual martial law.

President Mariano Ospina Perez' conservative party said "the violence against authorities and citizens now has found the necessary dike." Ospina on Wednesday proclaimed a state of siege, a modified version of martial law, and placed troops at strategic points throughout the country.

There were unconfirmed reports of clashes between conservatives and opposition liberal party members in the interior, but the government said most of Colombia was calm.

The conservative party statement demanded that the Nov. 27 presidential election go ahead as scheduled. Liberal party leaders have said their followers will boycott the vote and will not recognize anyone elected.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 11 (AP)—Colombia was reported today to have closed its border with Venezuela, a favorite escape route for political refugees.

The newspaper El Nacional reported from the border area that shots were fired at the last truck crossing the border with political refugees before the closure went into effect.

Tower of Pisa Lists Three-Tenths of Inch

Pisa, Italy, Nov. 11 (AP)—The leaning tower, of Pisa, already 16 1/2 feet out of plumb, has listed another three-tenths of an inch in the last 12 years, scientific measurements showed today.

The measurements were made by a special commission for the care of the famous tower, a circular structure of marble completed in 1350. It is 179 feet high.

Archbishop Misses Pipe

London, Nov. 11 (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, delayed making a speech at the Authors' club last night because he had left his pipe at home in Lambeth palace.

"I cannot make a good speech without my pipe," he explained. A hurried call to his home brought the pipe—by taxi.



An Almost Final Word—Cyrus Ching, federal mediation director, back in his office after a trip to the White House, talks to newsmen about John L. Lewis' snub of government's bid to coal peace conference. Ching said: "I haven't any plans... for calling any further meetings..." but added he was not ruling out possibility that another government effort to promote peace might be made. (AP Wirephoto)