

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, mostly cloudy Sunday, some occasional light rain. Low tonight, 34; high Sunday, 55.

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Tornadoes Sweep Through 3 States, 17 Dead, Heavy Damage

Five Members Lay Lines in Speaker Fight

Francis Has Edge To Rule House in 1955 Session

By JAMES D. OLSON

A genuine battle for the speakership of the 1955 legislature—the first speakership fight in years—appears to be a definite possibility with five members of the lower house either avowed candidates or considered the possibility of entering the race.

At this early date Rep. Carl Francis of Dayton, chairman of the two important committees, judiciary and financial institutions, has the edge if seniority and legislative experience are taken into account.

Francis was elected to the house from Yamhill county in 1942 and is now serving in his sixth consecutive session.

Other Candidates

The others considered as candidates for the the speakership, either by themselves or by their friends, included Reps. Francis Ziegler of Benton county; David C. Baum, of Union county; Robert W. Root of Jackson county and Russell Hudson of Wasco county.

In the senate the race for the presidency of the 1955 session has not crystallized as yet. The name of Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock of Klamath Falls has been prominently mentioned but there has been no pronouncement from Hitchcock on his intentions.

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Pro-U. S. Jap Gov't Ousted

Tokyo (AP)—Japan's rebellious Diet threw out the government of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida tonight and immediately afterward the wily politician dissolved the Parliament and called for new national elections.

Yoshida's Liberal party holds a slim majority, 245 of 446 seats in the lower house.

But more than 20 members of two dissident factions inside his bickering Liberal party bolted to vote against him. Many other Liberals "boycotted" the vote.

Yoshida dissolved the Diet last Aug. 28. At that time the Prime Minister was struggling with Ichiro Hatoyama for leadership of the Liberal party.

Informed sources said he dissolved the house and called for new election for the following Oct. 1 because he felt his hand would be stronger against Hatoyama than if he waited. Technically Emperor Hirohito is the only one who can dissolve the Diet, but he always follows the suggestion of his prime minister.

Brown's Transfer to Baltimore Probable

Tampa, Fla. (AP)—The transfer of the St. Louis Browns to Baltimore was virtually "fact" today and the switch of the Boston Braves to Milwaukee was better than a 50-50 possibility, the United Press has learned.

The last and biggest stumbling block to the Browns' switch will be removed at next Monday's American League meeting here when Clark Griffith, 83-year-old owner of the Washington Senators, will announce his approval at the request of league president Will Harridge.

Ike to Name Taft Son Ambassador to Ireland

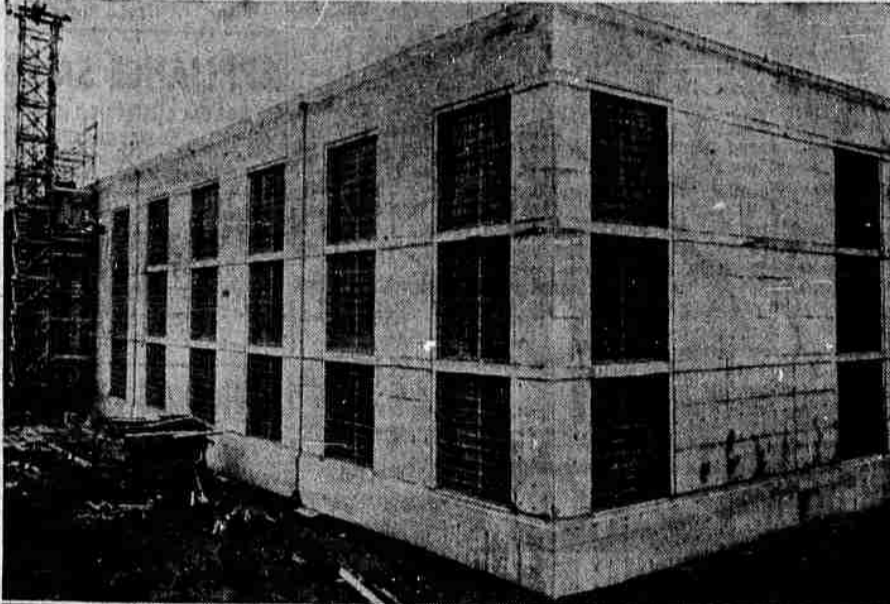
Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower will appoint William Howard Taft III, 38-year-old son of Sen. Taft of Ohio, as ambassador to Ireland, the White House announced Saturday.

Young Taft would fill a vacancy created by the death several months ago of Francis P. Matthews of Nebraska, who served for a while as secretary of the Navy in the Truman administration.

REJECT CONSOLIDATION

Buena Vista—Residents of Buena Vista school district No. 33 Friday rejected a proposed consolidation with the Independence-Monmouth District 13-C by a vote of 64 to 50.

BETTER HOUSING FOR PRISON INMATES



At top, exterior view of new Cellblock E, now being occupied by Oregon State penitentiary inmates, will house 400 men in individual cells. A comparable cellblock was completed about three years ago. Now every man in the penitentiary will be housed either in a single cell or a dormitory. Center, interior view of new cellblock showing cell banks five tiers high. All cells in the new unit have tool-park bars. Below, Warden Virgil O'Malley demonstrates controls that will lock or open all cells or provide control for banks of cells on the five tiers in the new, 400 man cellblock.

Committee to Settle Drink Bill Differences

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

The shape of Oregon's liquor by the drink legislation depended Saturday on how four members of a legislative conference committee settle the differences between the two houses.

After the Senate voted 20 to 10 Friday for the House-passed bill to put into action the liquor by the drink constitutional amendment voted by the people last November, the House refused to agree to Senate amendments. That threw it into the conference committee.

The conferees are Sen. Dean Bryson, Portland, chairman of the Senate Alcohol Committee; Sen. John P. Hounsell, Hood River; Rep. Russel Hudson, The Dalles, chairman of the House Alcohol Committee; and Rep. John Misko, Oregon City.

The Senate wants cheaper licenses than the House does, and the Senate added a provision that there could be only one liquor by the drink outlet for each 2,000 population. Under the House version, those who sell by the drink would buy their liquor at regu-

Allies Bomb Supply Lines

Seoul (AP)—Allied fighter-bombers rained tons of bombs on North Korean supply lines again today and U. S. Sabre jets, using a secret radar gunsight, probably destroyed two Communist MIG15s in air battle near the Yalu River.

B29 Superforts hammered a big Red troop and supply center in Northwest Korea's MIG Alley just before midnight. The big bombers roared to within 25 miles of the Manchurian border and dropped 120 tons of high explosives on the build up area 25 miles east of Sinuiju.

Last night and early today U. S. B26 Invader bombers prowled over North Korean highways. Pilots claimed at least 65 Red trucks destroyed. The B26s caught a Red convoy on one road and blocked it with bombs. Then they swarmed down and riddled the trucks with bombs and machinegun fire.

Ground action was extremely light. Allied troops threw back three small Communist probes on the muddy Central and Eastern Fronts. But Allied artillery guns caught several big groups of Reds out in the open and pummed them with shells.

Ike, McCarthy Face Showdown on Bohlen

Washington (AP)—A first-class showdown between Eisenhower and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy seemed inevitable today if the administration presses the nomination of Charles E. Bohlen as Ambassador to Russia.

McCarthy, it was disclosed, will actively fight the appointment on grounds that Bohlen was "near the heart of the Acheson group" in the State Department.

If the Senate turns down the appointment it would be a serious blow to the President's foreign policy leadership, especially since most of the opposition to career diplomat centers in Mr. Eisenhower's own party.

Bohlen is expected to testify Tuesday for a second time before the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

DOUG TO PUERTO RICO

Washington (AP)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay will leave for his first official visit to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Texas, Okla. And Arkansas Terrorized

All 100 Inhabitants Of One Village Missing

Knox City, Tex. (AP)—A rash of tornadoes roared through North Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas last night and early today, killing at least 17 persons and causing millions of dollars or property damage.

At least 18 persons were injured in the tornadoes, which left more than 125 homes in splinters.

The Arkansas State Police reported they could not locate any of the 100 inhabitants of Bunker Hill, 50 miles northwest of Little Rock, where 18 of 35 houses were demolished.

Residents Flee Town It said, however, that there were no known deaths at Bunker Hill.

It believed many of the residents had taken refuge elsewhere.

Six houses were demolished at Mill Creek, five miles west of Russellville, Ark., when the latest in the series of tornadoes that terrorized three states struck early today.

Four persons were injured at Mill Creek. Two houses were destroyed at Delaware, Ark., and there was minor damage at Dover, Ark.

May Call Out Guard

Meanwhile, Oklahoma Gov. Johnston Murray warned that he is prepared to call out the National Guard to protect towns hit by tornadoes if sightseers do not stay away. He said Dixie Gilmer, commissioner of public safety, told him crowds had become so large that clean-up work was hampered and looting was feared.

Forecasters canceled a tornado alert. They said a vicious squall line that kicked off the tornadoes beginning yesterday, was dying out.

One tornado killed 14 persons, in North Central Texas around the Jop, Rochester, Knox City and O'Brien area.

Three persons were killed when tornadoes rumbled through Dickson, Washington, Bradley and Rush Springs, Okla., about 150 miles to the northeast.

Cold Shoulder For Television

By BILL FORCE (United Press Writer)

The Federal Communications Commission today was on notice that it can do what it will with television channels it had set aside for education in Oregon.

The house of representatives turned a cold shoulder to a resolution calling for a two-year study of educational TV operated by the state and empowering the governor to do all in his power to save the two channels for ultimate use. The house expressed its indifference by a vote of 37 to 15 with eight members absent. For practical purposes, the vote took the state out of the television business for the foreseeable future.

Rep. Maurine Neuberger of Portland, chairman of the house education committee which submitted the resolution, urged her colleagues at least to study the question of educational television rather than turn their backs on it completely. But even she expressed a certain coolness to the proposition.

"I'm just doing my duty, you know," she said when she rose to defend the resolution in the face of nearly unanimous opposition. Her measure was a watered-down version of a bill that was first proposed to the education committee calling for an expenditure of nearly a million dollars to put the state in the TV business forthwith.

Light Rain, Continued Cool Sunday Forecast

The weather man is not too encouraging about a nice Sunday—certainly it will not be the balmy one last Sunday was.

The forecast calls for cloudiness and possible occasional light rain tomorrow, and temperatures to remain fairly cool. In Salem, the thermometer slid down to 29 degrees for the morning minimum Saturday, three below freezing.

Three Die in Murder, Suicide At Portland

Portland (AP)—Fire, drowning and a rifle bullet snuffed out the lives of three persons in a flaming house in southwest Portland Saturday.

Gerald Loveland, 40, died of the bullet wound. His mother, Estella Loveland, 69, was burned and also had a head bruise. His daughter, Janice, 5, was found face down in the bathtub, a drowning victim.

Fire Marshal Dale Gilman said an oil line had been disconnected to allow fuel oil to run into the basement, saturating stored material. It was there the fire started. Several cans of kerosene were upstairs.

Detective Joe Blewett said it appeared Loveland stunned his mother with a blow on the head, drowned his daughter, then shot himself after setting the fire.

He was unemployed. His wife died some time ago.

Price Tag Law Covers Losses

The price tag now required on all initiative and referendum revenue-raising measures will be also placed on all ballot measures that would entail loss of revenue as the result of passage Saturday of House Bill No. 211.

The 1951 legislature passed a law requiring price tags on all revenue measures and an effort to place the price tag on measures on the last November election which would have resulted in revenue loss to the state failed when the courts held the law did not extend to such measures.

Those voting against the bill were Senators Neuberger, Bain, Brady and Giersbach. The bill now goes to the governor for his consideration.

Youths Ask Voting Age Go Down to 18

College and high school teachers and students asked the House State and Federal Affairs Committee Saturday to approve a proposed constitutional amendment to reduce the voting age in Oregon from 21 years to 18.

They argue that 18-year-olds now are trained in citizenship, and that reducing the age to 18 would keep up their interest in government that is acquired in high school.

They stressed that 18-year-olds are entitled to vote because they fight in wars, pay income taxes, and are required to participate in government in other fields.

Governor Signs Bill To Up Vet Loan Limit

Gov. Paul Patterson signed into law a bill raising the limits on state loans to veterans for the purchase of homes and farms.

In 90 days from the signing, veterans may apply for loans up to \$9000 for the purchase of homes and \$15,000 for farms. The previous limit was \$6000 and \$12,000, respectively.

Industrial Expansion Tied In With Project

Tied in closely with expansion plans of one of Salem's large industries are plans for the extension and improvement of South 16th street on a cooperative basis between the city of Salem and Marion county, which are now being developed.

The extension lies partly within the corporate limits of Salem, with the balance coming under the jurisdiction of the county court.

Vitality concerned in the development are expansion plans of Moore Business Forms, Inc., whose Salem branch plant is at 1895 South 16th street. The expansion plans are expected to be announced very soon.

Interested also, not because of expansion plans but because of industrial convenience that will result, is Consolidated Freightways, whose Salem terminal is at 1435 East Hoyt, near the Moore Business Forms plant. The extension of South 16th

Communist Ruler Of Czechoslovakia Dies In Prague

FOLLOWS JOE



Klement Gottwald, Communist president of Czechoslovakia, who died today, five days after Stalin's funeral.

Klement Gottwald Follows Stalin By Few Days

Vienna, Austria (AP)—Klement Gottwald, 56, the communist dictator-president of Czechoslovakia, died in Prague Saturday just five days after the funeral of his protector, Joseph Stalin.

The heavy-set peasant-born Moravian, who even looked like Stalin except for the mustache, was taken ill Thursday morning and died of what the Prague radio said was pneumonia and pleurisy, complicated by a chest hemorrhage. He had been in poor health for nearly a year.

The broadcast hinted that the icy winds in Moscow, where Gottwald attended Stalin's funeral Monday, brought on his fatal illness.

But the sudden demise of the dictator who succeeded the late Eduard Benes as president in 1948 struck western observers as a queer coincidence. There were some here who hinted that he might have been "purged" by the new regime in the Kremlin because it feared he might become a Tito.

Protest 4th Plane Incident

Bonn, Germany (AP)—Top Allied high commission officials met today to draft a joint protest to Russia over the attack by Soviet jet fighters on an unarmed British airliner, the fourth Allied-Communist plane incident this week.

As Allied officials met, an American Air Force spokesman said the U. S. radar screen along the Iron Curtain had been tightened and jet fighter pilots put on an around the clock alert basis at U. S. German zone bases.

"Fire Back" Orders

The Air Force spokesman said U. S. fighter pilots have been under orders to intercept all unidentified planes along the German borders with Soviet areas, and to fire back if fired upon "belligerently." However, U. S. Air Force officials now believe it impossible for a plane to slip through.

Russia Hasn't Budged On Korea, Eden Says

London (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, arriving from New York Saturday, said "the Soviet bloc has not gone one inch toward meeting us" on a Korean settlement.

"I only hope higher policies will prevail both in China and in Russia," he told reporters at London airport. "We cannot decide these policies. We can only hope for them."

ILLINOIS CONVICTS ESCAPE

Vandalia, Ill. (AP)—Fifty armed guards searched today for three convicts who overpowered two guards and broke out of the Vandalia State Prison farm last night. Two other men involved in the break were captured within two hours.

Protest 4th Plane Incident

Perhaps significantly the Prague radio followed up the announcement of the death by declaring "Those attempting to destroy the unity of Czechoslovakia will be mercilessly wiped out."

This was after the pattern of Moscow's radio appeals for unity around the new Soviet Prime Minister, Georgi Malenkov, after Stalin's death.

There was no hint as to who will succeed Gottwald. There is a possibility that the post of president may be abolished and ruling power placed in the hands of a group of likely contenders for the No. 1 spot.

The four likeliest contenders for the throne are Antonin Zapotocky, the prime minister; Vilem Siroky, deputy prime minister; Karol Bacilek, national security minister; and Alexej Cepicka, Gottwald's son-in-law and defense minister.

Gottwald wielded broad powers in Prague. He was not only president, but boss of the communist party and commander-in-chief of both the army and the secret police. No other functionary in a communist satellite had as much power, at least in name.

Goodwill's illness did not become known to the world until late Friday when the Prague radio announced it. Like the Moscow radio in Stalin's illness, it accompanied the announcement with solemn music and frequent broadcasts of medical bulletins signed by many doctors.

Some of the doctors were Russians. Saturday morning, it was announced that Gottwald had fallen into a coma. The announcement that Gottwald had died at 11 a.m. (2 p.m. PST) was read to the listeners. There followed a long account of his accomplishments. Speculation that Gottwald might have been purged by "wrong medical treatments" was heightened by reports here that he had been in a poor political position for more than a year because of a fall-down in Czech industrial production for Soviet war needs.

You Get Extra Day to Pay Your Income Tax

Washington (AP)—You get an extra day to pay your federal income tax this year, because the legal deadline March 15, is Sunday.

So you have until midnight, Monday, March 16, to get your return postmarked and on its way to your nearest director of internal revenue.

TRAIN KILLS PORTLANDER

Portland, (AP)—The engine of a train struck and killed Harold Bernard Neville, 39, while he was testing telephone equipment near a track here Friday. A protruding part of the moving engine struck him in the head as he leaned over the track to check a testing instrument, the coroner's office reported.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 52; minimum today, 33. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 inch. (AP) Normal, 5.26. Season precipitation: 2.55. Normal, 28.50. River level, 1.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)