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FAIR TONIGHT and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 28; high Saturday, 52.

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New Bureau Of Vehicles State Plan

Interim Committee Will Introduce Bill In Legislature

By JAMES D. OLSON Creation of a new department of motor vehicles, to include administration of motor vehicle laws and collection of all fees, will be recommended to the 1953 legislature by the legislative highway interim committee.

At a meeting Thursday in the state highway building, the committee approved a tentative draft prepared by the statute revision council, and directed that two bills be prepared for introduction when the legislature opens. The two bills will be submitted to the committee for final approval at a meeting in December.

The new department, under the terms of the proposed bill, will take over the entire motor vehicle department, including registration of cars, issuance of drivers' licenses, collection of fuel taxes and administration of the financial responsibility division, all now under the secretary of state's office.

Would Collect Truck Fees In addition the new department proposes taking over the entire collection of truck fees now under the jurisdiction of the public utility commissioners.

V. A. to Abandon 19 Hospital Sites

Washington (AP)—The veterans administration said Friday it is turning over to the general services administration GSA for disposal 19 sites on which it had planned to build hospitals now dropped from the construction program. One is in Oregon, at Klamath Falls.

An official told reporters the action was taken under a 1949 law providing for disposal of surplus property because congress adjourned on July 7 without extending the life of the legislation under which construction of the hospitals was authorized.

Col. George E. Ijams of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who on Monday revealed he had protested to Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., against disposal of any of the sites by the outgoing administration before the new administration coming into office January 20 can set its policies.

Sees No Need Of Tuna Tariff

Washington (AP)—A domestic tuna canner says that if Japanese tuna production could break the U. S. market, it would have done so this year.

Thomas Sandoz, president of the Columbia River parkers of Astoria, Ore., said this year is "one of the most bountiful Albacore white meat tuna productions on record."

Japanese production has been particularly high this year, he said, "but instead of the market breaking, the price to fishermen has gradually but steadily increased during the season."

Sandoz testified in the fourth day of the U. S. Tariff Commission hearings on importation of fresh and frozen tuna from Japan.

Weather Details Minimum yesterday, 47; maximum today, 52. Total 24-hour precipitation: for month, 1.31; normal, 4.92. Season precipitation, 2.55; normal, 8.60. River height, -1.1 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Allies Repulse Red Assaults All Along Front

Fanatical Assaults on Frozen Slopes of Sniper Ridge Stopped

Seoul (AP)—Allied infantrymen smashed fanatical Chinese assault today on Sniper Ridge—the Central Korean front—and stopped lesser attacks elsewhere on the battle line.

In the air, American Sabre jets clashed with MIG-15s for the fifth successive day and pilots reported one destroyed—by Lt. Richard B. Smith, Jr., Medford, Ore. He damaged one Thursday.

Allied fighter-bombers ranged over a wide area of North Korea. Pilots said they wiped out 70 buildings, seven guns and cut rails in five places. They also pounded the communist battline.

He said an estimated 750 Chinese stormed the frozen, forbidding slopes of Sniper Ridge but were killed, wounded or driven back by stubborn South Korean troops, who have lost and retaken the height 16 times in 38 days.

Wreck Piles up Train, Chemault

Klamath Falls (AP)—Cars were piled up two and three deep Friday as a Great Northern freight train was derailed at Chemault in southern Oregon.

None of the crew was injured, but several cattle in three of the 18 derailed cars were killed. Gene Obiatt, Great Northern superintendent, said he had no idea what caused the derailment.

The train was being pulled by a three-unit diesel over the Southern Pacific mainline. Crews from Eugene and Klamath Falls went to work immediately clearing the tracks.

Oviatt said passenger trains can be rerouted over the old and slower Siskiyou route into California. Six freight trains were waiting between Eugene and the point of derailment.

Thule Airbase Connecting Link Delays Decision On Coal Wage

Copenhagen, Denmark (AP)—John M. Redding, U. S. assistant postmaster general, predicted Friday the U. S. Air Force base at Thule in Greenland will become "one of the most important cross-roads of the air age."

He envisaged a modern city of a half million population at Thule within 10 to 15 years.

Redding was a passenger on the airliner Arild Viking on its trail blazing flight across the polar ice-cap from California to Europe. The American-built Scandinavian Airlines System plane arrived here Thursday night after a trip that took 28 hours and 7 minutes from Los Angeles. The flying time for the 5,852-mile hop was 23 hours and 38 minutes.

One of the two stops was at Thule. Without use of that far northern base the flight to blaze a trail for commercial flying across the bleak polar regions would have been impossible. The new route cuts off about four hours flying time from the U. S. West Coast to Scandinavia.

Turkey Growers in Tussle With Thieves

Oregon turkey growers are finding it necessary to organize against the depredations of thieves because of night raids on the flocks, which have become serious, especially in the Willamette valley.



Governor Douglas McKay at his desk opening a portion of the flood of telegrams from all over the world congratulating him upon his selection by President-Elect Eisenhower as secretary of the interior in his cabinet.

McKay Gets Wires From All Over World

The girls in the governor's office agreed that Thursday was the hardest day of their lives. Gov. McKay's staff was worn out Friday after the hectic day on which their boss was named as the new secretary of the interior.

They were snowed under by telegrams from all over the country, and from such faraway places as Tokyo, Brazil, Guam and Europe. And they were bothered throughout the day by reporters, photographers, newsreel cameramen, radio announcers and television crews.

They could take things easier Friday because the governor went to Portland for two days. "I never thought I would have a worse day than when we got the flood of telegrams and letters last spring on whether the governor should declare daylight saving time," said Miss Leelyn Barnett, one of the secretaries. "But Thursday was even worse than that."

She said nobody had asked the governor for a job in the department of interior yet, but that one present employee of the department sent a telegram of congratulations which sounded like "apple polishing" to her.

McKay Rapped By Sen. Morse

Atlantic City, N. J. (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who bolted the republican party to support Adlai E. Stevenson, Friday described the three cabinet appointments of President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower "as very good for the reactionary forces that are out to plunder the people."

Morse, now classifying himself as an Independent, said Oregon Gov. Douglas McKay, named secretary of the interior by Eisenhower, "is a well recognized stooge of the tideless thieves, the private utility gang and the selfish interests which place materialistic values above human values." The senator was in Atlantic City for a convention speech.

Putnam told a reporter his mind was pretty well made up but that he had not yet come to a conclusive decision. It was learned, meanwhile, that a compromise plan on the wage boost had been rejected by mine union President John L. Lewis and Harry M. Moses, who is president of the Bituminous Coal Operators association.

Officials close to the situation, who refused use of their names, said this was the plan: The 40 cents which the WSB would have been paid in from any one not an established grower is carefully checked.

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by and possible hideaways of the thieves. Sam Speerstra of Salem, president of the Oregon Turkey Growers association, has this to say: "The rustlers seem to be people who know something about the turkey business. They operate by truck and haul the birds away alive. It is suspected they have a small processing plant of their own tucked away somewhere. Nevertheless all the legitimate processing plants have been alerted and are continuously on the lookout. Any quantity of birds that comes in from any one not an established grower is carefully checked.

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George whose body was found stuffed in an automobile trunk.

Humphrey, Brownell, Stassen Named for Key Posts by Ike

U. S. to Accept India's Korean Compromise

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The United States and seven other countries were reliably reported Friday to have decided to accept India's compromise plan for settling the Korean prisoner-of-war deadlock, subject to two changes.

The question of what to do with Red prisoners, held by the U. N., who say they don't want to go home has been holding up an armistice.

The eight countries—Australia, Britain, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, the United States and Turkey—also have decided to recommend that the Indian plan be given priority over all other Korean resolutions in the U. N. general assembly.

India proposed that both the U. N. and the Reds turn over their prisoners—totaling 132,000—to a commission made up of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Sweden.

If this commission deadlocked, it would elect or ask the general assembly to choose an impartial umpire.

The eight decided Friday to recommend that the Indian resolution be amended to provide that if the four did not agree to an umpire within three weeks they would hand the problem back to the assembly.

Under the Indian plan, the prisoners still on the commission's hands at the end of 90 days would have their fates decided by a political convention called on Far Eastern problems under terms of the draft armistice agreement already adopted.

The eight powers decided to support a suggestion voiced Thursday by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden that, instead, they be turned over to a special U. N. body.

Snyder Admits Tax Case Action

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, it was disclosed Friday, has acknowledged to house tax investigators, that he acted personally to speed up a 20 million dollar tax case, but only in the interest of more efficient administration.

He said "at no time did I express interest in the result of the case."

Snyder explained his interest in expediting a multimillion dollar excess profits tax claim by Universal Pictures, Inc., in a letter to members of a house ways and means subcommittee, investigating the internal revenue bureau.

Contents of the letter were revealed for the first time Friday by committee sources. At the same time, a committee member, Rep. Curtis (R., Neb.) demanded that Snyder appear in person before the group "before he leaves office."

Triggerman Now in Custody

Los Angeles (AP)—With deadpan Mobster Leonard C. Mocerri accidentally in custody, police Friday sought answers to unsolved gangland executions dating from liquor bootlegging days to the modern Mafia.



Herbert Brownell, Jr., of New York selected for attorney general



Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, director of Mutual Security Agency

Stassen Picked As Director of Security Agency

New York (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Friday designated George M. Humphrey, of Cleveland, Ohio, secretary of the treasury.

He named Herbert Brownell, Jr., of New York, attorney general, and Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, director of the Mutual Security Agency.

Detroit (AP)—General Motors Corp. continued Friday that Charles E. Wilson will accompany President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower to Korea.

A spokesman said there were no other details to announce.

Brownell, New York lawyer, was a leader of Eisenhower's campaign for the GOP nomination, and he directed strategy in the election campaign.

Stassen is now president of the University of Pennsylvania. He also was a key figure in Eisenhower's nomination.

Humphrey Corporation Head Humphrey, 62, is president of the M. A. Hanna Company of Cleveland. He is a director of numerous large corporations.

It was the second day in a row that Eisenhower handed out a new list of appointees who will take over key posts in his administration.

James Hagerly, the general's press secretary, announced the new designations.

The following are some of the positions held by Humphrey in industry:

Lodge Has No Plans for Future

New York (AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower received a report Friday from his chief Washington liaison man, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R-Mass.) and presumably got the latest word on the Korean situation.

Lodge, who has been at work in Washington on the initial stages of dove-tailing the new administration with problems of the old, was asked before he entered a conference with Eisenhower whether he was satisfied with his liaison work.

"No man is ever satisfied," he replied. "I do the best I can. Still a lot more to do."

Aked about his personal plans, he replied: "I have no plans."

Ike Going Only to Korea Will Not Visit Japan

New York (AP)—Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey said Friday President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower is going to Korea, and will not visit Japan or any other countries when he makes that journey.

Smith, ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had a long talk with Eisenhower Friday on foreign affairs.

The conversation mainly concerned the Far East, he said. Smith visited Korea in 1949, before the fighting started, and again last year.

He said he gave Eisenhower his views on the actions necessary for ending the war. Summarized, they were:

- 1. An economic blockade of Red China. 2. A complete agreement with the United Nations to provide coordinated action with respect to the Chinese Reds.

Smith explained he meant mainly "cutting off all trade and intercourse with Red China."

3. Formulating a plan "especially with the British" to determine "where we go from here if the truce talks fail."

4. Use of Chinese Nationalist troops, now called on Formosa, in fighting the Reds.

Officials Close Alaska Bank

Anchorage, Alaska (AP)—The Union Bank of Anchorage was closed at noon Thursday by the Territorial Banking Board and two of its officers later were arrested on seven charges of failing to abide by banking laws.

The charges, all misdemeanors, were made against Andrew Hassman, the institution's president, and Rep. Stanley McCutcheon, long-time power in territorial democratic affairs and a national committeeman for his party.

Both posted bond of \$3,000 and were released immediately.

The seven charges, returned as indictments by a federal grand jury, accuse Hassman and McCutcheon of making loans in excess of legal limits, failure to hold meetings of stockholders and failure to obey bank board orders.

An order posted on the bank's doors said it would remain closed until further notice.

Judge Anthony Dimon of the Third District Federal Court later appointed George Jones, Anchorage accountant, as temporary receiver for the bank.

Meteor Flashes in Southwest, Explodes

(By The Associated Press) A meteor flashed across the southwestern sky last night and suddenly disintegrated in a blaze of white light turning night into day at some places. It was seen in at least four states.

The Oklahoma City Weather Bureau said from the varied reports it had received there was no doubt the fireball was a meteor.

Reports of the object came from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Colorado.

Rosenbergs to Die January 12

New York (AP)—Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman Friday set the week of January 12 for the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atomic spies.

Last week the United States supreme court refused for a second time to rehear the case of the husband and wife prisoners.

They were convicted March 29, 1951, of passing atomic secrets to Russia, and for many months have been confined in the death house at Sing Sing prison.

In rejecting the Rosenbergs appeal, the supreme court also denied a petition signed by 50,000 persons asking permission to file a brief arguing for a new trial.

Rosenberg, 34, and his wife, Ethel, 36, were sentenced to death last year, the first death sentence meted out by a civil court to civilians under the espionage act of 1917.

Transport Docks at Seattle Seattle (AP)—The transport Marine Adder arrived here Friday with 2,810 soldiers from the Far East.

It brought home 27 Oregon men and 31 from Washington.

Wm. Green AFL Chief Dies of Heart Failure

Washington (AP) AFL President William Green died Friday at his home at Coshocton, O., AFL headquarters announced.

The announcement said Green died at 12:22 p.m., CST, of heart failure. He was 79 and had been president of the AFL since 1924.

He was the second top labor leader to die of a heart ailment within two weeks.

CIO President Philip Murray died at San Francisco Nov. 9. Green had gone to his native Coshocton from Washington early in October.

AFL headquarters here said it was advised Green suffered a heart attack Thursday night and that he "sank rapidly dur-

ing the night," it quoted doctors as saying "his heart just gave out."

McKay to Attend Governors' Meeting

Gov. Douglas McKay, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's choice for secretary of interior, said Friday he would attend the conference of governors in Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 7-10.

McKay is chairman of the conference. He also said he would attend the dedication of the Davis dam near Kingman, Ariz., Dec. 10