

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with showers, partial clearing tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 28; high Thursday, 52.

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Reject Salary Hikes for 3300 On State Rolls

Ways-Means Also Provides for but One Merit Increase in Biennium

By JAMES D. OLSON The joint ways and means committee turned down a salary increase for 3300 classified state employees and provided appropriation for but one merit increase for the 1953-55 biennium in place of two previously authorized.

However, Sen. Angus Gibson, chairman of the subcommittee on salaries said that some departments had sufficient money in their budgets to permit two merit increases during the biennium and the committee's action did not preclude such increases if finances were available.

The 3300 employees are principally in the lower wage brackets.

The joint ways and means committee previously had voted a salary increase to the top state officials, the administrative officers, supreme court justices and circuit judges.

Holmes Voices Protest

Rep. Dave Baum, a member of the subcommittee making the report, which incidentally was voted against by a single member of the committee, Sen. Robert Holmes of Gearhart, declared that in the past merit increase authority had been used to grant salary increases and were not based on performance of the employees.

"Records show that 95 per cent of all state employees have been granted merit increases," he declared, "and that certainly shows that they were not based on merit."

Baum declared that the 43 per cent annual turnover of state employees was lower than the turnover of employees in private industry. Baum said that a check made on records of many Oregon firms, both industrial and commercial, disclosed that the turnover of employees annually ran from 45 to 50 per cent.

Pay Higher Than Average

"There is no justification in saying that the turnover of state employees results from inadequate salaries," Baum continued. "Our surveys showed that the salaries paid in the lowest state classification as well as the highest, is 15 to 25 per cent higher than that paid in private industry."

Baum said that the fringe benefits enjoyed by state employees in Oregon "was second to none except the federal government." He said that the subcommittee could find no privately employed groups receiving fringe benefits comparing with those given to state employees.

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Semon Returns From Hospital

Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath county, was back at his desk Wednesday after a week's illness. His absence from the house was the first caused by illness during his 20 years he has served as a member of the legislature.

The Klamath county legislator is co-chairman of the powerful joint way and means committee and is co-author of the law which requires the placing of price tags on measures submitted to the people showing the costs resulting from adoption of the measure. This law was enacted by the 1951 legislature with the late Senator Carl Engdahl of Pendleton also sponsoring the bill. At this session of the legislature Rep. Semon introduced a bill to require a price tag showing loss of revenue resulting from adoption of a measure. This amended bill has been passed by the house and is now being considered by the senate tax committee.

Third of Inch Rain Falls During Night

Nearly one-third of an inch of rain was measured for Salem in the 24-hour stretch concluding at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, .30 of an inch being recorded.

Forecast is for more showers, although some clearing, tonight and Thursday, temperatures to continue about the same as they have been.

Rainfall so far is behind schedule for March, the total for the first 11 days being .39 of an inch, against a normal of 1.62 for the period.

8 Ex-Cabinet Members Got Pay for Leaves

House Probers Charge Abuses 'to Fatten Own Purses'

Washington (AP)—Eight cabinet officers in the Truman administration were listed by a House appropriations subcommittee Wednesday among a group of federal officials who allegedly abused the government's annual leave program "to fatten their own purses."

Names of the eight were on a list made public by Chairman Phillips (R-Calif.) and Rep. Thomas (D-Tex.), ranking minority member of the subcommittee.

The congressmen said the retiring Democratic officials got the following amounts for accrued leave—or, as the subcommittee put it, as "severance pay":

Charles F. Brannan, secretary of agriculture, \$6,921.88; Charles Sawyer, secretary of commerce, \$3,933.69; Robert A. Lovett, secretary of defense, \$4,328.12; Oscar L. Chapman, secretary of interior, \$5,187.50; Maurice J. Tobin, secretary of labor, \$2,500; Jesse M. Donaldson, postmaster general, \$5,437.50; Dean Acheson, secretary of state, \$4,421.87; John W. Snyder, secretary of the treasury, \$5,476.58.

Not accumulated leave was listed for the Truman attorney general, James P. McGranery.

In most cases, the committee members said, the procedure involved collection of lump sums (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

To Name New Pacific Prexy

Forest Grove (AP)—An acting president will be named within two weeks for Pacific university at Forest Grove, Dr. Paul A. Davies, superintendent of the Congregational Conference of Oregon, said Tuesday.

Davies is one of three named to administer affairs of the university until an acting president is chosen to replace Dr. Walter Giersbach, president, who recently was given a six months leave of absence.

The leave followed a faculty request that Giersbach be discharged. The Congregational church gives some financial aid to Pacific.

Rescue 28 from Crippled Ship

New York (AP)—The coast guard reported Wednesday that 28 crew members of the broken Liberian tanker Anny had been rescued but that at least eight were missing including all of the officers and the captain's wife.

Three coast guard cutters and a plane are speeding to the storm-tossed area some 400 miles southeast of St. John's, Newfoundland, in the hope of finding the forward half of the vessel afloat with the missing persons clinging to it.

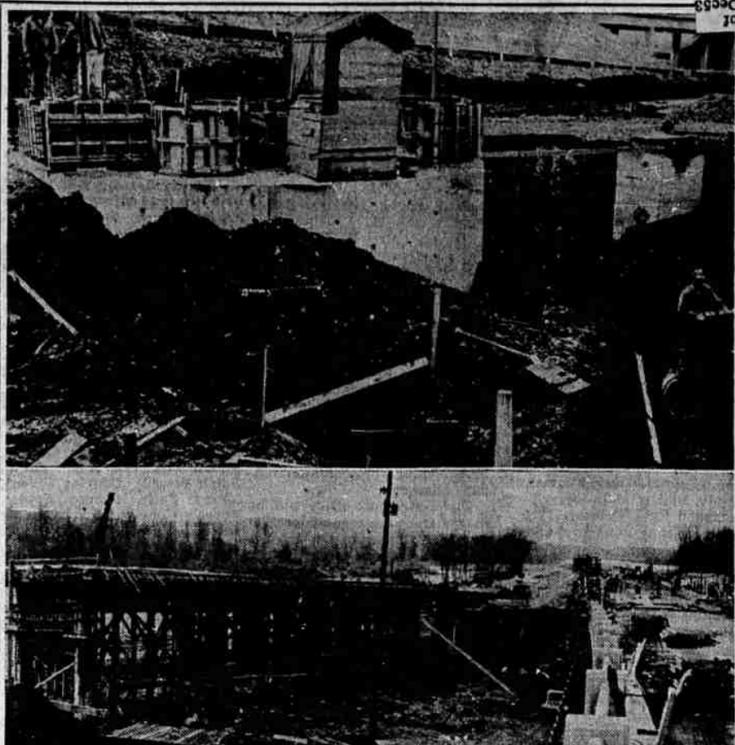
According to crew members picked off the stern section of the tanker, the vessel caught fire and exploded three days ago.

The men were rescued by the Waterman Steamship Line's 6,492-ton freighter, Claiborne, bound for Cherbourg, France.

Woodburn Burglars Raid Churches, Schools

Burglars broke into four churches and school buildings and a private garage in Woodburn Tuesday morning and are presumed to have stolen a car that was taken during the same early morning hours as the burglaries.

Woodburn Police Chief Neil Calkins and Marion county Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Wright investigated the break-ins and reported that apparently nothing was missing with the exception of the car. Order of the break-ins was not known but the places entered were the Washington school on Lincoln street, the St. Luke's parochial grade school and the nearby Catholic church on Harrison street, the Presbyterian church at Garfield and Third streets and the neighboring garage of the church minister, Rev. E. Kay Fenton. The stolen car belonged to De-



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Draft 53,000 For May Quota

Washington (AP)—The Army Wednesday issued a draft call for 53,000 men in May.

This is the same number previously asked in the months of February, March and April. It will bring the total of men drafted or earmarked for service to 1,414,430 since selective service was resumed in September, 1950.

Only the Army has been resorting to the draft since last May, when the Marine Corps discontinued use of selective service after drafting 81,430.

The Navy and the Air Force have depended entirely upon volunteer enlistments. The Defense Department said that current draft quotas for the Army are based on requirements to maintain approved strength after allowing for the number of volunteer enlistments and re-enlistments.

Farouk's Wife Said Divorced

Rome (AP)—Members of the family of former Queen Nourmahad of Egypt reported today that her romance with ousted playboy King Farouk has ended.

They said the royal couple entered a separation agreement last night and that Nourmahad intended to go home to Egypt. A spokesman for Farouk, living in exile at his villa near Rome, denied the rift.

But reports both here and in Cairo indicated that the marriage of the polygamous king and Nourmahad, whom he met in a jewelry shop, was threatened with disaster.

It was believed that last-minute attempts at a reconciliation might be under way today.

The Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram first reported that Farouk and Nourmahad had been "divorced" last night.

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Mamie Holds Her First Press Conference

Washington (AP)—More men than women showed up at Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower's first White House news conference Wednesday but the male contingent could muster only one question: How's the food?

Fine, said the first lady amid general laughter. Mrs. Eisenhower was friendly and completely at ease at the news conference, the first ever held by a President's wife at the White House to which men were admitted.

All told, there were 41 men and 37 women at the get-together. A bit surreptitiously, the men reporters maneuvered to the back rows of the room and listened to a lot of talk about clothes and furniture arrangement. They took copious notes; whether they understood their own notes is a question that could get you in an argument.

Mrs. Eisenhower started the conference off by listing her schedule up to April 11. Then, with a wave of her hand and a smile, Mrs. Eisenhower announced: Ready and waiting for questions.

Question: Does Mrs. Eisenhower feel like she's living in a glass bowl? Answer: No. Everything is quite comfortable, she said, adding that she has spent her life in large rooms that have high ceilings.

Question: Is there a house rule against shop talk after the President winds up his work for the day? Answer: Mrs. Eisenhower doesn't have to bother about enforcing any such rule. She noted, with a laugh, that when her husband returns to the White House living quarters from his office, he is too tired for shop talk.

Senate Delays Statehood Bill

Washington (AP)—The house-approved Hawaiian statehood bill appeared today to be temporarily stalled in the senate behind tidelands legislation.

Statehood for the mid-Pacific territory is No. 2 on the "must" legislative list of GOP Senate Leader Robert A. Taft. But No. 1 is submerged oil lands legislation, still hung up in the same interior and insular affairs committee which must handle the Hawaii bill.

The tidelands bill is expected to provoke prolonged senate debate. Even when it is disposed of, some democrats are already talking of "very lengthy discussion," they didn't use the word filibuster, of the idea of statehood for the solidly republican Hawaii and not the traditionally democratic Alaska.

The house approved the Hawaii statehood bill yesterday 274 to 183, after rejecting by 227 to 182 a motion to send it back to committee. The house did, however, tack on an amendment requiring Hawaii's constitution to be approved by Congress before the islands become the 49th star in the U.S. flag, which could not happen before 1954. And it cut Hawaii's allotment of house of representatives seats to one

Kussia Grilled By Lodge for Imperialism

United Nations Applauds Attacks on Communist Tactics

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The U. S. charged Wednesday that Russia's bosses have embarked on a policy of imperialism, not because of any fear of aggression by any other country, but because of fear of their own people.

Chief U. S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., told the U. N. General Assembly that the Soviet Union has lost the respect of the world because of its policy of "violent words and violent deeds."

The Assembly broke out into wild applause, and had to be called to order, as Lodge spurned charges by Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko that the U. S. was doing everything in its power to prolong the Korean War.

Gromyko Alleges Atrocities The exchange broke out shortly after British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said that, despite Korea, we were not yet in World War III.

In that connection, Gromyko accused the U. S. army of atrocities in Korea.

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Balk on Probe of Newsprint

Washington (AP)—Members of the house judiciary committee were reported Wednesday to be irritated over a decision of the house commerce committee to investigate the subject of newsprint.

One member of the judiciary committee who would not be quoted by name said the reason for the irritation is the fact that a judiciary subcommittee investigated the matter in 1950 and submitted a full report in May, 1951.

"Some of us feel that a new investigation is unnecessary and a needless expense," the informant told an interviewer.

The house approved a resolution last Thursday, presented by Chairman Wolverton (R-N.J.) of the commerce committee, authorizing the group to investigate the newsprint situation and hold hearings outside the country if necessary.

U. S. Policy on Tito Pays Off

Belgrade (AP)—American policy toward Yugoslavia "has paid off" U. S. Ambassador George V. Allen said today at the end of his three-year service in Belgrade.

Allen told the United Press in an exclusive interview "I am convinced that the United States policy of full respect for Yugoslav independence and sovereignty has paid off."

The retiring ambassador left for Frankfurt, Germany, on his way to the United States and a new post as ambassador to India.

In another statement at the Belgrade airport he told newspapermen he believes "this is the beginning of a new era" for Yugoslavia, both abroad and internally.

Deny MIT Blame For 'Voice' Sites

Cambridge, Mass.—President James R. Killian of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology says institute staff members "at no time" recommended specific sites for two Voice of America transmitters which have been termed "worthless."

The senate committee investigating the Voice of America has been told that the transmitters, built at a cost of 20 million dollars, were located where they are subject to atmospheric interference.

Rain and Snow Curb Fighting On Korea Front

Seoul (AP)—Rain, snow and clouds restricted the Korean war to scattered small raids and patrol fights today.

U. S. Sabre jets patrolled MIG Alley but found no MIGs to fight. All other Allied warplanes were grounded.

Last night 14 B29 Superforts pushed through heavy weather and showered high explosives on a combination officers school and supply dump 10 miles north of Sinanju on the west coast.

On the rugged Eastern Front, Republic of Korea troops patrolled through new-fallen snow and tangled 10 times with North Korean Reds in a man's land. They reported 43 communists killed or wounded.

The U. S. Eighth army said Red casualties for the week ended Saturday were 1,380 killed, 920 wounded and 4 captured.

Pravda Appeals For Red Unity

London (AP)—Moscow's Pravda renewed Soviet appeals Wednesday for unity against "internal and external enemies." Such exhortations have formed a main theme for public pronouncements in the Soviet Union since Joseph Stalin's death.

"The enemies of the working people would like to see panic and confusion in the ranks of the Soviet people, which has suffered heavy loss," said an editorial in the Communist Party newspaper broadcast by Moscow radio.

"But the calculations of enemies are unfounded," the newspaper declared. "Bitter disappointment awaits them."

"On days of great sorrow the people of the Soviet Union—workers, peasants, intelligentsia—rally even closer together and close their ranks around their own Communist party and its central committee, around the Soviet government."

Poles Release Danes' Fish Ship

Copenhagen, Denmark (AP)—Six Danish fishing vessels detained since Sunday at the Polish port of Hel, near Gdansk Danzig, were released early Wednesday.

An official announcement said that Aage Kjoeller, skipper of one of the ships, messaged that all had been released at 4 a.m.

The six ships, with 23 men aboard, were detained when they sheltered at Hel during a storm raging in the Baltic Sea. The detention was announced just after Denmark officially told Poland that a Soviet-built MIG-15 fighter plane landed on Bornholm by a refugee Polish pilot would be dismantled and examined by Danish air force experts.

Denmark's Foreign Minister Ole Bjoern Kraft said, however, that there was no evidence of any connection between the two events. Poland's minister to Copenhagen, Stanislaw Kelles-Kraus, described the detention of the ships as not "an act of reprisal but a routine check."

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 44. Total 24-hour precipitation: .30 for month; .20 normal; 1.62. Season precipitation, 21.29; normal, 25.94. Barometer, 30.4. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Oklahoma Warden Frustrates Escapees

McAlester, Okla. (AP)—Three hardened prisoners, threatening death to the warden they held at knifepoint, tried unsuccessfully to break out of the Oklahoma state penitentiary here Wednesday.

They were frustrated by one of the trio who suddenly had a change of heart and disarmed the leader. The convicts, two of them murderers, first took Chaplain R. R. Reed, captive at knifepoint, along with the prison librarian, and then pulled a knife on the warden, Jerome Waters, who was summoned by Reed in a telephone call. Gerald Clark, convicted murderer serving life, held a knife, stolen from the leather goods shop, at the warden's chest and threatened to kill him unless

U.S. Pilots to Fight Back if Again Fired on

Attack by Czech Jets Regarded as Most Serious

Wiesbaden, Germany (AP)—The U. S. Air Force declared Wednesday night American pilots will fight back the next time communist planes invade Western Germany and attack U. S. aircraft.

This was the reaction here to the action of two Soviet-built MIG-15 jet fighters from Czechoslovakia in jumping on two U. S. F-84 jet planes near the German-Czech border Tuesday and shooting down one over American-occupied territory.

U. S. Ambassador George Wadsworth delivered a strong protest to the Czech government in Prague early Wednesday over the incident—regarded as the most serious yet in Europe in the East-West cold war. Reply of Czechs.

Prague was quick to reply. The Prague radio announced Wednesday that a protest was delivered to Wadsworth charging that the two American jet planes had violated Czech territory.

The two American pilots in statements at a news conference Wednesday, said the Red MIGs had opened fire on them from seven to 15 miles inside the American zone. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

GOP Eyes 331 Jobs in Oregon

Washington (AP)—The patronage-hungry republican majority in congress learned today that some 331 federal positions in Oregon are not under civil service protection.

The civil service commission disclosed the information in a report filed with the senate. Nearly 250 of the non-protected jobs are in Portland, including five subject to nomination by the president and confirmation by the senate. These include posts of U. S. attorney at \$9800 a year, U. S. marshal at \$8360 a year, collector of customs at \$8600 a year, captain, coast and geodetic survey, at \$8358, and commander, coast and geodetic survey, \$6986.

Several other Portland jobs, however, pay more money, including the \$14,500 paid the Bonneville power administrator and other high-salaried BPA jobs, and these are subject to appointment by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

About 81 federal posts in Oregon outside of Portland also are outside of civil service, the commission said.

Name Alaska's New Governor

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday nominated B. Frank Heintzleman of Juneau, Alaska, as governor of Alaska.

The president also sent to the senate the nomination of Frederick Billings Lee of Woodstock, Va., as administrator of the civil aeronautics administration. Lee has been serving as deputy administrator.

Heintzleman's nomination was forecast last month when Secretary of the Interior McKay announced he had recommended the appointment.

Heintzleman, 65, has been regional forester for Alaska since Feb. 16, 1937. He also is commissioner for the agriculture department in Alaska and is the federal power commission's representative in the territory.

Flying Boxcar Crashes in Korea

Seoul (AP)—An air force C-119 Flying Boxcar crashed five miles south of Taegon, Korea, Wednesday after an explosion ripped off its left engine and its crew of four had parachuted to safety.

Fifth air force said the plane was en route from Japan to Seoul. "We heard a loud explosion, looked out, and the left engine wasn't there," said the pilot, Lt. Sheldon L. McConnell of Portland, Ore. Then the other engine failed.

McConnell ordered the other three members to bail out, then rode the plane down to 3,000 feet before bailing out himself.