

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, Friday: fog tonight, early Friday morning. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 35; highest Friday, 60.

Maximum yesterday, 65; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.11 for month; 1.30; normal, 2.00. Season precipitation, 6.57; normal, 7.76. River height, -2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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B-29's Collide 5 Miles in Air, Crash to Earth

10 of 21 Aboard Known Dead, 7 Missing, 4 Chute to Safety in Fog

Stockton, Calif., Nov. 17 (AP)—Two air force B-29 bombers collided at 26,000 feet last night and crashed into the fog-shrouded peat bogs of the San Joaquin river delta 10 miles northwest of here.

Ten of the 21 airmen aboard the two Superfortresses were known dead. Seven men were missing and four parachuted to safety and escaped with minor injuries.

Dense Tule Fog Rescuers, hampered by the dense tulle fog which blanketed the area and the widely-scattered wreckage of the giant planes, were unable to determine the fate of the seven missing crewmen hours after the crash. Some may have parachuted and landed in an inaccessible part of the delta region or they may all have perished when the planes smashed into the earth and buried deep in the mud.

Lt. Romeo Freer, Fairfield-Suisun AAB, in charge of rescue operations, made a minute examination of one of the B-29s, which caught fire at impact and exploded on McDonald island, hurling wreckage more than 700 yards. He found three bodies and some fragments of bodies. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Rescue Planes Seek Lost B-29

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 17 (AP)—The biggest peacetime air rescue search in history was under way today for a lost B-29 bomber which ran out of fuel and crash-landed in the sea somewhere near Bermuda yesterday. Twenty U.S. airmen were abroad. None were from the Pacific northwest.

Nearly 100 air force, navy and coast guard planes from bases all along the Atlantic seaboard criss-crossed above Bermuda's surrounding waters hoping for a sight of the stricken bomber or bobbing liferafts.

First search patrols yesterday afternoon were fruitless. The last word from the Superfortress, whose navigation instruments failed on a flight to England, was a radio message: Going to ditch in five minutes.

After that message yesterday morning a U.S. coast guard vessel heard weak SOS signals—spurring hopes that the crewmen had taken to rubber liferafts equipped with automatic wireless distress signalers.

The plane, part of a B-29 group enroute to England from March air base, California, lost its way when its radio navigational equipment failed and it crashed.

The U.S. air force, navy and coast guard, and the royal navy all joined in the search. Planes came from nine American bases.

Jury Picked in Alger Hiss Trial

New York, Nov. 17 (AP)—Twelve jurors were chosen in two hours today for the second perjury trial of Alger Hiss, one-time state department official.

Two alternate jurors remained to be picked. Sixty prospective jurors were on hand when Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard called the trial into session. Goddard, 73 years old and a republican, was appointed to the bench by President Harding in January 1923.

The 45-year-old Hiss was indicted nearly a year ago by a spy-probing federal grand jury. The jury accused him of lying when he denied passing pre-war secret government papers to Whittaker Chambers, confessed courier for a Soviet spy ring.

Chambers, former \$30,000 a year senior editor of Time magazine, now is operating a farm near Westminster, Md. It was Chambers who served as the government's star witness in the previous trial and he is expected to play the same role in the new proceedings.

The backdrop for the second trial was the same gloomy courtroom in July it had been reported last July 8 it had been unable to reach agreement on the guilt or innocence of the lanky, handsome defendant. Eight jurors voted for his conviction and four for his acquittal.

2 Out of 8 Held For Rape Plead Not Guilty

Others Either Waive Examination or Get Continuance

By DOUGLAS THOMAS

The names of three more Salem cab drivers were added Thursday to the growing number of men charged with statutory rape of a 14-year-old girl arrested on delinquency charges earlier this week. The new names were Monty Burkhardt, Les Hamrick and Eddie Halterman. Their arrests on rape warrants brought the total number to 12 apprehended—11 of that number charged with the offense. The total number of cabbies involved so far is 10.

District court was jammed Thursday morning with a "standing room only" crowd of wives, relatives and curiosity seekers who were on hand to see eight accused rapists brought before Judge Joseph B. Felton.

Long before the men were due in court, greying matrons and elderly men as well as younger groups congregated in the hall and in the small courtroom. Court attaches, called upon to answer the query: "Where is the taxicab case going to be?" directed the throng to the court.

There, the eight men were huddled along the front row bench. Some smirked while others were obviously tense. Several fingered their chins as they waited for their turn to step before the judge.

In the crowded courtroom, there were at least two wives. And opposite reactions were evident. One smiled and chatted gaily with friends while the other's eyes were red as if from sleepless worry over her husband.

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Veep Arrives For Wedding

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17 (AP)—Vice President Alben W. Barkley arrives by plane today for his marriage to Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley.

The attractive 38-year-old widow was expected to meet him at the airport this afternoon.

The ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. John's Methodist church in West St. Louis.

Mrs. Hadley hoped to get some rest between greeting her relatives and those of the Barkley family, 34 in all, who were arriving for the ceremony.

Later, as any bride, she was due for an appointment with a hair dresser. She will get a facial and have her dark, gray-flecked hair put up in a specially-designed coiffure.

Mrs. Hadley would not reveal the design of her wedding dress. However, old friends whom she worked with at Washington university and the Wabash railroad were invited to look at the trousseau.

None would describe the outfit except to say that it was "beautiful."

Truman Not to Use T. H. Law in Coal Dispute

Washington, Nov. 17 (AP)—President Truman said today that if he intervenes in the coal dispute he will act under the Taft-Hartley law.

His statement to a news conference ruled out the possibility that he might propose a fact-finding board of the kind used in the steel dispute.

There have been clear indications, however, that the White House does not intend, if it can help it, to let the miners go back out at the end of this month. They are working now under a "truce" that expires November 30.

For the last few days, there have been indications that this week-end would be a deadline for White House action.

Then, Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters that he did not expect any development during the day. He said he had "no forecast" on what might happen in the next few days.

There was still a possibility



Boy Sustains Serious Injuries

In the second accident of the kind in two days Robert Gentzkow, 9, suffered a broken leg and head injuries when he was struck by an automobile near Sacred Heart academy Wednesday afternoon.

At Salem General hospital his condition was reported good at noon Thursday. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gentzkow, 645 North Cottage.

Driver of the car was Dessa Lee Scheelar, 1060 Norway, who was not cited. Police investigation indicated the boy ran into the street from between parked cars in the 300 block on North Cottage. The boy was taken to the hospital after first aid.

Still in a critical condition in the hospital, but gaining in strength is Garry Dwayne Fiscus, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Fiscus, 205 Pine street. He suffered a broken pelvis, broken elbow and possible internal injuries when hit by a truck driven by Franklin M. Dugger, 393 Tryon, who was not cited.

The accident happened in an alley. The driver said he was watching other children when the boy appeared from behind a parked vehicle.

Chinese Reds Near Chungking

Chungking, China, Nov. 17 (AP)—The United States closed its consulate and information service office in the nationalist capital of Chungking today as Chinese communist troops drew closer from three directions.

U. S. Vice Consul J. W. Rozier also confirmed that the American consulate in Kuming, capital city of Yunnan province 400 miles southwest of here, had been closed.

Latest reports reaching here said communist troops continued to push forward from points directly east, south and northeast of Chungking.

Official military sources claimed Nationalist troops had captured Pangshui, 75 miles east of Chungking. The ministry of defense had not disclosed that the communists had taken the city.

Fighting was reported to be under way now in the vicinity of Pangshui.

Find Body of Kidnaped Girl

Burley, Idaho, Nov. 17 (AP)—The body of Glenda Joyce Brisbois was found today in a canal and Sheriff Saul H. Clark said the seven-year-old girl was murdered.

The sheriff said also that a car which may carry the girl's abductor is believed cornered in a maze of little-used roads in the general vicinity of Malta and Bridge, Idaho.

Clark said Glenda's body was mutilated. It was found in a canal five miles south of here this morning. He said it had not yet been determined definitely whether the girl had been sexually attacked.

Clark said a dark car had been "spotted intermittently" from the air by one of the planes which had been searching for the girl.

The plane reported that at one time the car stopped and a man wearing a white or light colored shirt got out. Radio-equipped state police and sheriff's cars were rushed into the area in an effort to blockade all exits from the vicinity.

Officers in northern Utah have been asked to blockade highways there, Clark said, in event the car should be able to reach Strevell and then make its way southward on U.S. highway 30-south.

Girl's Kidnap-Slayer Captured in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Nov. 17 (AP)—Police captured Fred Stroble, accused in the brutal Linda Glucoff slaying, in a downtown park today, and the arresting officer quoted him: "I'm sorry I did it. I wouldn't have done it if I hadn't been drinking."

There was no formal statement from the elderly habitue of cheap bars, sought throughout the west for two days. He was hustled into a private district attorney's office for detailed questioning.

But A. W. Carlson, a gangling traffic patrolman who put Stroble under arrest as he wandered through a downtown park, relayed the informal conversation to district attorney's investigators as the detailed questioning began.

An eagle eyed laundry deliveryman was credited with first recognizing the much-sought Stroble and pointing him out to Carlson, directing traffic at the corner.

Thus ended one of the west's biggest manhunts in years, touched off by the gruesome discovery of curly-haired, six-year-old Linda, her little body mutilated by an axe, lying beneath a pile of boxes in a backyard two days ago.

Unprotentingly Stroble was led away for questioning, so quietly that only a few people in the busy Pershing Square realized what had happened. He told Traffic Officer A. W. Carlson, who took him in custody, that he had just alighted from a bus. He said he had been to Ocean Park, a beach community 15 miles away.

Told of the capture, Linda's father, Jules Glucoff, said: "We are glad that the law has been so swift. We want swift justice and the supreme penalty."

He said he has no plans for confronting Stroble, "but other relatives may." He said Mrs. Glucoff certainly would not. "She is undergoing a great ordeal, and we are trying our best to keep up her spirits," he said.

Bill Miller, a towel service man, spotted Stroble in the park, and summoned the officer.

He was wearing a grey suit, one sleeve grease-stained, and a bright red tie as he was pushed through crowds which jammed the corridor outside the district attorney's office.

Former Sergeant Indicted for Treason

Washington, Nov. 17 (AP)—Attorney General McGrath today announced the indictment of John David Provoov, former U. S. army staff sergeant, on charges of treason.

The attorney general said the indictment was returned at noon by a federal grand jury in New York City. Provoov has been under arrest there since September 2, when he was discharged from the army.

The indictment is based on alleged treasonous activities in the Philippines and Japan while Provoov was a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese.

McGrath's announcement disclosed that about 15 witnesses were brought to this country from Japan, after Provoov's arrest, to testify about his activities before the grand jury.

Prison Personnel Reforms Ordered by Board of Control

Conference on Eastern Asia Set at Bangkok

Washington, Nov. 17 (AP)—The White House announced today that American diplomats in eastern Asia will hold a regional conference at Bangkok in January. President Truman is sending Philip C. Jessup, the administration's top diplomatic trouble shooter, to it.

Jessup, who has the rank of ambassador-at-large, will make a survey tour of the far east. He will leave on the trip around the first of the year. The announcement said that he would depart after completing his work as a member of the delegation to the UN general assembly.

The regional conference of top diplomats "in eastern Asia and the far east," as the announcement phrased it, will be held at Bangkok, at the end of January.

Bangkok is the capital of Thailand (Siam).

Jessup will go from the United States to Tokyo, it was learned, and visit the Philippines, nationalist China, and a number of other countries which figure in American plans for developing a strong anti-communist stand in that area.

After the Bangkok meeting, Jessup will return to the United States by way of Indian Pakistan.

The White House announcement was made after President Truman held a 70-minute review of United States far eastern policy with Secretary of State Acheson, Jessup, and other ranking state department policy makers.

At Odds with Both Sides The United States now is at odds with both sides in the conflict in China. Acheson is trying to figure out what to do about the situation.

On the one hand he had the problem of taking new and if possible more forceful steps to get Consul General Angus Ward released from a communist jail at Mukden.

On the other hand he was confronted with a need for decision on what position this government should take regarding the shelling of the American merchant ship, the Flying Cloud, by a Chinese nationalist warship.

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Mohammed Riza Pahlav, Shah of Iran.

Shah of Iran Asks U. S. Aid

Washington, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Shah of Iran said today he "certainly" will propose to President Truman an increase in American military aid to his country.

"Iran is important to the peace of the world and especially to the security of the Middle East," the Shah said in a news conference.

The youthful Shah, who arrived yesterday for a month's good will visit, said also:

1. Iran's relations with its big neighbor, Soviet Russia, "have improved a little lately." The Iranians "are always willing to be friendly with our neighbors, but always on a basis of mutual respect and independence."

2. Iran is interested in the future creation of a middle eastern defense pact, like the north Atlantic treaty, but the time is "a little too early." The country's economy should be strengthened first.

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Doctor, Nurses And Chaplain Go on Full Time

By JAMES D. OLSON

Employment of a full time doctor, two male nurses, a full-time chaplain and general reorganization of the guard personnel have been ordered at the state penitentiary by the state board of control, following a two-months investigation of the prison.

Walter Babson, chief guard inside the prison, who has been charged with brutal handling of prisoners, was ordered removed from all contact with prisoners and will be the turnkey of the prison. His duties have been assigned to Ellsworth Hester, former member of the Oregon state police.

Changes in the operation of the prison were outlined in a report made by the board Thursday, following the investigation which was instituted following criticism over alleged carelessness in connection with the death of Oran Brownlee, convict, who committed suicide last March 17.

Up to the present time certain convicts have served as male nurses, and, according to members of the board, one convict determined when the services of a physician was needed by a convict.

Immediately employment of two outside male nurses, to replace the prisoners who have been performing this work is ordered by the board.

Obstacles Faced Employment of a full-time doctor is also required, although board members recognize the adding of a full-time doctor presents problems, first, because of lack of finances to pay a salary commensurate with experience and skill, and second, lack of housing facilities at the penitentiary.

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Typhoon Strikes Island of Guam

Tokyo, Nov. 17 (AP)—The air force weather bureau reported winds approaching 145 miles an hour battered the island of Guam late today.

The weather observers said they managed to get a "freak call" through to the island after regular communications went out. They said the connection did not last long enough to get damage reports.

Earlier reports from the island, where hundreds of American servicemen and civilian workers are stationed, said several buildings had been blown down. Winds at that time had not exceeded 90 miles an hour.

The typhoon, one of the worst in years in the Pacific, was centered 45 miles south of Guam and moving west northwest at about 17 miles an hour.

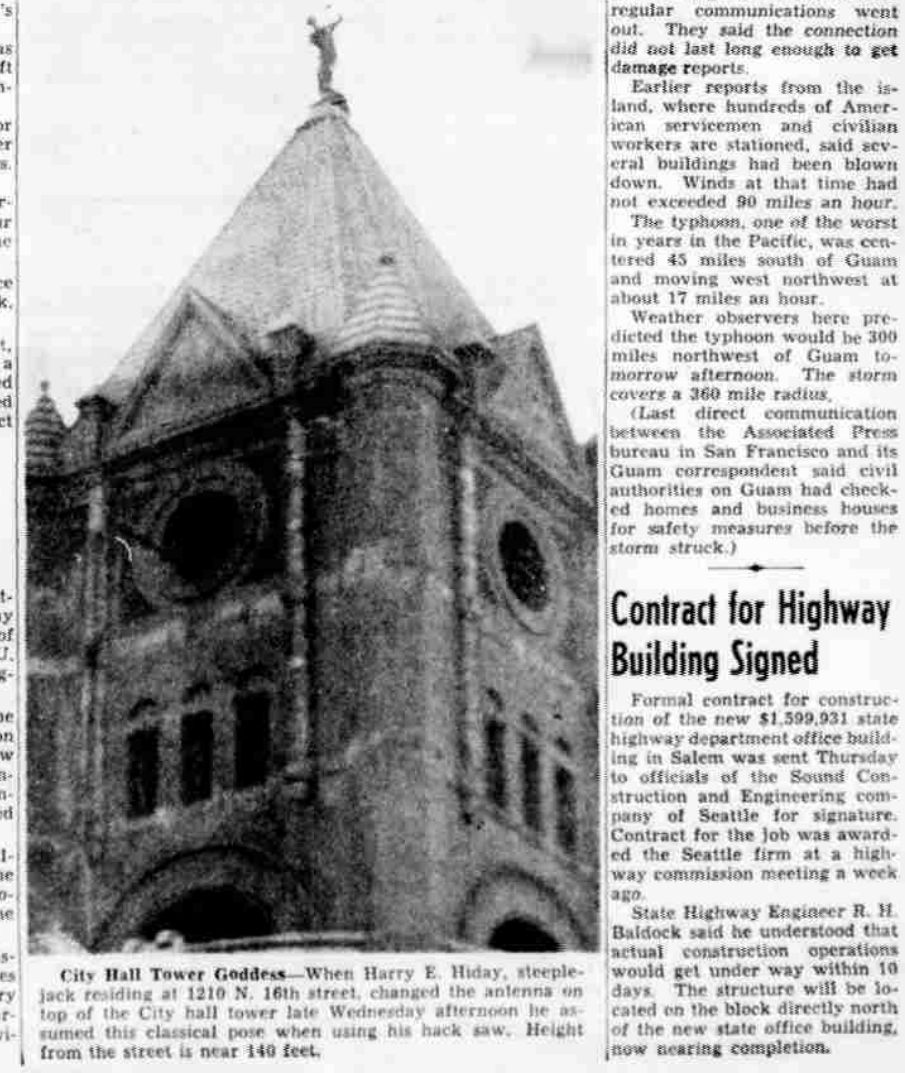
Weather observers here predicted the typhoon would be 300 miles northwest of Guam tomorrow afternoon. The storm covers a 360-mile radius.

(Last direct communication between the Associated Press bureau in San Francisco and its Guam correspondent said civil authorities on Guam had checked homes and business houses for safety measures before the storm struck.)

Contract for Highway Building Signed

Formal contract for construction of the new \$1,599,931 state highway department office building in Salem was sent Thursday to officials of the Sound Construction and Engineering company of Seattle for signature. Contract for the job was awarded the Seattle firm at a highway commission meeting a week ago.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoock said he understood that actual construction operations would get under way within 10 days. The structure will be located on the block directly north of the new state office building, now nearing completion.



City Hall Tower Goddess—When Harry E. Hiday, steeplejack residing at 1210 N. 16th street, changed the antenna on top of the City hall tower late Wednesday afternoon he assumed this classical pose when using his hack saw. Height from the street is near 140 feet.