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with occasional rain late tonight. Showery Tuesday, cooler. Low tonight, 44; high Tuesday, 54.

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Skyscraper Bill Killed by House 38-21

Purpose Was Removal of Exemptions From Building Owners

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The so-called "Skyscraper" bill, the subject of debates in every legislature for many years past, was indefinitely postponed in the house Monday by a vote of 38 to 21.

The bill which had for its purpose the removal of exemptions from owners of buildings who derive 95 percent of income from rentals came to the floor with a "do not pass" recommendation signed by seven of the nine member tax committee.

Rep. Lee Ohmart of Salem, chairman of the house tax committee reviewed the history of the corporate excise tax adopted in the 1929 legislative assembly.

He told the house that the original bill was not a revenue measure and was aimed directly at state and federal financial firms that were up to then escaping state taxes.

14 Exemptions Sought

The original law, Ohmart said, provided for 14 complete exemptions including among others insurance companies and labor organizations as well as building owners and railroads.

"These exemptions were given because such corporations were paying very high property taxes and did not have any personal property to claim exemption on as did other corporations coming under the act." (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

3-Day Wait At Altar Off

Oregon's well-known waiting period of three days for a marriage license is a thing of the past. A bill repealing the section of the law providing for the waiting period was passed by both the house and senate with little debate and Monday was signed by Governor Paul L. Patterson.

The three-day cooling-off period was placed in the law to prevent hasty and ill-advised marriages, but the intent of the law was largely defeated by applicants for marriage licenses, eager to marry at once, of going into the state of Washington where the law does not provide a waiting period.

The amendment to the law also provides that physicians making physical examination of the applicants may charge \$7.50 instead of the present \$5 fee.

The bill passed the senate with only three members voting against it, Senators Howard Belton, Truman Chase and Roger Loennig.

In the house the bill was passed by 51 votes only nine members voting against it. These members were Reps. Kenneth Goodall, V. T. Jackson, Robert Jensen, Roderick McKenzie, Maurice Neuberger, Robert Root, Henry Semon, Jack Steiwer and Monroe Sweetland.

Recent Rains Send Rivers Up

Rivers in the valley came up considerably over the week-end following rains of last week, but no serious high water is in prospect as yet.

At Salem, the Willamette was up to 9 feet Monday morning, a boost of more than three feet over the Saturday reading. Moderate rises are due in the midvalley and lower regions during the next 12 to 48 hours, but the river at Salem is not expected to go beyond two more feet above the Monday reading, a long way from the flood stage of 30 feet. At Jefferson, the Santiam was up to 10.8 feet this morning, but was falling later.

Rain was general over the week-end. In the 48-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Monday, 49 of an inch was measured in Salem, 04 of that during the last 24 hours.

Monday brought mild temperatures, some patches of blue sky and sunshine occasionally, but the forecast calls for increasing cloudiness and occasional rain by late tonight.

House Votes to Open to Public Welfare Rolls

Ballot 44 to 15 After Hectic Debate For Amendment

The House of Representatives voted 44 to 15 Monday to open Oregon's public welfare rolls to public inspection. The bill goes to the Senate.

The vote came after 1 1/2 hours of debate, during which foes of the bill failed to get the bill sent to the Social Welfare Committee for some watering down.

Introduced by the Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee, the bill provides for monthly posting with the county clerks of all welfare cases, including old age pensioners, relief cases, and those getting help under the aid to dependent children program. Anyone Can See Lists

Any person could see the lists, provided he sign a pledge not to use them for commercial or political purposes. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Oil Imports Bring Protest

New York (AP)—The swelling river of foreign oil flowing to these shores is bringing a loud clamor today from two sources:

Coal mine operators and workers object to the competition of the foreign fuel. Small American oil producers and even big companies who have only American oil to peddle are asking congress to erect quota dams against the flood of the cheaper foreign product.

Oil imports now top one million barrels a day, about twice the rate in 1948, according to the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

American production, meanwhile is being cut back, Texas next month will allow only a 19-day statewide flow from its wells. Texas has cut production in four months out of the last five.

Rent Controls To Be Extended

Washington (AP)—House Speaker Martin (R., Mass.) said Monday President Eisenhower and Republican Congressional leaders have agreed to extend the present rent control law until October 1.

Rent controls will expire April 30 unless extended by Congress.

The present law provides for rent ceilings on more than 5 1/2 million housing units, including those in critical defense areas and in cities where local governments have requested ceilings.

Martin said on leaving a conference with Eisenhower and Congressional leaders that an extension to October 1 would serve as notice to the individual states that after that date the federal government would step out, except in critical defense areas.

The states would have to take over if they care to continue controls in less critical areas, Martin said.

Beyond October 1, Martin said, rent controls would be authorized in areas determined to be critical defense areas.

Red Czechs Assail US For Subverting Regime

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—Soviet Satellite Czechoslovakia ripped into the United States Monday for allegedly trying to subvert that country's communist regime.

U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., immediately replied that the Red Czech government, which seized power in a three-day coup d'etat in 1948, was itself the chief example of subversion in modern times and was in no position to accuse the U. S. of it.

The bitter blast against the U. S.—one of the strongest ever heard in the UN—burst over the UN's 60-nation political committee as that group returned from a weekend during which many delegates had tried to assess reported "peace moves" by the Kremlin. The speech by Czech Foreign Min-

GOLD FISH SWALLOWER



Vaughn Blankenship, loser of a wager on the outcome of Willamette's Freshmen game, swallows a goldfish to pay his bet.

Seniors Suffer Gibes From Underclassmen

"Blue Monday" on the Willamette university campus was a bit more restrained today than is usually the case following the presentation of the annual Freshman Glee, but the variety of pay-offs in connection with misplaced judgment was as wide as ever.

41 States Draft 19-Year-Olds

Washington (AP)—Forty-one states will draft 19-year-olds for military duty next month, and two others may have to, an Associated Press survey showed today.

For 14 of these 41 states, it will be the first draft of 19-year-olds since World War II.

The survey of state selective service directors also found that all but two states—Alabama and South Carolina—probably will be taking 19-year-olds in May. The Alabama director said it will be June, perhaps later, before any will be drafted in his state. The South Carolina director said he didn't know when.

The other three states that won't take 19-year-olds in April are Maryland, Vermont and Virginia. New Jersey and Tennessee directors said "maybe not."

Thirteen states plan to call 19-year-olds to fill at least 50 per cent of their April draft quotas.

2 Mountain Lions Attack Trainer

Thousand Oaks, Calif. (AP)—Two mountain lions sprang at their trainer, bore him to the ground and gashed his face with their claws before 2,500 spectators at the World Jungle Compound here.

Attendants fired a fusillade of blank cartridges at the beasts, frightening them to the trainer, Edward Yost, 46, and permitting him to stagger from the cage Sunday.

Eight stitches were required to close the wounds.

More Quakes In West Turkey

Istanbul, Turkey (AP)—Further earth tremors Sunday shook down many of the houses at Yenice and Gonen which had withstood the heavy quake last Wednesday.

The Red Crescent Turkish Red Cross reported no further casualties but said the area in Western Turkey now is completely unfit to live in.

It broadcast an urgent appeal for 2,000 tents, as a foot-deep snowfall and continued cold weather added to the discomfort of refugees.

Four U. S. Air Force planes brought 10,000 blankets, and medicines from Istanbul airport to the stricken sections Sunday. An Istanbul and two Danish refugee planes were expected here Monday.

Office of Hiss Reservoir for Job Seekers

Over 457 Americans Sent UN and 49 Got Posts

Washington (AP)—A security officer described the State Department office of Alger Hiss Monday as "the reservoir" from which names of more than 477 American job seekers were sent to the United Nations.

William L. Franklin, special assistant to the department's security director, testified to a House Judiciary Subcommittee that of 49 who landed jobs with the U. N. at least five became "public issues."

By public issues, Franklin said, he meant they were actual or scheduled witnesses before a New York grand jury or a Senate subcommittee both of which investigated charges of Red infiltration of the United Nations.

Hiss was assistant director or director of the State Department's Office of Special Political Affairs in 1948 when the names were submitted. He is in jail now, serving a term for lying about passing documents to a wartime Soviet spy ring. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

Alcoa to Spend \$2,700,000

Vancouver, Wash., (AP)—The Aluminum Company of America announced Monday a \$2,700,000 expansion project at its plant here.

Two big extrusion presses for producing aluminum alloy bars will be installed to produce alloy for further fabrication into rod, bar and wire.

C. S. Thayer, Northwest manager for the firm, said the new installation, requiring about 15 months to complete, will create 200 new jobs. It will increase overall employment to 800.

New buildings for the equipment will cover approximately 80,000 square feet. Thayer said construction is to start as soon as Alcoa receives final government authorization.

The new equipment will be capable of producing up to three million pounds of strong aluminum alloy bars a month.

Dr. Poling for Probing Pastors

Philadelphia (AP)—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, prominent Baptist minister, said he believes that clergymen "of all faiths" should be investigated for possible Un-American activities.

Dr. Poling, who leaves Thursday for a tour of Japan and Korea, said in a sermon Sunday:

"I was asked during the week if the church should be investigated. No, I said, not the church, but the preachers, yes. 'I think that the clergymen of all the faiths should be investigated, just as I think that certain educators should be investigated, because there are false prophets among us.'"

The minister's remarks came three weeks after the House Un-American Activities Committee rejected a suggestion by its chairman to investigate whether there has been Communist infiltration into the churches.

Dr. Poling, who is chaplain of Philadelphia's Chapel of the Four Chaplains and editor of the Christian Herald, plans to spend Easter with United Nations troops either in Japan or Korea.

Tornado Strikes Southern States

(By United Press) Tornadoes that whirled across the south, peeling off rooftops, felling trees and killing one person, blew themselves out today.

At least seven persons were injured by the twisters, two of them critically, and property damage was heavy.

Tornadoes hit Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee yesterday. One of them killed St. Harold L. Gomez, 24, near Leesville, La., then tore a path 120 miles long across the state.

Another tornado hit one mile south of Bessemer, Ala., destroyed a hangar and 12 private airplanes.

McCarthy Demands Bohlen Submit to Lie Detector Test on Data

Washington (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) called in the Senate Monday for Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen to submit to a lie detector test on certain security information he said is in Bohlen's files.

McCarthy, fighting Bohlen's nomination to be ambassador to Russia, came out with this as the Senate moved through the first of what is expected to be three days of hot debate on Bohlen.

He, Sen. Bridges (R-NH) and others have been pressing for President Eisenhower to withdraw the nomination.

Chinese Reds Stage Attack On Old Baldy

Seoul, Tuesday (AP)—A fierce Chinese assault by up to 3,500 men hit allied positions around Old Baldy on the Western front early Tuesday.

The Eighth Army said the Chinese jumped off Monday night against allied positions about 8 p.m.

From there it built up to a heavy blow in the early morning hours.

Allied troops fell back from nearby Pork Chop Hill and fighting still was raging on Old Baldy at last report.

Old Baldy, 11 miles west of Corwon, overlooks one of the main invasion routes to Seoul. It was by far the heaviest fighting of the year.

The Chinese struck first Monday night with two companies, about 350 men, against two forward positions on the lower end of T-Bone Hill and were driven off in an hour and 45 minutes battle.

At the same time, about 350 Chinese hit an outpost in the White Horse Mountain sector of the central front. Fighting was continuing.

1959 More Japs Repatriated

Manila, Japan (AP)—A second repatriation ship, Takasago Maru, arrives today from Shanghai with 1,959 Japanese nationals stranded in China since the end of World War II.

The first group of 2,009 men, women and children arrived in a pelting rain early today from Chinwangtao, Manchuria, aboard the Koan Maru.

By midsummer, some 25,000 Japanese—some held as long as 16 years—are scheduled to be returned from China.

Swarms of newsmen who boarded the Koan Maru today from fishing launches heard conflicting stories of life in communist China. Some returnees wept for joy at the sight of their homeland. Others defiantly spouted Red propaganda.

However, Mayor Tasuo Sagan of Manila, who met the ships, said the passengers were the most orderly group yet to arrive at this huge repatriation center from a communist country.

Baruch Pleads For Stand-by Controls

Washington (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch said Monday that if war comes and finds the government unprepared to clamp on immediate economic controls, "there will not be a person alive who will not bitterly rue this tragic, needless neglect."

Urging that the administration and congress get together on a standby economic controls law, or that congress do it alone if necessary—the New York financier and adviser to presidents said:

"The next war, and all of us pray it will be avoided, is likely to explode in a big smash. Cities may be all but obliterated. Who knows where congress will be?"

"You face a simple issue," Baruch said in a statement to the senate banking committee. "Are we to take the elementary precaution of writing into law now what we know would have to be done in event of emergency?"

"Or shall we neglect this

RFC to Quit Business on June 30, 1954

Ike and GOP Chiefs Agree to Kill Huge Lending Agency

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower and GOP congressional leaders agreed Monday to let the reconstruction finance corporation die June 30, 1954.

That is the date the government's big lending agency is due to go out of business under present law. Some congressmen want the RFC to be abolished at the end of this year.

Congressional leaders said liquidation of the agency already is under way.

Announced by Martin The decision was announced by House Speaker Martin (R., Mass.) after the congressional leaders' regular Monday morning conference with the president.

Martin said about 80 per cent of the RFC officers throughout the country will be closed within 60 days.

The small loan functions of the RFC, he said, probably will be transferred to some other government agency. Details will be worked out by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Secretary of Commerce Weeks, Martin added.

Civil Service Under Ike's Fire

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower said Monday he intends to rid the government Civil Service system of any federal workers who are "incompetent, dishonest or disloyal."

He declared there are only a few such federal employes, and added:

"I intend to see the government rid of all such persons previously because that is the only way to make the merit system itself work."

Eisenhower set forth his views in a prepared statement after witnessing the swearing into office of Philip Young as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

After the White House ceremony the President immediately designated Young, who has served as dean of the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, as chairman of the Commission.

In his statement, Eisenhower said the appointment of Young to head the agency brings into office "a man of stature and capacity . . ."

Plane with 11 Abbard Missing

San Juan, Puerto Rico (AP)—The U. S. Navy announced here Monday a PBM Mariner seaplane with 11 men aboard has been missing over the Atlantic northwest of San Juan since Sunday.

The plane left San Juan Saturday night on a mission in connection with the Navy's current training exercises in the Puerto Rico area. It was last heard from Sunday morning about 450 miles northwest of San Juan and was believed on its way back to its base.

The PBM is a two-engine "flying boat" used for general utility purposes.

More than 40 ships and 21 planes were searching the sea Monday over an area covering 18,000 square miles.

The plane and crew belong to Patrol Squadron 34, normally assigned to Trinidad, but moved here for the training maneuvers.

BURKE FOR U. S. ATTORNEY

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower Monday nominated Lloyd H. Burke to be U. S. attorney for Northern California. He succeeds Chauncey F. Trantolo, who is resigning, the White House said.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation: .04 for month; 41 normal. 12.5. Season precipitation: 35.00; normal, 31.5. River height, 9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)