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MOSTLY CLEAR tonight, Wednesday. Low tonight, 55; slightly cooler, Wednesday, high, 88.

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Control Board Gives Warden Full Support

Orders Convicts to Return to Work—96 More Back on Jobs

By JAMES D. OLSON The state board of control Tuesday announced that it would continue to operate the state penitentiary and in a formal statement sent and broadcast to all convicts insisted that they "return to work immediately." Members of the board also gave unqualified support to Warden George Alexander.

"These fellows should know they are off-base," said Governor Douglas McKay, "and that this board is unanimous in the opinion that a prison is no place for a sit-down strike." The other two members of the board, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, endorsed the governor's statement, which was made after the reading resolution of the Oregon Prison association, also insisting that there be an immediate return to work by the prisoners.

Studying Applicants Newbry said that the board was studying applications for a new warden, and would make the selection in an orderly manner. He said that the board had been contemplating for months the change in the prison, where by a new warden would take over administration of the convicts and the present warden, George Alexander, would serve as business administrator. Pearson said he was not in favor of any sit-down strike now or in the future and said that the board of control has been trying "its best to solve the difficulties at the penitentiary and the present sit-down strike by the prisoners isn't helping the situation any."

Order Broadcast The board's order for return to work by the convicts was read over the prison loud speaker by Tom McCall, the governor's secretary, shortly before noon. There were unexplained cheers. After McCall read the order he met with the recently abolished inmate's committee. McCall said that he talked with them so there would be some group of communication. This committee countered the board's communication with three demands, which McCall said would be investigated. He said he could give the convicts no assurance the requests would be complied with.

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Slightly Cooler On Wednesday Slightly cooler temperatures are in prospect for Wednesday, if that is any comfort to those who believed Monday and Tuesday were a bit too warm. The weather bureau states some low clouds probably will be overhead for a time tomorrow morning, although further clear skies are in prospect after that.

Tuesday started out to be as warm as Monday, the morning minimum being 59 degrees. The maximum for Monday soared to 98 degrees. Actually, the mercury read 98.4, but any fraction under the halfway mark left it for the record at 98 degrees.

There have been two warmer days this summer. On June 29 and July 11 the weather bureau record shows a maximum of 99 for both days. Low humidity has made the weather more uncomfortable for some. The Monday low humidity was 14 per cent. At 10:30 a.m. reading Tuesday the humidity was at 42 per cent as against 37 per cent at the same time on Monday.

Except for the prospective slightly lower temperatures tomorrow, there is no immediate change due in the prolonged dry spell. So far no rain has been recorded for August, meaning additional gallons of water being used for lawns and gardens in the city, and pastures and fields in the countryside getting drier by the day, not to mention the dangerous situation in the forests with the tinder-dry conditions and low humidity. No rain has fallen in the Salem area since July 5.

Weather Details barometer at 12:30 p.m. today, 30.1; at 9 a.m. yesterday, 30.1; minimum today, 55; 24-hour precipitation, 0; for 24 hours, 0; normal, 25; season precipitation, 45.5; normal, 27.5; river height, 27 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau)

Fires Continue To Burn Forests Of Northwest

Old Fires Uncontrolled and New Ones Break Out in Oregon

More and more of Oregon's forests were being blackened today as fires continued to roar through them. Weather men gave little hope that the long hot and dry spell would break in the near future, predicting that it would continue at least through Sunday.

As old fires kept moving on uncontrolled and new ones broke out the state forestry department said that it appeared that this would be the state's worst fire season in many a year. The fire that has been burning in the Old Smith River burn since last week is still spreading, though parts of it have been temporarily controlled. It has covered around 12,000 acres now but at present is confined to the old burn and has not gotten into new timber.

Pistol River Blaze Two camps have been set up on that fire but the state forestry department said Tuesday morning that it had no idea as to the number of men and the amount of equipment now fighting the blaze. One look-out was moved out as a safety measure precaution and has been set up at another point, where it is being used more for communication than anything else.

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Series of Quakes Rock Hawaii

Honolulu, Aug. 21 (AP)—A series of sharp earthquakes rocked the Hawaiian islands today causing damage estimated at \$45,000 and injuring at least two persons.

The tremors were recorded at 12:57 a.m., Hawaiian time (6:57 a.m. EDT), and another sharp series were recorded at 1:31 a.m., Hawaiian time (7:31 a.m. EDT).

Roland F. White, chief observer at the coast and geodetic magnetic observation station, said the quakes were "at least as large" as the ones that preceded the spectacular eruptions of Mauna Loa June 1, 1950.

Hilo Police Chief Anthony Paul, who estimated the damage and reported the injured, said damage from the earthquake centered in the Hoonau-Nookena area on the easternmost island of Hawaii. This section bore the brunt of damage during last year's eruption of Mauna Loa volcano on the island of Hawaii.

Paul said Hawaii county supervisor William Thompson and his wife were "slightly injured" when their home at Kaimanalo partially collapsed as they slept. There were no other reports of injuries, he said.

The craters of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, two 13,000-foot volcano peaks rising above the island, were still dormant.

High Red Official Dies London, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Moscow radio today reported the death of G. A. Zemukhmedov, president of the presidium of the supreme Soviet of Tatar, autonomous Soviet socialist republic. The broadcast said he died Monday.

McKay and Newbry to Oppose State Pay Hike A proposed pay increase to accountant clerks was strongly opposed by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and Governor Douglas McKay, during the meeting of the board Tuesday.



Truman Seeks More Controls

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Truman indicated today he is about to open a new fight to get from congress the price and other control powers he says are needed to combat inflation.

At a White House meeting, the President asked his national advisory board on mobilization policy, for advice on a message to congress asking stronger control authority.

When Mr. Truman signed the present law on July 31, he denounced it as inadequate and served notice he would ask congress later for changes. He said in a statement at that time: "We will not be able to hold down rising prices under this act, and I am going to ask the congress to amend it to give us adequate controls."

The advisory board on mobilization policy is headed by Charles E. Wilson, the defense mobilization director. There are 16 other members. Presidential Secretary Joseph Short disclosed that Mr. Truman talked for 30 minutes with the board.

"In the discussions," Short said, "the President took up the difficulties of administering the price control features of the defense production act as amended. He asked the board to give him advice in connection with a probable message to congress asking for further amendments."

Jap Peace to Mean Red War Tokyo, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Peiping radio today quoted a Shanghai newspaper as saying that if Japan signs a peace treaty with Red China and Russia it will mean "a declaration of war against these two countries."

The broadcast mentioned here carried at length an editorial from Ta Kung Pao, one of the Chinese newspapers, which the Reds took over when they seized Shanghai.

"Legally," the newspaper said, "after the conclusion of a separate peace, a state of war would still exist between these two countries and Japan."

Red China has not been invited to the Japanese peace treaty conference at San Francisco next month. Russia will attend but is not expected to sign.

Birthday Party For Margaret Ballater, Scotland, Aug. 21 (AP)—Princess Margaret, vivacious sweetheart of the British Empire, came of age today. Her 21st birthday was greeted by Britons everywhere but the celebration at nearby Balmoral Castle was a quiet family affair.

Tourists and local folk in this neighboring Scottish town made it a festive occasion as friends of the royal family—including some who may be eligible for Margaret's hand—came to take part in the birthday party.

There will be no booming of guns throughout the empire, since Margaret is only fourth in line to the British throne. But local postal officials are bracing themselves for the expected flood of congratulatory letters, telegrams and presents.

All Records Crashed In Use of Water Here

More water flowed through the pipes, faucets and sprinklers of the Salem water system Monday than any other day in the history of the city.

In total gallons used during the day and in rate of usage at the peak hour all records were crashed, and for the first time since the 10,000,000-gallon reservoir was built on Rural avenue it failed to fill completely during the night—because of the heavy usage up to the time people went to bed.

The total used during the day, said Manager Carl Guenther, was approximately 20,500,000 gallons. And at the peak of the day's usage at 8 o'clock Monday night Salem residents were using water at the rate of 36,100,000 gallons a day, or 25,000 gallons a minute. That continued until about 9 o'clock when residents began to shut off the sprinklers for the night.

Never before, said Guenther, has the reservoir failed to fill to capacity during the night, but Tuesday morning the surface in the reservoir was two feet below the top, which was a shortage of 1,100,000 gallons.

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Ask \$400 Million For Flood Relief

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Truman has asked congress for \$400,000,000 to help the flood-battered middle west and to finance a new national flood disaster insurance program.

He told congress in a message last night the situation was a "grave emergency" and asked that the money be provided as quickly as possible.

Vice President Barkley promptly referred the request jointly to the senate public works and appropriations committees to speed action. Ordinarily each would study the matter separately.

The relief money would be used to pay flood victims of Kansas, Missouri and nearby states for part of what they lost in the July floods; to guarantee liberal loans for rebuilding homes, farms and factories; and to help states and cities participate in the rehabilitation.

12 Die, 21 Hurt In Jet Crash Fort Dix, N. J., Aug. 21 (AP)—A flame-enveloped jet plane—raining fiery death as it fought a losing battle for altitude—plunged into a group of soldiers yesterday, killing twelve men, and injuring 21.

Hurricane to Strike Central Mexican Coast

130 Mile per Hour Wind Whirls Toward Tampico, Vera Cruz

Mexico City, Aug. 21 (AP)—A reformed tropical hurricane with a 130-mile-an-hour wind wallow stormed through the southwest Gulf of Mexico today toward the central Mexican coast and its oil fields.

Overnight it had regained most of the force with which it raked Jamaica last Friday and took 135 lives.

Along Mexico's tropical eastern shore on the gulf, Tampico and Veracruz, the country's two biggest ports, took precautions.

But the hurricane—if it kept its present course during the day—was due to hit the mainland about halfway between the ports between 6 p.m., and 9 p.m. (EST). Both expected to be on the outer fringes of the storm.

The weather bureau said the full force was headed for the Tuxpannautla area.

Tuxpan a Target Tuxpan is an oil port of about 13,000 population about 135 miles up the coast from Veracruz. Nautla is a small town on the coast between Tuxpan and Veracruz.

The big blow crossed Jamaica Friday, then hit the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico yesterday. It lost force over the sparsely-settled land and headed across Campeche bay in the southwest gulf.

In an advisory issued at 6 a.m. (EST) the weather bureau at New Orleans said the center would be swirling in the Gulf of Mexico about 170 miles east of Nautla, a small town of less than 2000 population.

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More Pickers Badly Needed

High temperatures have resulted in the rapid ripening of all sorts of farm crops with a consequent demand for additional harvest hands.

It was reported at the Salem employment office, Ferry and South Cottage streets, Tuesday morning that the supply of labor did not equal the demand by some 300 persons. Between 25 and 30 growers had conveyances at the employment office and although but one went home empty handed, the others did not begin to secure their requirements.

It is believed a number of male adults have gone into the forest fire fighting business, thus curtailing their services in the bean and cucumber patches, hop yards and other seasonal crops departments.

New Proposal In Oil Dispute Given to Iran

Tehran, Iran, Aug. 21 (AP)—Britain's delegate today offered Iran a new proposal to settle the grave British-Iranian oil dispute and gave the Iranians until noon tomorrow to take it or leave it.

The new British move followed the abrupt withdrawal by British Delegate Richard R. Stokes of the previous British proposal revolving about a 50-50 split of Iranian oil profits.

In London, the foreign office, confirming the new offer, announced that Prime Minister Atlee has summoned his cabinet to discuss the oil negotiations.

Stokes announced he had offered compromise possibilities which concern the retention of British management at the Abadan refinery and the oil fields. These had been rejected by Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh. Stokes then withdrew Britain's proposals and substituted a new overall one. It included the problem of employment of British personnel.

If the Tehran government rejects this, Stokes probably will return at once to London.

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South Koreans Swept Off Hill

U. S. 8th Army Headquarters, Korea, Aug. 21 (AP)—South Korean troops attacked strongly held ridges north of Yanggu today, but made little headway.

Front line dispatches reported the South Koreans seized the ridge of one hill but were swept off two others by Red counterattacks.

Associated Press Correspondent George A. McArthur reported from the east-central front that battle raged throughout the day northeast and northwest of Yanggu.

On the far eastern flank, McArthur said, attacking South Korean troops secured north-south ridges near Kansong except for one hill recaptured by a communist counter-attack Tuesday.

Large numbers of communist troops were reported massing a few miles south of the battlefield above Yanggu. McArthur said there were reports the Reds have committed some of their reserve strength to defend the craggy ridges.

Nam II Rejects Allied Reply Upon Ambush

Angrily Insists Red Chinese Killed and Deadlock Tightened

UN Advance Base Below Kaesong, Korea, Wednesday, Aug. 22 (AP)—North Korean Gen. Nam II rejected in angry terms last night a UN reply to his complaint that allied troops violated the Kaesong neutral zone. It appeared that cease-fire negotiations had come to another crisis.

Nam had alleged that UN troops fired on a communist military police detachment inside the zone Sunday. Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief UN truce negotiator, replied that he was investigating the complaint but that a preliminary report "does not substantiate the charges you have made."

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Polish Partisans Harrying Commies

Berlin, Aug. 21 (AP)—A young Polish refugee said here yesterday that the Russian forces trying to keep Poland in line are being harried by a growing band of armed anti-Red partisans.

Josef Kowalski, 19-year-old refugee from Polish secret police, told a news conference that the partisans have been making open attacks against Russian army installations and Soviet supply trains crossing Poland to East Germany.

Replacements poured steadily into Red lines during the four-day battle. Allied artillery hammered them incessantly. Fog hampered air support.

Small Red patrols attempted to infiltrate the allied battle line. Only light contacts were reported along the rest of the Korean front.

Chiang Fires 2 Delegates in U.S.

Taipei, Formosa, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Chinese nationalist government fired two of its representatives in the United States today and ordered them home immediately.

First, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek suspended Lt. Gen. Mao Pang-Chu as deputy commander of the Chinese national air force and delegate to the United Nations military staff committee.

Chiang in a mandate accused Mao of "dereliction of duties and disobedience of orders." A government spokesman said Mao had failed to account for \$19,440,000 of funds to buy equipment for the air force and to train its personnel.

Defense Housing Bill Sent to White House

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—The house today passed and sent to President Truman a \$1,635,000,000 defense housing bill promising lower down payments on low and moderately priced dwellings.

The general purpose of the bill is to encourage private builders to erect housing for the thousands who have swarmed into defense centers and areas around military installations.

The bill was originally sought by the administration, but the amounts for various housing programs were trimmed.

Also included is a \$100,000,000 fund for buying housing sites in isolated areas, and one of \$15,000,000 for loans to assist producers and distributors of prefabricated housing.

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