

# THE WEATHER

FAIR TONIGHT, Sunday afternoon; foggy in morning. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 32; high Sunday, 60.

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## Mail Notices For Increased Taxes Favored

### House Tax Committee Amends Bill to Protect Property Owners

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Every property owner would receive notice by mail of any increased assessment made by the county assessor if the house committee on taxation has its way.

Much of the time of a committee meeting Friday was devoted to this subject with Reps. Robert Root of Medford, Frank Farmer of Polk county and Ed Geary of Klamath Falls leading the fight for notices.

When it was brought out that an upward revaluation of all real property in a county would result in heavy expense to the assessors office if notices to all real property owners were required, Rep. Geary said:

"If the assessor raises the valuation of all the real property in Klamath county he certainly should send notices by mail to all property owners."

It was recalled that in Clackamas county, several years ago, property in the northern section of that county, was revaluated upward by the assessor and no notices of such revaluation were sent out. The action was discovered when one property owner happened to drop into the court house at Oregon City to check her own appraisal and discovered that the valuation of all properties in the area in which she resided had been upped.

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## Taft Seeks to Probe Conduct Of Korean War

### Advances Plan After Van Fleet Sees Ike For 2 Hour Talk

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) proposed Saturday a full-scale congressional investigation of the conduct of the Korean War.

Taft, the Senate Republican leader, told reporters he thinks it might be wise to broaden a pending inquiry into alleged ammunition shortages to cover also the circumstances surrounding armistice talks and the handling of prisoners.

The senator advanced his plan shortly after Gen. James A. Van Fleet had spent an hour and 10 minutes with President Eisenhower. The general declined to say whether he and the chief executive talked about his claim that a munition has been seriously short in Korea.

Van Fleet Non-Committal

The retiring commander of the Eighth Army, whose report on ammunition supplies had set off the congressional investigation, would say only that he had had a "friendly, old-time chat" with the President.

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One Minute—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky (right) bows his head during a minute of silence at the United Nations in New York for the late Russian Premier Josef Stalin. (UP Telephoto)

## New Cold Wave Hits Mid-West

(By The Associated Press)

A blast of icy air from Central Canada sent the temperatures tumbling in the North Central States Saturday, with readings as low as 23 below zero in some areas.

The cold air extended into the Ohio Valley as far as Kentucky and Tennessee. But the mid-winter-like weather centered in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

It was -23 early Saturday in Bemidji, Minn.; -22 in Grantsburg, Wis.; -21 in International Falls, and -11 in Duluth, Minn.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul shivered in near zero weather.

Some warming was in prospect for the mid-continent by Sunday.

Snow began whirling in Chicago Saturday morning, and a fall of two to four inches was forecast. The Weather Bureau in Chicago said the snow area extended from Northern Illinois through Southwestern Wisconsin, Iowa and Southern Minnesota to the Dakotas.

Skies were clear in most other areas of the nation.

## UN Asked to Select Successor to Trygve Lie

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—Britain and France Saturday asked for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council early next week to consider picking a successor to Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The question is on the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly as a result of Lie's resignation last November. The Security Council, however, must recommend a candidate before the assembly can act.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation, is the latest entry in the list of names being mentioned. She told reporters Saturday that, if elected, she would accept the post, but that she won't run for the job.

Mrs. Pandit is the sister of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and former Indian ambassador to Moscow and Washington.

U.N. delegates differed today whether the shift of Andrei Y. Vishinsky from Soviet minister to chief Russian U.N. delegate was a demotion or prelude to a new and tougher Soviet line in the world organization.

The change was announced by the Kremlin yesterday as Vishinsky sailed for home. Associates said the tough-talking Moscow lawyer received no advance word of the shift that put Deputy Premier V. M. Molotov in the top foreign ministry spot.

## Gromyko Back At UN Meet

New York (AP)—Andre A. Gromyko arrived here by plane from London Saturday to replace Andrei Y. Vishinsky temporarily as leader of the Russian delegation to the United Nations.

Gromyko had no comment on the death of Premier Stalin and his succession by Georgi M. Malenkov.

"I have nothing to say," he told newsmen as he disembarked from a British Overseas Airways plane. "I'm just here to attend the U.N. General Assembly."

Gromyko, a mba s a d o r to Great Britain, flew into New York less than 24 hours after Vishinsky sailed on the French Limer Liberté for conferences with Moscow officials.

Vishinsky learned just before sailing that the Malenkov regime had reduced him from foreign minister to deputy foreign minister while assigning him as permanent delegate to the UN.

## Greyhound Bus Smashes Pillar

Los Angeles (AP)—A Greyhound bus carrying 28 passengers went out of control and smashed a concrete pillar at an underpass today injuring many, four critically.

Police said the bus, driven by Forrest Luther, of Los Angeles, was coming from El Centro to Los Angeles. The accident occurred on Valley Blvd. at the Soto St. underpass at 2 a.m., this morning.

The force of the impact sheared off the whole left side of the bus and hurled one unidentified woman through the windshield.

Officers said passengers complained that Luther had been driving "erratically" during the night, but they said cause of the accident was still under investigation.

Police said the injured, still unidentified, were "scattered all over" in various hospitals in the city. However, they said the four critically injured are all in General hospital.

## Law Halts Trio of Big Game Hunters

Chicago (AP)—Traffic police-chicago Miller halted three youngsters in busy Michigan avenue Friday and ended their planned hunting expedition to Canada.

One of the youths was piling a little red wagon piled high with blankets, extra clothing and provisions. The prospective explorers also had \$3 in cash.

The boys told Miller they were en route to Canada via Benson Harbor, Mich. They planned to shoot elk, deer and buffalo — with their one air rifle.

Asked how they were going to kill big animals with a BB gun, John James Incandella, 10, replied:

"It's not easy. You've just got to be a crackerjack of a good shot."

His companions, David Aasen, 13 and Gary Allen Walper, 13, agreed.

## Butter Piles Up For Waste

Washington (AP)—The government is still buying butter at the rate of almost 2,000,000 pounds a day, despite Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's assurances to dairy farmers that price supports would not be cut.

Since Benson on February 27 announced his decision to keep butter price props at 90 percent of parity for another year, almost 9,000,000 pounds of butter has come into the government's hands.

It now owns about 99,000,000 pounds, or \$67,000,000 worth.

## Malenkov in Stalin's Post of USSR Dictator

### Elevation Accompanied by Shake-up Of Top Officials

Moscow (AP)—Georgi M. Malenkov today led the Soviet Union and its wide dominions—officially—as successor to Joseph V. Stalin. His elevation was accompanied by a wholesale shake-up of top government personnel.

Selection of Stalin's 51-year-old protégé to be the new Russian prime minister was announced by the Kremlin last night. Long a close associate of the dead communist chief, Malenkov had been considered his likeliest successor.

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## Chinese Reds Off For Stalin Rites

Tokyo (AP)—Peiping Radio said a delegation of Chinese Communists headed by Premier and Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai left by plane for Moscow Saturday.

The official Red China broadcast, heard here by Radio Press Agency, did not identify the mission. It was presumed, however, Chou and other Communist big-wigs planned to attend the funeral of Russia's Premier Joseph Stalin Monday.

The Chinese Red Army commander in Korea, Gen. Peng Teh-Huai, sent a letter of condolence to Moscow declaring his troops "in memory of the great Stalin will turn their sorrow into strength."

He said his army in Korea "will stand alongside the people of the great Soviet Union and peace loving people all over the world."

## Civil Service Law Faces Change

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft (R, Ohio) hinted Saturday Republicans may ask congress to change the civil service laws to place more of their party members in government jobs.

Taft praised President Eisenhower's decision to issue an executive order taking hundreds of top jobs off the civil service rolls, but said congress may need to do "other things."

Taft said that Eisenhower's order would affect only about 10 top jobs in each of the departments and agencies, giving new cabinet members and others a chance to choose their own assistants. The order would reverse actions of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations in blanketing these jobs into the civil service.

Taft said some changes in the civil service laws would be necessary to reach some jobs which he said are on a policy making level, but covered by civil service.

These would be outside the list of about 65,000 positions paying \$4,000 or more a year which are not now classified by the civil service.

## Eden Says Britain to Ban Exports to Red China

Washington (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Eden. It was announced Saturday, has assured the United States that England intends to ban the delivery of strategic materials to Red China in British ships.

Also, under the assurances, Britain would not allow vessels which carry such materials to the Chinese communists to be refueled in a British port.

This crackdown on the flow of war supplies to the Reds was announced in a communiqué issued on political talks held here between Eden and Secretary of State Dulles.

Apparently the decision on shipping meant that the whole far flung system of strategically located supply points — which includes Singapore — will now be closed to any vessel carrying strategic cargoes to the communists.

The communique on the political talks also said:

- The British intend to stand firm on proposals to Iran for settlement of the oil crisis which were made Feb. 20 and which the United States considers "reasonable and fair." The use of these words meant a public endorsement of the British settlement plan, which Iran has thus far failed to accept. It provides for settlement of the oil dispute, property compensation and the revival of the flow of oil from Iran to world markets, plus financial aid to Iran.
- A "prior understanding" that the use of United States military bases in the United Kingdom in an emergency "would be a matter for joint decision" by the two governments was reaffirmed. Apparently this is aimed at reassuring British critics that any American use of British bases would be for purposes agreeable to the British—and thus, for example, prevent American airplanes from taking action against the Russians unless the British were agreeable.
- Both governments expressed concern that the treaty for a European Defense Community should be "ratified as speedily as possible." This is the pact under which West Germany would be armed.
- Of the Middle East in general they agreed that major problems urgently required "constructive solutions" but did not define the problems.

## Chinese Reds Repulsed at 2 Outposts

Seoul (AP)—Chinese communists hurled two company-sized assaults at Allied outposts on the Korean Western front Saturday and then withdrew, leaving an estimated 106 dead on the muddy battlefield.

The Reds hit southwest of Kelly Hill with two separate raids — each with about 175 men.

South Korean soldiers cut down the charges with withering rifle and machine gun cross fire, while heavier guns in the rear pounded the oncoming Chinese. The Reds retreated after an hour's fight.

The Chinese attacked again a few hours later, but half-heartedly. They pulled back after 30 minutes.

Chilling rain reduced most other ground activity.

Low-hanging clouds and mist grounded U. N. warplanes during the day. But Friday night 17 U. S. B-29 Superforts from Japan plastered the main Red supply route from the Yalu River to Sinanju with 170-tons of bombs.

## Stalin Striking Figure in Death As When Alive

### Lies in State in Hall of Columns, Vast Crowds Visit Bier

Moscow (AP)—In death as in life, Joseph Stalin is a singular figure of a man. Lying here in the Hall of Columns, his head on a silk pillow, he is a striking figure. There is a monumental dignity about him.

He wears a grey military jacket—one that the world has seen in so many pictures. Over his heart are numerous medals. One recognizes particularly the Gold Star of the Hero of Socialist Labor.

You start in this seemingly endless line of people at the door of the Hall of Columns in the House of Trade Unions. It's a bitterly cold day, the kind that makes the pavement burn through the soles of your shoes. The sun is shining but the mercury has sagged below zero.

All Kinds of People

Moscow's wide streets near the House of Union are cleared and orderly as lines converge on the green colored building in the heart of the city, a very short distance from the old Kremlin, where Stalin worked and died.

There are all kinds of people. Old people, young people, middle aged people, children.

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## Body to Lie in Red Square

Moscow (AP)—The Soviet Union today readied the greatest funeral in its 37-year history for Joseph V. Stalin. The new government and the communist party announced that his body, after rites Monday, would lie alongside Lenin's in Red Square until a great Pantheon, a new temple shrine of world communism, is built to receive them and other Red "immortals."

An official announcement of the party central committee and the government council of ministers, now headed by Georgi M. Malenkov as Stalin's successor said the funeral would be held at noon Monday 4 a.m. EST, but gave no details of the form the rites would take.

Nor did it say whether any part would be taken by religious leaders, who have led public prayers for Stalin since his last illness was announced Wednesday.

## Danes Aroused On Polish Plane

Copenhagen, Denmark (AP)—Diplomatic complications multiplied Saturday among Denmark, Poland, Britain and NATO over the Russian-built MIG-15 jet fighter landed by a Polish Air Force lieutenant on the Danish Baltic island of Bornholm Thursday.

While the pilot, claiming to be a political refugee seeking asylum, was being grilled at Copenhagen police headquarters, Polish Minister Dr. Stanislaw Kulesz-Krauz delivered his second stiff note to the foreign office demanding that the plane and pilot be handed back to Poland immediately.

However, U. S. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's Supreme Allied Headquarters was reported trying to persuade the Danish government to hold the plane, the first MIG-15 to fall undamaged into Western hands.

## Expect Purge In Satellites

Washington (AP)—American officials predicted today that the new leaders in the Kremlin will move quickly after Stalin's funeral to purge Soviet and Satellite leaders who might threaten their newly won power.

These officials feel there also is a slight possibility of a falling-out between Premier Georgi M. Malenkov and his rivals that could shake Russia and the communist world to its foundations.

Officials pointed out that Malenkov, as Stalin's "shadow" over the years, knows all the techniques for ruthlessly stamping out opposition with guns, prison cells and slave labor camps.

"They will have to clean house again, and it's anybody's guess where it will start and stop," one official said.

## Ike Calls Conference On Taft-Hartley Law

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower, seeking advice on what to do about Taft-Hartley Act revisions, has invited Senate and House Labor Committee chairmen to sit in on his regular meeting with congressional leaders Monday morning.

The White House said Saturday that besides the usual leaders from both branches, the President will confer with Sen. H. Alexander Smith, R., N. J., and Rep. Samuel K. McConnell, R., Pa., chairmen respectively of the Senate and House Labor Committees.

## Steelman to Resign as Aide

Washington (AP)—The White House said Saturday John R. Steelman has resigned as special assistant to the President.

Steelman, who will set up a private labor relations and economic consultant office here, was assistant to former President Truman for many years and remained as a special assistant to President Eisenhower during the changeover in administrations.

Steelman acted as Truman's labor advisor and took part in settling several major labor disputes.

Sherman Adams of New Hampshire succeeded Steelman in the \$20,000 a year post as assistant to the president. There probably will be no successor to Steelman as special assistant since Eisenhower already has two of them, C. D. Jackson and Wilton B. Persons. Rudie Wilhelm, Jr.

They listed the 11 pieces of legislation they consider important. Nothing like that had ever been done before, and it might serve the worthy purpose of shortening the session.

This list of bills which they believe should be acted upon will focus the Legislatures' attention on the important things. It will enable the legislators to separate the wheat from the chaff among the 1,000 bills that have been introduced.

## Mercy Flight Saves Alaskans

Anchorage, Alaska (AP)—A mercy flight has brought medical aid to isolated Lime and Whitefish villages and disclosed a critical food shortage in the two communities some 200 miles west of Anchorage.

Capt. Carl M. Russell of the 39th Medical group at Elmendorf air force base treated 23 persons for an unidentified illness—the entire population of the two villages.

All but two are reported recovering. A couple known as "old Mr. and Mrs. Bobby" are in serious condition and the air force planned to send planes Saturday to bring the two persons to Anchorage.

Meantime the 71st air rescue squadron is standing by with food ready to be flown to the stricken villages as soon as a request is received from the Alaskan Native Service.

## Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, 2.1; normal, 1.2. Season precipitation, 31.67; normal, 29.35. River height, 1.2 feet. (Report by U. S. weather bureau.)

## Production at Record Pace

New York (AP)—Industrial production hit a near-record pace this week with businessmen debating what — if any — effect Stalin's death might have on the long-term economy.

The feeling was pretty general that Stalin's death would have little effect on business and industry.

Many, in fact, believed the death of the Soviet leader might stimulate production.

They felt there would be no let up in the output of military goods and some took the view that a virile defense program was even more necessary than before.

Certainly the death of Stalin brought no immediate reaction in the nation's factories.

Industrial plants whipped along at close to post-war records. There were reports from sections that the available supply of skilled workers was rather scanty.

## SPUD OFFICIAL PAY HIKED

The salary of the administrator of the Oregon Potato Commission would be boosted from \$6,000 a year to \$7,200 by a bill passed Saturday by the House and sent to the senate.

## Crabb Found Guilty of Slaying Georgia Lang

Roseburg (AP)—A circuit court jury Friday night found Chester Dean Crabb, 24, guilty of first degree murder in the slaying last April of Georgia Lang, 19.

The unanimous verdict carried a recommendation of life imprisonment.

Crabb, an ex-sailor from Arago in Coos county, and his wife were standing with their arms entwined as the verdict was read. They both broke into tears.

Miss Lang's nude body was found seven months after her death in a field near a deserted highway in the Oakland, Ore., area.

Crabb, at his trial, told this story of events the night the girl died:

## To Photo A Blast From 4 Mountains

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—Four mountain peaks will be used to relay the picture of the atomic blast March 17 to Los Angeles and thence to the nation's television viewers.

Atop each peak will be 12-900 pounds of microwave relay equipment, including generators and dish type antennas. Manning the gear on each peak will be two technicians.

Charter Hespil, atomic energy commission official here from Washington, D.C., announced Friday night there would be live network broadcasts of the event on both television and radio.