THE WEATHER
VARIABLE CLOUDINESS with few showers tonight; becoming mostly cloudy, occasional rain, Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Wednesday, 50.

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Offer Water From Santiam For State Lands

Supply to Irrigate 760 Acres at $25 An Acre Proposed

By JAMES D. OLSON

Sale of a water right sufficient to irrigate 760 acres of state land was offered to the state board of control Tuesday by the Willamette Valley Water company at an initial cost of $25 an acre for the water right plus a charge for maintenance of the canals.

The water that the state would receive under the right is taken from the tail race of the Mountain States Power company's power plant at Stayton and is used for irrigation of several thousands acres of land located between Stayton and Salem. The maintenance charge that the state would be required to pay would be the same as other land owners of the area now pay.

Referred to Thornton

On suggestion of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, the proposal was referred to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to check the legal aspects of the offer as well as the state's right to purchase the water right.

If the attorney general rules that the state can purchase the water right the board would then employ an engineering firm to investigate the proposal and if the report is favorable request an apropriation from the legislature to cover the cost of acquiring the water right and maintenance of the canals during the 1953-55 biennium.

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Hearings for Surcharge Loom

Rep. Robert L. Elfstrom of Salem was informed Tuesday that existing laws provide for a public hearing on application by utilities for permission to add surcharges to its bills, providing a complaint is filed in the office of the public utility commissioner.

A bill providing for public hearings prior to granting authority to impose surcharges, has been introduced by Rep. Monroe Sweetland. This bill also provides for ompounding of any funds collected through imposition of a surcharge in event the surcharges were authorized prior to the holding of the public hearing.

John R. McCullough, attorney for Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner, in a letter to Rep. Elfstrom, said that a law now on the statute books specifically provides any person may file a complaint against any of the private utilities to determine whether surcharges are unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory.

"I have been instructed by the public utility commissioner to inform you that if such a complaint is filed with this office he will promptly arrange for a formal hearing with notice to all interested parties and thereafter issue his order. An appeal to the courts from such an order could be taken by any party to the proceedings.

"In my opinion," McCullough concluded, "additional legislation is unnecessary to provide the opportunity for such matter to be heard."

Delegates Bill Dies in Senate

The house-passed bill to make petition candidates for delegates to national party conventions sign pledges was dead Tuesday in the senate elections committee.

The committee decided to bury the bill, which would have made the petition candidates sign pledges to support the winners of the state presidential primaries. Candidates who file by paying the filing fee now have to sign this pledge.

The bill was introduced as the result of the 1952 primary, in which eight supporters of Robert A. Taft filed by petition. All were defeated, but if they had been elected as delegates to the republican convention, they would not have been bound to support Gen. Eisenhower.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.39; for month: 4.01; normal, 3.74. Season precipitation, 30.59"; normal, 26.26. River height, 7.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Senate Passes $32 Million Highway Bonds

Construction Bill Voted 25 to 3 and Sent Governor

The 32 million dollar highway bond construction bill was passed 25 to 3 by the Senate and sent to the governor Tuesday, but only after running into heavy opposition by Senate finance experts who demanded a pay-as-you-go program.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
(Associated Press Correspondent)

The House gave overwhelming approval and sent to the Senate Tuesday a bill to create a Klamath River Commission to work out a compact with California for use and distribution of waters in the Klamath watershed.

The commission would consist of five members, four from Klamath County and one from Jackson. A bill providing for a similar commission now is before the California Legislature.

"The time is already late in getting around to this job," Rep. Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls, told the House. "There is no question that if Oregon expects to continue its development, it must take advantage of every opportunity.

Objection Listed

The Klamath watershed needs more water, and this commission will prove our requirements and how to meet them. California now is making a statewide survey of its resources, and it, too, believes the Klamath area is a special case.

"We cannot sit idly by and see our waters going elsewhere. We have no quarrel with California, but we are much closer to the Klamath Basin than California is."

Rep. Robert Root, Medford, pointed out that the proposed commission, which hopes to get an appropriation of $25,000, would function only until the compact is ratified by the two states and the federal government.

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Safety Group To Cut Deaths

Portland (AP) — Some 25 civic and business leaders met here Monday to plan organization of a state citizens safety committee to seek a reduction in traffic deaths.

E. C. Sammons, president of the U. S. National Bank who called the meeting, said the committee would "hold up the good right arm of the duly-constituted traffic authorities" and work for public support of traffic laws and their enforcement.

He expressed hope that chapters of the organization could be formed in every Oregon county.

Walter May of the Oregon Motor Association said the yearly traffic toll is nearly four times the Korean War death toll. He said traffic deaths jumped nearly 20 per cent from 1949 to 1952. Oregon's toll in 1952 was 458.

James Purcell, Portland police chief, Terry Schrunk, Multnomah county sheriff, and Capt. Lee Bown of the Oregon State Police discussed methods of reducing traffic fatalities.

Kraft Founder Dies

Chicago (U.P.)—James L. Kraft, founder and chairman emeritus of the Kraft Foods Co., died yesterday in Wesley Memorial hospital here. He was 78.

Fire Leaves Suttons Homeless — When their modest home at 860 Trade street was gutted by fire Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton and their six children lost nearly all their possessions and were homeless besides. Salem fire stations are receiving food, clothing or furnishings contributed for the family and another residence has been obtained.

Family Loses Home in Fire, Friends Helpful

By VIC FRYER

A family of eight was routed from its home Monday afternoon by flames that gutted a two-story rented house and destroyed all the family belongings except the clothes they were wearing, a few articles of bedding and a picture of a young daughter who died about a year ago.

Within a matter of minutes after the blaze, a drive was started for food, clothing and furiture for the Clarence Sutton family, whose home was lost in the blaze at 860 Trade street.

The fire broke out about 3:30 and in a matter of moments raced through the house, barely allowing Sutton and the three youngest of the six boys to get out before the entire inside was a raging inferno.

The fire was discovered after 10-year-old Elmer rushed upstairs to tell his father that he smelled smoke. Sutton checked through all the other rooms first and then opened the dining room to be confronted by a room full of flames.

He got the three boys, Elmer, 10; Lee, 7; and Doyle, 5, out of the house and yelled to a neighbor to call the fire department.

The blaze meanwhile was sweeping through the house, the heat making it impossible to enter to save anything. When the firemen arrived flames filled the entire house.

They had it under control in a matter of minutes and completely out about an hour later. They said the fire apparently started from a backdraft in the chimney.

Mrs. Sutton arrived home while it was still blazing and wept helplessly as she gazed on the ruins.

Employes at Nohlgren's restaurant, where Mrs. Sutton works as a dishwasher, took up a collection almost immediately to temporarily tide the family over, and Ralph Nohlgren, proprietor of the restaurant, issued a call for food, clothing and household furnishings over radio station KSLM on a 9:30 p.m. broadcast.

Sutton, who walks with a cane, is unemployed because of a leg injury suffered in a fall last August. The Suttons moved into the rented home in November after living in Four Corners since April when they arrived in Oregon.

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Farm Doles Hit By FAO Chief

By OVID A. MARTIN

Washington (AP)—The head of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization FAO has called for use of less money and more of the "self-help — philosophy in international programs aimed at helping backward areas.

N. E. Dodd, director-general of the co-operative world organization set up in the mid-40's to help combat hunger, said there is no doubt a huge amount remains to be done in providing technical aid for economic development.

"But the answer," he said, "is not necessarily huge sums of money. The kind of thinking that asks for huge sums because there is so much to be done is what gets us into trouble. Once you are granted the huge sums, because there is so much to be done is what gets us into trouble. Once you are granted the huge sums, you feel that you have to spend them within a certain period of time, and frequently the countries and projects aren't yet ready for expenditures of that size."

Double Track Trestle At Yuma Destroyed

Yuma, Ariz., (U.P.)—Fire Tuesday completely destroyed a 270-foot double track trestle on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad half a mile west of the Colorado River, tying up all rail traffic.

First report of the fire came when a 91-car train of perishables from the Imperial Valley came into the railroad yards here with four cars of lettuce blazing.

Heavy Rains Sending Valley Rivers Up Again

Rivers of the valley are due to come up moderately during the next two days following the heavy downpours of rain through Sunday and Monday. No major flooding is in sight at present, however, says the weather bureau.

At Jefferson, the Santiam was above flood level Tuesday. This morning the river there measured 12.8 feet and a crest of 14½ to 15 was due before the day was over. Flood stage there is 13 feet, but aside from considerable washing in adjacent fields little major damage is expected.

The Willamette was coming up all along the line Tuesday morning, but no big boosts are booked. At Salem, the river was up to 7.4 feet this morning.

In the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, 1.39 inches of rain poured down in Salem, bringing the month't total to date to 4.01 inches against a normal fall of 3.24 inches for the period.

The five-day forecast out from the weather bureau this morning calls for rain through most of the week with temperatures normal. The forecast for tonight and Wednesday is for showers this evening and occasional rain through tomorrow.

New heavy snows are reported in the high Cascades. The state highway commission warns motorists chains are necessary in traveling mountain passes.

Danish Draftees Stage First Strike

Copenhagen, Denmark (U.P.)—Danish army draftees staged a island base of Bornholm in a strike today on the key Baltic new flare-up of insurrection against the extension of Denmark's compulsory military service.

Approximately 1,000 young Danish soldiers already had been involved in protests which a high officer denounced as mutinous.

The troops were angry over an order extending the term of draft service from one year to 18 months as Denmark undertook to do at last year's North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense conference in Lisbon.

It was the first mass insubordination in the Danish army in modern history.

Authoritative army sources said there was reason to believe the demonstrations resulted from communist propaganda.

'Voice' Radio Management Called Rotten

Senator Questions Whether Broadcasting Sabotaged

Wahington (AP)—Sen. McClellan (D., Ark.) Tuesday denounced the management of U. S. "Voice of America" overseas propaganda broadcasts as "rotten on the face of it." He raised new questions whether the Broadcast efforts have been sabotaged.

McClellan's outburst marked the second day of public hearings in a senate investigation of the program, marked already by suspension of construction of two huge radio transmitters for the "Voice."

The committee has received testimony these facilities—one near Port Angeles, Wash., and one near Wilmington, N. C., are costing 10 times too much.

Projects Halted

Dr. Wilson S. Compton, head of the International Information Administration which runs the "Voice" for the State Department testified he ordered the projects halted because of "obviously preposterous" provisions in the contracts.

These, he said, allowed contractors building the transmitters to charge the government for the equipment they used.

McClellan, senior democrat on the senate investigations subcommittee which is conducting the inquiry, interrupted the testimony at one point with a declaration:

More Than Stupidity

"It seeme to me there is a whole lot more than plain stupidity or incompetence attached to this affair."

McClellan said the subcommittee should press the investigation to show whether any of the conditions being investigated came about "by design," adding "This thing looks rotten on the face of it."

The subcommittee, with a half dozen witnesses sitting about the room and being questioned, has heard charges that:

The two transmitters are located in areas of magnetic disturbances which will result in weak signals for broadcasts aimed to pierce the Iron Curtain, and waste may claim 31 million dollars of huge sums being spent on the huge propaganda and information program.

Egypt's Hands off Sudanese Vote

Cairo, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian Premier Mohammed Naguib warned the Sudanese people Monday night that Egypt would not approve any attempt to make their million-square-mile Upper Nile Territory a part of the British Commonwealth.

In a broadcast beamed to neighboring Sudan, Maj. Gen. Naguib declared that any such attempt would void the British-Egyptian Agreement to let the Sudanese decide their own political future within three years. Earlier, he told newsmen that the Sudanese must choose between "unity with Egypt or independence."

The British-Egyptian pact, signed last week, called for the end of more than a half century of joint control by the two nations over the Sudan, one of the chief sources of discord between them.

Observers suggested that Naguib was replying to critics of the agreement who said it gives the Sudanese the option of joining the British commonwealth of nations.

Secrecy in Vice Trial Upheld

New York (AP)—A State Supreme Court justice Tuesday refused to order General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente to open the Minor Jelke vice trial to the public and press.

Justice Benjamin F. Schreiber held that the Supreme Court "has no right or power" to decide whether the judge "should or should not have ordered the exclusion of the public and press" from the trial.

Five newspapers, two wire services and a feature syndicate had filed a petition to open the trial.

Judge Valente's order, Schreiber said, violated no statutory or constitutional right of the newspapers and wire services. The news organizations had argued that the closed trial was unconstitutional and unwarranted.

Ike Talks Farm Prices, Secret Foreign Pacts, Controls and Taxes

Washington (AP) — President Eisenhower said Tuesday he personally is not considering a naval blockade or an embargo against Red China but he supposes such steps are being looked into by several government departments.

Meeting with newsmen for the first time since he took office, Eisenhower said also:

1. Any tax cut this year would probably mean higher taxes in years to come, and should be held up until a balanced budget is in sight.

2. He will ask congress for new authority to deal with prices if there is price gouging or other unreasonable action by business freed of federal controls.

For Pact Nullification

3. He wants congress to nullify any parts of secret agreements which have permitted enslavement of free peoples. But he doesn't feel there should be any repudiation of long-secret agreements such as the Yalta Pact as a whole.

4. United Nations forces can't be pulled out of Korea completely so long as a dangerous situation exists there, but South Koreans should replace troops in the fighting to the greatest possible extent.

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Tax Cut Bill Pigeonholed

Washington (U.P.)—House republican leaders today shelved, for the time being, a committee-approved bill to cut personal income taxes about 11 percent on July 1.

The bill, which breezed through the ways and means committee yesterday on a 21 to 4 vote, went to the rules committee where Chairman Leo E. Allen (R., Ill.) promised to bottle it up "until at least May 1."

Allen hoped that by then GOP leaders would give him the signal to clear the measure to the house floor, where it is almost certain to be passed. Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., and Republican Leader Charles A. Hallack believe that by late April or early May a tax cut can be justified through heavy cuts in federal spending.

After a tax relief bill clears the house, it must be passed by the senate and signed by President Eisenhower in order to do the taxpayers any good. And it is highly doubtful, as of now, whether the pending bill can go the route.

Oil Land Repeal Up to Congress

Washington (AP) — Atty.-Gen. Brownell said Tuesday it is up to congress to decide whether to revoke President Truman's executive order dealing with offshore submerged lands.

Brownell repeated for the house judiciary subcommittee his view that the order did not create a naval petroleum reserve, but merely transferred administration of the submerged lands area from the secretary of interior to the Navy Department.

Brownell told the subcommittee he was not prepared to go into the details of some 37 bills dealing with the administration of the off-shore oil properties.

He said that administration witnesses, including Secretary of Interior McKay, will not be prepared to discuss the subject in detail until next week.

Brownell said he wanted to make clear to congress at the outset that naval petroleum reserves within the meaning of the Naval Reserve Act can be created only by act of congress.

Korea's Financial Panic Subsides

Seoul, Korea (U.P.) — Financial panic that followed announcement of a new currency issue subsided today after President Syngman Rhee assured the nation no one would be short-changed.

New currency named "whan" and pegged at 60 to the American dollar will replace the won whose value was officially 6,000 to the dollar. On the black market the won was worth as little as 24,000 to the dollar.

Provo Given Life Term for Treason

New York (U.P.)—Former Army Sgt. John David Provoo was sentenced to life imprisonment today for treason while he was a prisoner of war under the Japanese.

Federal Judge Gregory Noonan passed sentence on the 35-year-old San Francisco native. A federal jury last Wednesday found Provoo guilty of four overt acts of treason, including offering his services as interpreter to his Japanese captors and contributing to the death of an American officer.

Judge Noonan said he was sparing Provoo the death penalty, but added:

"In justice to those who suffered untold agonies the penalty must be severe. I have arrived at this conclusion after considerable soul searching."

Noonan could have sentenced Provoo from five years in jail to death.

Chiang's Troops Soon to Raid

Taipeh, Formosa (U.P.) — The Chinese Nationalists may soon allow their regular forces, spearheaded by American-trained Marines, to join seaborne guerillas in commando raids against Communist China, it was indicated today.

The Nationalist high command has given high priority to stepped-up training for their Marines. Already 72 American Marine officers and enlisted men have gone to southern Formosa to hold two-month classes for the Nationalist leathernecks.

It was believed certain more American Marines would follow those now here.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced Nationalist guerrillas landed on Meichow Island off the Fukien coast, 90 miles north of Amoy, Friday. They withdrew without meeting Communist resistance.

Stay of Execution for Rosenbergs Granted

New York (AP) — Condemned atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg Tuesday won a stay of execution until at least March 30 —and possibly longer.

The stay will be in effect to permit the U.S. Supreme court to review the case. In the past the Supreme Court refused to review the Rosenbergs' case and then declined a motion for reconsideration of its refusal.

They had been scheduled to die the week of March 9.

A three-member United States Appeals Court granted the stay on motion of Defense Attorney Emanuel H. Bloch to give the condemned couple time to petition the Supreme Court for a review.

"We will give you a stay until March 30, and, if your petition is filed then, then whatever the Supreme Court decides to do is up to that court and the stay will not expire until they have acted."

Judge Hand said he would be unwilling "to foreclose a full opportunity for a review of the case by the Supreme Court."

Concurring, Judge Jerome N. Frank said:

"I would not want to have these people precluded from having a review of their case by the Supreme Court. I would not want to have that on my conscience."

In arguing for the stay, Bloch said "a series of substantial questions of law" was involved.

The Rosenbergs' execution originally had been set for Jan. 14 but a stay was granted pending a presidential decision on an appeal for clemency. President Eisenhower rejected the appeal last Wednesday and the new execution date was set Monday.

Bloch told the Appeals court he would begin work immediately on his petition to the nation's highest court.

37 Red Migs February Toll For Sabre Jets

Fighter-Bomber Slash Enemy Supply Routes; Attackers Repulsed

Seoul, Korea (U.P.)—American Sabre jets shot down a communist jet fighter and damaged another today while fighter-bombers slashed at Red supply routes and U.N. troops and artillery repulsed a flurry of blows along the front.

The latest damage and destruction claims against MIG-15s raised the Sabre jets' toll for February to 37 destroyed or damaged, including five damage claims belatedly confirmed.

Capt. Richard Condrick, Redlands, Calif., got credit for damaging a MIG.

Snow and clouds were over North Korea, but fighter-bombers nevertheless attacked scattered enemy targets.

Stop Ground Attacks

On the ground about 50 Chinese attacking behind an artillery and mortar barrage drove to within hand grenade range of U.N. troops on Christmas hill in the east last night.

The allied defenders maneuvered the Reds into an area filled with napalm mines. When the trap was set the U.N. troops set off the mines, splashing the Chinese with jellied gasoline and ending the battle.

Two Chinese squads were "virtually wiped out" when they punched at an allied outpost near Jane Russell hill on the central front. Two other enemy probes were also turned back in the region around the Kumhwa ridge sector.

The air force kept up nighttime raids against the communists.

Yunnan Chinese Stage Revolt

Taipeh, Formosa (U.P.)— Ten thousand armed Chinese revolted against the Chinese communists in southwest Yunnan province early this month and gained control of eight counties, the Tatao News Agency said today.

Tatao is the new agency of the Nationalists' interior ministry and is known as a Kpomintang party intelligence organ. It is a major source of news about guerilla activities on the Chinese mainland.

Lt. Gen. Chang Yi-ting, spokesman for the ministry of defense, said he had no knowledge of Tatao's report as yet. Military and Kuomintang intelligence agencies work independently and the reports of one are not immediately available to the other.

Tatao said the rebels occupied key points in Chaili, Fuhai, Manchiao and Chunyuch counties and partly occupied points in Kiangcheng, Szemao, Ningkiang and Liushun counties.

Japs Back From Alaska Survey

Washington (AP) — Two members of a Japanese forestry mission that has just completed a study of Alaskan timber resources arrived Tuesday to report their findings to the Japanese embassy.

The two are Takuji Oshima, executive director of a private agency for conserving Japan's forest resources, and Jugo Tanaka, an official of the Japanese Forestry Bureau. The six other members of the group have returned to Japan.

Oshima and Tanaka declined to discuss their findings in Alaska relative to Japanese interest possibly establishing pulp and sawmills there. An embassy official said the mission would convene in Tokyo to prepare its report to the Japanese government.

Army May Substitute Nylon for Iron Helmet

Seoul, Korea (U.P.)—The Army is studying the effectiveness of steel helmets in protecting American soldiers in battle.

They may be replaced by lightweight helmets.

The Army said today that a wound ballistics research unit is collecting helmets which have been struck by bullets or shrapnel for close examination to guide the test team "in recommendations for redesigning."