

PARTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 34; highest Saturday, 45.

Maximum yesterday, 44; minimum today, 34. Total 24-hour precipitation: .11; for month: 1.79; normal: 3.23. Season precipitation: 11.33; normal: 12.97. River height: .5 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Truman Tells of Friendship for Eisenhower

No Objection to Anybody Running for Anything

Key West, Fla., Dec. 16 (AP)—President Truman today made it a matter of record that he and General Dwight D. Eisenhower are "good friends and always have been."

Apparently concerned about stories out of Key West that he regards the former army chief of staff as a candidate for the presidency, the presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters:

"The president wants it to go on record that he and General Eisenhower are good friends and always have been."

Ross himself described the stories as "souped-up" and said he knew of no intimates with whom the president has discussed the possibility of Eisenhower becoming a candidate.

Ross denied candidacy. The White House reaction came after Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, said he was not a candidate, no matter what any one thinks, and will not be talked into becoming one.

"Does the president regard General Eisenhower as a candidate in 1952?" a reporter asked Ross.

The secretary said, "I don't know what is in his (the president's) mind. The president is not talking about it along those lines."

"Does the president object to Eisenhower running next year?" Ross was asked.

Simply Good Friends. "The president has no objection to anybody running for anything."

Eisenhower has made speeches regarding in administration quarters as critical of the Truman program.

Ross volunteered the comment that the president had noticed the story out of Fort Worth and simply wanted to make it clear he and Eisenhower were good friends.

A reporter asked: "Is this an attempt to kill an Eisenhower boom?" "I'm not trying to kill or start any boom," Ross said. "I'm just telling the facts as I know them."

Ross said he feared the Key West stories had "embarrassed" General Eisenhower and that was far from any intention by the president.

Ross said, "certainly nothing official has come from the White House."

Salem Facility In Aviation News

Naval aviation men all over the world this month had an opportunity to learn of Salem's Naval Air Facility.

In the December issues of Naval Aviation News, published monthly by the chief of naval operations and the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C., is an article telling of the establishment of the Salem facility.

Accompanying the article, which points out that the facility is "Oregon's first Naval Air Reserve activity" and local headquarters for more than 900 officers and men in the Willamette valley, are two pictures.

One of the pictures was taken at the commissioning service in Salem in August, the other is a picture of Lt. Comdr. Wallace Hug, officer in charge of the facility, and a group of the Salem station keepers, taken in Seattle.

The article not only tells of the commissioning service and the appearance here of the navy's Blue Angels, but of the activities to be conducted at the Salem Naval Air facility.

It also gives information on the number of planes assigned here, the location and lists the officer in charge giving a bit of his background. In addition it notes that there are 21 enlisted station keepers at the facility, nine of them being rated as natives of Salem.

Quirino Faces Operation. Manila, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Elpidio Quirino is scheduled to enter Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore January 9 for an operation. The nature of the operation was not disclosed by the Malacanang palace announcement of his impending trip to the United States.

Ku Klux Klan Jury Still Out In Mass Trial

Rome, Ga., Dec. 16 (AP)—A federal jury passed the 11 hour mark today still without a verdict in the government's civil rights charges against 10 Dade county men.

The jury went back to work at 9 a.m. after spending seven fruitless hours last night. The defendants — Sheriff John W. Lynch, three of his deputies and six private citizens—wandered aimlessly in the corridors.

Each is accused on the first of a two-count indictment of conspiring to have seven Negroes arrested falsely and then surrendered to a Ku Klux Klan mob of 50 to 75 men for beating.

Indonesians Elect Soekarno

Batavia, Java, Dec. 16 (AP)—Radio Jogjakarta announced today that President Soekarno of the Indonesian republic has been elected first president of the new United States of Indonesia. He is to be sworn in tomorrow morning.

The new nation in the rich East Indies is to come into formal being shortly after Christmas, when the Dutch turn over to the Indonesians the reins of government they have held for three centuries.

Soekarno, a fiery orator, has been Indonesia's top nationalist figure for nearly two decades. He was unanimously chosen president of the U.S.I. by the electors from 16 Indonesian states.

When the revolutionary leader moves into the Dutch governor general's palace, the action will symbolize the birth of a new nation to Indonesia's 73,000,000 people. In fact, that move will mean more to them as proof of independence than all the written agreements and announcements. Less than 10 percent of the people can read and write.

A year ago, Soekarno and his cabinet were seized by Dutch paratroopers in the second "police action."

Shave Despite Water Shortage

New York, Dec. 16 (AP)—Habit proved too strong today for New York City men. They shaved.

Few stubbly faces could be seen as subways and buses unloaded their passengers at office opening time on this "dry Friday," a one-day experiment to conserve the city's fast disappearing water supply.

Failure of the men not to follow a "no shave" admonition was not considered a test of the scheme, however. There were other suggestions to save water. City residents were asked to forget tub baths and showers for the day, do all family laundering at one time, wash dishes in one batch, and even to drink one glass less during the day.

Talk around town indicated New Yorkers were taking "dry Friday"—the climax of many curbs on water use—in the same good humor that most of them exhibited under wartime restrictions.

Check of the reservoir meters after the experiment ends at midnight will show how many actually obeyed the "don'ts" during the 24-hour period.

If the saving is big enough, "dry Friday" will be a weekly holiday until the emergency ends.

Yeater Candidate For Either Mayor or Senator

Douglas Yeater will be a candidate for mayor of Salem or for the state senate.

He made that statement today, and said he would not announce his decision until after January 1.

He will not, he said, be a candidate for re-election to the Oregon house of representatives. Yeater was a member of the house in the 1947 and 1949 sessions of the state legislature.

His decision is being waited eagerly because of an unusual interest in contests for the office of mayor in the 1950 elections, and the question being most often asked in local political circles is: "Will Yeater run for mayor?"

So far two men are in the race, and have announced themselves as candidates. First to announce was Alfred W. Loucks. Then came the announcement of Walter Musgrave, who was mayor of

West Germany Regime Hit for Rearming Plan

Parliament in Uproar Over Charges Against Chancellor

Bonn, Germany, Dec. 16 (AP)—For the second time in three weeks a session of the west German parliament broke up in an uproar today over charges that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government is a puppet of the western allies.

Tumult broke out on the floor when Communist Leader Max Reimann bitterly accused Adenauer of fostering a German rearmament plan "backed by German and American imperialism."

"If it were left to the German people, this puppet government would be finished off in 48 hours," Reimann shouted.

At this, members leaped to their feet, shouting angry objections. The parliament president, Dr. Erich Koehler, recessed the session, but Reimann continued shouting over the uproar for several minutes before he strode from the chamber.

Socialist Leader Kurt Schumacher also disrupted a parliament session November 25 when he called Adenauer "chancellor of the allies" during criticism of the chancellor's decision to end west Germany's boycott of the international Ruhr authority. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Big Steel Hikes Prices of Steel

Pittsburgh, Dec. 16 (AP)—Big U. S. Steel Corporation hiked its steel prices about \$4 a ton today.

Other top basic steel producers are expected to follow the leader.

However, congressional investigators are trying to head off a general steel price increase because they say it threatens America's economy.

Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), chairman of the joint congressional economic committee, said he expects the committee to approve opening a probe of Big Steel's action after Christmas.

O'Mahoney declared the price raise is unjustified and will have an inflationary effect on the nation's economic system just when business leaders should be struggling to hold the lid on prices.

Watching the developments silently is the consumer. He'll ultimately have to pay more for hundreds of articles if a general price increase develops.

How much will such things as auto increase? No one knows but guesses range from \$7 to \$60.

And will the price increase result in more wage demands from the CIO United Steelworkers? That seems almost certain.

Big Steel's action wasn't a surprise.

11 Transients Dead In 2-Room Shack Fire

Rolan, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP)—Eleven transient cotton pickers of Mexico burned to death Wednesday night or early Thursday when fire destroyed a two-room shack on a farm north of here.

A wood-burning stove, in which fire was kept flaring all night as protection against 20-degree cold, was listed as the tentative cause of the blaze.

Sheriff R. L. Wilkins said nobody escaped from the house.



Mother Greet Ruth—Longview, Wash.—Both Happy—Mrs. William Aberle, Sr., who with her husband, never lost faith that her daughter, Ruth Aberle, 16, Kelsco school girl, would be found fondles her daughter's hair in happy reunion at Cowlitz county hospital Thursday night. The girl was the object of a five-day search in nearby forest. (AP Wirephoto)

Scout Training Saved Life of Lost Kelso Girl

Longview, Wash., Dec. 16 (AP)—Sixteen-year-old Ruth Aberle said today that her Girl Scout training saved her life during the 96 hours she was lost in the wilderness.

The Kelso, Wash., high school sophomore said she probably would have died in the woods if her Scout training had not helped her to find shelter and stay there until rescuers reached her.

Ruth was found in a deserted cabin yesterday by sawmill operator Charles F. Smith and his 16-year-old son, Philip. The rescue came after up to 1,000 men had searched the brush and second-growth timber in a 10,000-acre section eight miles north of Kelso.

Ruth became separated from nine of her school companions Sunday afternoon while hunting for Christmas trees.

She was exhausted and suffering from shock, but able to walk a mile and a half to the nearest road where an ambulance brought her to the Cowlitz county general hospital here.

"She's in pretty good shape," Dr. Clyde Duvall said. "She's exhausted and a little feverish, but she's come through it pretty well."

Ruth stumbled 11 miles through the forest Sunday afternoon to the 12 by 12 foot cabin where she found shelter from snow, rain and freezing weather.

To keep warm while she slept in the cabin, Ruth propped a door in a corner to stave off cold drafts.

The cabin was more than six miles from the area where the main search for her was concentrated.

She had no food but drank water from a nearby stream.

"I wondered if anyone would ever find me," Ruth said. "I wasn't very cold; in fact, I was a little bit warm. I got awfully hungry, living on just water."

Ruth's Girl Scout training also kept her faith up.

"I wasn't scared—just hungry," she said. "Why, I never realized how many people were looking for me. I'll have to read the papers to see what happened."

The sheriff's office reported that all searchers had left the woods.

Lt. Edward Ringle, commanding officer of the Longview-Kelso Salvation Army corps, said food donated by local merchants and residents to the corps for the hundreds of searchers reached a staggering amount.

The sheriff's office said the search was the largest single hunt in state history.

Stresses Aid for Middle East

London, Dec. 16 (AP)—Britain is pressing the United States and Canada to help launch a giant new aid program for the middle east and southern Asia, a responsible British source reported today.

He said the idea has come up "in the most general terms" at top-secret, three-power talks now going on in Washington.

The three-fold aim of such a project was said to be: 1. To save these strategic, potentially-rich regions from the spread of communism. 2. To help western Europe—mainly Britain—close its deficit gap between dollar buying and dollar spending. 3. To take off Britain some of the load she claims she's carrying in paying off the wartime sterling debts, accumulated by countries like India, Pakistan, Egypt and Iraq.

Plucky Ruth Aberle Tells Story of Being Lost in Woods

Plan Session of All Protestant Churches in U.S.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 16 (AP)—A permanent body aimed at eventual organic unity of the Protestant church in the United States was formed today at the conclusion of a three-day conference on church union.

Delegates from denominations with 14,000,000 to 16,000,000 members joined in summoning the balance of America's 47,000,000 Protestants to work for "an organic union."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Methodist World Federation and of the Methodist council of bishops, was named chairman of the executive committee.

The new, continuing body was named "The Conference on Church Union."

Bishop Holt said: "The conference is one of the most important Protestant meetings ever held in the United States."

"We are not ready yet to draw any blueprints of a new church but we are very sensible of the fact that we are being led in that direction."

The next meeting of the new conference should be held "not later than the early months of 1951," according to the amount of progress made, the statement said.

The Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U.S.A., was appointed vice chairman. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Dedicate New Umpqua Dam

Roseburg, Dec. 16 (AP)—California-Oregon Power company's \$7 million project, the first unit of a five-year \$50 million power building program, was formally dedicated here last night.

The ceremony was attended by Oregon and northern California dignitaries and civic leaders from town in "Cocopa Land."

Copco President A. S. Cummins flipped a switch illuminating a huge diagram of the north Umpqua river development program, which will eventually include eight hydroelectric plants supplying 145,000 kilowatts, more than doubling the company's present supply.

Governor Douglas McKay formally accepted the project in behalf of the people of Oregon and gave the principal address in a half-hour broadcast over a seven-station mutual hookup.

The broadcast, with Glenn L. Jackson, Copco vice president, Medford, as master of ceremonies, included talks by Cummins, Bonneville Administrator Dr. Paul J. Raver, Copco Construction Superintendent John C. Boyle, Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg and the mayors of Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Dunsuir, Calif., Yreka and Medford.

Women's Clubs Back Garbage Disposal Plan

Every man, woman and child in Salem has a rat. That makes nearly 60,000 rats.

When a plan for universal city-wide garbage disposal goes before the city council, which is expected, it will have the backing of all of the 37 women's clubs in Salem.

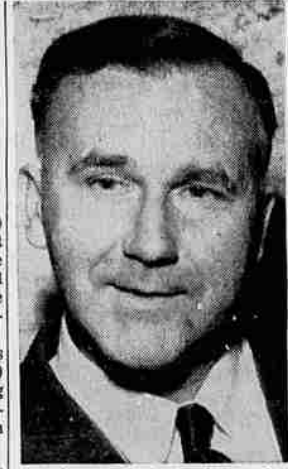
That word came out of a meeting Thursday of the Salem Council of Women's Organizations, which is made up of delegates from all of the clubs.

The meeting yesterday was told that there is a rat in Salem for every person, and elimination of the disease and filth-carrying rodents was stressed as an important public service. It is one of the main objectives of the movement started by the women for universal garbage disposal.

The move was started by the Salem Women's club, which had a letter before the city council last Monday night, and the club was also represented by several of its members. Wednesday the project was put before the Council of Women's Organizations, and the delegates will recommend to all the clubs, 37 in all, that they back the plan. The vote was unanimous.

A plan has not yet been drawn up. It is said, however, that it will not be detrimental to the concern that now handles Salem garbage under contract with the city.

The women interested have heard of methods of garbage handling by people who do not subscribe to the garbage collector's service that give the matter a wider importance than rat control. Instances were mentioned of garbage being thrown regularly into Mill creek.



Witness—Latest witness in the San Francisco perjury trial of Longshore Chief Harry Bridges is Paul Crouch (above), who will testify for the government. Crouch, a supervisory employe of a Miami, Fla., newspaper, was a communist party organizer for 17 years, was in Soviet Russia in 1928, at which time he was given an honorary colonel's rank in the Red army. (Acme Telephoto)

Ex-Red Asserts Bridges Commie

San Francisco, Dec. 16 (AP)—A former red leader, once imprisoned for trying to communize U. S. soldiers, says Harry Bridges twice was elected to the Communist party's powerful central committee.

Bridges is on trial in federal court on a perjury charge—accused of lying when he swore, to obtain U. S. citizenship in 1945, that he never had been a Communist. Australian born, he is president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union.

The witness who testified that Bridges was a member of central committee was Paul Crouch. He testified that Bridges was elected to the committee in 1936 under the name Rossi; and that he was elected again in 1938 under the name Dorgan.

Both times, Crouch said, the Communist delegates cheered wildly when Bridges' asserted "nom-de-red" names were placed before the convention.

Crouch said he was high in U. S. communist circles 17 years until he finally withdrew. He was a district organizer in 12 states, editor of party magazines and newspapers; a leader in numerous communist front organizations.

Denfeld Indicates Will Offer Resignation

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, ousted chief of naval operations, has indicated he will resign from the navy rather than step down to a lower command, it was learned today.

Friends quoted the former No. 1 naval officer as saying he would not accept the post of commander of U. S. naval forces in European waters which was offered at the time of his removal.

Paris, Dec. 16 (AP)—France will get a U.S. aircraft carrier as part of Atlantic pact aid, National Defense Minister Rene Pleven said today.

He made this disclosure in a budget hearing before the national defense committee of the lower house of parliament, the national assembly.

Pleven insisted on 1950 military credits of 420 billion francs or \$1,200,000,000.

This is only 18 percent of the total budget, he said, while comparative figures for other countries are: Great Britain, 23 percent, the United States 33 percent, Holland 19 percent, Italy 19.5 percent, and Russia 19 percent.

Pleven said he would insist on help from other Atlantic pact nations for the French air force, which now totals 60,000 men.

Pleven did not specify the size of the carrier.

6 Army Fliers 'Hit the Silk'

Reno, Nev., Dec. 16 (AP)—Six military passengers "hit the silk" at 12,000 feet and landed safely in a lava bed east of here early today when their air force "flying boxcar" developed motor trouble.

One received a broken leg, another an injured arm and the rest bruises. But all agreed they were pretty lucky.

"This is a pretty good Christmas present I'd say," commented Pfc. Joseph Leptich, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leptich, of Portland, Ore.

Leptich injured his arm when he landed on a boulder but he said he didn't think it was broken.

The pilot, second Lt. George Dumont, 26, Showhegan, Me., and his crew managed to bring the big C-82 to an uneventful landing at Hubbard field in Reno. The men bailed out about 20 miles northeast of here.

The CAA here reported the craft took on a heavy coating of ice and that the pilot ordered his passengers and radioman out when the left motor started to fail. The motor kicked in again, however, after the six had bailed out.