

**THE WEATHER**  
CONSIDERABLE HIGH cloudiness tonight, Saturday. Patches of morning fog. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 32; high Saturday, 52.

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## Ask Interim Study on State Retirement

Ways and Means Group Oppose Junking Security System

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A report from a group of expert actuaries opposing junking of the state's retirement system in favor of federal social security was adopted Friday by the joint ways and means committee. A suggestion that an interim committee be authorized to study the problem was also adopted. The joint committee voted to outline definite instructions to the proposed interim committee restricting the two-year study to specific subjects, after which the committee would be required to prepare bills for consideration of the 1955 legislature. The actuary committee, appointed by the ways and means committee, made a week-long study of the problem, and came back with a caution to the legislature to go slow in rewriting the state's retirement system. The suggestion that the present state retirement program be junked in favor of social security was unanimously opposed by the committee. "Federal old age and survivors insurance was never intended, nor has it been represented to be a complete solution to the problem of retirement," the report stated. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

## Anti-Morse Bill Opposed

State Senator Philip Hitchcock of Klamath Falls struck out sharply Friday against a bill designed to politically knife Senator Wayne Morse.

"This is legislation born of fear," Hitchcock declared. "I don't want to be in the position of saying we're afraid of Morse. This is legislation directed against an individual. "It denotes fear of him at the polls. I say, let Wayne Morse run for the nomination. We'll lick him if we can; if we can't he should win," he continued. "This bill says we're so afraid of the man we have to pass a thing against him. This is something I don't approve of. Any test should be decided at the polls." Hitchcock has long supported Morse but his bolt from Eisenhower in the recent presidential campaign and then his switch from the republican party to pose as an independent, alienated the Klamath Falls senator. The measure referred to, authored by Senator John Housell of Hood River, has eight co-sponsors in the senate and twenty-five in the house. "Surely there is enough opposition in the senate to defeat this thing," Hitchcock concluded.

## Russia's Aim To Scare Jewry

Tel Aviv, (AP)—Israel's first official reaction to the Soviet Union's break-off of diplomatic relations Friday, blamed the rupture on a Kremlin desire to intimidate the estimated 2,500,000 Jews still behind the Iron Curtain. Echoing an earlier press comment here, a foreign office spokesman declared: "The true purpose is the utter desolation and intimidation of Soviet Jewry, for whose fate grave anxiety is felt."

## Plan for Budget Groups To Fix County Salaries

Elimination of one of the most useless tasks of the legislature—that of fixing salaries of county officials, is provided in two bills introduced in the house Friday by Representatives Earl Hill and Lorin Stewart, both of Lane county. Under the terms of one of these two bills the salaries of all county officers and district judges, paid for by the counties, would be fixed by the county budget committee. The companion bill provides for appointment of the county budget committees composed of five citizens in each county by the governor. Should the bill win approval

## 'Mess' Worse In Washington Than Thought

Commerce Secretary Says Taxes Devouring Profits and Wages

Boston (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Weeks says the "mess" in Washington "is worse than the public thought." "Taxes are devouring business profits and workers' wages and bureaucracy is regimenting free men and women into wards or victims of the state," Weeks said Thursday night at a Lincoln Day dinner. He added, however, that the Eisenhower administration can and will clean up the situation. He said the first step will be reorganization "for greater effectiveness in eliminating confusion, waste and over-indulgent paternalism."

## Trees Planted at Depot Grounds

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## High Tides Hit Sea Wall Gaps

London (AP)—A relentless tide thundered against hastily-plugged gaps in the sea walls of Britain, The Netherlands and Belgium Friday, threatening a new loss of life and property. On both shores of the North Sea the battle to hold back the waves reached a new critical phase. The fight, against the greatest expected tides of the month, will continue until Thursday.

## Soviets Protest Veto By-Pass

Bandoeng, Indonesia (AP)—The Soviet Union strongly objected Friday to a move which would bypass the Russian veto in United Nations and give full membership in ECAFE to such nations as Ceylon, Japan, South Korea, Cambodia, Laos and French Vietnam. Those six nations, plus Hong Kong, Malaya and British Borneo are now associate members of the Economic Commission of Asia and the Far East, free to participate in debate but no right to vote. Under present rules the six are barred from full membership in ECAFE because Russia has vetoed their applications for United Nations membership.

## Fair Weather Over Week-End Looms

Generally fair weather is in prospect through Sunday in Salem and vicinity, then there will be periods of light rains but above normal temperatures, says the five-day forecast from the weather bureau. For the first time since Sunday, the minimum temperature Friday morning was above the freezing mark, a low of 36 being recorded. The Willamette river is dropping rapidly, going down two feet more in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday. The gage this morning read 7.9 feet.

## Price of Meat Not Hit by Decontrol

Removal of price ceilings has had little effect thus far on the price of meat, a spot check showed today. Meat was decontrolled a week ago today. A spot check of butcher shops in more than 20 cities showed prices on most cuts about the same or slightly higher. Most meat, however, still is selling well below the old ceilings.



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## Boys Overpower Guard, 8 Escapees Captured

Eight escapees of the MacLaren school for boys were recaptured by police early Friday morning in Salem after they fled the area in stolen cars, one of them careening through Salem streets at speeds reported up to 100 miles an hour before being stopped by state and city officers at Boise and South Commercial streets.

## CIO Only Wants T-H Act Repeal

Washington (AP)—Although the CIO has proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley law, Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) said Friday he thinks the labor organization "only wants to repeal the law." The CIO proposals, made public Wednesday, hit at major provisions of the labor relations law. The CIO said it still favored repeal, but because of the "realities of the situation" would participate in moves to work out amendments.

## Freeze Not for Arms Output

Washington (AP)—Pentagon leaders have assured key congressmen that a temporary freeze on worldwide military construction will not slow down the American buildup, informed sources said Friday. Some congressmen had expressed concern that the defense effort would be harmed by Secretary of Defense Wilson's order this week suspending work on all projects less than 20 per cent complete and halting new contracts.

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Washington (AP)—The U. S. Parole board announced Friday it has denied paroles to gambler Frank Costello and to Benjamin Davis, one of the convicted top members of the American communist party. Costello is serving 18 months for contempt of congress, for refusing to answer questions before the senate crime investigating committee. Davis, a Negro, is serving five years on charges of conspiracy to advocate violent overthrow of the government.

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## Some Rent Controls Left

It is expected that only critical defense allocations and some rent controls will remain when the scrapping of controls machinery is completed by the end of April. Effective at once, the three basic defense metals released may be sold by mills and used by civilian manufacturers without restraint. (Concluded on Page 5, column 2)

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## Ike to Consult Congress on War Risking

Dulles Tells Senators No Action Taken On China Blockade

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles was reported to have assured senators Friday the administration will consult with congress and U. S. allies before taking any war-risking move in the Far East. Dulles testified in a closed door meeting of the Far Eastern subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Chairman Smith (R., N.J.) of the group sought to impose a tight lid of secrecy on what transpired. However, other committee members said Dulles satisfied them the administration is not now planning any action toward a blockade of the Red China coast—a move that U. S. allies and some critics in congress have said might spread the Korean war.

## McCarthy Probes America's Voice

New York (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) began New York hearings Friday into what he called possible "mismanagement, subversion and kickbacks" among employees of the Voice of America. "The vast majority are good Americans, but a sizeable number may need some attention," McCarthy told newsmen. The senator said he could not elaborate on his remark about "kickbacks."

## Falling Tree Kills E. R. Wilson of Salem

Lyons—Edwin R. Wilson of Salem was killed Friday forenoon by a falling tree on the farm of his brother, George Wilson, on McCulley mountain, south of Lyons. Wilson was watching his brother fall a tree, when the tree buckled and fell upon him. Other details could not immediately be learned.

## McKay Tells of Ike's Methods

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Interior McKay said Friday President Eisenhower gives his cabinet officers their say on problems discussed at the meetings but makes the final decision himself and "gets things done immediately." McKay was interviewed on the NBC television program "Today."

## Hoover Compliments Ike on Appointees

Miami Beach, Fla. (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover complimented President Eisenhower today on his "distinguished group of administrators" but cautioned that it may take the first GOP President in 20 years "a year or two" to get results. Mr. Hoover was interviewed as he left a hospital after a bout with influenza. He boarded his yacht and headed for the Florida Keys and some fishing. Mr. Hoover said the fishing trip is "an entirely non-partisan operation." He said that all men are "equal before the fishes."