

MOSTLY CLOUDY with rain tonight; showers, Wednesday. Slightly warmer. Lowest temperature tonight, 38; highest Wednesday, 50.

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum today, 40. Total 24-hour precipitation, .01; for month, 1.38; normal, 2.64. Season precipitation, 10.92; normal, 13.40. River height, .2 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)



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Control Board Lets Contracts For Auto Tires

Low Bidders Win Despite State Agents Protest on Poor Quality

By JAMES D. OLSON
After a two-hour argument over bids for furnishing the state with tires and tubes in 1950, the state board of control overruled the purchasing department's recommendations and awarded the contract to two low bidders for the major portion of the business.

Mike DeCicco & Sons were low bidders with Peck Brothers of Portland second low. Both of these concerns had the contract for furnishing tires to the state during the past year.

R. W. Remington, assistant state purchasing agent, told the board that the state had poor experience with tires furnished by the low bidder during the year past and had recommended the business be given the major tire companies.

Further he told the board that the DeCicco firm had failed to list tire outlets throughout the state, as required by the specifications, and had also failed to include an offer for 2 percent for cash payment in the bid, although the bidder offered to grant this discount.

State Treasurer Pearson contended that DeCicco's bid was low without the discount and therefore he favored giving the major portion of the business to the low bidder.

"What is the use of calling for bids," he said, "if we can't give the business to the low bidder?"

Remington said that the purchasing department's recommendation of giving the business to the major companies and rejecting the other bids was made on the basis of service and quality of product.

DeCicco's bid on 600-16 four-ply tires, the size bought in the greatest volume was \$7.93; Peck Brothers, \$8.10 and the major companies all bid \$8.63.

Pearson moved to award the contract to DeCicco, but an amendment to this motion by Earl T. Newberry, secretary of state, providing for giving the major portion of the business to the two low bidders and the remainder of the business to the major companies, carried.

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Paving Bids Below Estimates

Bids opened Tuesday morning by the county court on proposed paving improvements of Jelden and Brenna avenues and 34th street outside the northeast city limits came as a pleasant surprise when it was shown the total low bids on the three projects was \$3513.50 lower than the engineer's estimates of costs. The total low bid by E-A-R-Co of Salem was \$8188.25 as compared with a total of \$11,700.76 as estimated by the engineer.

The E-A-R-Co bids were \$2428.50 for Jelden avenue as compared with a \$3540.54 estimate, for 34th street \$2876.75 as compared with a \$4040.18 estimate and \$2883 for Brenna as compared with a \$4120.04 estimate. The only other group of bids was submitted by Warren Northwest, Inc., which totaled \$10,881.75 for the job or \$819.01 under the total estimates.

County Judge Grant Murphy announced that the bids would be laid on the table to December 20 and be open for inspection by those interested.

On December 20 property owners will be given a chance to express themselves as to whether or not they desire to have the bids accepted.

Britons Eating More Than Before Late War

London, Dec. 13 (AP)—Britons are eating more now than two years ago, the ministry of food announced today.

Consumption of some food stuffs is even higher than before the war, it said.

The annual average consumption of meat, however, fell from 90 pounds in 1946 to just under 70 pounds in 1948-49.

Britons are getting now 53 percent more milk, 30 percent more dairy products and 25 percent more fish than before the war. It added that the per capita daily calorie level now averages 2,980.

Truman Centers On Civil Rights Battle for 1950

FEPC Bill Picked As First Order of Business In Congress

Key West, Fla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Key presidential advisers said today that the administration's civil rights battle in the election-year congress will be centered behind the FEPC bill.

This measure, designed to prevent discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in employment practices, is one of several anti-discrimination measures President Truman will again propose to congress in January.

They say it probably will face tougher opposition in congress than any of the civil rights measures but that organizations opposing discriminations insist upon fighting it out on this line.

This, and other measures, like the anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and similar proposals cost President Truman four southern democratic states in last year's election.

May Cause Filibuster

Senate Majority Leader Lucas has said he will make the FEPC bill the first order of business in the senate after congress reconvenes in January.

Advisers here concede the move will lead to a filibuster and the chances for passage are not bright. At the same time, they argue that the very fight will help democratic congressional candidates in closely-contested districts.

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Chengtu Left To Red Forces

Hong Kong, Dec. 13 (AP)—Chengtu, short lived capital of China, was reported abandoned to the Reds today by the nationalists.

Arrival of Red forces in the far inland city of 750,000 was expected momentarily.

Dispatches received here said Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, nationalist commander in central China, was in Hanoi trying to negotiate the passage of 30,000 troops through French Indo China to Hainan island. The troops have been trapped on the border by the communists.

The Chinese language New Life Evening News said Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung in Peiping had ordered Gen. Lu Han, turnover governor of Yunnan province, to take orders from Red Gen. Liu Po Cheng.

Both Mao and Cou En-Lai, Red foreign minister, replied to Lu's proclamation of the "liberation" of Yunnan. The reply set forth five main points indicating a cold attitude toward Lu.

- The five points were:
 1. Lu must obey Liu.
 2. Lu must prepare immediately to welcome communist armies in Yunnan.
 3. All "reactionaries" must be prevented from escaping Yunnan.
 4. The independent gendarmerie division in Yunnan must be ordered north to attack nationalist guerrillas.
 5. All property and assets of "reactionaries" must be protected and kept intact pending orders for their disposal.

Taxi Operators Case Tabled by Councilmen

By STEPHEN A. STONE

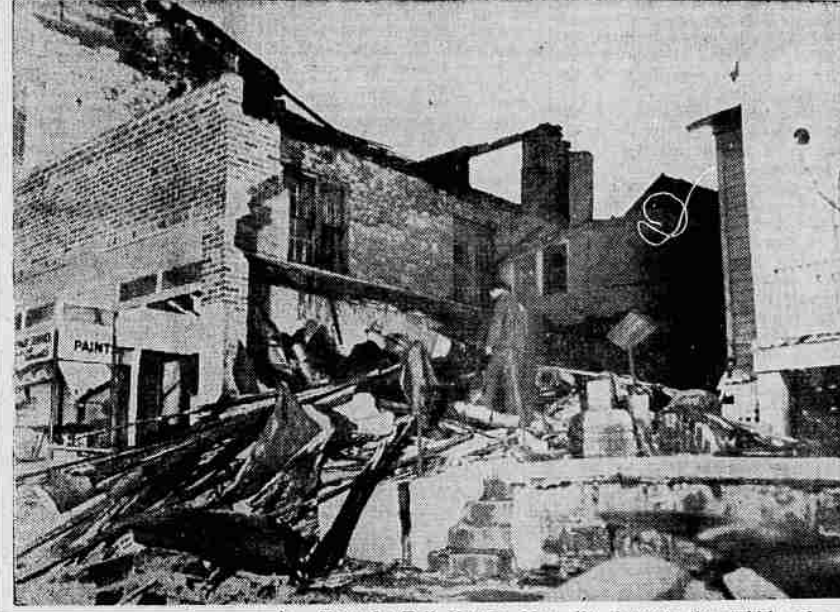
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Action on two other of the 11 drivers involved awaits disposal of their cases in court. The two, Don Clark and Troy Crabtree, pleaded innocent, and trials have not yet been held.

Relative to the other nine the council could do little else than revoke their licenses because upon their pleas of guilty the court had made as a condition of parole that they not drive vehicles for hire for the period of probation, which is three years.

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Elks Plan for Christmas Cheer

J. E. Krauger again heads a committee of the Elks that will put on the Christmas cheer party for 1000 or more Salem kiddies.

For many years the annual holiday event has been sponsored by the Elks. As in the past it will include the distribution of clothing, motion pictures at the Capitol theater and presentation of candies and fruits.

The clothing will be made available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on December 16, 17, and 18.

The picture program is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. And after the movie show the children will be taken to the Elks temple where the Christmas treats will be distributed.

Teachers of the Salem schools and those of nearby communities are assisting in selection of the children.

The Elks committee assisting Mr. and Mrs. Krauger is: Lloyd Thomas, John Gilmer, Cecil Frame, and A. C. (Jack) Baker, all of Salem; B. N. Speer, Aumsville; Sam Ramp, Brooks; C. W. Cutsforth, Gervais; D. P. McCarthy, Independence; W. J. Kloft, Mt. Angel; Walter Gerth, West Salem; Lee Haskins, Silvertown; Grant Murphy, Stayton; Adolph Heater, Sublimity; E. E. Ball, Turner; and E. J. Allen, Woodburn.

All Passengers Killed in Crash

Karachi, Pakistan, Dec. 13 (AP)—All 21 passengers and a crew of four were reported killed in a Pakistan transport plane crash last night 45 miles north of here.

The list of casualties was not yet confirmed but it was reported that two Pakistan army generals were among the passengers.

The two generals, according to officials of the Pak Air company which operated the plane, were believed to be Maj. Gen. Sher Khan and Maj. Gen. Ifthikhar.

The plane, a twin-engine DC-3, crashed in desert country. It was first spotted by aerial searchers early this morning and rescue parties were sent to the scene of the crash.

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Plane Crashes in Potomac Killing 4 of 23 Aboard

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—A Capital airliner wandered off a radar path leading into fogbound National airport last night and crashed in the mud of the Potomac river, carrying four of the 23 persons on board to their death.

The 19 survivors—an amazingly high number for a plane crash—were taken to the hospital at Bolling air force base, located nearby. Many were badly hurt.

Government officials laid plans for a prompt inquiry into the cause of the crash.

The dead were Mrs. William Chertow, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Neville Lassiter, a government employee who lived in Arlington, Va.; and the pilot and co-pilot, W. J. Davis, 45, and Lloyd L. Porter, 28, both of Alexandria, Va.

The bodies of Davis and Porter were recovered from the partly submerged wreckage hours after the crash. Workers hacked away at the fuselage through the night to get at the two bodies, which were visible in the water-covered cockpit by the light of rescue lamps.

Navy and air force men who sped to the scene in crash boats credited a number of factors for the high rescue rate. High on the list were luck and the relative calm of the survivors—most of them servicemen going home to spend Christmas.

In addition, there were reports that the plane's wheels were not in landing position, but were retracted into the fuselage. If true, this would indicate that the pilot had changed his mind about landing. It may have kept the death toll down by preventing the plane from turning completely over in the river's mud. With the wheels up, a comparatively smooth water landing was possible.

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Pravda Opens Fire on Finland

Moscow, Dec. 13 (AP)—The communist newspaper Pravda accused Finland's Prime Minister Karl A. Fagerholm today of violating the Soviet-Finnish friendship treaty and trying to stir up trouble with Russia.

Fagerholm, the paper said in an important editorial, "is once again dragging (Finland) into bloody senseless adventures" like the two Finnish-Soviet wars in the last decade.

The editorial attack on Finland's anti-communist government was the sharpest official Soviet action since Fagerholm crushed a series of communist strikes last September. Finland and Norway are the only countries on Russia's European border that are not communist-dominated.

Pravda centered its fire on a proposal made by Fagerholm last week to change the date of Finland's national independence day to commemorate the beginning of the 1939 Soviet-Finnish war. Finland now celebrates Independence day on December 6, the anniversary of the date in 1917 when Finland broke away from czarist Russia during the Red revolution.

United States Likely to Break With Bulgaria

Sharp New Denunciation Over Treatment Accorded Envoys

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—The United States today backed up a sharp new denunciation of implied threat to break off diplomatic relations entirely.

Protesting against attacks on U.S. Minister Donald R. Heath, the state department declared the legation at Sofia is being subjected to such restrictions and indignities that it has virtually ceased to function.

Undersecretary James E. Webb called into question "the Bulgarian government's intentions with respect to the maintenance of normal relations between the two countries."

The prospect of a possible first open break between the United States and one of the Soviet bloc governments flared last night. Webb then summoned Dr. Peter Voutov, top Bulgarian representative in Washington, to the state department for a stiff and forceful lecture.

The occasion was the publication of charges in the government controlled communist press in Sofia. The articles said that both the state department and Heath deliberately lied in denying the minister had ever seen Traicho Kostov, former vice premier who is the No. 1 defendant in the current Sofia "purge" trial. One article, signed by the director of the political department of the Bulgarian foreign office, accused the U.S. government of engaging in spying and subversive activity through official representatives.

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Quirino Held P. I. President

Manila, Dec. 13 (AP)—A joint session of congress today declared Elpidio Quirino, president and winner of the November 8 election.

A heavy guard stood outside the chamber during debate. The congressional action was taken after Senator Vicente Sotto warned if the election results were not set aside a revolution might break out in the islands.

Sotto is a supporter of Jose Avelino, third man in the race for president. Dr. Jose P. Laurel, puppet president under the Japanese, ran second.

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New Australian Leader — Robert Gordon Menzies (above), Australian liberal leader, is slated to be restored to the prime ministry he held from 1939 to 1941. Australia's labor government, after an eight-year rule, has been ousted in the national election. Now that Australia and New Zealand have ousted their labor governments, Britain is the only country within the commonwealth with a socialist laborite government. (Acme Telephoto)

Socialist Quits In Australia

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, whose eight-year-old labor government was defeated by a free enterprise coalition in Saturday's balloting, tendered his resignation today.

Chifley was asked by Governor-General William J. McKell to carry on for a short time until the government is officially taken over by Robert Gordon Menzies, leader of the triumphant coalition.

Menzies' new cabinet, which will contain members of his own party and the cooperating country party, will be sworn in Monday.

Late election returns showed the liberal-country coalition will have a majority of 29 seats in the house of representatives. The count was liberals, 57; country party, 18; labor, 46.

New Zealand's new national party government of Prime Minister Sidney G. Holland was sworn in at Wellington today. It took over from the labor government of Peter Fraser which was defeated November 20 after 14 years in office.

Fraser, now opposition leader, declined an invitation of Holland to join the New Zealand delegation to the British commonwealth ministers' conference in Ceylon next month.

"There's not going to be any more socialism in New Zealand" Holland said today after his government took office.

Prelate Bans Sex Education

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 13 (AP)—Archbishop John Gregory Murray has banned Catholic children from school classrooms where sex education is taught.

Denouncing sex lessons in public or private schools, the archbishop said in his pastoral letter sex is a subject "for personal discussion between parent and child, physician and patients, or confessor and penitent."

The letter affects 337,200 Catholics in 27 south central Minnesota counties.

Israeli Plans To Shift Capital To Jerusalem

Proposal Poses New Problems for Trusteeship Council

Lake Success, Dec. 13 (AP)—U. N. officials said today that transfer of Israeli government offices and parliament to Jerusalem complicates the already complex task of placing the holy city under international rule.

They said such moves seemed certain to pose new problems for the 12-nation trusteeship council in its efforts to impose a U. N. regime in the face of opposition by the occupying powers, Israel and Hashemite Jordan.

Carlos P. Romulo, president of the 1949 general assembly which voted to internationalize Jerusalem, said:

"If it is true that Israel will make Jerusalem her official capital, it complicates an already complicated situation." Tel Aviv dispatches reported an Israel spokesman said the moves do not mean Jerusalem is to be considered the political capital of Israel immediately.

Now in Two Sections

As a result of the Jewish-Arab fighting last year Jerusalem is now divided into two parts. Israel holds the western section of the city, while Jordan legionnaires occupy the so-called "old city" which contains most of the shrines sacred to Christians, Moslems and Jews.

Informants said the trusteeship council first will draft a statute for Jerusalem and suburban areas such as Bethlehem which would be included in the international area.

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Israel Advised To Avoid Trouble

Tel Aviv, Israel, Dec. 13 (AP)—The United States has advised the Israeli government to avoid any inflammatory measures to resist the United Nations decision to internationalize Jerusalem, reliable sources said today.

The knesset (parliament) meets this afternoon. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion is expected to reject the U. N. Assembly's resolution calling for an international regime to rule the Holy City now divided into Jewish and Arab armed camps.

Informed sources said the Israeli government will continue to move some government offices to the Jewish section of Jerusalem but will avoid an outright proclamation of the Holy City as Israel's capital at this time.

Some knesset delegates have demanded immediate proclamation of Jerusalem as the capital city, in defiance of the U. N. resolution. But reliable sources said a more moderate policy had been adopted by Ben Gurion's government after U. S. Ambassador James MacDonalld had advised against any inflammatory measure likely to build up tension over Jerusalem's future.

Ben Gurion, however, is expected to repeat his government's stand that Jerusalem "always was and always will be" the capital of the Jewish nation.

Find Tracks of Lost Kelso Girl

Kelso, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Fresh, faltering tracks today spurred 500 searchers in the hunt for Ruth Aberle, 16-year-old Girl Scout, missing two days.

Sheriff's Deputy Costa Watts reported this morning on his return from the rugged, rain-soaked search area six miles northeast of here that three men had found comparatively fresh tracks about midnight. They appeared to be only four to six hours old, he said.

Sheriff C. W. Reynolds recruited fresh hunting parties at dawn to speed the tracing of the tracks found by Fred Binkley and Dick Tabor of Longview and Dave Keller of Kelso. Bloodhounds, withdrawn during the night, went back on the job.

Watts said the fresh tracks were picked up only a mile and a half from where the girl disappeared Sunday. "Whoever made them was faltering," he said, "as there were spots where the person stumbled and fell in crossing over logs and through the heavy underbrush."



Elks Provide Apparel for Needy—Clothing, shoes and wearing apparel for needy Salem families is now being collected and will be distributed this week by the Salem Elks lodge. Shown (from left) sorting donated apparel are: Miss Elvora J. Pedersen, H. J. Wiedmer, Mrs. Alma Alchrist, Mrs. J. E. Krauger, Mrs. Pearl Grote, Mrs. Mary Nash and J. E. Krauger.