

MOSTLY CLOUDY with occasional showers tonight; becoming cloudy Thursday with rain by afternoon or evening. Little temperature change Low tonight, 35; high Thursday, 46.

Maximum yesterday, 49; minimum today, 47. Total 24-hour precipitation, .571 for month, 2.10; normal, 1.44. Season precipitation, 28.88; normal, 34.17. River height, 9.9 feet, rising. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Walsh Protests Elimination of Smaller Dam

Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Commission Discusses Problems

By JAMES D. OLSON
Elimination by the bureau of the budget of a number of smaller dams in the Willamette valley project seriously interferes with the effectiveness of the entire project, according to Col. O. E. Walsh, division engineer for the corps of army engineers.

Col. Walsh, a member of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee, meeting in Salem Wednesday, in making his report, urged that the committee hold an early meeting within the Willamette basin area to consider the deletions and take appropriate action.

Projects dropped by the bureau of budget included: Cascadia and Wiley Creek dams on the South Santiam; Louisville dam on the Little Luckiamute river; Gate Creek dam on the McKenzie river and levees on the middle fork of the Willamette and the McKenzie rivers.

Gov. Douglas McKay, as host to the meeting, urged that the meeting be held at an early date so that protests could be forwarded to northwest members of congress in time to insure action while the joint army-reclamation bill is still in committee.

Col. Walsh said that because of the cold weather work on virtually all army projects in the northwest were suspended in January. He said that at the present time 100 inches of snow at the Detroit dam site prevents any work.

Excess storage water together with a large flow of water enabled the northwest power pool to continue during January without any serious interruptions. Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville power administration reported.

Cold Wave Hits New England

A blast of frigid air from icy Hudson Bay slid down over New England today, bringing stiffening cold temperatures. At one spot it was 26 degrees below zero.

Most of the rest of the nation was having mild weather. The frosty breath from the cold northern waters shrank the mercury almost into hiding at Old Town, Maine, where the -26 was recorded.

At Lebanon, N. H. and Montpelier, Vt., the situation wasn't much better, 22 below zero. Upstate New York got a nip of sharp weather with 17 below at Glen Falls and 16 below at Albany. The Albany reading equaled the record for the date, set in 1934.

At Boston, the coldest day in two winters sent the thermometer to six degrees. New York had 15, Providence, R. I., seven, and Hartford, Conn., five.

At Netcong, N. J., it was an even zero.

Pennsylvania's coldest spot was at Fleetville, where it was -10.

At the same time the reading was 51 at Denver; 42 at Kansas City; 35 at Minneapolis; 30 at Chicago; 58 at Atlanta, 61 at Miami and New Orleans and 67 at Dallas, Tex. The mercury hit 90 at Laredo, Tex., yesterday.

American Flotilla To Visit Arabia

London, Feb. 8 (AP)—A United States navy flotilla will show the flag in oil-rich Saudi Arabia at the end of February, navy headquarters in London announced today.

A navy spokesman described the four-day call at the Red sea port of Jidda in King Ibn Saud's desert kingdom as a "courtesy visit."

The flotilla will include the Cruiser Roanoke and the Destroyers G. K. Mackenzie and E. G. Small. It will be commanded by Adm. Richard L. Conolly, commander of U. S. naval forces in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Search Plane Found Crashed In Yukon Wilds

None of 12 Men Aboard Dakota Killed, 3 Injured

Whitehorse, Y. T., Feb. 8 (CP)—First reports back from a Yukon mountainside where a Dakota search plane crashed last night indicate that none of the 12 men aboard was killed but three were injured.

The plane, not badly damaged, was sighted by another search plane which parachuted a radio to the men so full particulars could be reported back.

Some of the men were walking around the plane, but the number was not reported. There were 12 aboard the craft when it disappeared while searching near Aishihik.

On Mountain Slope

It was found between the 5,000 and 7,000-foot levels on a mountain slope. The Dakota, searching for a C-54 transport lost since Jan. 26 with 44 aboard, disappeared yesterday while sweeping the rugged, snow-covered mountains south of Aishihik, 100 miles northwest of here.

It was spotted early today by another search plane. The wreckage lay on a mountain between the 5,000 and 7,000-foot levels. Some of the men were walking around the plane.

The plane was found near the southern boundary of its search area. It was 12 miles north of Pon lake.

3 Men, Girl in Hotel Hold-up

Portland, Feb. 8 (AP)—Three young men and a girl were arrested today shortly after a hotel hold-up, and detectives said the four were being questioned about robberies in Tacoma.

Detective Joe Blewitt said the group told him they had come here from Tacoma to stage a hold-up. They were staying at an auto court here.

Booked on charges of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon were Robert Lee Robinson, 21, Okemah, Okla.; Raymond Levoay, 19, New York City; and William Franklin Mullin, 25, who detectives said was absent without leave from Ft. Lewis.

The girl, Maxine Mary Mulalley, 19, was booked on a charge of vagrancy.

A Roseland hotel clerk was robbed of \$33 early this morning by two men, while a third man waited in a cab nearby, holding the cabbie at gunpoint. The cabbie, George W. Hudson, said he had been forced to the floor of the cab, and was held prisoner more than an hour.

Confidence Voted Bidault's Cabinet

Paris, Feb. 8 (AP)—Premier Georges Bidault's revamped cabinet was approved today by a shaky vote in the French national assembly. But his coalition government appeared headed for trouble and possible downfall.

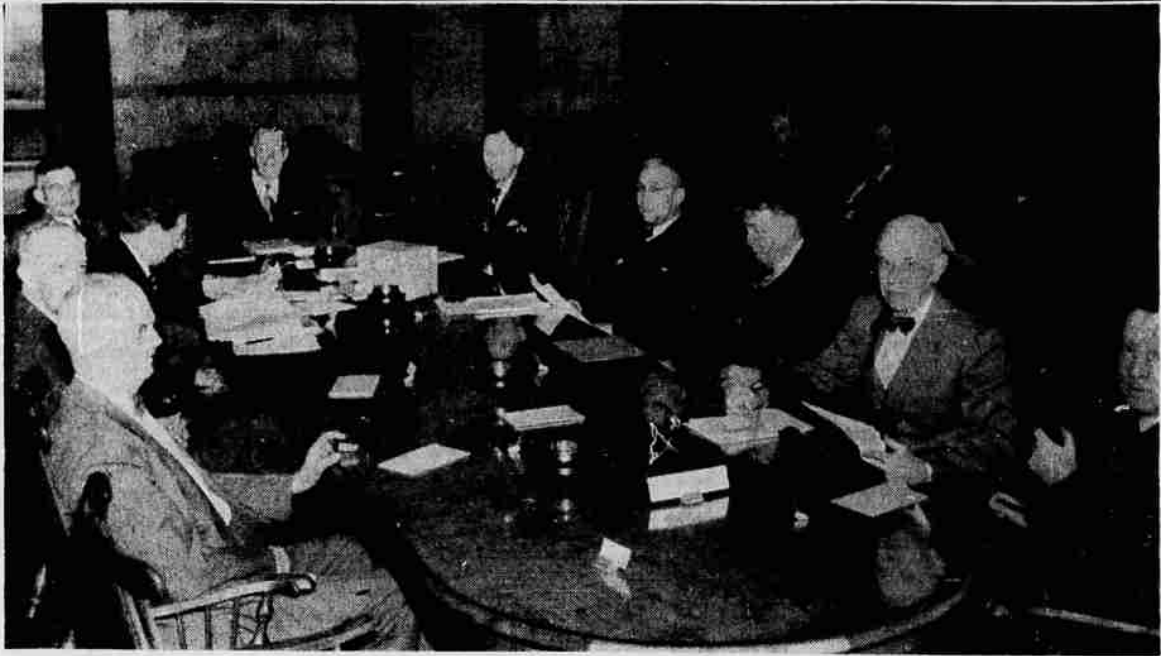
Although the cabinet was approved 225 to 185, socialists, conservative followers of Gen. Charles De Gaulle and right-wing independents abstained from voting.

Willamette Rising But No Menace of Flood

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
The Willamette continued to rise slowly here Wednesday morning, the local gauge measuring 9.9 feet, but, barring torrential rains, there is no prospect of flood waters now. Flood stage here is 20 feet.

New snowstorms struck through the high Cascade mountains last night and this morning, and the colder temperatures at higher elevations prevented further heavy run-off of snow waters.

Through the valley the run-off from the record snowpack piled up during January continued moderate and gradual.



Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee in Session Here—Representatives of the army, Bonneville administration, department of commerce, Federal Power commission, and the department of interior and agriculture hold a business session at the capitol. From left around the table in the board of control room: J. V. Rogers, C. H. Raymond, D. J. Fee, H. T. Nelson, Governor Douglas McKay, H. M. Peet, Paul J. Raver, Col. O. E. Walsh, Howard E. Waterbury and Mark R. Kulp. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming are represented.

Churchill Raps Labor Regime

Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 8 (AP)—Conservative Leader Winston Churchill charged the labor party today with deliberate lying to win votes in the February 23 election.

Churchill made the charge in a political speech as he began a swing around the kingdom to gain support for the Tories who hope to oust the present labor government.

He declared that Prime Minister Clement Attlee's followers have adopted a "nazi-communist principle" that if an untruth is told often enough and widely enough it becomes as good as the truth.

Attlee is due to speak also today in four different cities as he commences his automobile tour of the country to court votes for the laborites who have been in power since 1945.

In a slashing, gloves-off speech prepared for a mass meeting at the Cardiff football field, the 75-year-old conservative leader offered a point by point rebuttal of labor claims which he said did not jibe with the facts.

Churchill said the laborites and coal field communists "continually spread the story" he sent troops to shoot down the Rhondda valley mine strikers in Wales when he was home secretary in 1910. He called this a "cruel lie."

Churchill said the fact was that although the chief constable of Glamorgan—the Welsh county mainly involved—asked for troops to put down strike disorders the soldiers were never sent.

Film of 'Volcano' Banned by Catholics

Rome, Feb. 8 (AP)—"Volcano," Anna Magnani's latest film, has been banned for Catholics throughout the world by the Catholic cinematic center.

The center, which passes on artistic and moral aspects of all films for Catholics, found "Volcano" artistically and technically good but "morally negative," because its leading character, a fallen woman played by Magnani, "found no solution outside crime."

The picture is playing to full houses in one of Rome's luxury theaters and in other Rome theaters.

The Catholic cinematic center has not yet considered Roberto Rossellini's "Stromboli," starring Ingrid Bergman, which has the same locale as "Volcano."

10 Percent Cut AEC, VA Funds

Washington, Feb. 8 (AP)—A 10 percent cut in emergency funds for the atomic energy commission and the veterans administration was recommended today by the house appropriations committee.

But in approving an omnibus \$732,485,500 money bill for house action later this week, the committee said the cuts would not interfere with the operations of either of the two big agencies. None of the AEC funds was earmarked for work on the hydrogen bomb, committee members said.

Candidates Lined Up For Municipal Offices

The office of city judge, the mayor's chair, and Ward 8 alderman may be the only offices in the city administration to change hands in the elections of this year.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, as known for some time, is not a candidate for re-election. Unless someone else comes into the contest, which is unlikely, the new mayor will be either Alfred Loucks or Walter Musgrave, the only candidates so far announced.

Other offices where terms expire are city treasurer, city judge, and aldermen for Wards 2, 4, 6 and 8.

City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser will be a candidate to succeed himself, and may file his candidacy today. It is not probable he will be opposed.

Secret Nazi Group Probed

Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 8 (AP)—American agents disclosed today they are investigating a secret Nazi underground organization agitating for a new brand of Hitlerism in Germany.

The size of the underground group is unknown but one allied official called it "certainly dangerous."

"It must be watched," he added. "On the other hand, its importance should not be over-emphasized."

Calling itself the "Katakomben Scheinwerfer" (Catacomb Reflector), the underground movement has its headquarters somewhere in Munich, birthplace of Hitler's Nazi organization, American officials said. It publishes a secretly distributed newspaper glorifying Nazism and brands all Germans who oppose Hitler as traitors.

American agents said they are making a full investigation to uncover its strength and leadership, how it is financed and how it distributes its illegal literature.

Officials said the group apparently is in touch with underground fascist groups in Austria, Italy and possible in Argentina.

A recent pamphlet declared: "The fundamental principles of national socialism were right and led to unique successes."

Margaret Truman Appears on Radio

New York, Feb. 6 (AP)—Margaret Truman made her second professional appearance in New York last night on the radio program, "Carnegie Hall."

The president's daughter, a soprano, got enthusiastic applause from an audience that packed a midtown radio theater. The program, over the American Broadcasting company network, included these numbers by Miss Truman: "Smilin' Through," "He Stole My Tender Heart Away," and Glazounov's "Pavane D'Or."

Berlin Traffic Again Held-up

Berlin, Feb. 8 (AP)—New storms were brewing today for Berlin's troubled trade with the west as minor delays again held up trucks on the Soviet zone frontier at Helmsstedt.

By 11 a. m. a back log of 70 trucks was piled up, waiting to proceed to Berlin, while another 70 awaited clearance westward.

The Russians allowed eight to 10 trucks an hour through in each direction yesterday, but this morning they cut the rate to six or seven.

Charles A. Dix, U. S. transport chief in Berlin said such variations were "not too important."

He said he was more concerned about severe Soviet restrictions on the classes of goods permitted to cross through their zone.

For more than a month the Russians have flatly refused to clear exports of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metals from west Berlin.

They claim these were smuggled by black marketers from the Russian zone. Allied officials said it was not the smuggling which bothered the Russians but the acute shortage of metals in their zone.

Dix disclosed today that the Russians also have objected to West Berlin's export of drugs, certain types of electrical equipment and fine optics.

\$130,000 Loot For Bank Bandits

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8 (AP)—Two armed robbers escaped with an estimated \$130,000 in currency after a daring holdup of the Bank of Douglas here early today.

James Wise, vault teller at the bank who was forced at gun point to open the bank's vault, said the men took the money in bills of \$100 denominations or smaller. He estimated the total at close to \$130,000.

The two robbers caught the bank janitor, Clinton Wade, outside the bank shortly before 8 a. m. and forced him to let them into the building. When Wade entered the bank about an hour later, one of the men confronted him with a gun and ordered him to open the vault.

Wise said that when he told the men he didn't know if the time lock had been released the men replied "The time is off."

Wise opened the vault and gave them the money.

New Overtures To Russia Out, Says Acheson

U. S. Abandons Efforts for Joint Control Of Atomic Bombs

Washington, Feb. 8 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today ruled out any new overtures to Russia on international control of atomic weapons, including the hydrogen super-bomb.

Acheson also said the United States should avoid what he called self approach in connection with atomic weapons. He said this might paralyze American action in developing a strong American policy.

The secretary's remarks were made in a news conference discussion of U. S. policy.

He told newsmen that if this country can reach its goal of world peace by the process of agreement that will be the best way to do it. "But," he added, "four years of trying have brought us to the realization that is not possible."

Acheson spoke directly in commenting on recent senate speeches by Chairman McMahon (D., Conn.) of the congressional atomic energy commission and Chairman Tydings (D., Mo.) of the senate armed services committee.

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A decision on any such policy is up to President Truman, said the chairman of the joint chiefs. The joint chiefs' job is to advise on the "military implications."

Asked what are these implications in southeast Asia, Bradley replied with a quiet smile: "I won't tell you."

He added that "political implications may at times override military implications."

More Timber Roads In Northwest Urged

Portland, Feb. 8 (AP)—Chamber of Commerce leaders of Washington and Oregon were told yesterday to work for more timber roads in the Pacific northwest.

Regional Forester H. J. Andrews said the lack of access roads was hampering growth of the lumber industry. He said the federal government should contribute up to \$60,000,000 toward roads in the timberlands during the next five to ten years.

Lack of the access roads has held the timber cut on forest service lands in the two states to 1,500,000,000 board feet, he said. This contrasts with an allowable cut under the sustained yield plan of 2,500,000,000 feet he said.

Negotiations For Coal Peace Agreed Upon

Both Lewis and Operators to Try Again at Fact Finders Request

Washington, Feb. 8 (AP)—President Truman's coal fact-finding board today won agreement from John L. Lewis and the coal operators to try again for agreement on a coal contract through negotiations.

The new bargaining sessions were set for 2 p. m. with the board members sitting as observers.

The board members were optimistic that the whole coal dispute might be settled before nightfall.

David Cole, chairman of the board, had remarked that he believed an agreement might be reached "in two or three hours."

Lewis said it was "possible." The operators indicated they were less optimistic.

The board's proposal came after a somewhat stormy hour and a half of hearings during which Lewis once called coal man George H. Love "a liar by the clock."

Cole asked whether Lewis ever had presented any specific contract demands to the mine operators.

Love said he was informed by Cyrus S. Ching (federal mediation chief) that "it was the union bargaining technique to say that 'You men own the mines, I have the men in the palm of my hands—what do you bid?'"

Lewis jumped up and leveled off at Love across the table: "That's an infamous and deliberate lie. I said we represented the men. I say to you, 'George Cole, you're a liar by the clock.'" Cole tried to interrupt. Love protested: "I don't want to go into personalities, Mr. Cole."

"Why not?" Lewis shouted. "Why not?"

Cole restored calm and the hearings went on.

The chairman announced just before the Lewis outburst that the board would not take formal testimony, but would instead question the principals in public hearings to determine the facts.

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140,000 Autos Cut by Strike

Detroit, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Chrysler strike, if it continues through February, will cut about 140,000 units from the month's scheduled output.

Before the strike became certain the industry's planning called for a February output of 640,000 cars and trucks. Unless Chrysler factories reopen during the month the total is not likely to exceed 500,000.

The latter figure will be achieved largely through heavy overtime schedules in most of the factories now in production. In February last year United States factories built 426,665 vehicles.

What they will do in March of this year depends not only upon the resumption of Chrysler operations but also upon the size of the steel mill's output of the type of material used in vehicle production.

The car industry recovered from the effects of the steel tie-up late last year much faster than was expected.

Possible tightening up on car production volume during this year's first quarter doesn't mean a sharp cut in the total 1950 output. The industry had planned to build about 2,000,000 vehicles in the January-through-March period.

Steel Workers Aid Coal Union

Pittsburgh, Feb. 8 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers today sent a \$500,000 check to the United Mine Workers "to assist the needy miners and their families in their struggle against the coal operators."

President Philip Murray of both the CIO and the Steelworkers said the donation was authorized by the Steelworkers executive board.

Murray also sent an appeal to the 2200 USW locals asking them to make additional contributions.