

# THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight. Wednesday. Scattered showers tonight. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 40; high Wednesday, 53.

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## Enlargement Of Emergency Board Favored

### Joint Ways-Means Vote for Group of 9 From Both Houses

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Enlargement of the state emergency board from seven to nine members won approval of the joint ways and means committee Tuesday when a bill making this provision was reported out favorably.

Five members of the committee would be appointed by the speaker of the house and four by the president of the senate. This committee disburses an emergency fund between legislative sessions in event emergencies arise, grants funds for new departments created by the legislature and should a bill providing for a legislative analyst become law, this committee will direct this official's work.

### Group Legalized

The emergency committee operated for many years without question until former Attorney General George Neuner held the committee lacked statutory powers. During the past two years the committee served as an advisory (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1)

## Senate Passes Security Plan

Legislation to combine Oregon's public employees retirement system with the federal social security plan was approved by the Senate Tuesday and sent to the House.

It will enable the 39,000 state, county, city, school and other public employees, who now are under the state plan, to get bigger benefits at lower cost.

The benefit increase will be as much as 50 per cent greater, while the cost to the employee will be 20 to 30 per cent less.

Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, Portland insurance executive who is the father of the idea, said "it will make it easier to attract many good people to public employment in Oregon."

The legislation provides that each employee under the plan would get 60 per cent of the present benefits under the state plan, plus full social security benefits.

Sen. Roger Loennig of Haines cast the only vote against the proposal.

## Pensions Hiked For Disabled

For the third successive time, Rep. Gust Anderson, Portland labor leader, has succeeded in gaining approval of a bill providing for payments of \$75 a month for permanently disabled married men living with wives and \$60 a month for widows of permanently disabled husbands.

Tuesday Governor Paul L. Patterson signed the bill.

Rep. Anderson first introduced the bill in 1949 and because the legislation requires an appropriation it must be re-enacted every two years.

Rep. Francis Zigler joined Anderson on introduction of the bill which passed both houses without a dissenting vote.

Without the legislation the beneficiaries under the law would be paid only \$35 a month for the disabled person and the widow would receive but \$30.

## Revamp Plan Of Legislature Called Invalid

### Reapportionment Act Challenged in Circuit Court Here

A complaint charging that the constitutional amendment providing for reapportionment of the Oregon legislature is unconstitutional was filed in the Marion county circuit court Tuesday by John F. Steelhammer, attorney in behalf of Representative David Baum of Union county.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and Attorney General Robert Thornton are named defendants.

While the complaint cites numerous paragraphs of the constitutional amendment which are held to be unconstitutional, the principal complaint is made that it gives the secretary of state legislative powers contrary to the constitution and grants the supreme court both legislative (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

## Czechs Escape to West Germany

Frankfurt, Germany (AP)—Four anti-Communist Czechs—one a woman—brought a "Freedom Plane" out of their homeland Monday night after slugging the operator and grabbing the controls at gunpoint.

First details of the daring dash for freedom came from U. S. High Commissioner James B. Conant.

Conant said the pilot and three fellow conspirators refused to land the craft with 29 persons aboard at Rhine-Main airport in West Germany until American authorities had assured the four they would be granted asylum. Later two others requested permission to live in the West.

Conant gave this account of what happened before the silver-hulled C-47 put down at Frankfurt's Rhine-Main air base:

"The escape plan was organized by a mechanic of the famed Skoda armament works and his wife."

## House Group For Pelton Dam

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee voted 5 to 2 Monday night for a "Pelton Dam" Bill that only is a mere shadow of what it was when introduced for the Portland General Electric Company eight weeks ago.

The bill would allow court appeals from decisions of the Hydro-electric Commission, thus throwing into the courts the disputes between the fishing and power interests over whether power dams should be built.

The Hydro-electric Commission refused PGE a license to build Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River because the Fish Commission exercised its veto power over the proposed 28 million dollar dam.

The House committee voted Monday night to remove the bill's emergency clause, which would have made it become law as soon as signed by the governor.

## Budget Making to Turn On Salary Increases

Since salary and wage increases for city officers and employees are the most baffling question before the budget committee the city budgeters voted Monday night to make a new approach to the 1953-1954 financing job.

They propose to determine the percentage of increase to be allowed, and what it will be in total amount, and then go on from there with the budget-making detail.

## PRODUCTION STARTS



## Wheels Turn In New Mill

Lyons—New industrial wheels started turning Monday morning, as the new \$800,000 Lyons Veneer company plant of the M and M Woodworking company went into production.

The new plant is situated a mile east of Lyons on the old Santiam highway. A crew of 45 men is employed at present, but projected plans call for enlarging the plant five times providing a complete plywood and veneer factory.

The present plant is limited to production of veneer only, which is cut into commercial sizes and marketed to other plants that use it to make finished plywood and veneers.

Present to supervise opening of the new plant Monday was Andrew T. Nelson, manager of the plywood division of the M and M Wood Working company of Portland.

The new plant is under direction of E. V. Bennett, who also is in charge of the Albany Plylock Corp. Ed Novak is production superintendent, and E. C. Carlson is plant engineer.

The veneer plant will utilize the most modern equipment, enabling it to salvage much otherwise wasted material.

## Labor Panel for Atomic Plants

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower directed Monday that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service establish a special panel to deal with labor disputes in the field of atomic energy.

This group would replace one which formerly operated under the Atomic Energy Commission. Members of the old panel recently resigned.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said members of the new panel would be named soon.

It is being set up within the Mediation and Conciliation Service in the interest of administrative consistency, the White House said.

A White House statement said President Eisenhower feels that "uninterrupted functioning of our atomic energy program, without strikes or lockouts due to labor-management disputes, is essential to the national security."

brought threats of eliminating first aid and fire inspection services, as well as swinging the meat axe on some other departments, and even making all parking meters 5-cent machines. And at one juncture Alderman Chester Chase reminded George Thomason, who objected to the fire department curtailments, that "money does not grow on bushes, and if we are going to increase salaries we've got to find the money somewhere."

Fry brought the discussion to a head by saying: "It looks to me as if, when you decide on your percentage of increase, you've got to take the bull by the horns, make salaries the first item in every department budget, and then go on from there."

Alderman Tom Armstrong liked that idea and moved that the committee set up an 8 per cent increase as a mark to (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

## Chemical Plant Sold To Harvey Company

Salem's alumina plant, constructed during World War II by the government as an experimental pilot plant, has been sold to the Harvey Machinery company of Torrance, Calif.

Announcement of the sale was made in Washington Monday by the General Services Administration, which gave the sale price as \$325,000.

Under terms of the agreement the Harvey Machinery company will make a 10 per cent down payment with the remainder to be paid in equal installments over a period of 10 years. Four percent interest is to be charged on the unpaid balance.

The California firm could give no exact date when the plant will start operation here, but announcement has been made that Arch Metzger will continue as manager.

Metzger and Clay Cochran, secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, have been in Washington the past few weeks conferring with government agencies on the fate of the alumina plant, which had been operated recently by the Ray-O-Vac Battery corporation.

The lease of that company expired January 1 of this year. During a recent visit to Salem Lawrence Harvey executive vice president of the Harvey Machinery company, commented that there would have to be changes and additions made at the Salem plant with the changes depending on the use to which the company put the plant. He pointed out that it was not a complete plant for the purpose for which it was designed.

The chief engineer for the firm, Gene Zinniger, who accompanied Harvey to Salem, said at that time, if his firm acquired the plant, it would be used to get synthetic cryolite and recover cryolite from old cell linings for the Harvey reduction plant located in the vicinity of The Dalles.

Zinniger indicated that the major portion of the plant would be used for research and development work in connection with recovering alumina from domestic clay deposits. The research would include development of an economical method of making silicon-aluminum alloy, using domestic oxide of clay bauxite from this area.

## Trumans Sail For Honolulu

Los Angeles (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman and family sail for Honolulu today after sipping vintage wines and nibbling on rare delicacies as the honor guest of the Beverly Hills Wine and Food Society.

Mr. Truman leaves aboard the luxury liner President Cleveland at 4 p. m. (EST).

Last night Mr. Truman showed that he's more comfortable at a Missouri church social than at a gourmet's lavish feast.

The reception and dinner, held aboard the Cleveland, took place on the eve of Mr. Truman's departure on a month's vacation with wife, Bess, and daughter, Margaret. Despite the ex-president's warning that he was a "meat and potatoes" man, the gourmets laid a table of calorie-cramped tastes and priceless wines brought here from across both oceans.

DELAY SIGNING BILL  
The signing of the liquor-by-the-drink bill will be delayed at least until Thursday, Gov. Paul L. Patterson announced Tuesday.

## GIs and In Deadly Fight On Old Baldy

### Biggest Chinese Attack in 6 Months Broken by Allies

Seoul (AP)—Americans and Chinese were locked in deadly battle Tuesday night on the red-mud slopes of Old Baldy Hill after the biggest Red attack in five months was broken by U. S. and Colombian troops.

The Chinese smashed in waves Monday night against Old Baldy, Pork Chop and T-Bone Hills on the Western Korean front along the Imjin Valley invasion route to Seoul.

U. S. 7th Division soldiers cut out the heart of the 3,500-man attack by dawn Tuesday. But the Chinese clung doggedly to one side of Old Baldy still a churning battleground in the afternoon.

Tanks Blast at Close range  
Both sides jammed in reinforcements and U. S. tanks pushed up to blast the Reds at close range.

The infantrymen fought on a coating of mud from an afternoon drizzle.

One American tank with a tread blown off was reported marooned on the crest with its crew inside. It has been in radio contact with the rear.

Accuse Russia Of Fabrication  
Washington (AP)—The State Department accused Russia Tuesday of "fabricating an unfounded version" of the March 15 clash of American and Soviet planes off Siberia.

The clash involved a B-50 weather observation bomber from Alaska and two Soviet jets. The United States, in a protest March 18, claimed the B-50 was attacked by one of the jets and subsequently returned the fire.

Moscow rejected the protest Monday and asserted that the American plane made two "premeditated" violations of Soviet territory.

The State Department replied in a statement Tuesday that the Moscow allegations were "completely at variance with the facts as established by careful investigation."

## Britain Accepts Russia's Offer

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill announced Tuesday that Britain will accept Russia's offer of talks designed to avoid air clashes over Germany.

Churchill disclosed acceptance of the proposal in an address to the House of Commons about the recent shooting down of an unarmed British bomber by Soviet jet fighters near Hamburg. Seven British airmen lost their lives.

Churchill said Gen. V. I. Chulikov, head of the Soviet Control Commission in Germany, proposed two-power talks to avoid any further incidents and Britain had accepted.

## McKay Says No Flat Interior Budget Cut

Washington (AP)—Secretary of Interior McKay has indicated that there will be no flat "across the board" cut recommended in the 607 million dollar budget proposed by former President Truman for the Interior Department.

## Queen Mary Near Death As Heart Fails

### London (AP)—A bulletin on Queen Mary's illness, issued Tuesday night:

"Queen Mary's strength is ebbing but her majesty is sleeping peacefully."

This was the day's third bulletin.

London (AP)—Britain's proud old Queen Mary was near death Tuesday night, with her heart weakening. Queen Elizabeth II rushed to the bedside of her grandmother.

She was accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh and by her sister, Princess Margaret.

Earlier in the day the Duke of Windsor, Queen Mother Elizabeth, the duchess of Kent and the Archbishop of Canterbury had gone to Marlborough House to see the 85-year-old Queen grandmother.

Queen Mary—widow of a King, mother of two Kings and grandmother of Elizabeth—has been ill a month.

## To Scan FBI Files on Bohlen

Washington (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided Tuesday to have two senators examine FBI files on Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen, nominated for ambassador to Moscow. The task was assigned to Sens. Taft (R-Ohio) and Sparkman (D-Ala.).

Taft, the Senate Republican leader, and Sparkman, the 1952 Democratic vice presidential nominee, both are supporting Bohlen's appointment.

During hearings on Bohlen, Secretary of State Dulles gave the committee his evaluation of the material in the FBI files. He said there was nothing to raise doubt as to Bohlen from the standpoint of loyalty or security.

But some critics of the appointment have been insisting that the Senators themselves should look over this material.

Taft suggested Monday during a torrid Senate debate on Bohlen that it might be well to have such an examination although Taft said he personally was perfectly willing to accept Dulles' appraisal of it.

## Streamlined Jeep in Korea

Seoul (AP)—The army's new streamlined Jeep, built for a smoother ride and underwater driving, has arrived in Korea in large numbers.

Some American soldiers have dubbed it the Snorkel because its watertight engine permits fording of rivers.

"When you put a snorkel tube on the air intake and an exhaust extension on the muffler, that's all," said Pfc. George Sechrist, a truck company driver from Amarillo, Texas.

He reports the seats were as comfortable as those in a private sedan.

## Nevada Test Most Brilliant Atomic Blast

### 53 Aircraft Flying Overhead, Including B-36s, Undamaged

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—A brilliant atomic explosion was touched off on the Nevada desert Tuesday morning with 53 aircraft—including 12 intercontinental B-36 bombers—flying on various missions overhead.

The Atomic Energy Commission's terse announcement about the presence of the planes said only that this was the first time such a large number of aircraft had participated in a test.

The AEC said the blast was fired from a 300-foot tower on the Yucca Flat proving ground 75 miles from here.

Crew Training  
The B-36s returned later to Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Tex. A base spokesman said the bombers were led by Brig. Gen. Joe W. Kelly, 195th Air Division commander.

An Air Force spokesman said: "Our part of today's operation was chiefly crew training. We want the lead crews of bombers which might some day be involved in a real atomic operation to know first hand what a blast is like. We want to make sure that they don't suffer from buck fever, or that they get so fascinated with the flash that they are blinded. We plan the same sort of training for crews of other planes at later dates."

Brighter Than Last One  
The shot appeared much brighter here than the one that opened the 1953 spring series last Tuesday. Its coral tinted cloud, which divided as it rose, seemed to ascend much faster.

The AEC did not disclose the energy of the blast or describe the type of device being tested.

But the sound of the explosion, which takes about seven minutes to reach this resort-gambling center, was not so loud as last week's. This was apparently due to atmospheric conditions, which govern how loud and strong a shock wave will be a given point.

Brig. Gen. William C. Bullock, director of an Army maneuver in which 1,300 troops were stationed in foxholes 4,000 yards from ground zero, reported there were no casualties.

## Action Delayed On T-H Revision

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft R., Ohio, told the Senate Labor Committee Tuesday Congress will work out "the first comprehensive amendments" to the Taft-Hartley labor law after completing exhaustive hearings this spring.

The Senate majority leader, co-author of the controversial law, was the first witness as the committee opened hearings on proposed amendments. The House Labor Committee has been holding hearings on amendments to the T-H law for a month.

Taft said "the committee is going to try to approach all the problems in a completely objective manner."

The Senate hearing opened despite a demand by Sen. Murray of Montana, Senior Democrat on the committee, that the Eisenhower administration give its views on T-H amendments before other witnesses are heard.

## Korean Reds Move Half of POW Camps

Panmunjon, Korea. (AP)—The communists told the United Nations today they have moved half their prisoners of war camps in North Korea to new locations.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior armistice negotiator, informed Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief UN negotiator, of the change in a note handed over at a brief liaison officers' meeting.

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