

THE WEATHER

VARIABLE CLOUDINESS, occasional showers, tonight, Friday, Continued cool. Low tonight, 38; high Friday, 50.

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Denial of Pay Hike Protested By Legislators

Labor Union Leaders Also Call it Injustice To Employes

By JAMES D. OLSON Denial of pay increases for 3,300 state employes, the majority in the lower salary brackets, by the joint Ways and Means committee, brought violent protests from legislators, union leaders as well as the official spokesman of the Oregon Employees' association.

Liquor by Drink Bill up Friday

The Oregon Legislature took little action Thursday as it prepared for important bills Friday to provide sale of liquor by the drink and a study of educational television.

School Merger Plan Revised

Oregon's legislature, which was two months old Thursday, readied itself for another try at solving the difficult problem of getting the many school districts to consolidate into bigger districts.

Church Council Slams Probers

New York (AP)—The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. says freedom is endangered by "certain methods" of congressional communist investigations affecting educational institutions.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 46. Total 24-hour precipitation: .231 for month; .621 normal; 1.76 season precipitation; .2728 normal; 35.08 River height; 1 foot. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.

Korean War Arms Shortage Charge Upheld

Senate Group Says Van Fleet's Statements Substantiated

Washington (AP)—The Senate Armed Services Committee said today that Gen. James A. Van Fleet's charge of ammunition shortages in Korea has been "fully substantiated."

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Washington (AP)—The government Thursday swept away price control from all consumer goods and foods as well as many industrial materials.

Campus Fire at Oregon State

Corvallis (AP)—Fire destroyed part of an unoccupied frame men's dormitory on the Oregon State college campus early Wednesday.

Olympia Solons Balance Budget

Olympia (AP)—A balanced state budget without new taxes won top honors Thursday as the major accomplishment of the 1953 legislature.

Bill Seeks Increase in Timber Severance Tax

Final touches were made Thursday on a bill expanding the forestry protection and development program supported by timber harvesting severance tax by the house committee on forestry and mining.



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Egypt's Queen Flees to Zurich

Rome (AP)—Egypt's Queen Nefariman flew to Switzerland Thursday amid conflicting rumors of an impending divorce from ex-King Farouk, pregnancy or a political move to safeguard the royal dynasty.

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\$12,114 Pledged To Red Cross

Red Cross contributions Tuesday night were about \$1,500 ahead of contributions made at that period of the drive in 1952. The goal this year is \$51,000.

CONANT COMING BACK

Bonn, Germany (AP)—U.S. High Commissioner Dr. James Bryant Conant will fly to the United States early next month to testify before congressional committees on the high commission's budget for the next fiscal year, American officials said Thursday.

Potato Research Funds Offered OSC

Klamath Falls (AP)—The Oregon Potato Commission offered funds Wednesday to start a plant research greenhouse at Oregon State college.

12 JAP SHIPS MISSING Tokyo (AP)—Twelve small Japanese ships with 101 crew members are missing or in distress as a result of a storm, the Japanese coast guard said Thursday night.

Keas Down British Bomber In Flames Over Germany

Ike Submits Plan to Merge Health Agencies

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower laid before Congress Thursday a reorganization plan setting up a new federal department of health, education and welfare to take over the functions of the present Federal Security Agency.

To Set Aside Postmasters

Washington (AP)—The Eisenhower administration shortly will issue an executive order setting aside all recent postmaster exams won by Democrats, a highly-placed Republican senator said Thursday.

Wants Figures On Red Armies

Philadelphia (AP)—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) challenged the government last night to publish a complete estimate of Russian military strength in comparison with U.S. armed power so that the American people could judge the danger.

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Winter Back On Battle Line North Korea

Seoul (AP)—Allied soldiers grappled with Communist troops all across the storm-battered Korean Peninsula today.

Sabrejets for Western Europe

Washington (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's tiny jet interceptor force in Western Europe is to be bolstered soon with 150 of the fastest F-86 Sabre fighters yet developed.

Marriage No Bar to Draft

Washington (AP)—Selective service officials said Thursday an executive order is under consideration designed to make it impossible for any young man to get what amounts to a permanent draft deferment by marrying and becoming a father while temporarily deferred.

Red Attacks on Allied Planes Heighten Crisis

Washington (AP)—The second Red fighter attack in 48 hours on allied aircraft over Germany Thursday heightened the East-West crisis in one of the most dangerous areas of cold war conflict.

Second Allied Plane Destroyed, 4 Airmen Killed

Lueneburg, Germany (AP)—Russian jet fighters shot down a British four-engine bomber on the East-West frontier Thursday.

Seek to Plug Vacation Leak

Washington (AP)—A House appropriations subcommittee promised Thursday to plug a legal loophole through which its chairman contends \$709,538 leaked to high officials and employes of the Truman administration.

Reuther Raps T-H Labor Law

Washington (AP)—CIO President Walter Reuther said Thursday the Taft-Hartley Act has worsened labor-management relations and given employers "a new arsenal of weapons with which to beat us over the head."

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U.S. officials in initial reaction said the incidents might very well be coincidental. But one diplomat cautioned: "You can't rule out anything."