

FAIR TONIGHT and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 33; high Saturday, 72.

Maximum yesterday, 65; minimum today, 57. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: 1.46; normal: 1.82. Season precipitation, 39.23; normal: 33.18. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau)

Czech Chicago Consulate Told To Close May 1

U. S. Acts in Reprisal Of Recall of Americans in Prague

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The United States today ordered communist Czechoslovakia to shut down its consulate general in Chicago not later than May 1.

The action, announced in a note to the Czech government, was in direct retaliation of an order closing the libraries of the U. S. information service in Czechoslovakia and the American consulate general in the city of Bratislava.

The state department's note rejected as worthless the Czech charges that the U.S.I.S. was being used as a cloak for spying activities against the communist regime.

"Obliged to Comply"

However, this government agreed to carry out the closing order and to recall Joseph C. Kolarek, press attache at the American embassy in the Capital of Prague.

In stating that the U. S. is "obliged to comply" with the Czech demand, the note added that the Czechoslovak government must, however, expect that its action can not escape serious consequences affecting various aspects of the relations between the two governments." (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Maragon's Bank Checks Shown

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The government showed the jury in the John Maragon perjury trial today three checks totaling \$508.80 which he received in 1948 from a firm doing business with the war assets administration.

George A. Chadwick, Jr., Washington lawyer, testified that as treasurer of Transamerica Traders he made out the checks to Maragon for expenses. The firm was buying and selling surplus war supplies.

The government is trying to prove Maragon lied in telling senate investigators last year he negotiated no business with the government and got no money for handling business with the government from 1945 to mid-1949.

The prosecution also set about trying to prove that Maragon drew pay simultaneously in 1945 and 1946 from a Chicago perfume company and from the state department, although he told senators the government job was the only one he had at the time.

Fair Week-End Looms in Valley

Capricious April weather seems the order still for the Salem area—freezing temperatures and a light frost coming Friday morning following the season's high temperature to date during the mid-week. Friday's minimum was 32 degrees. The weather bureau said no frost was apparent in downtown, but some of the higher areas about listed frost.

The predicted showers were minus in the weather situation, however, the weather bureau reporting the showers passed by to the north.

"Fair through Saturday" is the welcome news for the week-end with little change in temperatures.

The daily agricultural report states conditions will be favorable for farm activities, Saturday except for some fresh winds which will hinder dusting and spraying.

Keep Oregon Green To Open Ninth Year

The Keep Oregon Green association will observe the start of the ninth year of its program to prevent man-caused forest fires by holding its first governor's dinner in May.

Albert K. Wiesendanger, executive secretary of KOG, who announced the event here, said the governor's dinner will be held at the Portland hotel in Portland, on the opening day of the fire season in Oregon.

Subpoenas for 3 Witnesses By Spy Probers

Dr. Dodd, Huber, Kerley to Appear Before Senators Tuesday

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Senate investigators today subpoenaed three more witnesses in the Owen Lattimore case.

Edward P. Morgan, counsel for a senate committee investigating Senator McCarthy's charges of communism in the state department, said the witnesses are:

1. Dr. Bella V. Dodd of New York, a former member of the national committee of the American communist party.

2. John J. Huber of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. McCarthy, Wisconsin republican, has described Huber as a former undercover agent for the FBI.

3. Lawrence Kerley of the staff of the New York Journal-American. McCarthy also has described Kerley as a former FBI agent.

Morgan said the subpoenas call for all three to appear next Tuesday at a closed meeting of the senate group.

Dr. Dodd Expelled Red

McCarthy has accused Lattimore, Johns Hopkins professor and Far Eastern affairs expert, of being Russia's top spy in this country. Lattimore denied he was a communist but had ever aided the communists.

Yesterday Louis F. Budenz, a former communist, swore he had been told by high communist officials that Lattimore was a member of a communist "cell" in the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Lattimore's attorneys tried unsuccessfully yesterday to put an affidavit by Dr. Dodd into the official record of the subcommittee. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Red River Flood Hits Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man., April 21 (AP)—Southern Manitoba in the Red river valley prepared to move their families and livestock and furniture to higher levels today as the turbulent river continued to swell.

Dynamite crews blasted ice jams. Barricades and dikes were being raised and the reserve army stood by for emergency flood duties.

Gretna, a border town hit hard by the overflow of the Pembina river, a tributary of the Red river, was still one-third flooded. Some families who moved back into their homes after Wednesday's sudden onslaught were forced out again yesterday. Six hundred pounds of meats were flown to the isolated town by a Winnipeg packing firm.

At Winnipeg, the Red tilted over the 18-foot flood level this morning. An ice jam sent it up to 18.9 feet for an hour. When the jam dissolved it eased back to 18.4 feet. Peak in the disastrous 1948 spring flood was 22.4 feet. At some points residents heaped sandbags on the north bank while others prepared to pull out.

Last Pipe Laid Today On Interceptor Sewer

By STEPHEN A. STONE

The last section of pipe in the city's interceptor sewer project, one of the biggest public works contracts in Salem history, was laid Friday afternoon.

The sewer, smallest diameter of which is 60 inches, will be cut into service within two weeks.

It will take all the sewage from the south part of Salem at Berry and Rural streets, across the city to the sewage disposal plant site on North River road.

The interceptor line extends a total of 10,850 feet, from the disposal location, via North Commercial and other streets, to Church and Union. It has 1278 feet of 72-inch pipe, 1635 feet of 66-inch, and 7778 feet of 60-inch pipe. The last section will be laid on North Fifth between Belmont and Market.

The project on a contract held by the H. C. Werner company of Eugene, was started late in August, and the contract called for completion May 15, so the contractor is several weeks ahead of schedule. The project in final details will be completed within two weeks, according to Joe Fitzpatrick, assistant city engineer.

Another important sanitary sewer line is proposed for construction this year, to be connected with the interceptor. This is the Capitola line of 6400 feet of 42-inch pipe which will cut into the interceptor at the north line of Mapleton addition. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)



Budenz Gives Evidence

Louis Budenz, a former communist, (left) displays a copy of the "New Masses" a magazine he said was communist controlled as he testifies in Washington, before a senate subcommittee in the probe of charges of Reds in the state department. Seated behind him is Owen Lattimore (right) whom he charged with being a member of a communist cell. Beside Lattimore is his counsel, Thurmond Arnold. (AP Wirephoto)

Hainan Claims Defeat of Reds

By STANLEY RICH

Hoihow, Hainan Island, April 21 (AP)—Firecrackers shattered the silence of Hoihow's streets this afternoon as the Chinese Nationalists' own newspaper announced a great victory in the defense of Hainan island.

The Nationalists said 10,000 Chinese Red invaders were killed or captured in an eight-hour battle that started last midnight. (A Nationalist broadcast said two Russians were found among the captured communists. It said Hainan defense headquarters verified the capture.)

(It also said Nationalist warships sank 40 of 60 Junk off Luchow peninsula opposite Hainan this morning. The broadcast, by the Nationalist Central News Agency from Taipei, was heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press.)

Despite official optimism and the jubilation in this island's capital city, however, there were other signs the Nationalists were not doing so well.

As I arrived at Hoihow airfield last night I could see a tiny AT-6 training plane struggling to get off the ground with a 25-pound bomb strapped under each wing.

Such desperate measures don't jibe with Nationalist reports of sweeping success.

Even now from the heart of Hoihow I can hear the muffled sounds of bombing in the distance.

Pro-Nationalist newspapers said "substantial army reinforcements" arrived this morning from Taipei.

Vote Excise Tax Cuts

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today approved an additional \$250,000,000 slash in excise taxes—eliminating some of the imposts completely and halving others. This brought the total cuts, so far as the committee has covered the excise list, to \$335,000,000—almost twice as much as President Truman requested.

Nancy Miller to Reign At Cherryland Festival

Ruling over Salem's 1950 Cherryland Festival, June 15-17 will be brown-eyed, brunette Nancy Miller from Salem high school. Selection of the attractive slender five-foot, five-inch tall Salem girl, as ruler over the June celebration was announced at the Cherrians' annual Blossom day dance Thursday night.

The newly elected queen's attire Thursday night was a bright red ballet length strapless formal of taffeta and net, the same that she modeled Princess Selection Night. Present when the honor was conferred upon Nancy were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burr Miller. Her father is a Cherrian.

A native Oregonian, Nancy was born at Roseburg September 17, 1932. The Millers came to Salem from Eugene in January, 1942, and Nancy has been attending Salem schools ever since. On completion of her high school education this year she expects to enter the University of Oregon and major in art, planning to become an interior decorator.

Queen Nancy's high school activities are many and varied. She is a member of Girls' Letter club, Radio Broadcasting club, Vikesettes, Philharmonians and Tri-Y of which she is publicity manager. This year Nancy was the Civics club Carnival princess from the Philharmonians club; she managed the Vikesette skit in the Civics club carnival and draws posters and advertising for the ASB dances. She likes swimming and takes water ballet swimming.

Princess in Queen Nancy's court are: Martha Storruste of Silverton; Marlene Hartmann, (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Flyer's Jacket Found in Baltic

Stockholm, Sweden, April 21 (AP)—A yellow flyer's jacket, possibly an American model, has been found by a fisherman in the Baltic 40 miles south of Stockholm, the Swedish air force reported.

The discovery raised speculation that the jacket might have belonged to one of 10 crew men aboard the U.S. navy patrol plane missing in the Baltic area for the past two weeks. Search for the plane was abandoned last week-end.

The jacket had not yet been delivered to the Swedish air force for examination but was expected later today, an air force spokesman said.

The jacket, he added, was of windproof material. Its zipper fastener had been torn away. It was found between the islands of Muskoe and Landsort, in the southern part of the island chain off Sweden's east coast.

A yellow rubber life raft, believed to have belonged to the missing U.S. plane, was picked up by a British freighter 45 miles southeast of Stockholm on April 16.

Woman Killed in Crash

Portland, April 21 (AP)—The toll from traffic was up to 11 in Portland today, following the death of Mrs. Minnie M. Bliss, 76, who was struck by an automobile at an intersection yesterday.

Kremlin Spurns US Demand for Loss of Plane

Moscow Insists B-29 Fired at Soviet Plane First over Latvia

London, April 21 (AP)—Russia rejected today a U.S. demand for compensation for the loss of an American plane fired at by Soviet fighter planes in the Baltic area April 8.

The USSR also insisted the plane was a B-29 bomber, not an unarmed navy Privateer, and that it fired at the fighters first.

In a note handed to U.S. Ambassador Alan G. Kirk at Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky declared the plane was trying to "photograph Soviet defense installations."

The note said the Soviet government cannot accept for examination the U.S. demands for compensation and a guarantee against any recurrence of the incident.

U.S. Demands Absurd

It asserted these demands "are clearly absurd and without any foundation whatever."

The Privateer, missing with its crew of 10 since the day fixed by the Russians as the day of the exchange of fire, has been given up for lost.

The Soviet note today, broadcast by Moscow radio and picked up by the Soviet monitor in London, replied to the U.S. protest note of April 18. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Moscow Reply Angers Senate

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) of the house armed services committee today accused Russia of an act of aggression—"a murderous, dastardly, despicable act which has been officially condoned by the Russian government."

He was talking about the loss of ten American fliers aboard an unarmed navy plane which the U. S. says was shot down by Soviet fighter planes over the Baltic sea on April 8.

Vinson addressed the house shortly after Moscow rejected as "clearly absurd" this country's demand for compensation for the loss of lives and for assurance that there will be no recurrence of the incident.

The armed services chairman took the floor when the house suspended other business to vote on a resolution honoring the ten lost airmen. The senate passed the measure last Wednesday, 66 to 0.

The resolution directs the secretary of the navy to award posthumous honors to the 10 fliers and expresses congressional sympathy to their families.

At the end of Vinson's ten-minute speech, the house adopted the resolution by a roll call vote of 330 to 0.

Vinson said the American were killed "deliberately, savagely and brutally."



Ex-FBI Girl Slain

The body of former FBI girl Betty Renner (above), 38, brutally beaten about the head and nude except for a brassiere, was found jammed into a narrow well opening in an abandoned stone quarry in Nassau, Bahamas. An autopsy report showed Miss Renner had not been raped but that there were "certain indications" that the slaying was a sex crime. (Acme Telephoto)

Brothers View Slain FBI Sister

Nassau, Bahamas, April 21 (AP)—Two heartbroken brothers were to view the body of their murdered younger sister today as police sought the person who stripped her almost naked and tossed her into a well to drown.

The semi-nude body of Miss Betty Renner, 38-year-old Washington attorney, was recovered from a shallow well Wednesday. She was wearing only a brassiere.

Dr. H. B. Taylor, who performed the autopsy, said there was no positive evidence of rape but the possibility was still being investigated.

Her older brothers, Frederick P. Renner, 40, and Charles H. Renner, Jr., 39, arrived by plane from Miami, Fla., last night and went immediately to a hotel to rest.

Both said they had gotten little sleep since news of the tragedy. They planned to talk with police and the United States consul today before viewing their sister's body.

Major G. H. Ranoe, chief of police, said the death was definitely murder and that a Negro of the water type was being sought. The Negro was seen bicycling with Miss Renner in the arena before she disappeared Tuesday.

Settlement Averts Ship Strike in East

New York, April 21 (AP)—Settlement of a dispute threatening a tieup of shipping on the east and Gulf coasts was announced today.

The agreement came after 19 hours of almost steady negotiations between representatives of 40 shipping concerns and the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots association.

Yugoslavia for Settlement of Trieste Issue

Italian Pact Sought—Russia Demands Removal of West Troops

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Sava Kosanovic, Yugoslav ambassador, today expressed his country's willingness to consider a "direct agreement" with Italy to settle the Trieste problem.

Kosanovic made the statement to reporters after paying a farewell call on Secretary of State Acheson. He returns to Belgrade within a few days to become minister of state in the Yugoslav cabinet.

The Yugoslav envoy said "There will be no real peace in the Adriatic as long as there is this Trieste problem between the Italian and Yugoslav peoples."

He noted that Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza recently expressed Italy's readiness to talk with Yugoslavia about a settlement.

Russian Charges

Russia thrust the Trieste problem back onto the international scene yesterday with a note charging in effect that the Big Three western powers are turning the Adriatic sea port into a military base.

Diplomatic officials predicted today the United States, Britain, and France will reject the Soviet charges as unfounded. They said the three powers will confer on a reply and it is possible a joint answer might be made when Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman meet in London early today. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Russian Trieste Charges Denied

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Diplomatic officials predicted today the United States, Britain and France will reject as unfounded Russian charges that they are turning Adriatic port of Trieste into a military base.

The three western powers will confer on a reply, it was said, and it is possible that a joint answer might be made when Secretary of State Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman meet in London early next month.

Russia charged in a note yesterday that the Italian peace treaty is being violated by the continued presence of British and American troops in the strategic Trieste territory on the borders of Italy and Yugoslavia.

The treaty provided that the territory would be set up as a free zone under an independent governor. No governor has ever been agreed on between the eastern and western powers, however, and for this the west blames Russia.

Moreover, diplomats here said that until a governor had been named, the treaty provisions requiring withdrawal of troops would not come into effect since they specify that withdrawal should occur within 90 days after a governor takes over.

The United States, Britain and Yugoslavia each have about 5000 troops there.

Russia Maps Plan For Invading West

Rome, April 21 (AP)—The Italian news agency ARI, which specializes in Roman Catholic news, declared today that Russia has mapped plans for invading western Europe.

The agency, quoting "confidential reports from clandestine resistance organizations in the U.S.S.R.," predicted that once the Soviet invasion was under way Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia would turn about and side with the Russians. Tito's communist regime has been on the Moscow blacklist for nearly two years for demanding independence from Kremlin dictators.

The invasion plan, said the agency, called for forcing Anglo-American troops to retreat from their Atlantic bases into Italy "where they would meet many surprises." The reports, ARI said, indicate that 1950 may be the "decisive year."

Bradcock Manager Dies

New York, April 21 (AP)—Joe Gould, who managed heavyweight champion Jimmy Bradcock, died today after a lingering illness. He was 52.



New Queen and Father

Queen Nancy Miller of the 1950 Cherryland Festival, whose selection as ruler of the annual event was announced Thursday night at the Cherrians Blossom day dance, is pictured here with her father, E. Burr Miller. The queen's father is a member of the Salem Cherrians.