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CLOUDY WITH occasional rain and continued mild temperatures tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight, 45; high Wednesday, 52.

Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 47. Total 24-hour precipitation: .10; for month: 3.41; normal, 2.84. Season precipitation, 30.18; normal, 25.37. River height, 8.5 feet, rising slowly. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Oregon Slow in Paying Bills Says Governor

Takes 3 Months Which Shuts Out Small Merchants

By JAMES D. OLSON The state of Oregon is too slow in paying its bills, Governor Douglas McKay stated Tuesday at the weekly meeting of the board of control.

"It sometimes takes as high as three months for the state to get its money to the merchants for materials furnished and this tends to shut out the small merchants who cannot wait that long for their money," he said.

His observation following rejection of a plea by the Salem Iron Works to insert a clause providing for two percent discount in its bid for two saving plans, if the state paid the bill within 10 days. The company's bid provided a net price.

Wants Cash Discount The Cramer Machine company of Portland, representing the Madison Iron Works of Huntington Park, Calif., was the low bidder on the two plants for the highway commission. Its bid was \$29,105 while the Salem firm bid \$30,348.17.

All members of the board agreed that previous action by the board is not permitting the two percent discount for cash unless it was specified in the bid, precluded such action on this bid.

"However, I think that it should be made clear to all bidders that this two percent is allowed," said the governor.

When he was informed that the discount could only be allowed by departments with a revolving fund, the governor said that purchasing department should take steps to cut down the time of paying state bills.

Forced to Wait 90 days. "I don't think there is any reason why any merchant should be required to wait 90 days for money due him by the state of Oregon."

Secretary of State Newby suggested that possible extension of the time when two percent would be allowed by bidders for cash from 10 to 30 days might help the situation.

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Miss Charley Indian Queen

Eleanor Charley, student at Chemawa Indian school, was elected queen for the school's 70th birthday party which will be celebrated February 24. The actual anniversary date is a day later.

The election of the queen took place Tuesday. At the same time four princesses, who with the queen will comprise the court, were elected. They are Georgia Young, Loretta Quampts, Isabelle Patche, and Martina Quampts.

The party will start at 7:30 in the school gymnasium, with crowning of the queen. This will be followed by a program and dance and the cutting of the birthday cake. The cake will be a huge culinary achievement, large enough to be shared by 600 students and faculty members and some others besides.

The birthday party slogan motto is "Seventy years of service, a future of responsibility."

Catholics Plan \$250,000 Church

Rev. T. J. Bernards, priest at St. Joseph's Catholic church, told the city council Monday night of plans of the church to erect a \$250,000 church, possibly this year.

He appeared in connection with zoning problems before the council, and was advised by the mayor and the council that the church should proceed with its plans.

The church will be located in the fringe area of the capitol zone, at Chemeketa and Winter streets. Father Bernards said that with the council's assurance that the church will be within zoning regulations the architect would be told to proceed with plans.

The new church was first planned about 10 years ago, but the war interfered.

Plan Regional Pact to Fight Reds in Asia

American Diplomats Advise Military Alliance at Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand (Siam), Feb. 14 (AP)—America's Far East diplomats today discussed a regional alliance in Asia to combat communism.

Philip C. Jessup, ambassador at large who is presiding, gave no hint in a statement whether this would be military or economic.

Jessup has said, however, that if the Asiatic nations entered into a military alliance the United States would view it sympathetically.

Jessup also reported the diplomats brought up "certain aspects of the problem of the conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan." Japan's trade relations with Asia and the United States also were discussed.

Most of the sessions last night and today were devoted to general economic problems.

Economic Problems These include a study of President Truman's point four program, which is designed to help nations become economically self-sufficient through aid and technical advice.

Jessup said the study included the question of tying this program in with other forms of aid, including possible funds from the international bank.

Jessup did not bring from Washington any specific state department plan for economic aid. He is asking the diplomats on the spot for the information to be used by Washington in welding a program for Asia.

Mystery Blast At Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland, Feb. 14 (AP) Police said they had no explanation of an explosion early today that rocked the parliament building where a Finnish president is to be elected tomorrow.

The officers said the explosion, on the staircase leading to the building's entrance, caused no serious damage inside the structure, in which 300 electors today present their credentials, prior to the presidential balloting tomorrow.

The electors are virtually certain to re-elect President Juho Paasikivi, 85-year-old anti-communist statesman. Of the 300 electors chosen in the January general election, 172 are pledged to support him.

There was no indication that the explosion was connected with tomorrow's election.

Immediately after the blast police threw a cordon around the staircase and the front entrance. The crowd that gathered on the street could see a hole the size of a football in the building's main entrance door, and twisted metal frames and broken panes in nearby windows.

Authorities said the main entrance, which could not be used today, would be open again before the electors ballot tomorrow.

Methodist Leader Dies

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—Edwin H. Hughes, 83 retired Methodist bishop and one-time president of DePaul university, died here Sunday. Hughes retired as head of the Methodist church in the Washington area in 1940 after serving eight years.

Council Responsible For Zone Protection

A simple bill introduced by Alderman Tom Armstrong, and put through to final passage Monday night, relieved the city council's capitol zoning headache.

Two other bills on the subject, on the calendar for third reading, were tabled to give the Armstrong bill right of way. Admittedly the action taken was somewhat on a trial basis, and the two tabled bills will be held in reserve in event the Armstrong bill proves inadequate.

The Armstrong bill is designed to protect both the interests of the state and those of people who have invested in the area where it was proposed to make a zone change to restrict construction to residences only. The bill that was passed simply provides that the city council shall pass on building permits in the district. It makes the council the guardian against undesirable construction.

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Brotherhood Week Planned

Further plans for Brotherhood week, February 19-26 in Salem were announced Tuesday by Chairman Joseph Felton as Governor Douglas McKay signed a proclamation designating the week as Brotherhood week in Oregon.

Local plans include special Brotherhood week speakers at four service clubs. During the week the Exchange club and Kiwanis have Norman Olson scheduled as Brotherhood week speaker. Rotary will hear Glenn Wade and the Lions Joe Dodd. Olson is a member of the board of Trinity Methodist church of Los Angeles.

C. A. Howard, former state superintendent of public instruction, will address the Silverton Lions club on Wednesday, February 22, on phases of brotherhood and W. W. McKinney, Salem municipal judge, will speak at the Stayton PTA meeting Monday, February 20. Howard has already addressed the Woodburn Rotary and Gervais PTA.

At the present time Dean Robert Gregg and the Rev. Brooks Moore, as school and church chairman, respectively, are scheduling special school and church observances of Brotherhood week. Saul Bloomberg, co-church chairman, has announced an open service for the week at 7:30 p.m., on February 24 at Temple Beth Sholem, Salem. Other events will be announced later.

Chairman Felton has asked that organizations wanting speakers for the week contact him or Ford Watkins at the First National bank.

Nazi Held in Heuss Attack

Hannover, Germany, Feb. 14 (AP)—An old-time Nazi was under arrest here today on charges of plotting to kill West German President Theodor Heuss.

Chief of Detectives Friedrich Peter of the Hannover police quoted the arrested man as saying: "I lost my job and my bread by the democratic state and I intended to murder the representative of this democratic state."

It was revealed the man has been under arrest for three months and his sanity is being examined.

Police found a diary on the man outlining his plans to kill Heuss with a bomb at the Hannover railway station.

When questioned, the man said at the last minute he decided against the bomb attempt because it "would have killed hundreds of others at the station," the chief of detectives said. The man's name was not announced.

Naval Reserve Plans Explained by Knowles

By MARGARET MAGEE Salem Kiwanis, holding their meeting Tuesday at the Salem Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training center, were told of the naval Reserve program and of the effect that the program has on Salem and this area.

Speaker for the meeting was the fiscal control officer of the bureau of personnel appropriations of the 13th Naval District, Comdr. W. A. Knowles.

The commander began his talk by giving the background of the Naval Reserve program and history on a national basis. Next he told them of the history in the Pacific northwest from Pearl Harbor to the present day.

It was pointed out that instead of disposing of the U.S. fleet, the greatest in the world in 1945, the navy had instead used the mothballing system.

After telling of the system of placing the fleet in mothballs, Knowles noted that to keep from losing the skills and abilities of the approximately three and a half million naval reservists the navy used the reserve program to keep up their old skills and develop new ones.

Then touching on the financial effect of the program on Salem the officer pointed out that the navy had an initial investment of approximately \$300,000 in the training center building, with the equipment facilities costing approximately \$200,000 additional.

Then yearly the navy spends approximately \$12,000 for routine maintenance and operation; approximately \$15,000 for repairs and alterations; and around \$10,000 for new work of various kinds. In addition to this the payroll for the drills and the 14-day cruises of the reservists here comes to approximately \$40,000.

Comdr. Knowles also told of the training program, its various aspects, methods and courses and pointed out that this training, as well as being necessary for national defense was a civic asset because it made better citizens of the men.

White Held on Fraud Charges

An alleged bogus check artist from Corvallis was behind bars in the Salem city jail Tuesday because he placed too much faith in a storekeeper's word without equal faith in his common sense.

The prisoner was identified by police records as Harold Patrick White, 30, of Route 1, Corvallis. He is charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, with bail set at \$1000.

On Sunday, according to a statement signed by White, he endeavored to cash a check he had prepared at a grocery store. The amount of the check was put at \$52.50. The merchant, unable to give him the full amount gave White \$10 and a promise to pay the balance Monday.

Meanwhile, the merchant found the check worthless. White, apparently counting heavily on the word of the storekeeper, returned as scheduled. Police nabbed him shortly after he appeared.

The Corvallis man said he had used the money to transport himself and his two children, aged 7 and 8, to Rainier, Wash., along with a hitch-hiker. He had returned with his mother.

White's statement cleared the hitchhiker of connection with the check writing.

Appliance Union Loses

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—Fourteen appliance repairmen at the Portland store of Montgomery Ward are not entitled to their own bargaining unit, the national labor relations board ruled yesterday.

The NLRB said they did not constitute a proper bargaining unit. At present the 14 are included in an AFL teamster's contract.

Crippled B-36, 16 Aboard, Said Down, Charlotte Sound

Miners Stand Pat In Defiance of Court's Orders

Pittsburgh, Feb. 14 (AP)—Mine whistles shrilled in vain again today as striking soft coal miners for the second day defied work orders from both the government and John L. Lewis.

The no contract no work walk-out continued full force in all major coal producing states. Hundreds of pickets roamed Pennsylvania to make sure all pits were closed.

Pennsylvania state police reported two men wounded with buckshot in the area of Latrobe. It was not determined if they are miners or pickets.

Two Men Wounded The men wounded were identified as Frank Kozar, 23, and Leroy Harris, 27.

Police were trying to learn if the shooting was connected with the posting of armed guards at a nearby non-union strip mine. A truck was dynamited at that pit last week.

The West Virginia Coal association said some idle miners in the United Mine Workers District 17 stated they have not received "any order to return to work."

Association Secretary Jesse V. Sullivan said the men "are not revolting but are awaiting instruction from their union leaders to return to work."

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Union Repeats Return Orders

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The United Mine Workers union said today it has sent messages to all the union's 3,000 locals telling miners to return to work.

Telegrams to all locals went out yesterday, a union spokesman said. They duplicated the back-to-work instructions wired to union district offices Saturday by John L. Lewis, UMW chief.

Even these messages to the locals, however, seemed to have little effect on getting the idle miners back into the pits. They continued their full fledged walkout today—despite hopes of government officials they might start drifting back to work.

The White House said no further action on its part is contemplated at this time.

"The matter is in the hands of the courts," Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, told reporters.

Ross, in response to a question, said there is no plan to seize the coal mines. Mr. Truman told his news conference last Thursday that he neither has nor wants seizure power.

A spokesman for Lewis explained that the back-to-work messages to union locals were sent out Monday because it was a "physical impossibility" to dispatch so many messages late Saturday, when the instructions to district offices were sent out.

Knudson Nominated

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—President Truman today nominated James K. Knudson of Utah to be a member of the interstate commerce commission. Knudson was named to replace the late Carroll Miller for a term expiring Dec. 31, 1953.



Sumner T. Pike named acting chairman of Atomic Energy Commission.

Pike Acting AEC Chairman

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The White House said today that President Truman will designate Sumner T. Pike as acting chairman of the atomic energy commission pending appointment of a successor to David E. Lillenthal.

There was no indication when Lillenthal's successor would be chosen.

Lillenthal, who leaves office tomorrow, called at the White House today. Presidential Press Secretary Charles Ross described it as a "goodbye call."

Pike, a republican and vice chairman of the commission, will start serving Thursday as acting chairman.

Pike is one of the original members of the commission. The White House announced today that he will be acting chairman put to rest a boom among some members of congress for the job to go to Gordon Dean.

Atomic Strike At Oakridge

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Feb. 14 (AP) Construction of a \$66,000,000 atomic plant again is involved in a labor dispute.

An atomic energy commission spokesman said 225 plumbers and steamfitters left their jobs three hours before a shift was due to end yesterday.

The workers' idleness was "no action of the union," said A. E. Galyon, business agent of AFL Plumbers local 102.

"The company ran them off. It is definitely no strike," Galyon added.

C. A. Budnik, project manager for the Maxon Construction company of Dayton, O., said the company had received no notification from the union.

The Maxon firm is building the plant, known as K-29 under a contract with the AEC. Maxon also is building the K-31 plant which will cost \$162,000,000.

Construction on both projects was halted early in December when a wildcat strike saw 2200 workers leave their jobs. They returned four days later upon the urging of their parent union, the Knoxville Building Trades Council (AFL).

No official reason for the December walkout was given.

Huge Bomber, Engine Afire, Thought Ditched

Seattle, Feb. 14 (AP)—A crippled B-36 bomber with 16 men aboard was believed down today in Queen Charlotte sound, about 460 miles northwest of Seattle.

The six-engine plane was last heard from at 2:54 a.m. when it radioed that one engine was afire and the pilot contemplated "ditching" in the water.

Planes and ships sped to the scene, about 125 miles northwest of Port Hardy, on the northern tip of Vancouver island.

On Training Flight The big bomber, on a training flight from Eielson air force base, near Fairbanks, Alaska, to Carswell air force base, Fort Worth, Tex., said in its last distress message:

"At 17,000 feet in severe icing. Instrument and engine trouble. Severe emergency. Going to let down through overcast to Jose ice."

Search planes fanned out over Queen Charlotte sound from bases at Kodiak and Ketchikan, Alaska; Whidbey Island and McChord field, Wash., and from Royal Canadian air force bases in British Columbia. Other air bases were alerted to have search planes ready.

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47 Death Toll In Tornadoes

Ripley, Tenn., Feb. 14 (AP)—Four states skip-bombed by a series of small tornadoes that snatched at least 47 lives figured a mounting toll of destruction today.

The deadly twisters slapped 20 small communities in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee and left a million-dollar hop-skip trail of damage.

The latest whipped hard at Hurricane Hill near here yesterday. Nine lives were snuffed out—a family of eight and a negro farm woman.

The erratic cone of 50-mile-per-hour winds sucked up the home of Wilson Carroll, a 34-year-old tenant farmer, threw it through a dense woodland and left the bodies of Carroll, his wife, and their six small children scattered over a wide area.

The Hurricane Hill twister also touched the home of Alice Wright, 57, wrecked it, and left her in the ruins with fatal injuries.

Two Texas towns, Laporte and Alvin, were the first hit in the 24-hour series of storms. Nine were killed in the Lone Star state and 152 injured. State police at Austin reported damage estimated at more than \$1,500,000.

The largest death toll was in Louisiana—29, according to Red Cross count. Most of the Louisiana twisters centered in towns around Shreveport Sunday.

The Shreveport Times, which counted three less than the Red Cross, said nine were killed at Royton, six at Slack Air Force depot, four at Sligo, two at Hood's quarters, one in Shreveport, and four in Grand Cane.

Freeze Damage Declared Light

Willamette valley orchards survived the January freeze in apparently good shape, Marion County Agent Donald Rasmussen said Tuesday.

"The exact amount of damage will not be known until later," Rasmussen indicated. He said that the freeze probably will result in some shortage of the ordinary crop, but that the trees themselves would probably nearly all survive.

Young peach trees suffered the worst from the freeze, Rasmussen said. He warned against doing away with dead-looking trees, however, saying that in many cases trees which appear to be dead will recover in a couple of months.

He also told orchardists not to worry about damage to peach and cherry buds. He said fruit trees could lose up to 80 percent of their buds and still have a good year.



Tornado Lashed Air Base—This is the wreckage of two barracks and a mess hall at Slack Air Force Base, Shreveport, La., which was struck by one of a series of tornadoes that swept through East Texas, Western Louisiana and Arkansas. Five airmen and a civilian were killed at the air base. One barracks (center) was leveled and the other (right) battered. The wrecked mess hall is at the left. (AP Wirephoto)