

PARTLY CLOUDY THIS EVENING, becoming mostly cloudy with occasional showers late tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Wednesday, 54.

Youths Testify No Secrecy In School Frat

Members of American Boys Club Claim Legality Probed

The high school fraternity case, attracting overflow crowds to the Marion county circuit court room, was in its second day of proceedings Tuesday with little hope of being completed until sometime Wednesday or Thursday.

The suit was brought about when 18 boys who were expelled from high school for allegedly belonging to a secret society took court action against members of the school board and Salem high principal E. A. Carleton and assistant principal Gurnee Flesher.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning's court proceedings consisted entirely of hearing witnesses for the American Boys Club, plaintiffs in the case.

Overlapping Queries Up until noon Tuesday, seven boys who were members of the American Boys Club appeared as witnesses in their own behalf.

Most of the questioning is overlapping in nature, and resulting in a long, drawn out court trial.

Members of the American Boys Club were expelled from high school on October 14, 1949. A letter from the school board to the parents of the boys announced the expulsion, terming the ABC as a secret society.

Testimony given by the seven boys Monday and Tuesday was to the effect that there was never anything secret about the club.

The boys further said from the witness stand that it was the intention of the club to align faculty advisors from high school, and to follow suggestions from the school board.

No advisor was ever appointed or the school board ever contacted, explained the boys, because they felt the club was not yet well enough organized.

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U.S. Breaks Off Relations with Red Bulgaria

Envoys Ordered Home To Climax Attacks on Legation Members

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The United States broke diplomatic relations today with Communist Bulgaria. American Minister Donald R. Heath and other U. S. representatives in Sofia were ordered home.

Bulgaria was directed to withdraw its small diplomatic mission in Washington.

Its legation here is headed by Dr. Peter Voutov, charge d'affaires.

First Break Since War It is the first time the United States has broken diplomatic relations with any nation since the war.

The U. S. decision was communicated to the Bulgarian government at Sofia yesterday.

Voutov was summoned to the state department today and informed of the action.

He was directed to make arrangements to leave the United States with other members of the legation and their families.

After talking with Llewellyn Thompson, deputy assistant secretary for European affairs, Voutov told reporters, "I think the break is complete."

He said there are 12 members of the legation staff, including dependents, and that all probably would leave early in March.

In announcing the break, the state department published the first time detailed charges that Bulgarian militia "threatened, arrested and tortured and eventually killed, three Bulgarian employes of the U. S. legation."

Searchers Hunt For Survivors Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 21 (CP) Four parties of 150 searchers were put ashore on Princess Royal island in a pounding gale today as the hunt for five missing United States airmen entered its seventh day.

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Juror Let Out Sander's Trial

Manchester, N.H., Feb. 21 (AP) A British-born juror—the oldest of nine seated so far in the Sander "mercy killing" trial—was dismissed today after the prosecution raised a belated challenge.

Counsel for Dr. Hermann N. Sander offered no objections to removing 72-year-old Albert Baines, a retired Manchester Gas company employe.

Baines—a Presbyterian—was one of three Protestants among the first nine jurors chosen yesterday to try Sander on a charge of murder for pumping air into a hopeless cancer patient to end her suffering.

After a conference of an hour and a quarter with defense counsel and prosecutors, Judge Harold E. Wescott returned to the courtroom to announce:

"The state has requested the right to challenge the last juror seated yesterday. The defense offered no objections. The request is granted."

The reason for the state's request was not explained.

Earlier, Attorney General William L. Phinney revealed that he was investigating the possibility that names of the prospective jurors had "leaked" out before they were made known by the court.

As the examination of veniremen resumed, the first two examined were excused.

With Baines' removal, eight jurors remained seated and five more were to be chosen. Of the eight picked, six are Roman Catholics.

Turner Annexes Small District

Turner, Feb. 21—Annexation of a small area immediately outside the city and lying along the highway was approved by an approximate vote of two to one here Monday night. The balloting was very light and only 43 votes were tallied.

The vote inside the city limits was 21 to 10 for the annexation and those outside were 12 unanimously for the plan. The area, which contains 30 families, extends to what is known as the old Smith place now owned by Wallace Riches.

Showing of Stromboli Condemned by Ministers

"We call upon the people of Christian conscience and character to use discrimination in the choice of every film that they and their families see," sets forth a resolution unanimously adopted Tuesday morning by the Salem Ministerial association.

"We deplore the low standards of an industry which will exploit adultery to publicize a motion picture," the resolution continues. "It is our hope that public protest and disapproval of such conduct, expressed through lack of patronage at the theater will help in raising the moral standards of an industry which has a major responsibility in American life."

While the ministers engaged in considerable discussion over a period of more than an hour concerning two previous resolutions, there was no lack of unanimity among those present in condemning the showing of the motion picture "Stromboli" which was not named in the resolution—that was adopted. The method of expressing disapproval

Steel Girders Ready For Independence Bridge

Erection of steel girders on the new \$950,000 Independence bridge will begin about March 15, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer Tuesday.

Steel plates for the new bridge, which links Marion and Polk counties across the Willamette river, have been fabricated in California and are ready for shipment as soon as the water is low enough to permit work to begin, Baldock said.

Reports that the present coal strike might delay shipment of steel for the Independence bridge are erroneous as the steel for the bridge was purchased months ago by Moore Drydock corporation, steel fabricators.

The bridge contractors, Macco Corporation of Los Angeles, expect to have bridge crews on the bridge site by March 10, to begin preliminary work preparatory to erection of the steel itself.

Although there was a long delay in the beginning of work on this bridge, due to the inability of the steel fabricators to obtain steel, Baldock is of the belief that the work on the bridge will go forward speedily after March 15.

Steel for the new Marion street bridge between Salem and West Salem will not be needed for eight or nine months so the present labor difficulties have no effect on the Marion bridge plans, Baldock said.

Ching Working On Phone Strike

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Cyrus Ching, federal mediation director, gave the White House a report today on the threatened nationwide telephone strike on Friday.

Ching did not tell reporters just what he had advised the White House, but from all outward signs there is now a tight deadline in negotiations between the Bell Telephone system and the CIO-Communications Workers of America.

Ching presumably talked with John Steelman, presidential assistant who specializes in labor relations matters.

The mediation chief went to the White House after separate conferences with representatives of the Western Electric company, a Bell subsidiary and leaders of the CWA division employed by Western Electric.

This segment of the Bell system has workers stationed at most Bell company offices and exchanges throughout the country and any walkout by them might bring sympathy stay-aways by phone operators and other industry employes.

Officials of the CIO's communications Workers of America (CWA) have said they expect other phone workers will observe picket lines to be established by 100,000 workers due to strike Friday at 6 a.m., local time.

CWA has said the original 100,000 strikers will be joined by an additional 150,000 after March 1 when another set of contracts expire.

Reds Invading Hainan Island

Hanoi, Indochina, Feb. 21 (AP)—Chinese communist troops were reported today by crewmen of an airliner from Hong Kong to have invaded the Nationalist-held island of Hainan.

The crewmen said they had seen violent fighting on the island as they flew past on a regular flight from Hong Kong.

Hainan lies off the direct route from Hong Kong to Haiphong.

Hainan and Formosa are the last two major island holdings of the Nationalist forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

As Hainan is separated from China's mainland by a strait only 10 miles wide, it is more vulnerable than Formosa, which lies 100 miles or more off the coast of Fukien province.

Communist invasion of Hainan has been reported before but has been denied. Today's report was not immediately confirmed.

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Acheson and Hoffman Ask Aid to Europe

Extension of ECA Urged Because of Russian Aggression

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told congress today it is "doubly urgent" to continue the Marshall plan because Russia is showing "signs of increasing boldness."

The secretary said that sending American economic aid to western Europe is essential if "the Kremlin's design for world dominion" is to be frustrated.

Acheson was before a joint meeting of the senate foreign relations and house foreign affairs committees to back up the administration's plea for funds to keep the Marshall plan going for a third year.

Paul H. Hoffman, head of the economic cooperation administration had just told the committee members that \$3,100,000,000 is needed for recovery in the 12 months starting July 1.

\$3.1 Billion Asked Hoffman asked for \$2,950,000,000 in new cash and permission to spend an additional \$150,000,000 which he said is still left from this year's \$3,778,000,000 fund.

Like Acheson, the ECA chief said the recovery program must be kept going to block the threat of Russian expansion.

His 5,000-word prepared statement dwelt at length on the role of the Marshall plan as a weapon in the cold war.

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Jones Says Farm Unions Co-op Mismanaged

Unless there is a gain in membership and subsequent increase in budget contributions, the Oregon Farmers Union will face a curtailed program this year, Ronald E. Jones, Brooks, state president, warned delegates to the 40th annual convention in his annual message at the opening session at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall Tuesday.

While both a state secretary and junior leader have been in the field most of the past year, the activities of at least the junior leader and possibly another field worker may be curtailed and the secretary left with office rather than field work for the organization, he said.

"The story of the Oregon Farmers Union Cooperative is one of mismanagement and lack of management as will be shown in the report of the auditor and manager," he said. "These culminated in 1949 after having slid from a period of inflation and sellers' markets to deflation and buyers' market with only change in direction of operation.

Jones pointed out that many of the losses charged to 1949 oper-



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Dad, 7 Kiddies Burned to Death

Addison, Mich., Feb. 21 (AP)—A fire devoured a farm house near here early today, killing seven children and their father.

The only survivor of the middle-of-the-night blaze was the mother, who was badly burned. Evidently, firemen said, the two-story frame building went up like a puff. It was in ruins when firemen got there.

The victims: Farmer Gerald Beagle, 44. His children: Geraldine, 14; Barbara Jean, 12; Eloise, 10; Norma Mae, 9; Paul, 6; William, 5, and Linda, 23-months-old baby.

The mother, Mrs. Dorothy Beagle, burned and cut in a flight through a window, was in serious condition at a hospital here.

The blaze, believed caused by a defective basement furnace, broke out about 1:30 a.m. in near-zero temperature.

It was starkest tragedy.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans

New Orleans, Feb. 21 (AP)—Cleopatra and Marie Antoinette got on a crowded city bus early today, dropped in seven cents each, and hung on a strap all the way to Canal street.

They drew only scant admirer glances, for today is Mardi Gras and almost everyone is costumed.

The few sleepy-eyed early risers met the many all-nighters and the thunderous din of shouting, traffic, singing and shuffling blended into a giant cacophony.

The reveling throng was thickest at the river end of Canal street where at 9 a.m. (CST) King Zulu arranged to disembark from his royal Mississippi river barge to begin the organized festivity. The dusky monarch and his Negro zulus paraded in mock grandeur as a burlesque on the white Rex's pomp and pageantry.

Rex, lord of misrule and emperor of the carnival, has proclaimed that the 600,000 Orleansians and their 100,000 guests frolic unrestrainedly until midnight ushers in the solemnity of the Lenten season.

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The government yesterday asked the federal court to have the miners adjudged in contempt for failing to obey a week-old court back to work order.

Soviet Troops Sent to Ukraine

Berlin, Feb. 21 (AP)—Der Abend, German newspaper in the American sector of Berlin, said today strong units of Soviet security troops had been transferred from Germany to the Ukraine to combat renewed partisan uprising against Soviet rule.

The newspaper did not give the source of its report. American intelligence officers declined comment. Last week Der Abend reported without confirmation elsewhere that a wide scale revolt against the Soviets had been hatched in the Leningrad area.

In today's report Der Abend said a number of Soviet officers had switched allegiance to the partisans because they wanted to wage an active fight against bolshevism rather than desert to the west.

The newspaper