

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with occasional showers, tonight, Sunday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 39; high Sunday, 52.

Portland G. I. Killed Wife For Burglar

Portland Airforce Sergeant Shot Mother of 3 Children in Africa

Casablanca (AP)—French police said Saturday U. S. Air Force Sgt. Roy Combs of Portland, Ore., mistook his wife Barbara for an intruder and shot and killed the mother of his three children last month.

The shooting took place in the Combs home at Pont Blondin, a small town on the Atlantic Ocean near Febella, 20 miles from Casablanca, on the night of Jan. 29.

French police who investigated the shooting, said Combs, awakened during the night by what he described as a suspicious noise, seized his pistol and shot at a dark figure entering his bedroom. It was Mrs. Combs.

Rushed Wife to Hospital
Combs rushed his wife, who had been struck by two bullets, to the American hospital at the U. S. Air Force base at Nonancour, but she died a few minutes later after arriving. A few days later Combs left for the United States.

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East Germany Courting Egypt

Cairo (AP)—Soviet-controlled East Germany entered trade talks with Egypt here Saturday as a West German economic delegation prepared to fly back to Bonn after discussions whose outcome still was uncertain.

Bonn's representatives have been here for more than 10 days. They had several meetings with Egyptian and Arab representatives in an attempt to stave off the threatened Arab economic boycott of West Germany over the issue of payment of German reparations to Israel.

The West Germans claimed discrepancies between the terms requested by Egypt and those Bonn was prepared to meet.

Reliable informants said East Germany is interested in buying Egyptian cotton and onions.

O'Dwyer Joins Law Partnership

Mexico City (AP)—Former U. S. Ambassador William O'Dwyer says he has acquired immigrant status in Mexico and has entered partnership with two Mexican lawyers.

O'Dwyer said he would act as counsel to the firm headed by Jorge Mendiolita and Luis Gonzales Escobar. Under Mexican law, O'Dwyer cannot practice law here himself because he is an American citizen.

The former American envoy said he was optimistic over prospects of his law business here but refused any comment on what clients he might have lined up.

"Let's have no more fishing about whom I'll represent," he told reporters.

GAR Goes Out Of Existence
Los Angeles (AP)—The Grand Army of the Republic went out of existence in a quiet ceremony yesterday.

Pope in New Mercy Appeal For Atom Spies

White House Confirms Urgent Requests Received for Clemency

Washington (AP)—The White House announced Saturday the receipt of new word from the Vatican on appeals filed with Pope Pius XII for an interview on behalf of the condemned atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

The new communication was a letter received Friday night from the Rt. Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to Washington. It related that urgent pleas for the condemned couple had been received by the head of the Catholic church who felt that American officials should be informed.

Thanked for Courtesy
The apostolic delegate was told in a reply that President Eisenhower was notified of his letter and had expressed his thanks "for this courtesy."

Asked by newsmen whether the President might reconsider his decision of last Wednesday refusing to block the execution of the Rosenbergs, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty would only say:

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Settle Las Vegas \$225,000 Suit

Las Vegas, Nev., (AP)—A \$225,000 damage suit against Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) and 20 Las Vegas gambling casinos and hotels has been settled out of court.

Terms of the mid-trial settlement of the suit brought by Publisher H. M. Greenspun of The Las Vegas Sun were not disclosed. But a reliable source reported that it was in favor of Greenspun in a sum estimated at between \$78,000 and \$86,000.

Greenspun charged that Sen. McCarran and the casinos conspired in violation of anti-trust laws to discontinue casino hotel advertising in the paper because of his published comments critical of McCarran. The charges were denied by McCarran and his co-defendants.

Defends Benson From Attacks

Washington (AP)—Sen. Welker R-Ida., today strongly defended Secretary of Agriculture Benson and accused Democrats of "playing politics" with declining farm prices.

The new secretary has been the target of hot criticism, especially by Democrats in Congress, about a speech he made Wednesday night in St. Paul, Minn. Critics also have called on him for action to stem the farm price drop-off.

Welker, who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said Benson is "a great man" who would come up with a solution for farm ills after he has had a chance to study them properly.

He said it was silly to expect the secretary to present a new farm program after only three weeks in office.

Sharp Division Found On Convention Issue
By JAMES D. OLSON
Rep. Mark Hatfield chairman of the committee, who favors the convention, said that the present Oregon constitution is cluttered up with matters that are purely statutory and should be dealt with by the legislature.



Losing No Time—United Nations soldier seriously wounded in the battle for Old Baldy in Korea is rushed to an evacuation helicopter by medics. Cpl James E. Smith of Jacksonville, Fla. (holding bottle), administers blood plasma to the injured man on the run. (UP Telephoto)

Injunctions to Halt Pollution

Portland, (AP)—Injunctions will be filed to force North Roseburg and the city of Toledo to stop stream pollution, the State Sanitary Authority reports.

Chairman Harold Wendell said the authority had directed its attorney to name the North Roseburg Sanitary District, Roseburg Homes, Inc., Cloverdale Water District and H. R. Kettel of Portland in an injunction to halt pollution of a tributary of the South Umpqua River. The action is to be taken against all three because the authority can't determine which is responsible for sewage disposal there, Wendell said.

The injunction to be sought against the city of Toledo will be an effort to stop pollution of the Yaguina River on the Oregon coast. Wendell said the city had not complied with an earlier order calling an end to the pollution by Dec. 1, 1952.

This is the first time the 14-year-old authority has planned legal action against a city.

New Courthouse For Hood River

Hood River (AP)—Hood River voters settled the long-standing courthouse issue in a special election Friday, voting to build a new courthouse at a site in downtown Hood River.

The vote was overwhelming in favor of erecting the new building, 2,451 for to only 95 against. The new courthouse will be built on the Coe property site, with work scheduled to start in June.

The old courthouse, used for 15 years, will be sold to the Commercial Bank of Oregon, with headquarters in Hillsboro. The bank will open a branch here, using the old courthouse building.

Funds for the new courthouse will come from a \$200,000 building fund plus \$63,000 from sale of the old building. The Coe property was the site of the county's first courthouse, taken over when Hood River county was formed in 1908.

Norwegian Princess Engaged
Oslo, Norway, (AP)—Princess Ragnhild, pretty brunette oldest daughter of Norway's Crown Prince Olav, is engaged to the son of a wealthy Oslo ship-owning family, an announcement from the royal palace said Saturday. The Princess' fiance is 30-year-old Erling Lorentzen. The wedding is scheduled for the beginning of May.

GIs Fight Way Out of Trap in Vicious Battle

Seoul (AP)—Surrounded Allied soldiers fought their way out of a Chinese communist trap in a savage five-hour battle on the Western Front today while their comrades smashed four enemy probing attacks in other sectors.

Supported by heavy artillery fire the Reds swarmed in on an advance United Nations outpost on Old Baldy mountain on the Western Front.

Outnumbered and completely surrounded, the allied troops battled for their lives and called for reinforcement. Two reinforcing groups were unable to get through.

At dawn, with the aid of allied artillery and mortar fire, the allied troops attacked the encircling Reds and fought their way to safety.

It was the second day of stepped up Chinese Red pressure along the front, and the first time in three days the weather was good enough for effective allied aerial action.

Allied fighter-bombers attacked enemy supply routes with rockets, machine guns and bombs while B-2 Superfortresses attacked an air strip near the North Korea capital of Pyongyang.

Today was the Chinese New Year—the year 4851, which will be called the Year of the Snake. Communist loud speakers played Christmas carols in the front lines and blared out to South Korean soldiers, "Take it easy, it's New Year's" and "You don't want to fight on New Year's Day."

Probe of 'Voice' To Continue

New York (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) continues today his Senate subcommittee closed hearings probing alleged "mismanagement and subversion" in Voice of America operations.

Fifteen witnesses who were on hand to testify yesterday were told to return today. Among those expected to testify is Albert H. Morton, director of the Voice.

The five witnesses heard yesterday, the first of the sessions, were Howard Fast, leftist writer; Virgil Fulling, chief of the Voice's Latin-American news service; Edward Kretzmann, the Voice's policy director; Lewis McKesson, former project engineer for the Voice; and James Moran, former Voice engineer in Honolulu and Ceylon.

Fight Looms to Abolish RFC Led by Byrd

By-partisan Group After Large Federal Lending Agency

Washington (AP)—Scandals which have plagued the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may get a new airing in a Senate move to abolish the huge government lending agency.

A bi-partisan group led by Sen. Byrd D-Va launched the new attack with claims that "We're going to win," and senators opposing them conceded frankly that may be correct.

First test of strength on the issue will come when the Senate Banking Committee considers the abolition bill, introduced yesterday by Byrd and four other senators. They are Senators Robertson D-Va, Bricker R-Ohio, Ferguson R-Mich and Williams R-Del.

Byrd's bill would let President Eisenhower decide whether to shift to the Treasury or the Federal Reserve the custody of any defense loans Congress may decide to continue. The RFC now administers them.

Britain Pledges Co-operation

London (AP)—Britain has promised France she will look into proposals aimed at insuring as close as possible British co-operation with the six-nation European army project.

A communique issued last night at the end of top-level British-French talks said French suggestions for tightening British bonds with the European Defense Community will be explored in diplomatic sessions "to take place shortly."

France also asked Britain for money and material aid in her war against the Vietminh rebels in Indochina but the London government gave no immediate answer on this plea.

Many Deaths in Iranian Quake

Tehran, Iran (AP)—The director of an Iranian relief organization said Saturday that reports of deaths in the earthquake that struck the mountain village of Torroud adh been greatly exaggerated.

Dr. Abbas Nafisi, chief of the Red Lion and Sun—Iran's equivalent of the Red Cross—said although the number of deaths had not yet been determined it was certainly below the 1,000 or more that had been reported.

Reports Friday night said at least 900 persons lost their lives in the disaster Thursday. Latest figures reaching Tehran Saturday listed 950 of the village's 1,400 inhabitants missing or dead. Officials said, however, it was presumed that many of the missing would be found alive.

At least 23 others persons were killed by the quake in three small villages near Torroud.

For Admission Of Far East Nations to UN

Bandong, Indonesia, (AP)—Voting down a Soviet protest, the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East Saturday recommended full membership for Ceylon, Japan, South Korea, Nepal and three French-associated Indo-Chinese states.

These nations now are associate members. The Soviet Union had protested against the recommendation on the ground that it would bypass Russian vetoes of United Nations membership applications from these countries.

Under the resolution adopted, ECAFE recommended that its parent organization, the U. S. Economic and Social Council, admit all associate members responsible for their own international relations.

The result climaxed a series of rebuffs administered to the Soviet Union during the nine-day conference.

Greetings Sent Red China

Tokyo (AP)—Soviet Premier Josef Stalin sent "heartfelt greetings" to Communist China's leader Mao Tse-Tung on the third anniversary of the signing of the Sino-Soviet treaty, Peiping radio said today.

"Please accept my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance," Peiping quoted Stalin.

"May the friendly alliance between the people of Republic of China and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, which is the cause of peace and security among nations, be even further consolidated."

East Germany 'Freeze' Looms

Berlin (AP)—The Russian Zone has completed plans to virtually "freeze" its 18 million people much as the Soviet Union prohibits travel within its borders.

A Jewish refugee who saw the documents before he fled to West Berlin gave the details Saturday. He asked to remain anonymous.

New identity cards will be issued restricting the holders to travel within a certain limit. For most East Germans the maximum will be 20 miles. State and party officials will require special travel orders to visit East Berlin.

Anyone caught outside the limit of his card will be in serious trouble. This is the same type of control used in the Soviet Union and is one of the reasons the Russian security system is regarded as one of the best—if not the best—in the world.

The cards will be issued, the informants said, the day the federal parliament at Bonn ratifies the European defense treaty.

Top Advisers Give Interim Report to Ike

No Definite Action On Reorganization Plans Taken

Washington, (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday received the second interim report on government reorganization from his special study committee.

"There was no definite action taken today," said presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty after the two-hour and 15 minute meeting.

Hagerty said in answer to questions there is no indication when the President might send to congress his first reorganization proposal.

Vice President Nixon, six cabinet members and three other top administration officials accepted invitations to discuss government organization with the President and his special advisory committee.

Eisenhower set up the committee less than a month after his election and gave it the job of carrying on the work of the now-disbanded Hoover Commission on the reorganization of the executive branch of the government. It went to work promptly and made one informal report before inauguration day Jan. 20.

Israel Blamed For Bombing

Moscow (AP)—The communist party newspaper Pravda charged Saturday that Monday's bombing of the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv was directly connected with activities of Israeli intelligence.

The Soviet government broke off diplomatic relations with Israel following the explosion, which injured three Russians, including the wife of the Soviet minister to Israel. A stern Russian note Wednesday accused Israeli leaders of inciting hostile anti-Soviet action.

The Aei Aviv government denounced the bomb attack as "dastardly," started a roundup of suspects and offered to pay reparations to the Soviets. The bombing was believed to have been in retaliation for recent anti-Zionist charges in Moscow following the arrest of nine doctors—some of them Jewish—accused of plotting against top Soviet leaders.

Allies to Pledge Aid to Egypt

London (AP)—Informed diplomats reported last night that the United States and Britain have agreed to offer Egypt economic aid in a new bid for the co-operation of that key Arab nation in Middle East defense planning.

The offer would be part of a general defense settlement proposal to be put into effect if Egypt agrees to join the projected Middle East Defense Organization (MEDO), to be linked with the Atlantic Pact.

If Egypt agrees to work with MEDO, these diplomats said, Britain will agree to pull her troops, estimated at 50,000 strong, out of the strategic Suez Canal zone, which is Egyptian territory.

Adlai Speaks To Democrats
New York (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson, the defeated democratic candidate for president, makes his first major address since the campaign tonight.

Weather Details
Maximum yesterday, 55; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace for month; 1.01; normal, 2.28. Season precipitation, 38.71; normal, 25.68. River height, 6.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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