

MOSTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 40; highest Sunday, 56.

Maximum yesterday, 54; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation, .05; for month, 1.58; normal, 2.09. Season precipitation, 1.25; normal, 6.70. River height, 2.8 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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## HOME EDITION

### Washington Angered by Envoy Seizure

#### No Reply As to Ward's Fate—Setback Seen To Recognition

Washington, Nov. 12 (AP)—The state department reported today that American officials have been unable to obtain any information from the Chinese communists on the health, treatment, trial date or other facts about American Consul General Angus Ward, who was arrested recently at Mukden, China.

A telegram received by the department today from Vice Consul William N. Stokes said that the consulate staff at Mukden had supplied food and clothing yesterday to Ward and four staff members jailed with him. As usual, Stokes received receipts for these supplies.

Stokes had reported on previous occasions that he was able to send food and clothing and to obtain receipts—but his messages made clear that he had to operate entirely through the communist police authorities.

The communists' treatment of Ward has dealt a sharp setback to communist China's chances of obtaining American recognition any time in the foreseeable future.

Top state department officials are privately "burned out" at the way in which local authorities at Mukden have handled the case of 56-year-old Angus Ward. They are irked, too, at the cold shouldering which the American government has received in its attempts to get any information on the matter from national communist leaders at Peiping.

Ward has been held in jail at Mukden since October 24. Two American and two European members of his staff have been held with him. All are charged with having beaten a Chinese employe early in October, as the result of an alleged wage dispute.

The state department disclosed Thursday that the consul-general at Peiping, O. Edmund Clubb, had sent a letter to Gen. Chou En-Lai, the communist foreign minister, demanding Ward's release and asking information about him. The department said that no reply had been received.

Officials are now confronted with the problem of what to do next in the case. Two courses appeared open as speculative possibilities. One is to address the strongest possible protest to the communist leaders at Peiping. State department officials reportedly feel that Ward, an official of the American government, has been treated in a "barbaric" manner though they have up to now avoided saying so publicly.

### 3 Day Week From Car Lack

Dallas, Nov. 12 (AP)—Lack of freight cars to ship lumber today made itself felt in Dallas and resulted in 375 men employed by the Willamette Valley Lumber company being cut to a three day week.

Production at the mill will have to be curtailed beginning Monday, the resident manager, Paul Morgan, announced Saturday, and men, instead of working five days a week, will work Wednesday through Friday.

Morgan, in making the announcement, stated that in the past three months the plant had doubled the size of its lumber inventory, hoping that the car situation would improve. Improvement, however, was not forthcoming.

This is the first time in a number of years that the plant has been forced to curtail operations because of a rail car shortage.

### Heavy Snow Closes Chinook Pass Road

Seattle, Nov. 12 (AP)—A heavy snow forced closure of the Chinook Pass highway last night and Washington state highways department officials said it may remain closed until spring.

Western Washington, meantime, was soaked by a driving rain storm accompanied by heavy winds. Snow turned to rain under the 6000 foot level in the Cascades.

The weather bureau predicted the storm would taper off to occasional rains tonight and tomorrow.

### Deny Russian Inspection Ban On A-Bombs

#### Vishinsky Refutes Report to U N — Panyushkin Angered

Lake Success, Nov. 12 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky insisted today the Soviet Union has offered to open its territory for atomic inspections.

Vishinsky jumped into the closing stages of a UN debate on atomic energy with a fiery answer to John D. Hickerson, assistant secretary of state. Hickerson yesterday told the United Nations special political committee that the Soviet Union refused to open its territory.

The Soviet delegate said Hickerson was in error. "There is no warrant," Vishinsky said, "for his stating we refused to open up our territory for inspection."

Shortly before Vishinsky spoke in the atomic debate, Soviet Ambassador Alexander Panyushkin took a walkout from the NU social committee session.

Panyushkin charges that Russia is moving troops on Yugoslavia's borders and strode angrily from the room, leaving his chair significantly vacant.

"I consider it beneath my dignity to answer the slanders of the representative of the Tito clique," he said.

Union adviser, listened to continuation of the debate for a while from behind Panyushkin's empty chair, and then moved up to occupy a position at the table.

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### 25 Percent of Taxes Now Paid

With only two days left for taxpayers to save their 3 percent discount by making payment in full of their taxes on the 1949-50 roll a little less than 25 percent of the total roll has been paid over the counter as business opened at the tax office Saturday. However, there were still huge stacks of mail to handle carrying checks the total of which cannot be estimated but may bring payments up to 50 percent of the roll or even better.

Total taxes paid over the counter up to Saturday morning were \$1,038,175.72 against a total roll of \$4,656,272.70.

Taxes may be paid over the counter up to 5 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon to save the discount and prevent delinquency penalties.

Any taxes mailed into the sheriff's collection department must be postmarked by midnight of November 15 or will be treated as delinquent and the discount will not be extended.

### Nudism Booming in British 'Naturist' Camps

London, Nov. 12 (AP)—Nudism is booming in Britain. More people are walking around naked than ever before.

Not in public, of course—the law frowns on that—but in flourishing "naturist" camps scattered throughout the country. Leaders of the open-air cult say happily they've never seen anything like it.

Britain's few hundred timid pre-war nudists have grown into a lusty movement 50,000 strong. In 1938 there were 20 nudist clubs. Now there are 60. Many non-club "naturists" enjoy life in the raw and in the privacy of their own homes and gardens.

The British Sun Bathing association (BSBA)—biggest nudist group—has just voted to incorporate nudity. It's forming a limited company of 200 shareholders.

Right now the clammy British winter has driven all except the hardest "naturists" into long underwear. But the BSBA hopes next summer will be the best ever for the one out of every 1,000 Britons it says likes to frolic naked in the sun.

The burning question: Will the sun cooperate? It did in 1949. It was the sunniest summer for 16 years.



### Czechs Reject Catholic Oath

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 12 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic priests were told today they must swear a flat oath of loyalty prescribed by the communist-controlled government and ignore reservations demanded by the church bishops.

These reservations were that priests could take the oath "unless it is in contradiction to the laws of God and the church and the rights of man."

The order came from Vaclav Nosek, communist interior minister. He declared in a speech before a nation-wide conference of officials of the Czechoslovak regional national committees that the government would not tolerate any church-dictated alteration in the loyalty oath.

The oath is required under the new control law, which makes the clergy servants paid by the state and gives the government control over church appointments, finances and administrative affairs.

Nosek added a boast that the government had won its fight to force the Catholic church to yield to state control.

### 3 Colleges to Get Libraries

Portland, Nov. 12 (AP)—Preliminary plans for three college education libraries, to cost a quarter of a million dollars each, were approved by the state board of higher education today.

The board also took steps to acquire from the war assets administration the Oregon shipping property now used by the Vanport extension center.

The Vanport cost will be less than \$15,000, Henry Cabell, finance committee chairman, said. The facilities are to be disposed of November 15 or will be treated as delinquent and the discount will not be extended.

Chief Deputy Herold Domogalla in charge of the collections said that the 12 o'clock postmark rule will be rigidly enforced this year regardless of what affidavits or showings are made. He said the auditors are insisting on this rule being made binding to comply with the law, and no deadline postmark, no discount.

### City Plans Auction Sales Of Seized Bikes, Autos

#### By STEPHEN A. STONE

If you look sharp, you may be able to get a bicycle pretty cheap. An ordinance bill will be introduced at the city council meeting Monday night that will authorize the chief of police to sell at auction bicycles, automobiles, and any other private property that gets into the hands of the city and is not claimed by owners.

The ordinance will provide that the chief hold the auction sale on the second Saturday of each January and July. There will be a provision that, even after the sale, a negligent owner may recover from the city the money for which an article has been sold if he can prove that it was his property.

In the city barns at 13th and Ferry streets is quite an accumulation of bicycles, probably about 25, Allen McRae, juvenile officer thinks, and most of them have been there for a year or two. Unclaimed automobiles are stored in commercial garages. In time storage liens are filed against them, and if still unclaimed the garage takes possession.

Most of the bicycles and automobiles have gotten away from their owners by theft. For many years the bicycles have been quite a nuisance for the police. Before the city barns were built some years ago they were stored in the basement of City Hall.

McRae says that the number of bicycles on hand always exceeds the number that have been reported stolen. One reason for this is that many youngsters lose interest in bicycles when they transfer from junior high school to high school. They feel they have gotten past the bicycle age, or find it just as convenient to walk as to ride to high school. So they fail to report a bike if stolen.

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### Corsair on Reef At Acapulco

Acapulco, Mexico, Nov. 12 (AP)—The luxurious yacht Corsair, once the private ship of Banker J. Pierpont Morgan, struck rocks and went aground early today in Acapulco harbor.

Passengers said there was "no panic" and "no great excitement." The 45 passengers and a crew of 82 were taken off in lifeboats and small harbor craft. Port officials said the 343-foot vessel struck rocks a few minutes after midnight. Although she was going slowly, a large hole was torn in the bow. It had left its dock only about 15 minutes previously.

Capt. H. Nedden of Vancouver, B. C., who has skippered the former Morgan yacht since July, 1947, pointed her at a small nearby beach "Ensenada De los Prisioneros" (Bay of the Prisoners). The vessel's bow is submerged a short distance off shore and shipping men said if the captain had not acted quickly, she was bound to have sunk, she was hoisting so much water.

It was while the Corsair was being beached that the passengers were assembled at their boats and when the boats touched water they had only a short distance to go.

Among those aboard was John M. Allen, Seattle, general passenger agent of Pacific Cruise Lines, Ltd., which operates the "Corsair." Allen telephoned David E. Skinner, head of the Seattle firm, from Acapulco with details of the accident.

### Russians to Train German Police

Berlin, Nov. 12 (AP)—Unconfirmed reports from east Berlin today said three Russian military experts are enroute to Berlin to direct training of the East zone "people's police army."

These reports said three Russian generals who are specialists in tank, air and ground warfare will set up headquarters in East Berlin and direct the communist police army in the Russian occupation zone.

The American licensed weekly "Sie" said yesterday that the Soviet zone is establishing a full-scale German military police force with tanks and guns supplied by the Russians.

"Sie" implied that after full training, the police army would replace Soviet occupation troops. Observers recalled this pattern was followed in Russian occupied North Korea, where Soviet troops were withdrawn and thoroughly trained and indoctrinated "people's army" replaced them.

British authorities declared today the Russians still retain the right to interfere in all respects of German life, despite broad promises of sovereignty to the German communist government.

### Tito Scraps Friendly Pact With Albania

#### First Time Yugoslavia Has Taken Initiative In Breaking Relations

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nov. 12 (AP)—Yugoslavia scrapped her treaty of friendship with Albania today and charged that country with acts of hostility she said were provoked by Soviet Russia.

It marked the first time Premier Marshal Tito's independent communist government has taken the initiative in breaking off friendship pacts with Cominform countries.

Previously Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria all cast aside those ties with Yugoslavia in steps verging on a break in diplomatic relations.

The note — more than 3000 words long — was handed to the Albanian legation here at noon. It listed in detail this country's accusations of "hostile" acts on the part of Albania, but emphasized at one point that the Tirana government had been "pushed into its policy of open hostility and violation" of the treaty by Russia and the other Cominform countries.

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### Singer Denies Tito Affaire

Paris, Nov. 12 (AP)—Yugoslav Opera Singer Zinka Milanov arrived in Paris today en route to the United States and immediately sought refuge from reporters in the Yugoslav embassy.

Earlier, however, she promised to make a complete statement when she reaches the United States on Moscow allegations that she was an American spy and the girl friend of Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito.

Scowling and obviously displeased, Mme. Milanov denied both allegations when her train stopped briefly at Lausanne, Switzerland, on the way to Paris from Belgrade.

The Moscow story was merely character assassination intended to discredit Tito for his defiance of the Kremlin, she said.

"Marshal Tito, I repeat, is not my personal friend—he is the leader of our country," she said.

Mme. Milanov read the full report of the Moscow story in a Swiss magazine in her compartment on the crack orient express last night. The attack against Tito first was published in the Soviet magazine Literary Gazette and broadcast to the world by radio Moscow.

Moscow was wrong on every count, including her age, she said.

"This is a dirty story and I mean just that," the soprano star of the metropolitan opera said. "There's not one word of truth in it."



Cabinet Shift—Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Krug (above), who announced his resignation after a day of denials by the White House that such a step was imminent, was succeeded by Undersecretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman. (Below) Chapman, a favorite of President Truman, was named assistant secretary of interior in 1933 and promoted to undersecretary in 1946. (Acme Telephoto)

Albuquerque, N.M., Nov. 12 (AP)—Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM) a former cabinet member, said today that Interior Secretary J. A. Krug was "crucified" because he tried to carry out 1948 campaign promises for reclamation projects.

Anderson said Krug, who will resign Dec. 1, went directly to congress with requests for appropriations which the administration's budget bureau had not approved.

"I hate to see him crucified for asking for those things which he said he stood for in the campaign," Anderson said. "He went about the country telling the people that Truman stood for progress and reclamation."

"If Krug's reclamation activities meant anything, he was obligated to keep pushing for them."

The New Mexico senator, who served as secretary of agriculture under Mr. Truman, said that Krug "has not been happy for a long time."

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Ching said he had no present plans to call new coal price meetings and the government contemplated no new moves until Monday, at least.

The coal operators said there seemed to be no use meeting with Lewis again until he tailors down his demands more to their liking. They want an extension of the old coal contract, the one that expired last July 1. Also, they are demanding more assurances against frequent mine shutdowns and closer checks over miners' welfare fund expenditures.

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### Costly Steel Strike Ended After 43 Days

#### U. S. and Inland Corporation Sign-up Pension-Insurance Pact

Pittsburgh, Nov. 12 (AP)—The most costly steel strike in American history virtually ended today after the CIO United Steelworkers signed the mammoth United States Steel corporation to a pension-insurance pact.

Inland Steel corporation agreed to a similar peace agreement on the Bethlehem pattern three and one-half hours after the big steel settlement last night.

That left only 124,600 strikers idle of about 513,000 steelworkers who walked off their jobs last October 1 in support of demands for company-paid pensions.

Back to Work Starts—The end of the strike against big steel, largest steel producers in the world, gave 177,000 unionists the "go back to work" high sign. The agreement covers only 150,000 employees in six major operating subsidiaries but the corporation said the union agreed that all workers should return at once. Formal contracts will be signed later with other subsidiaries.

Union President Philip Murray predicted 90 percent of basic steel — the plants which produce raw steel — will be signed to the new Bethlehem type contract by Monday morning.

Bethlehem Plan Adopted—The Bethlehem settlement, signed October 31, provides \$100 minimum monthly pension payments to workers aged 65 who have served 25 years. The workers do not have to pay into the fund but they do contribute to federal social security which is added to company pensions to make up the \$100 total. Workers with fewer years of service will receive proportionately smaller pensions.

The agreement also provides for a five cents an hour social insurance program. That cost is shared equally by workers and company.

Wages are unchanged for steelworkers now earning an average of \$1.65 an hour.

The Bethlehem pact broke the log jam in the long strike. Miners Celebrate—Asked if the settlements now signed with about 50 large and small companies would bring higher steel prices, Murray declared:

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### Stalemate in Soft Coal Strike

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Places Wreath at Tomb—President Truman places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National cemetery, Washington, D. C., during Armistice day ceremony. (AP Wirephoto)