

MOSTLY CLOUDY with intermittent light rain tonight, Thursday, except snow over mountains. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 38; highest Thursday, 46.

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation: Trace; for month: 1.36; normal, 2.85. Season precipitation, 10.03; normal, 12.61. River height, 4.4 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Pearson Wants 8 Survivors Of Flaming Ship Landed

Asks Board to Consider Buying for State Buildings from BPA

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State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson has asked the state board of control to consider the advisability of obtaining electrical power for state buildings in Salem and Portland directly from the Bonneville Power administration.

At present the state obtains its electrical power from the Portland General Electric company. Pearson has invited Bonneville engineers to appear before the board on December 27 and present estimates of cost of such service.

Lines to Cost \$1,500,000

Pearson admitted that he did not know what it would cost the state to construct the necessary lines to obtain federal power. He said that former Treasurer Leslie Scott had obtained a pre-war estimate of \$750,000 for such lines. Present costs would be at least twice this amount.

However, Pearson contended that as an alternative to the state building lines, arrangements might be made to bring the Bonneville power over PGE lines to Salem at a slightly higher cost. Sees a Saving

"I am sure that the state could make a material saving if we could enter into a contract with Bonneville," Pearson said. Portland General Electric company now has a contract that will not expire for about a year to furnish electrical power to state buildings in Salem. Recently officials of this company requested that this contract be cancelled in order that the company might write a new four-year contract which it was said would have the state \$2800 a year.

Detroit Defeats Incorporation

While voters on the question of incorporating the city of Detroit were turning down the proposal Tuesday by a vote of 163 to 113, the Marion county court in Salem approved the corporate entity of Idanha by certifying to a vote of 190 to 8 in favor of creation of that city.

Certification of the Idanha vote had been delayed when the ballot box appeared locked with the tally sheet inside of it. So Mrs. LaVelle Haseman, member of the Idanha election board, appeared before the county court Tuesday afternoon with an extra tally sheet, the vote was certified and the unincorporated town became a city ready to elect officers and function in due course.

Dutch Motorship Explodes at Sea—16 of Crew Missing

Miami, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—Eight battered survivors of the burning Dutch motorship Doros were brought ashore by a coast guard rescue plane today as search continued for 16 others still missing at sea.

A coast guard PBM—Martin Mariner flying boat—landed the men at air sea rescue headquarters in Miami. One man was badly burned and taken off on a stretcher. The other seven were walking cases. All were rushed to hospitals for treatment.

Horror and Death Tales

Survivors told a story of horror and death. "All the other officers are dead," said the chief engineer, identified only as Helmus. Saloon Steward Edward Amund said an explosion occurred about 11 a.m. Monday. He did not know the cause. "The ship was suddenly all in flames. I guess the explosion was amidship but in seconds the whole ship was on fire. I ran to a life boat and helped put it in the water."

Blast Occurred Monday

The chief engineer was among the eight picked up from a life boat. None of the men aboard were identified.

Indonesia Now Free State

Batavia, Java, Dec. 14 (AP)—Representatives of 16 Indonesian states and territories signed tonight a constitution which will join them in an independent United States of Indonesia, sovereignty though linked with the Dutch crown.

The constitution becomes effective the moment The Netherlands transfers sovereignty, probably Dec. 27, surrendering the fabulously rich islands after 300 years of Dutch rule. Within two weeks the constitution probably will become the supreme law of a new nation of 77,000,000 people in the southwest Pacific.

The constitution sets up a federal state patterned after European democracies. Government power will be exercised by the president and his ministers, along with a house of representatives and a senate.

The constitution calls for the selection of a president by deputies from each of the 16 states. An electoral body already has been formed and is scheduled to pick the chief of state Saturday at Jogjakarta, Java. The president will choose three cabinet members, who, in turn, will select three others. The government, in abbreviated form, is scheduled to accept sovereignty Dec. 27 and go ahead later with formation of the senate, house, and other organs of government.

Security Costs \$20 Billion

Washington, D.C., Dec. 14 (AP)—The committee for economic development (CED) estimated today that national security will cost at least \$20,000,000,000 a year for years to come.

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Israeli Move To Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Dec. 14 (AP)—Premier David Ben-Gurion arrived today in Jerusalem to set up his government in the disputed Holy City in defiance of the United Nations plan for internationalization.

The silver-haired, 64-year-old chief of government arrived just before noon, without fanfare or ceremony, drove to a hotel where the flag of Israel was hoisted, and began an informal conference with his ministers and officials.

His arrival climaxed a transfer of government ministries which has been going on quietly ever since peace was restored to the city after the end of the Arab-Jewish Palestine war. In the shadow of the walls of the Old City, occupied and patrolled by soldiers of Hashemite Jordan, the Israeli officials went methodically about the business of setting governmental functions in motion.

The prime ministry is the seventh of the Israeli ministries to be installed in headquarters in Jerusalem. The foreign minister, however, is remaining in Tel Aviv, at least for the time being. Jewish residents of the Holy City always have regarded it as the "eternal capital" of Israel, but these moves, coming so quickly after the U.N. decision to make this an international area, have been carried out in an atmosphere of deadly seriousness.

New Seaplane for Warring on Subs

Washington, Dec. 14 (AP)—The navy is getting a new seaplane made especially for warring on submarines. It is to be capable, too, of landing and taking off from the rough, open sea.

The navy announced today an initial production contract for the PSM-1 has been awarded the Glenn L. Martin company of Baltimore.

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Ham 'n Eggs Promoter Probed by Legislators

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—An investigating committee again pointed its finger at pension promoter George H. McLain today and told him to show up with his financial records. The senate welfare committee invited Assemblyman John W. Evans (R.), Los Angeles, to appear at the same meeting here next Monday. He was offered the chance to tell his side of a sworn statement that McLain's citizens' committee for old age pensions paid him \$75 a week during the last session of the legislature.

Says Vishinsky Forced Red Regime on Romania

Lake Success, Dec. 14 (AP)—The American delegation to the U.N. today made public charges by Romanian ex-Foreign Minister Constantin Visoianu that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky forced a communist-dominated government on Romania.

The charges bore out press dispatches of February, 1945, which told of Romania's entrance into the communist camp. Visoianu offered to testify before the United Nations. He now is living in New York.

London Power Strike Settled

London, Dec. 14 (AP)—The British Press association said tonight it understood London's crippling power strike has been settled.

The wildcat strike in four of London's biggest nationalized power houses had threatened earlier today to spread to every plant in the city. "Recommendations will be made at a mass meeting of the strikers tomorrow for an immediate return to work," the report said.

Stores Can't Hold Give-Away Drawings

Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that stores can't hold drawings to give away merchandise. He said they are illegal lotteries.

Chinese Troops May Aid France

Hong Kong, Dec. 14 (AP)—Pro-communist newspapers said today nationalist Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi has been negotiating with French officials in Indochina for the incorporation of some of his 30,000 troops into the French colonial army.

Pai's 30,000 troops are crowded on the Indochina border by Chinese communists. Earlier he had reportedly asked permission to evacuate the troops through Indochina to the nationalist island of Hainan. The pro-Red newspapers, Ta Kung Po and Wen Wei Po, published the reports from Canton. Ta Kung Po said Pai had proposed that his troops cross the Indochina border as a volunteer army to assist the French in fighting communism. The newspaper added Pai already had appointed a Chinese commander for the army. Peiping communist officials recently warned all countries bordering China not to give sanctuary to Chinese nationalists fleeing China. French Indochina was singled out in particular by the Peiping communist radio.

Sioux City Swift Plant Blast Kills Over 30, Injures 200

Death Sentences For Titoism Give Bulgar Officials

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 14 (AP)—Traicho Kostov, former communist vice premier of Bulgaria, was convicted of treason tonight and sentenced to death by hanging.

Ward Denies Espionage Tale

Aboard Lakeland Victory enroute to Pushan, Korea, Dec. 14 (AP)—Consul General Angus Ward today denied the Mukden consulate was a United States spy ring headquarters, a charge the communists said they used as a basis for deporting the last Americans from Manchuria.

Votes Negro Housing Project

Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 14 (AP)—The federal government has rejected this city's application for 400 public housing units because the project was intended for Negroes only. City officials met today to discuss a new bid.



No Trace Found Of Girl Scout

Kelso, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—Searchers, with waning hope, again today forced their way through underbrush of the Ostrander creek area in quest of Ruth Aberle.

The 16-year-old Girl Scout has been missing since straying away from companions Sunday noon while on a Christmas tree hunt.

There is little hope that she will be found uninjured, and a growing fear that she is dead. Coroner Gordon Quarnstrom reported last night that sheriff's deputy Merle Bevins had all but given up hope of finding her alive.

But sheriff's deputy Costa Watts said late last night, as fog blanketed the area and all but brought the search to a halt, "The search will go on. We won't give up."

At dawn today more than 100 men headed north from the point where they have established a base camp. They hoped that footprints, found late yesterday before the fog moved in, might lead to the pretty high school student. Tracks followed earlier yesterday played out.

The new tracks took off along the north fork of the main stream. They were followed until 10:30 last night. Campfires dotted the rough hillside and a mobile generator lighted the camp where 100 men spent the night. Sheriff C. W. Reynolds issued a call for fresh searchers today.

A Salvation Army group that arrived Sunday night with the start of the search, continued serving hot coffee, and sandwiches prepared in Kelso and relayed to the chilled volunteer searchers.

More than 500 have taken part in the greatest hunt people here can recall. Men of the Longview-Kelso unit of the Washington national guard joined loggers, businessmen, laborers and even housewives in the quest.

The president, has been made clear, will urge congress in a personal appeal in January, for that part of the "Fair Deal" it refused to pass this year.

To Remove Snags In Tillamook Burn

The state forestry board will receive bids until December 30 on removal of 2,718 snags from the Tillamook burn near Owl camp. It will be the third area in the region to be clear of snags. Removal of snags is part of the job of fire-proofing the area, which has been swept by fire three times since 1933. George Spaur, state forester, said work is going ahead on the snag removal program.

Explosion Levels 5 Story Brick Office Building

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 14 (AP)—Thirteen persons were known to have been killed and more than three-score injured today in an explosion at the Swift & Co. packing plant. Estimates had been made that the death toll would reach 30 or 35. The explosion was caused by natural gas.

At 4:15 p.m. (EST), three and a half hours after the explosion, Lt. Cmdr. M. W. Feddersen, head of the naval reserve unit, said 13 bodies—four of them unidentified—had been taken to the naval reserve armory.

Others known dead by mid-afternoon were Alvin E. Heck, Henry Louis Babcock, Ralph Paul Beck, John M. Butler, all of Sioux City; David Joseph Selkirk, Hinton, Ia., and Clinton Merrill Johnson, Bronson, Ia.

John Glen, 60, general manager of the plant, suffered cuts, bruises and shock. He was struck in the left side of the head and knocked unconscious. At Methodist hospital his condition was reported fair.

Brig. Gen. Charles Grahhl, adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard, said in Des Moines that guard officers told him by phone that "30 or 35 were killed." He called it "probably the worst disaster in Sioux City history."

Lindgren said firemen and volunteers had donned gas masks to go into the debris-choked basement where cries of the injured could be heard. 200 Said Injured

Estimates of the number of injured ran as high as 200. Al Wright, city sales manager for Swift who was in the company restaurant in one corner of the five-story brick office building at the time of the explosion, said: "There was a big puff. That's all I know."

Truman to Urge Fair Deal Bills

Key West, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—Work at the temporary White House slowed down to little more than routine today. President Truman delegated most of what there was to do to John R. Steelman, assistant, and Clark M. Clifford, special counsel.

They in turn delegated to staffers in Washington necessary leg and research work to get the "State of the Union" message into shape for final consideration by the full cabinet before the last draft is written at the White House.

The president, has been made clear, will urge congress in a personal appeal in January, for that part of the "Fair Deal" it refused to pass this year.

How he proposes to raise enough new taxes to offset a prospective new deficit has not been disclosed. Nor has he said how he views suggestions to eliminate or reduce war-time excise taxes.

He long has advocated a revision of the tax structure to close loopholes, shift a greater share of the cost of government to the profits of corporations, and reduce the taxes of low-income groups.



Search for Missing Girl—Some of the several hundred volunteers pressed into the hunt for Ruth Aberle, 15, who disappeared while looking for Christmas trees near Kelso, Wash., prepare to search an area where fresh footprints were found. The tracks were found a mile and a half from where the high school sophomore was last seen and, according to searchers, "looked like they were made by an extremely exhausted person." (Accme Telephoto.)