

PARTLY CLOUDY with few showers tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 36; high Thursday, 53.

Maximum yesterday, 46; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation: .18; for month: .30; normal, .56. Season precipitation: 23.56; normal, 24.42. River height, 10.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)



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Defense Not Guaranteed By Bradley

Top General Believes We Will Achieve Necessary Forces

Washington, March 8 (AP)—General Omar N. Bradley, America's No. 1 military man, said today that present forces cannot give the United States "an absolute guarantee against a disastrous blow."

"But I feel that we are going to achieve the necessary forces to prevent a disastrous attack from crippling this country," the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff said in a speech prepared for delivery before the women's National Press Club.

"I also believe that our forces in being, and our mobilization base, will be sufficient, together with the forces and potential of friendly nations, to win a war if it comes," he added.

Talks on Atomic Power

Bradley made a sober analysis of this nation's military position as compared with that of Russia. He praised the navy's anti-submarine program and the army's economy-oriented emphasis on combat strength at the expense of supporting personnel.

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15 Years Prison Given Shipkov

London, March 8 (AP)—Michael Shipkov, former Bulgarian translator of the U. S. legation in Sofia, was sentenced to 15 years in prison by a Bulgarian court today on his plea of guilty to spying for the United States.

The verdict of the people's court was reported in a broadcast of the Bulgarian news agency.

Shipkov, tried with four others, had forecast his own abject confession in an affidavit released by the U. S. state department two days before his trial began. His affidavit said he was tortured. Sentences for the other four were as follows:

Kivka Rindova, former telephone operator at the U. S. legation, 12 years in prison.

Stefan Krat Utov, 10 years.

Incila Tzanov, six years and eight months.

Vassil Nalchev, four years, six months and 10 days.

All, in addition, received fines ranging up to the 8,000 leva (about \$26.40) assessed against Shipkov. In addition, Shipkov was deprived of all his civil rights.

Still Believe In Sea Monster

Delake, Ore., March 8 (AP)—The people of Delake refuse to give up faith in their "sea monster."

They kept the huge, sprawling thing on display at the beach today and took annoyed issue with the scientists who think it's whale blubber.

"You can't grow feathers on a whale," declared Arnold Earnshaw.

Lloyd Cable, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared he wouldn't burn the thing until people began complaining about the smell. They haven't complained much yet.

In fact the comparative mildness of odor was cited as one reason for disbelief. "Fish from the sea always smell quickly and this didn't," declared Vernon Brammer. "Also it deteriorates quickly, and this hasn't."

"If it had been a dead whale, said Mrs. Andy Allum, "it couldn't have been dragged back by that wrecker." (The "monster" cast up by the sea last week-end was pulled above high tide mark by a wrecker.)

But none of this made much impression on the state's biologists, who have lost interest since a state fish commission marine expert examined the thing.

Roger Tollefson, the marine biologist, hadn't claimed it was a whole whale, anyway. Just a piece.

1941 Whales in 11 Weeks

Tokyo, March 8 (AP)—Japan's Antarctic whale expedition made a record catch of 1941 whales in 11 weeks, the chief of General MacArthur's natural resources section reported today.

Auto Workers Spurn \$Million Miners' Loan

Detroit, March 8 (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers today turned down John L. Lewis' offer of a \$1,000,000 loan to help finance the Chrysler strike but said that any outright gifts would be accepted.

UAW President Walter P. Reuther rejected the offer of loan with thanks in a letter to the United Mine Workers chief.

"Because of the generous contributions of UAW members in plants other than Chrysler and of organizations outside the UAW," Reuther wrote, "we have not found it necessary to borrow money to support the strike and we do not anticipate that we shall."

Gagged Cop Gets Hold-up Thug

Portland, March 8 (AP)—A special policeman felled a prowler last night with a small pistol overlooked when the prowler gagged and searched the officer.

Holland G. Bowers, 71, fired the shot from a .25 caliber automatic. Erwin Schroeder, 30, transient, was in good Samaritan hospital today with a chest wound, believed not serious.

Bowers told detectives this story:

He came upon Schroeder in a darkened service station at S. W. Broadway and Burnside street last night and demanded to know what he was doing. Schroeder said "they left me here and said you'd let me out." Then, as Bowers stepped forward, knocked the officer down. Bowers was gagged, searched and pushed to the back of the shop. On the way he managed to reach the small pistol that had been overlooked, he continued, and emptied it in the semi-darkness.

When police arrived, Schroeder was sitting, wounded, on the curb.

Pick Location For Armory Site

Salem's Army Reserve armory will be erected on the site directly south of the state highway shops and laboratory on the west side of the Airport road.

That information was received from the chief of the real estate division of the district engineers in Seattle. Albert F. Straub, by Capt. Richard Reynolds, instructor for the local army reserve units.

The letter also directed Capt. Reynolds to contact state officials and secure an expression from them on whether the army could have a lease of not less than 50 years duration or a fee acquisition on the site from the state.

Because of the nature of the structure, the army pointed out that if a fee acquisition could not be obtained it would be necessary to have a lease of not less than 50 years duration.

Reynolds also received a copy of the planning report for the armory, which has been forwarded to the division engineer in Portland by the district engineer in Seattle and now goes to the office of chief of engineers in Washington, D.C. for final approval.

Blizzards Whip Over Entire Midwest Area

The winter-weary midwest staggered today from another round of crippling climatic blows.

Snows, sleet, gales and blizzards whipped over areas from the northern plains into Iowa and headed for Lake Michigan. A mass of cold air followed in the wake of the blustery, cold March weather.

Hundreds of towns were isolated with business nearly paralyzed. Highway travel was virtually halted in many areas. Scores of schools were closed. Many motorists and some school children were stranded in parts of the blizzard belt. Damage to property was extensive.

Some rail and air travel was curtailed. Communication service was wiped out over most of North Dakota and parts of South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota. Amateur radio station operators were ready to handle emergency messages to areas cut off from outside telephone and telegraph communication.

Red Cross chapters in midwest cities were alerted. They were prepared to send food, clothing and other relief supplies into the storm area.

Boone Fired For Criticism Of Johnson

Admiral Relieved From Duty for Being Un-cooperative

Washington, March 8 (AP)—Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone said today he was fired from his high defense medical post on grounds that he was "uncooperative."

The 60-year-old admiral told his story to a house armed services subcommittee whose members are looking into cutbacks Defense Secretary Johnson has ordered in military hospitals. Boone has called Johnson's policies "shortsighted."

While Boone was testifying, the defense department got out a statement saying he was removed as Johnson's senior medical officer because he was "not in sympathy with the economy program of the medical services."

Ex-White House Doctor

Dr. Richard L. Meiling, director of the department's medical services, gave that explanation of why Boone was relieved from duty Feb. 28 and returned to the navy for reassignment.

Boone served as White House physician to Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover during a naval career dating back to 1914. He won the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War I.

He is the second admiral to be booted out of a high Pentagon post in disagreement with Johnson's policies. Admiral Louis Denfeld was ousted as chief of naval operations last September.

The planned cutback in military hospitals, as well as the removal of Boone, has aroused congress.

Navy Not Consulted

Rep. Rivers (D-SC) said Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the armed services committee has written Johnson asking that the defense department hold up closing of military hospitals until the lawmakers have visited them.

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Sander Trial Defense Rests

Manchester, N.H., March 8 (AP)—The defense in the Dr. Hermann N. Sander "mercy death" murder trial rested today at 2:34 p.m. (EST).

Defense counsel brought their case to a close after Dr. Richard F. Ford, noted Harvard pathologist, insisted the accused doctor could not have killed a cancer patient with air injections.

Judge Harold E. Westcott called a recess before the state opened its rebuttal.

He discussed with the jury the question of how the autopsy on the dead woman's body came about.

Earlier, the vein segments from Mrs. Abbie Borroto's arm, on which the injections were made, were brought into the court.

The vein segments from the 59-year-old woman's arm were not shown to the jury.



High Up in Legal Profession—The big man is Clifford Marshall Thompson of Portland, tallest man in the world, who was admitted to the practice of law in Oregon by the state supreme court Tuesday. He is 8 feet 7 inches tall. The man beside him is Kenneth Kraemer, another Portland attorney who sponsored Thompson. Kraemer is 5 feet 6. While in Salem Kraemer filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the state legislature.

Tallest Man in World Admitted to Bar Here

By WILLIAM WARREN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

The tallest man in the world swore to support the constitutions and laws of the United States and of the state of Oregon and was admitted to the practice of law in this state Tuesday. Clifford Marshall Thompson, 45, who is eight feet, seven inches tall, was granted the right to practice law in Oregon in brief but impressive ceremonies in the Oregon supreme court chambers.

The man who moved that he be admitted to the bar was Kenneth Kraemer, Portland attorney who is five feet, six inches tall.

The oath of attorney was read by Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the supreme court who stands up to five feet, four inches.

And Thompson was sworn in as an Oregon attorney by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk, who stands—well, shall we say? He's the least tall member of the high bench.

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French Drafted To Avert Strike

Paris, March 8 (AP)—Premier George Bidault's government ordered the draft of 100,000 public utility workers today to avert a nationwide gas and electricity stoppage threatening on the crest of France's worst strike wave in three years.

Workers in the nationalized power plants had been scheduled to walk out at midnight. Both communist and non-communist unions voted the strike to back up demands for wage increases.

The civilian draft order—to be served upon the workers by policemen—makes those who refuse to work subject to loss of their jobs, fines and from six days to five years in jail.

The workers demand monthly increases beginning with a minimum boost of 3,000 francs (\$8.50) for the lowest paid. The government has offered a 4.9 per cent increase which would range from 750 to 6,000 francs (\$2 to \$17). The middle-of-the-road government, fighting inflation, refused to go beyond this.

Paris limped along in the third day of a transportation strike which partially tied up the city, muddling the subway, bus and streetcar systems. Large numbers of taxis and 3,000 buses manned by the army helped to keep things moving in France's first city.

Mexico Outlaws 'Quickie' Divorces

Mexico City, March 8 (AP)—Mexican "quickie" divorces to foreigners not legally residing in Mexico were abolished today by a nine-to-seven supreme court ruling.

Plane Crashes House with Fire Following

15 Lose Life in Blazing Funeral Fire At Minneapolis

Minneapolis, March 8 (AP)—A Northwest Airlines plane crashed into three south side homes last night after one of its wings had struck a flag pole towering over graves in the Fort Snelling national cemetery four miles from the airport.

Fifteen persons were killed in the crash and in the fire that followed. Ten of them were passengers. Three were crew members. Two were children whose parents had just tucked them into bed in an upstairs bedroom of one of the homes struck by the plunging plane. Their home caught fire immediately.

The Martin 202 was trying for an instrument landing during a blinding, howling snowstorm. It made one futile effort, missing the instrument pattern.

Struck Flagpole

The airport tower notified the pilot to make another try. In the last radio signal from the plane, the pilot replied: "I can't. I can't."

Today it was established that the plane's left wing struck the heavy, steel flagpole. Northwest Airlines operations officials said. A small piece of the front spar of the wing was found nearby.

Two children, who had just been put to bed in the house the plane struck, were also trapped in the flaming inferno which spouted from the ship's sundered gasoline tanks. The rest of the family were watching television.

Originating at Washington, D. C., the ship—on NWA flight 307—made stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Madison, Wis. It was scheduled to set down at Rochester, Minn., but that landing was prevented by the heavy weather and the craft was ordered into Minneapolis. It would have proceeded thence to Winnipeg, Manitoba, via Fargo and Grand Forks, N. D.

The plane, a Martin 2-0-2 Mars, was trying for an instrument landing here in gusty winds and swirling snow.

Crashes Into Residence

Less than two airline miles from the safety of the airport, the plane plummeted into the home of Franklin Doughty in the quiet residential section along Minnehaha parkway, near Emmerson avenue south. Shafts of flames spewed immediately from the shattered airliner to fire the neighboring homes of Mrs. Robert Cahn and Irving Luger. Occupants of these two houses, forewarned by the cannon-like explosion of the crash, fled to safety.

Janet Doughty, 10, and her eight-year-old brother, Tommy, were engulfed by the first rapid sheets of searing fire.

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Bonus Cigar By Proud 'Dad' Costly to Clerk

There's a clerk in a Salem florist shop who's going to be suspicious the next time a new, proud papa comes in to order flowers for the little woman.

That clerk fell victim to a smooth scheme of a bogus check operator. A "customer" came to the store, ordered flowers for his wife, filled out a greeting card, and ordered the posies sent to "Mrs. Robert Stewart" at Salem General hospital.

To make his story effective, the "proud papa" gave the clerk a bonus cigar with the comment: "Smoke one on me for the new baby."

The flowers cost \$2.50. The check the clerk took was for \$10. In view of the fact that no Mrs. Robert Stewart was at the hospital, the total loss was \$7.50, a price the clerk considered too costly for the lone cigar.

Russians Brag On Atomic Bomb

Moscow, March 8 (AP)—Two members of the Soviet Union's communist party politburo spoke today of Russian advances in developing the atomic bomb in pre-election speeches to voters in their constituencies.

Deputy Premier Marshal Klement Voroshilov, declaring that Russia has its own atomic bomb, said that "atomic blackmail will have to be junked because of its lack of usefulness."

Nikita Khrushchev, first secretary of the Ukrainian communist party, told his audience that atomic weapons in the hands of the Soviet Union had been "transformed into a guarantee of peace and security."

Khrushchev also declared that "atomic diplomacy" had failed and would fail in the future.

Wage Boost in B C Paper Mills

Vancouver, B. C., March 8 (CP)—A wage boost of six cents an hour is included in a new contract signed between 5,000 British Columbia pulp and paper mill workers and four companies.

The across-the-board increase, which brings the base rate in the industry to \$1.12 an hour, is effective May 1.

Announcement of the agreement was made yesterday. The workers are members of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (I. B. P. M. W.) and the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers (I. B. C.).

Companies involved are the Powell River Paper Co., Pacific Mills Ltd., B. C. Pulp and Paper, and Bloedel, Stewart and Welch Ltd.

The new base rate in the British Columbia industry is 12 cents an hour above the hourly pay in the majority of eastern Canadian mills.

Bares Red Spy Ring in State Department

M'Carthy Names Member of 28 Commie Groups

Washington March 8 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wisc) charged today that Dorothy Kenyon, whom he identified as a state department employee, "has been affiliated with at least 28 communist front organizations."

She promptly called him a "liar." The state department also denied McCarthy's statement before a senate committee that Miss Kenyon is now with the department as an American representative on a United Nations commission. Her three year term expired in December, the department said, adding that the UN job had been her only connection with the department.

Denial by Miss Kenyon

The 62-year-old Miss Kenyon, a former New York City judge who is now practicing law there, accused McCarthy of "taking cowardly refuge in his congressional immunity to smear innocent people." She said she had fought Russian delegates in the UN "for years."

At Lake Success, the U.S. delegation to the UN said Miss Kenyon resigned from the economic and social council's commission on the status of women in February and was no longer connected with the delegation. She had served on the status of women commission since its organization.

The hearing got off to an uproarious start with Chairman Tydings (D., Md.) promising McCarthy: "You are going to get one of the most complete investigations in the history of this country." 81 Persons on List

In the senate recently, McCarthy detailed the cases of 81 persons he said are bad security risks. He named no names but said they either now or formerly were in the state department.

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Attack Staged In Caribbean

Aboard the Transport General Butner in the Caribbean, March 8 (AP)—Combined American military forces struck by land, sea and air today against a well-entrenched "enemy" on Vieques island in peacetime's greatest war games.

The invasion, led by nearly 1,000 paratroopers, climaxed 10 days of sea and air battles in "operation Portrex."

Secretary of Defense Johnson, Navy Secretary Matthews and dozens of other military officials answered reveille in darkness for the start of the amphibious assault.

Intensive preinvasion work began about midnight. Navy underwater demolition teams known as "frogmen" sneaked ashore to blast and burn beach defenses.

"Frogmen" also reported on surf conditions for the guidance of specially trained army troops. Small reconnaissance patrols were put ashore for last minute intelligence. Night fighters and photographic planes harassed 4,500 "aggressor nation" troops ashore. Navy assault ships bombarded the eastern end of the little island 25 miles off Puerto Rico.

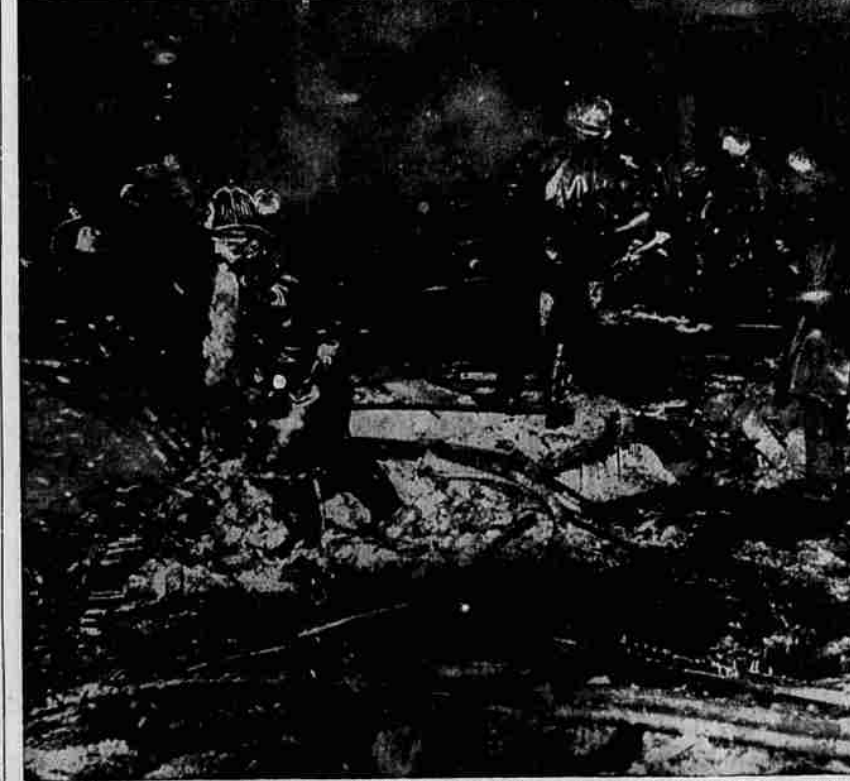
Landing preparation, like the pre-assault activities, matched wartime intensity. The first of 18,000 army troops began boarding landing craft at 5 a.m. (EST), three hours before the scheduled landing.

\$50,000 Damage by Weaverville Truck

Weaverville, Calif., March 8 (AP)—A big trailer loaded with lumber, snapped loose from a speeding truck, wrecked a large section of the Weaverville business district last night.

No one was injured but damage was estimated at about \$50,000.

Witnesses said the truck, driven by Anthony M. Moreno, 30, of Los Angeles, roared into Weaverville from the west about 9:50 p. m. at a speed of 70 miles an hour. Just as it entered the main street business section the trailer came loose.



Airliner Crashes in Snowstorm—Fighting a blizzard, a 50-mile wind and fire as well as disaster, these firemen search the shattered wreckage of a Northwest Airlines passenger plane which crashed into a house in Minneapolis killing at least 15 persons and possibly 19. The fireman in the left foreground is lifting a piece of the plane. Several members of a family in the crashed house were also killed as well as all aboard the plane. (AP Wirephoto.)