

RAIN TONIGHT and Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 42; high Friday, 54.

Maximum yesterday, 63; minimum today, 44. Total 24-hour precipitation, .45; for month, 1.94; normal, 1.94. Season precipitation, 34.55; normal, 29.30. River height, 5.1 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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City Solicitors Ordinance to Get Legal Test

Insurance Men Say State Statutes Govern Them

Insurance salesmen and the companies which they represent were preparing Thursday to test the validity of a city ordinance which earlier in the week brought about the arrest of Edw. J. Burnside by a Salem police officer.

Burnside has represented the Metropolitan Life for several years. He was booked on a charge of soliciting without a license, and released on his own recognizance after declining to post \$25 bail.

Indicating that no further arrests are contemplated under the ordinance was an order issued at police headquarters over the signature of G. Bowman, captain. "Do not bother any person selling insurance until such time as the law has been clarified," reads the order. "As soon as this is cleared there will be an order to such effect."

Insurance men as well as those engaged in the sale of real estate contend that state statutes cover their operations, and that there is no legal basis for demanding a city permit with a \$10 license fee attached.

Ordinance 3888, passed in 1948 by the city council under which recent arrests have been made carries the following definition:

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Leopold Awaits Solons Verdict

Geneva, March 16 (AP)—Leopold III, exiled king of Belgium, has decided to leave the decision of his future to Belgium's parliament, he announced today.

"Whatever the decision which parliament will take and for which it assumes, in conformity with the constitution, the entire and exclusive responsibility, I will bow to it," Leopold said in a statement released by his secretary, Jacques Pirrenne, at a news conference.

Leopold, exiled from his homeland since the war, won 57.7 per cent of the vote in an advisory referendum last Sunday on whether he should return to his throne. Many political leaders in Belgium feel this percentage is far too small for a king, who is supposed to represent unity for his people. Other political factions feel he should be returned.

Earlier, Premier Gaston Eyskens denied published reports that he had urged Leopold to abdicate.

Eyskens has been here conferring with the exiled king since a national referendum in Belgium March 12 showed that only a bare majority of the people wanted him to return to the throne.

The vote was taken as an advisory poll to guide the parliament in deciding whether to permit Leopold to return to Belgium. He has been in exile in Switzerland since the end of the war.

Leopold himself has not commented on what he intends to do.

Tax Deadline Had Father All Flustered

Atlanta, March 16 (AP)—A flustered taxpayer, making his U. S. income returns on the last day deadline yesterday, was the father of seven children.

But he couldn't think of their names to claim exemptions for them. Finally, one of the 68 special agents assisting with returns let him use his kids' nicknames.

Nor was this father alone in the deadline rush and confusion. Another late-comer wanted to claim his mother-in-law as an exemption, but he couldn't remember her name.

Seattle, Wash., March 16 (CP)—The last day rush at the collector of internal revenue office brought a man who wanted to know if he could deduct the cost of his marriage license from his income tax.

Captain Brown Of 'Mo' To Face Court Martial

Two Other Officers Of Battleship Also To Face Court

Norfolk, Va., March 16 (AP)—General courts martial were ordered today for the commanding officer, the operations officer, and the navigator of the battleship Missouri as a result of the vessel's grounding in Chesapeake bay, January 17.

The officers to be tried are Capt. William D. Brown, of Frostproof, Fla., the big Mo's skipper; Comdr. John R. Millet, operations officer, and Lt. Comdr. Frank G. Morris, of New York, navigator.

The courts martial will be convened March 27 at the Norfolk naval base. The trials will begin at that time, naval spokesmen said, if the defendants are ready to proceed. All proceedings will be open to the public and the press.

The courts martial were ordered by Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith, commander of the cruiser force of the Atlantic fleet, after a review of the proceedings of the naval court of inquiry which investigated the grounding.

Admiral's Statement Smith's action was announced by Adm. William M. Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet.

Fletcher said "the formal charges and specifications to be served upon these officers and upon which they will be tried, will not be made public prior to the convening of the respective courts. The individual officers concerned, however, may release the charges and specifications in their respective cases at their own discretion."

Fletcher said Smith did not consider the evidence against Lt. John E. Carr, of Norfolk, Va., combat operations officer of the Missouri, of sufficient gravity to warrant trial by court martial. However, Smith has addressed a letter of reprimand to Carr.

Big Cut Looms in Truman Budget

Washington, March 16 (AP)—The house appropriations committee has tentatively worked out a \$1,200,000,000 cut in President Truman's spending proposals for the 12 months beginning July 1.

The committee has not formally taken final action, but it was learned a "central committee" had recommended the cut.

The committee is working on an omnibus bill embracing items for which Mr. Truman asked \$30,326,000,000.

Members of the committee said these have been trimmed to roughly \$29,113,000,000.

The president's overall budget requests for the fiscal year starting next July 1 were \$42,439,000,000. This included approximately \$3,000,000,000 for Marshall plan foreign aid and \$9,000,000,000 in so-called permanent appropriations and trust funds.

Sec. Acheson Challenges Reds; Has 7-Point Plan

Berkeley, Calif., March 16 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson challenged Russia today to demonstrate her desire for peace by accepting a new seven-point program to free the world from "destructive tensions and anxieties."

Bolled down, the seven steps Acheson proposed call for an end to Russia's aggressive diplomacy, both in her dealings with satellites and with the western world, and for new moves to conclude peace treaties and to find some solution to the problem of atomic controls.

Bluntly, he predicted Russian refusal of any attempt to settle these points of "greatest difference" between the east and the west.

But he insisted that they "must be identified and sooner or later reconciled if the two systems are to live together, if not with mutual respect, at least in mutual security."

Otherwise, he said, the United States can only continue to resist aggression where it finds it, and to "press ahead with the building of a free world."



Dallas Drubs Trappers, 60-48

Eugene, March 16 (AP)—Dallas, a dark horse which surprised competitors by reaching the state tourney at all, overcame Scappoose, 60-48, in today's second consolation game.

Dallas pulled away from a 27-27 halftime tie to run up 15 points in the first five minutes of the second half.

The winners led at the end of the third quarter, 44-37. Scappoose threatened briefly once more, narrowing Dallas' margin to 44-43. But then Dallas unleashed another great spurt to end the tilt at 60-48.

Scappoose was actually ahead only once: 5-4 in the first period. By the quarter's end Dallas led, 14-11.

Hillsboro defeated Milwaukie, 46-40, in a tight contest in today's consolation rounds of the state prep basketball tourney.

The score was tied five times in the first quarter, but Milwaukie pulled ahead, 14-12, at the period's close, and stayed slightly ahead—though hardly pressed—thereafter.

Milwaukie threatened repeatedly, narrowing Hillsboro lead to 29-28 at one point, and again to 37-36 with only three minutes left in the game.

Then forward Jim Nierman, who hadn't scored before, suddenly spurred into action and sewed up the game for Hillsboro. Within three minutes he shot two field goals and sank four foul shots.

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Gov. McKay Invites Truman to Seaside

Seaside, March 16 (AP)—The western states conference of labor apprentice training here May 22-26 may hear President Truman.

Gov. Douglas McKay has invited Truman to speak. The president will be on a trip in the region at the time to dedicate Grand Coulee dam.

Labor and industry representatives of 11 western states, Alaska and Hawaii are due for the session. The governors have been invited.

Mrs. FDR Explains Paul Robeson Incident

Louisville, Ky., March 16 (AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt believes many persons "misunderstood" the nature of her television program on which Paul Robeson was to have taken part in a discussion group.

The program was cancelled by the National Broadcasting company after a flood of protests against the appearance of the Negro singer because of his alleged pro-communist sympathies. Mrs. Roosevelt said here yesterday that her son Elliott arranged the program with the idea that "subjects should be controversial."

"The subject in this case was 'The Negro in Politics' and Paul Robeson was to have represented the progressive party with the same amount of time to speak as others in the group," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

Change of Zone Sought For 122-Unit Apartment

With plans completed for a new eight-story apartment building on South High and Kearney streets, actual construction awaits action of Salem's planning and zoning commission on an application for zone change. The application will be considered at a meeting next Tuesday night.

The apartment house, to be known as the Parkview Plaza, will be of re-inforced concrete with painted stucco finish on the exterior and will be located on a 150 by 163 foot lot at the corner of South High and Kearney. The major part of the property was purchased by William E. Healy, deputy secretary of state and Paul F. Murphy, of Oswego from V. E. and Bertha Kuhn. A 35-foot piece of land was also purchased from Don Upjohn.

The petition to the commission asks that the property be placed in a Class II apartment house zone in place of the present Class I, single family residence zone.

A luxury type structure, the apartment will have 122 apartments plus a two-story garage on the side of the building for off-site parking. The garage is designed to hold approximately 60 cars.

The apartment is to have a corner entrance on South High and Kearney and on the main floor there will be a spacious lobby. Two automatic elevators are to be installed.

Rooms in the building will be larger than the average and all apartments are to be wired for television. The apartments, with the exception of a modern range and refrigerator of the latest type, will be unfurnished. There are to be 23 bachelor type or efficiency type apartments and 99 one bedroom and two bedroom apartments. All apartments will have metal kitchen cabinets and there will be hardwood floors throughout.

Architect for the apartment building for which a commitment for \$1,018,000 has been made by the FHA, is Morton H. Caine of Portland.

Wintry Touch In North States

Snow and cold weather gave a wintry touch in mid-March to the northern tier of states from the midwest to the New England region today.

Light snow fell over the Mississippi valley as far south as Springfield, Ill., with some snow mixed with rain at St. Louis. Temperatures were below normal, with lows of near zero in some parts of the north central region. The mercury dropped to one below zero at Pellston, Mich. Readings also were on the chilly side over most of the northeastern states.

Rain fell from the east gulf states northward into the Ohio valley. The heaviest falls were associated with thunderstorms near the gulf, with Mobile reporting 1.65 inches in six hours yesterday.

A freak windstorm accompanied by hail, sleet and snow yesterday caused thousands of dollars damage in the rich strawberry belt of southeast Louisiana. Dry, westerly winds ranging up to 50 miles an hour, whipped over the Texas Panhandle and northern Texas as far east as Fort Worth and Dal-

Navy Orders Crommelin Furloughed

Fiery Captain Says He "Won't Throw In the Sponge"

San Francisco, March 16 (AP)—Navy Capt. John G. Crommelin will continue criticizing the armed forces general staff even though the navy has ordered the Pacific war hero furloughed on half pay.

"I'm not going to throw in the sponge," he said yesterday on learning that Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews ordered a disciplinary crackdown.

"I still have six or seven more speaking engagements. If I back down on anything I've said, you will know I have been given the Cardinal Mindszenty treatment."

The furlough order was the stiffest punishment imposed on a navy officer, short of a court martial, in 24 years. Under military law, the Secretary of the Navy may furlough any officer on half pay without a court martial and without explaining his reasons.

Although Matthews did not explain the reason for his order, it was obvious that it was for Crommelin's criticisms of the general staff.

For playing a leading role in last fall's "admiral revolt," Crommelin was "banished" to San Francisco.

Nevertheless, he continued to speak out against what he called "Prussian Pentagon policies." He was ordered last month to cease his criticisms. He responded by quoting only the words of other armed forces officials in speeches that were critical of the general staff.

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\$68 Millions for BPA Proposed

Washington, March 16 (AP)—A house appropriations subcommittee has approved a \$621,634,000 interior department money bill, it was learned today, with more than one-half the funds being earmarked for western reclamation.

The subcommittee's action is subject to ratification by the full appropriations committee. A formal public report on the legislation, which will be a section of the "one-package" appropriation bill covering all government activities, is expected next week.

Included in the recommendations will be \$68,250,000 for the Bonneville power administration during the year starting July 1. The sum includes \$41,500,000 cash plus contract authority of \$21,750,000 for construction and another \$5,000,000 for operations and maintenance.

The contractual authorization was upped, it was learned, to continue the transmission construction program to provide additional facilities needed to market power from new generating facilities approaching completion in the near future.

Fertilizer Plant Taken Over Here As Home Industry

The Salem alumina plant, war-born industry on North Cherry avenue, is now home owned.

It passed today into the hands of local men who took it over from the government general services administration. The new owners are Charles H. Strickfaden, owner and operator of the Capitol Lumber company at 2860 North Cherry; George A. Rhoten, attorney; and Arch W. Metzger, who has been with the chemical plant as manager since its beginning.

Since the start, the plant has operated mainly in the manufacture of ammonium sulphate fertilizer. It will continue turning out that product, and Metzger said it is the intention of the new corporation to be in production on or about April 15 for a short spring run, because of the extreme shortage of nitrogen in this territory at present.

The new owners said the transaction had been financed. They will run the plant on a three-year lease extending to July 1, 1953, but with an option of two more years. At all times during the lease period they have an option to buy the plant at a stipulated figure not announced.

Strickfaden is president of the corporation, Rhoten vice president, and Metzger secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Of great assistance in negotiations with the government authorities in Washington in the process of negotiation have been Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne L. Morse and Representative Walter Norblad. Also constantly at work to get the plant back into operation as a going concern has been Arch Metzger, who has always been the actual operator.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce has been active in all negotiations from the start, and Manager Clay Cochran has given it close attention both from Salem and in Washington.

Also credit for assistance given by the Portland Chamber of Commerce through Chester Starrett, manager of its industrial division, and Harold B. Say, its Washington representative.

A name for the new corporation has not been definitely decided on. Northwest Chemical company was chosen, but it was found to conflict with the name of a concern in Yakima. Suggested names include Consolidated Chemical company, Continental Chemical company, and Oregon Chemical Industries, Inc.

The sale of the plant was handled through the Seattle office of the General Services Administration, whose personnel, Orrin C. Bradeen, regional director; Russell Blackburn, assistant to the regional director; and Emerson O'camb, of the liquidation department, were especially active. Taking a keen interest in the negotiations, however, was also Jesse Larson, head of General Services in Washington.

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Grover Cleveland's Son in GOP Politics

Tamworth, N.H., March 16 (AP)—A son of the late democratic President Grover Cleveland has successfully, if modestly, entered the political lists under the republican banner.

He is Francis Cleveland, 46, newly elected as a selectman at Tamworth's town meeting.

Cleveland, a poultryman and summer theater operator said he became a republican when President Truman took office.

Burglars Enter Optical Store

Burglaries at the Boring optical establishment and at the home of Dr. Thomas Dunham were investigated Thursday morning by Salem detectives.

The back door of the optical shop at 1194 Center street was smashed open by a burglar who used a force bar. Splinters of wood found near the front door indicated that he had endeavored to leave by that means. It was presumed that the burglar was frightened off. Nothing was missing.

A maid discovered the burglary at the Dunham residence at 1885 South Church street when she reported for work Thursday. The family has been out of town on vacation.

Although the home was ransacked, jewelry was left untouched. The maid could not determine if anything was missing.



Time-Bomb Plot—This casual photo taken by a tourist shows the time-bomb (arrow) ex-jewelry salesman J. Albert Guay had placed aboard a Canadian airliner in Quebec, in order to get rid of his wife, one of the 23 persons killed when the plane exploded in midair 15 minutes after this picture was taken. Guay was found guilty of the time-bombing of the plane and sentenced to hang. Pilot and stewardess killed in the blast are shown under the plane's wing (right). (Acme Telephoto.)

Freighter Nootka Aground in B. C.

Vancouver, B.C., March 16 (CP)—The Canadian Pacific coastal freighter Nootka was hard aground today on Walken island, 125 miles northwest of here.

Capt. Charles Robson, skipper of the 3500-ton vessel which grounded in the fog last night, said she might be refloated within six hours, at high tide.

Pulp cargo he said in a telephone interview, was being unloaded to lighten the ship.