

THE WEATHER HERE

CLOUDY WITH SHOWERS tonight; Tuesday, mostly cloudy, scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Tuesday, 50.

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation: .01; for month, 1.46; normal, 1.58. Season precipitation, 34.37; normal, 29.03. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Over 20,000 Back in Jobs Past 4 Weeks

Unemployment Claims Dropping at Rate of 5000 a Week

By JAMES D. OLSON — More than 20,000 workers, mostly engaged in lumbering and construction work, have returned to their jobs in the four weeks since the end of the cold spell in early February, a report of the unemployment compensation commission states.

Unemployment benefit claims have been dropped at the rate of 5,000 a week and the rapid recovery from Oregon's worst unemployment since the war is beginning to extend to trade and service lines, the report points out.

With farm work and other outdoor activities continuing to pick up in early March, the commission predicts that the number of active job seekers would continue well below last year's comparable figures during the spring and early summer.

Reached All-time High — Compensable state claims dropped from the all-time high of 60,454 for the first week in February to 47,253 three weeks later, while initial claims, denoting new layoffs, declined from 11,065 in mid-January to 2,818 the last week in February.

The commission reported that state benefits to unemployed persons in Oregon for 1950 passed the ten-million mark early in March—more than half of the 1949 total and more than paid out in either 1947 or 1948.

2 Youths Admit List of Crimes

A total of five crimes, including the theft of mail, were solved by Salem police early Monday morning after an alert patrolman nabbed two 18-year-old suspects who fit descriptions broadcast in a radio alert.

The youths were nabbed in West Salem, several miles from the filling station on Lancaster drive where they were scared off by a woman's screams.

Presented with evidence found in their car, the pair—William Stain, Route 2, and Harry E. McFadden, North Salem Motel—signed statements detailing their activities. They were held for court action on burglary charges.

They admitted stealing five gallons of gasoline in Canby, burglarizing the Don W. Norris service station at 1710 Fairgrounds road, the theft of 11 bottles of pop from a service station at State and Market streets, and the theft of an insured parcel of mail from a box of the West Salem Lumber company.

They were spotted when one of them smashed out a window of a service station located on Lancaster drive at McCleary road. When the woman who was awakened by the crash of the glass shouted: "Get out of there," they fled.

An officer who spotted the two youths in the 600 block on Patterson street in West Salem thought they fit the police radio description of the suspects in the frustrated service station burglary.

He invited the youths to accompany him to police headquarters where officers took their statements. Stolen property from the burglaries, the gasoline and the opened mail were found in their car.

Court Upholds Washington's Ban on Pinball

Highest Tribunal Says Gambling Devices Illegal by Law

Washington, March 13 (AP)—The supreme court held in effect today that so far as Washington state is concerned pinball machines are gambling devices forbidden by a 41 year old state law.

The tribunal refused to review a state supreme court decision to that effect. That decision was given in a case involving the city of Spokane. The city council in 1949 adopted an ordinance banning pinball machines. Later the council directed the ban be put to a popular vote in the next municipal election. At the same time the council warned pinball machine owners they would be prosecuted in the interim.

Several owners of pinball machines protested to the superior court of Spokane county against the threatened arrests. The superior court granted them an injunction prohibiting city officials from interfering with operation of their machines until the voters decided whether the devices should be banned.

The city then appealed to the state supreme court. It dismissed the injunction on the basis of a ruling that pinball machines are barred by the 1909 law. The state supreme court added that neither the city officials nor the voters of the city may enact an ordinance which conflicts with the general law of the state.

The state court's ruling was appealed by Gerald Miller and David Caudill. The supreme court dismissed the appeal on the ground that it had no jurisdiction to consider the case. This indicated the high tribunal felt that purely state law matters were involved.

99 Percent Vote Cast in Russia

Moscow, March 13 (AP)—Unofficial reports on the election of a new Soviet parliament indicated today that 99 per cent of Russia's more than 100,000,000 voters went to the polls Sunday.

The precise size of the vote as well as the names of those elected to parliament will be announced by the government within a few days.

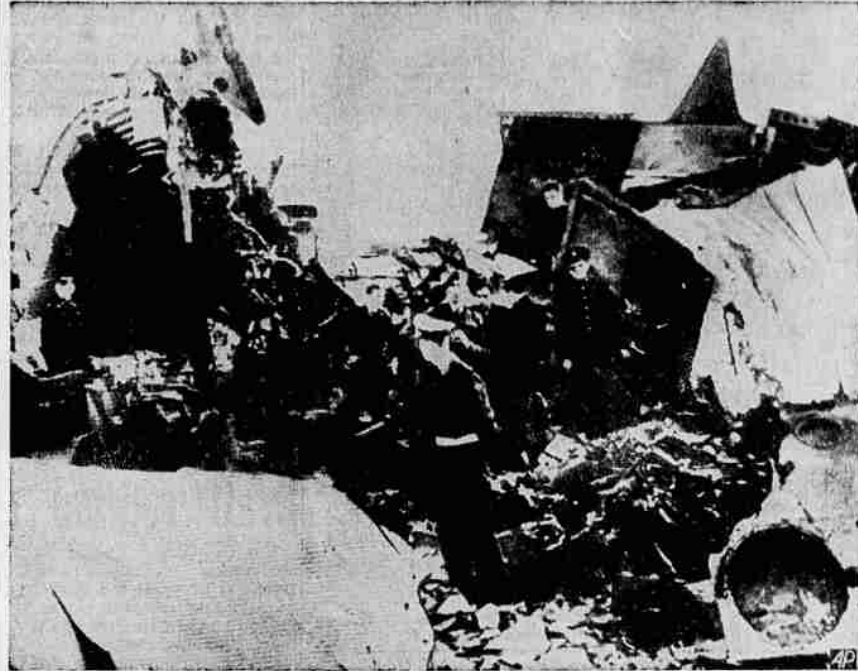
The election, the first since 1946, was held in a holiday atmosphere on a sunny but wintry day with the temperatures slightly below zero.

The uninterrupted festivities of the day, including open air shows and street dancing on the snowy pavements, continued on into the evening in Moscow despite a change in the weather which brought on a heavy snowstorm.

The voting was for a single list of candidates. The voter received a printed ballot with the names of candidates for both the 882 members of the council of the union (lower house) and 687 members of the council of nationalities.

Gambling Crackdown Follows Sunday Raid

By DOUGLAS THOMAS — City detectives were ordered to crack down on gambling throughout the city Monday following the appearance in police court of seven men snared in an early Sunday morning raid on a private home.



Where Football Fans Died in Crash — Officials search through the twisted wreckage of the fuselage of the chartered Avro Tudor transport plane that crashed near Cardiff, Wales, killing 80 persons in the worst commercial aviation disaster in history. The airliner was loaded with Welsh football fans returning from Dublin, celebrating a victory over Ireland. Three survivors, taken from the tail assembly, suffered critical injuries. (AP Wirephoto by radio from London)

Truman Asks For 23 Reorganizations

Washington, March 13 (AP)—President Truman today sent congress a sheaf of plans to reorganize a long list of federal agencies and abolish one—the maritime commission.

Seaboard congressmen and shipping interests were expected to fight the proposal to shift control of the merchant fleet over to Secretary of Commerce Sawyer.

In another of his 23 proposals, Mr. Truman lit the fuse for a second major explosion in congress by calling for abolition of the almost-independent office of the general counsel of the national labor relations board. The post is held by Robert N. Denham.

Denham, prosecutor and policeman of the Taft-Hartley law, is at odds with the NLRB majority. He calls it "pro-labor." Labor unions in turn have demanded Denham's removal.

The White House plans take effect automatically in 60 days, unless vetoed by either house of congress. In 23 accompanying messages to congress, Mr. Truman said the plans will have "modest" to "substantial" sums. All are based on proposals of the reorganization commissions headed by former president Herbert Hoover, he said, adding:

"These plans will take us well along the road toward more effective, economical and responsible government." The commerce department would take over all activities of the five-member maritime commission, which has regulated American shipping for 14 years.

A new three-man "federal maritime board" would be set up in commerce to regulate rates and grant ship subsidies, under broad policies fixed by Sawyer. A "maritime administration" would be created, also in commerce, to take over the jobs of building, selling and chartering vessels.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer would have top policy control. Six of the White House plans strengthen the power of cabinet officers—the secretaries of treasury, interior, agriculture, commerce and labor, and the attorney general.

New College Construction

Portland, March 13 (AP)—The building committee of the state board of higher education gave a go-ahead signal today for \$2,250,000 worth of new college buildings.

The board authorized a \$1,100,000 animal industries building and an \$850,000 food industries building at Oregon State college. Also approved for construction was a combination library-classroom building at Southern Oregon College of Education, expected to cost about \$300,000.

The committee's recommendations will go tomorrow to the full board, which almost always approves committee action. The board later will determine when to call bids on the projects. The committee also authorized a survey for a new road to Sam Jackson park in Portland, where a proposed medical center is to be built.

Court to Pass On Loyalty Tests

Washington, March 13 (AP)—The supreme court today agreed to rule on the legality of the government's loyalty program.

The tribunal accepted an appeal from the joint anti-fascist refugee committee. The committee asked the high court to declare the program invalid and to strike its name from a "subversive" list compiled by the attorney general.

The court also refused to review a Washington state supreme court decision that pinball machines are gambling devices prohibited by a 1909 state law.

The anti-fascist refugee group appealed to the supreme court after the U.S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia rejected its complaints. The supreme court will hear arguments in the case early in the spring.

The tribunal however, deferred action on a similar appeal filed by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc. The council likewise asked that its name be stricken from the "subversive" list.

The court of appeals, here, in turning down protests from both organizations, said the action of the attorney general was in the same class as action by the president—that is, not subject to judicial review.

The list of subversive organizations drafted by the attorney general provides one of the cornerstones of the whole loyalty program. Present or past membership in organizations on the list is one of the factors considered in determining whether an employe can be considered loyal to the government.

Leopold Wins Small Margin

Brussels, March 13 (AP)—Belgian politicians met secretly today to consider the critical situation which has arisen in the wake of a referendum showing that 57.68 percent of Belgium's voters want exiled King Leopold III returned to his throne.

Belgians awaited a statement from their handsome king, who has been barred from the throne since surrendering his army to the Germans in World War II. Premier Gaston Eyskens met with the cabinet, then prepared to leave for Pregny, near Geneva, to confer with Leopold. The monarch said earlier he would abdicate if he did not win 65 percent of the vote.

There was no statement following the cabinet meeting. A minister commented dourly: "We have exchanged our points of views." The vote Sunday split the country and the political parties. Leopold won a 72.2 percent majority in Flanders but got only a 40.2 percent minority in the Walloon provinces.

Four Burn to Death — Montreal, March 13 (AP)—Four persons were burned to death early today in a fire which swept a two-story building on a midtown street. Police identified the dead as Mrs. Alice Desrosiers, 40, and her three children, Jacques, 10, Pierre, 7, and Yvon, two months. The fire broke out about 5 a.m. and was confined to the brick building.

80 Killed in Crash of Airliner With Football Fans in Wales

M'Carthy Lists Alleged Reds In High Posts

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.) told senators today he has heard reports that a former navy scientist familiar with the country's "topmost defense secrets" is an admitted communist. He proposed an investigation.

McCarthy named the man as Stephen Brunauer, a former navy commander. He tossed this out while ticking off to a senate foreign relations committee the names of state department employes he says have displayed communist sympathies.

McCarthy has charged the state department is honeycombed with Reds and sympathizers. State department officials have denied that. The senate group is giving McCarthy an opportunity to produce what proof he has.

Lists Red Suspects — McCarthy named: Haldore Hanson, 37, who heads the department's technical cooperation projects staff. Hanson is a native of Virginia, Minn., and a former teacher in China. He joined the state department in 1942.

Mrs. Esther Caukin Brunauer, a \$9,706 job holder on the department's United Nations relations staff. She is the wife of the navy scientist that McCarthy asked to be investigated.

Owen J. Lattimore, state department consultant and now director of the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations, Johns Hopkins university. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Jessup to Fly Back to Testify

Paris, March 13 (AP)—U.S. roving ambassador C. Jessup announced today he has volunteered to fly to Washington immediately to answer senatorial allegations that he is friendly to communism.

Jessup, completing a round-the-world intensive study of Far Eastern affairs, said he was "communicating with Washington" about a possible appearance before a senate foreign relations subcommittee investigating allegations of Red influence in the state department.

The ambassador previously had planned to leave by ship for New York on Wednesday. Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.), whose charges touched off the investigation, told the subcommittee last week that Jessup had an "unusual affinity for communism causes."

Following McCarthy's statement, Senator Tydings (D., Md.), invited Jessup to appear before the committee. Jessup said he would be glad to appear "if the Tydings committee wishes to devote a little time to disposing of the allegations that I am friendly to communism."

Jessup arrived from London yesterday for a series of conferences with French foreign officials and Marshall plan leaders about dollar aid for three French union states in Indo-China—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Sander's Case Up to County Doctors' Group

Manchester, N.H., March 13 (AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander had crossed another hurdle today in his fight to return to his country doctor practice.

The New Hampshire medical society refused yesterday to take disciplinary action against the young physician and left any such action to the Hillsborough county medical society.

A spokesman also reported that the state society did not plan to make any recommendations to the state board of registration in medicine, which alone has the right to revoke or suspend a medical license.

The board planned to meet today to set a date for a formal hearing for the 41-year-old Candia doctor acquitted last week of murder in the death of Mrs. Abbie Borroto, a cancer patient.

Cut in Excise Taxes Delayed

Washington, March 13 (AP)—The house ways and means committee rejected today a new republican effort to ram through a "quickie" bill slashing excise taxes immediately by about \$1,000,000,000.

The rigid party line vote was 15 to 10. The democrats, however, gave some ground, trying at the same time to head off a veto if excise cutting goes beyond the limits set by President Truman. They pressed through the committee, on a similar party vote, a resolution saying the committee will:

1. Approve excise slashes, perhaps far beyond the \$655,000,000 the president has requested. Some members privately are estimating the excise cut will be around \$1,000,000,000.

2. Try to replace the lost revenue "by closing loopholes in existing tax laws, by strict enforcement against tax evaders, and, if necessary, such other tax changes as may be deemed feasible."

The democratic-sponsored resolution made no mention whatever that any attempt will be made to raise \$1,000,000,000 net extra revenue beyond that necessary to offset losses from excise cuts.

Any idea of a new tax increase, which Mr. Truman requested, apparently has been abandoned.

Father Finds Young Son Dead in Pool

Hamilton Township, N.J., March 13 (AP)—Thomas Bradshaw saw three boys poking sticks at what they thought was a doll in a three-foot pool of water yesterday.

A pair of red rubber boots could be seen just below the surface of the water. A small body dressed in a blue snow-suit bobbed about the bottom of the pool. Bradshaw dashed into the pool and carried out the body.

It was his two-year-old son, Thomas, Jr. Police and firemen worked for two hours in an unsuccessful attempt to revive the child. Dr. William Hutchinson said Mrs. Bradshaw is expecting a child soon.

World's Worst Commercial Plane Disaster

Cardiff, Wales, March 13 (AP)—Eighty persons died here yesterday in the crash of a chartered Tudor airliner packed with Welsh football fans celebrating a victory over the Irish. It was aviation's worst commercial plane disaster.

British aviation experts, headed personally by Minister of Civil Aviation Lord Pakenham, began an inquiry here today into the latest accident involving the unlucky Tudor ships. The crash came as the giant plane was landing on a return flight from Dublin.

Of the 78 passengers and five crewmen aboard, only three survived. It was the world's worst commercial air tragedy and brought the toll of deaths in Tudor planes—Britain's first postwar four-engine commercial aircraft—to 144.

In Sunny Weather — The chartered plane, biggest in active service in Britain, was preparing to land in sunny weather.

Tired but happy rugby football enthusiasts aboard had traveled by plane and train to Belfast to see Wales down Ireland 6-3 in the United Kingdom championships. After a night of celebrating in Dublin they were returning home by their chartered aircraft.

The big four-engine plane appeared to be touching down at Llandow airport near here for a normal landing when, without warning, it roared back into a climb. It smashed to earth in a field after making a right-hand turn and sideslipping.

The huge plane crashed 15 yards from a house. It did not explode or burn. Two survivors unhurt. Two of the three survivors, brothers-in-law, walked out of the wreckage unaided and virtually unscathed. They had been sitting side by side in the tail of the plane.

Probe of Crash Of Plane Opens

Llantwit Major, Wales, March 13 (AP)—A sorrowing queue of Welshmen testified today at the inquest on 80 persons killed in the AVRO Tudor plane crash yesterday.

Bright lanes of sunshine filtered into the concrete hut at Llandow airport, glistening on the drawn and haggard features of relatives of the dead.

Col. Harold Rees, deputy coroner of East Glamorgan county, opened the proceedings shortly before noon by saying the air crash was similar to coal mine disasters which have occurred in Wales.

It has brought sorrow into hundreds of homes, he said, and the feeling of impotence is similar to that of Welsh women who have waited at pitheads when there was fire in the mines.

"The disaster that occurred yesterday is a disaster unparalleled in recent times in South Wales and it is comparable only to the great colliery disasters of the past," he said.

The inquest took place across a table on which flying officers not so long ago plotted RAF flights to Germany. Witnesses waited their turns sitting in weeping rows on folding chairs. A little field stove, with glowing coals, took the chill from the room.

Jap Paper Balloon Inventor a Suicide

Tokyo, March 13 (AP)—Dr. Toshio Otsuki, inventor of paper balloons the Japanese floated across the ocean to the United States and Canada with incendiary bombs during the war, was listed as a suicide today by the newspaper Mainichi.

The newspaper said Otsuki and a girl fellow worker in a factory committed suicide in a forest on Izu Peninsula 100 miles southeast of Tokyo.

Mainichi carried the story under a headline "inventor of balloon bomb goes to heaven."



King Leopold in exile in Switzerland shown with his wife, the Princess de Rethy, during a visit at Havana in 1948.

IT'S MURDER!

It's on page 13 in today's Capital Journal and it will take just six days to solve the mystery. Soprano Traubel the noted Metropolitan Opera singer was bored with time on her hands between acts, yes, an opera singer bored with the characteristics of the opera read all the detective stories she could find—then decided to write one to while away the time.

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