

**THE WEATHER**  
INCREASING CLOUDINESS becoming cloudy with occasional rain Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 49; high Thursday, 52.

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## Court Decides Fees on Trucks Due Nov. 4, 52

### Safeway Stores Win Right to Sell Milk in Salem

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In two important decisions handed down by the state supreme court Wednesday it held in one case that the effective date of the weight-mile truck fees is November 4, 1952 and in the other that Safeway Stores may process milk and cream in its Portland plant for distribution and sale in Salem.

The opinion in the truck case was written by Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette with Associate Justices Harold Warner and James Brand, dissenting.

In his prevailing opinion the chief justice called attention to the claim of the Portland Pendleton Motor Transportation company, the plaintiff that the state constitution provides any "measure referred to the people shall take effect and become the law when it is approved by the majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise."

\$2,000,000 Involved

The defendant, Charles H. Heltzel, public utility commissioner, had contended that the tax became effective January 1, 1952 by virtue of the terms of the truck tax act itself.

"This matter is very important," Chief Justice Latourette said, since it involves nearly two million dollars in taxes, depending on the effective date of the act.

"There is no question in our minds" the majority opinion read "but that the legislature in the present case fixed the effective date of January 1, 1952, with the idea in view that such date would be the effective date in the absence of a referendum."

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## State Budget Balanced by Ways-Means

### Walker Warns of \$40 Million Deficit Next Biennium

Senator Dean E. Walker told the senate Wednesday that the joint ways and means committee will submit a balanced budget for the 1953-55 biennium.

But he followed up with a warning that, unless new state revenues are imposed, the state may have to draft a \$40 million deficit budget for the 1955-57 biennium.

"I do not want it said that those old conservatives are crying 'wolf' again," Sen. Walker said, "but I think that the people of Oregon should be put on notice."

Senator Walker, in an explanation of the state of the budget, said the ways and means committee will come up with a general fund budget very close to the \$187,000,000 budget recommended by Gov. Paul Patterson. \$550 Million Budget

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## MAGNOLIA SUGGESTS SPRING



Capitol lawn tree, a white Chinese magnolia (magnolia denudata) now in bloom suggests that spring is at hand in this locality. Oldtimers used to say that when this white magnolia bloomed the state legislature would soon adjourn sine die. "Them days are gone forever."

## Taft Clears Bohlen As Good Security Risk

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) told the Senate Wednesday he is convinced Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen, ambassador-designate to Russia, is "a completely good security risk in every respect."

Taft opened an administration speechmaking drive for Senate approval of Bohlen by telling of his examination of an FBI summary of its field report on the nominee.

Me and Sen. Sparkman (D., Ala.) spent three hours going over the summary at the State Department Tuesday.

Taft said they examined 16 pages of "so-called derogatory information," and that he could see nothing to "create the most remote guilt by association accusations you could think of."

Accusations, Taft said, had to do with complaints that Bohlen was friendly with people, or had people in his home who might be "considered bad security risks."

But, he said, he could find nothing that would establish any prima facie case that Bohlen had ever done anything which would "make him a bad security risk."

Earlier, Taft told reporters the Senate would approve Bohlen overwhelmingly.

Critics of the nominee conceded that.

## To Speed Up Colored Video

Washington (AP)—A National Production Authority committee meets today to ease the way for television set manufacturers to begin making color receivers.

It meets as house investigators call Frank Stanton, head of Columbia Broadcasting System, for his view on how soon color TV will be generally available.

H. B. McCoy, acting administrator of NPA, led the house commerce committee know yesterday there is no further need for an order issued in November, 1951, barring the manufacture of color TV receivers for home use.

The ban was eased last year to permit production if there was no interference with defense work, however, and trade sources have said the full revocation order is expected to have "no practical effects for quite a while—nobody plans to move very fast."

The group also heard a Radio Corporation of America official testify that his organization is ready for the color era of television to begin immediately.

## French Premier Arrives in U.S.

New York (AP)—Premier Rene Mayer of France arrived in the United States Wednesday and called for American-French solidarity in the face of "common problems."

He told a news conference at Idlewild airport that the two countries have "common goals and so do we have common concerns."

"We must examine our common problems in this spirit of solidarity which has always inspired relation between France and the United States," he said.

Mayer and a large delegation of French officials came to this country to discuss American military and economic aid for France and Indochina.

They arrived aboard an Air France plane. President Eisenhower's personal plane, the Columbine, waited to take the party on to Washington.

## Power Lines Snapped, Trap Man Inside Cab

Portland (AP)—A power shovel, operated by Jack R. Eatch, 36, snapped three power lines Tuesday. The broken lines fell on his shovel, trapping him inside.

Eatch escaped by jumping away from the cab without touching the rest of the machine.

## Bodies of Four Women Found in London House

London (AP)—Discovery of a fourth rotting female corpse Wednesday in a London "House of Death" apartment spurred a Scotland Yard hunt for the quiet little clerk who had rented the lodging.

The bodies of three women were found walled-up in a pantry in drab Notting Hill district Tuesday. The fourth, like the first three still unidentified, was under the floorboards of the same room.

One of the dead women was believed by police to be the wife of the central figure in the general manhunt underway, 55-year-old John Christie, the last tenant of a police post-mortem indicated the first three women found, all between 25 and 30 years old, had been strangled.

## Like to Controls Only In Emergency

### Wants no Detailed Standby Economic Authority

Washington (AP)—The Eisenhower administration said Wednesday the President would "accept" authority to clamp a 90-day freeze on prices and wages in an emergency but wants no detailed standby economic control law.

Acting Mobilization Director Arthur Flemming delivered to the Senate Banking Committee the administration's specific requests for extension of mobilization powers.

One Year Extension

Flemming asked:

1. A one-year extension, until June 30, 1954, of priority and allocation powers sufficient to protect production for the military and atomic programs.
2. Abandonment of the emergency power to requisition and condemn private property needed for defense, and elimination of the requirement that scarce materials be allocated among civilian users, except in special cases.
3. Extension of the authority to aid industrial expansion for defense by loans, loan guarantees and long-term purchase contracts.

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## Czech Refugees Tell of Escape

Frankfurt, Germany (AP)—Six Czechs who fled their Red-ruled homeland by seizing an airliner in flight said Wednesday they were lucky to escape being shot down by Czech MIGs or anti-aircraft guns at the German border.

In a news conference marking their first public appearance since their daring flight to freedom on Monday night, the refugees told a dramatic story.

They would not disclose completely how they pulled off their coup, because they said they did not want to hand out others who might try to flee the same way in the future.

The desperate adventure was plotted by these four persons:

- The airliner's pilot, Miroslav Slovak; former Royal Air Force Pilot Helmut Cermak and his wife, Hana; and Bozidar Medlic, a Yugoslav television engineer, who had moved to Czechoslovakia to finish his TV training.

Two others joined them, however, in accepting freedom when they found it. They were Bohumil Suran, an architect, and Antonin Volejnek, an economics teacher.

## Reuther Again President CIO

Atlantic City, N. J. (AP)—Walter P. Reuther and his three top aides in the CIO United Auto Workers were re-elected without opposition Wednesday—a far cry from the union's faction-battling early days.

Back into office with President Reuther went Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey and Vice Presidents Richard T. Gossler and John W. Livingston.

Reuther's nomination to his fifth term touched off a 30-minute demonstration marked by parades, dancing in the aisles, balloon-popping and other hoopla. It was noisy but mild, too, compared with some in the past.

When further nominations were called for there was no response from the UAW convention's 3,000 delegates.

## To Reorganize Farm Bureau

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower sent Congress a reorganization plan for the Agriculture Department Wednesday, saying it would improve its operations and save the taxpayers some money.

The money saving "cannot be itemized at this time," he said, but the reorganization will "further the better management of the affairs of the department."

Eisenhower's plan dealt mainly with the functional structure of the department, giving Secretary of Agriculture Benson more direct control over many operations now delegated to subordinates.

It would give the department three new assistant secretaries; it now has but one. However, Eisenhower said Benson informed him these would replace existing positions and the total payroll in the office of the secretary would be less than it was at the beginning of the year.

The plan will go into effect automatically in 60 days unless vetoed by either the Senate or the House—or unless both branches vote to put it into effect earlier.

## Draft Calls to Ease off in July

Washington (AP)—Draft calls will ease off in July, a Pentagon manpower expert said today.

Maj. Gen. E. C. Lynch, chief of the Defense Department's office of manpower requirements, said in an interview that present plans call for 450,000 men to be drafted in the fiscal year starting July 1.

This would mean an average of 37,500 men drafted monthly, or about 12,500 less than the monthly average maintained during the current fiscal year.

With lower draft calls, Lynch said the nation should be "roughly in balance on manpower" with enough men in the draft pool to meet military demands without drastic change in deferment policies.

### CUT SHIPYARD PAYROLL

Washington (AP)—The Navy announced yesterday that civilian employment at its shipyards will be reduced by a total of about 3,000 persons by the end of May. Affected by the cut will be personnel in 10 shipyards in the United States and one in Hawaii.

### SKELETON PRICES UP

New York (AP)—The biology department of City College reported today that human skeletons are up in price. The department had to pay \$220 each for two well-preserved skeletons imported from abroad. The same items cost \$175 each in 1948.

## RECENT PICTURE OF QUEEN MARY



Britain's Queen Grandmother Mary is shown as she returned to London last September from an extended stay at Sandringham. The condition of the 85-year-old queen, who has been ill with a gastric ailment, took a sudden turn for the worse. She died in her sleep last night. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Death of Queen Mary Not to Halt Coronation

London (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II Wednesday decreed a month's mourning for Queen Mary, thus carrying out her grandmother's wish that nothing interfere with Elizabeth's coronation in June.

Queen Mary died peacefully in her sleep Tuesday night at the age of 85.

The period of mourning after a month will allow plenty of time for pre-coronation arrangements and activities.

Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, was among the descendants of Queen Mary who drove slowly up to Marlborough House Wednesday. All were attired in deep mourning. Their faces were heavy with grief and they bowed their heads as they walked into Queen Mary's home to discuss funeral arrangements.

Duke of Windsor Alone

Elizabeth and the Duke of Windsor stayed 40 minutes. Other visitors included the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Windsor, the Duchess of Kent, widow of Mary's fifth child, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

The Duke of Windsor—Mary's favorite son who renounced the throne in 1936 to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, an American divorcee, drove up alone. In New York, the Duchess said she was greatly distressed by the news of the queen's death and had cancelled all social arrangements. The Duchess had never been received by her mother-in-law.

Funeral at St. Paul's

The funeral probably will not be held at Westminster Abbey because of the coronation building work in progress there. The services may be conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral in London or in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Queen Mary will be buried beside her husband, George V, in St. George's Chapel, ancient burial place of Britain's kings and queens.

Months ago the stern-willed old grandmother, in speaking to friends about the coronation, said: "Nothing must interfere with it. Nothing."

## Churchill Pays Tribute to Queen

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, dressed in solemn black robes in the House of Commons Wednesday, spoke with emotion of his affection for Mary of England, a queen through 43 years of his public life.

The 78-year-old Premier, whose path had crossed Mary's repeatedly through two wars and in five reigns, paid tribute to the late queen grandmother as a "gracious lady" and a pillar of strength to the royal family and the nation in troubled times.

"She looked a queen, she acted like a queen. Her death leaves a void in our hearts," he said.

"Queen Mary, by her personality, her example, and her bearing over so many years had endeared herself to the whole people of these islands and throughout the vast regions of the commonwealth and empire."

## 41,568 Refugees Flee East Germany

Berlin (AP)—West Berlin officials announced today that 41,568 persons had fled from Communist East Germany to the West so far in March, 1,606 more than the record number which fled in February.

The U. S. high commission said at the same time that more refugees are being flown from West Berlin to Western Germany than now are arriving in the city.

## Wounded Survivor Tells of Bloody Battle

Western Front, Korea (AP)—Here, in a crowded medical station, was the backwash of two horrible days of fighting on Old Baldy—American soldiers, tired and wounded, but alive.

Surgeons, on their feet for 36 hours, took them one after another.

As the wounded waited, they told the story of the hill.

"I told my men not to step off a path through the mine field, but many were killed or injured," said a husky young lieutenant. Neither he nor other wounded in this story can be named.

He led his 40-odd men through the minefield at dawn Tuesday after more than 3,500 Chinese Communists smashed into the Western Front in the biggest attack in five months. He was assigned to take a hill near Baldy to back up a counterattack.

"I don't know whether it was a Communist mine field or whether it was ours," the lieutenant said.

"I went first and told my men to follow me. We hadn't gone far when one of my runners stepped on a mine. It killed him and injured my radio man. I was wounded in the neck but decided to keep on.

"We got no fire from the hill we were taking and it turned out no Chinese were on top of it.

"But my men were blowing themselves up on the land mines. Finally one of the men in the platoon who was right back of me stepped on a mine. I don't know if it killed him, but the explosion got me in the back and arm and put me out of commission. I lay there for awhile and finally a medic took me back to an aid station."

## Chinese Reds Repel Allies On Old Baldy

### Two UN Attacks Repulsed in Bloodiest Battle of Year

Seoul (AP)—Fighting in a gain of American fire, Chinese Reds broke up a two-point U. S. attack Wednesday in the bloody trenches of Old Baldy.

At nightfall the Americans were back where they started, about 125 yards down the bare, windswept Western Front hill.

The fighting, now in its third day, was vicious and deadly.

One officer said the Americans drew Red fire "every time they popped their heads up."

As darkness fell, infantry fighting eased off while the big guns of both sides slugged it out.

Taylor at Front

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commander of the Eighth Army flew from a forward observation post.

This is the first big action since Taylor succeeded Gen. James A. Van Fleet six weeks ago.

The Reds swept over Old Baldy Monday night and the Americans have been trying to get it back since.

One American attacking force pushed off during the morning toward a Red trench network on the northeast and was stopped cold.

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## Sweat it Out Caged in Tank

Western Front, Korea (AP)—Caged in their tank for a night and a day, five Americans sweated it out on Old Baldy as dozens of Chinese crawled on top, trying to crack the steel monster with everything from grenades to mortar shells.

Without food or water, the tankers fought back and stuck it out until ordered to quit the damaged vehicle Tuesday night.

The Chinese began dropping mortar rounds on the tank... All night and day. But only four or five hit the tank.

"We couldn't see anything to fire at," Lowe said. "Most of the time the Chinese were in trenches out of view. So we just sat there until 8 o'clock last night talking on the radio."

Then they received orders to abandon their tank.

"We had to go out the hatch on top. We could hear sniper fire on the ridge but nothing came close to us," Morris said.

They crouched and walked down the hill.

## Applegate Held On Tongkawan

Hong Kong (AP)—A report from Macau Wednesday said three Americans seized by Communist Chinese while sailing in a yacht off Hong Kong were being held on Tongkawan Island, 10 miles north of Macau.

The report said travelers to Macau related that the Communists were holding the men on the island pending instructions from Canton or Peking.

The three Americans were seized last Saturday along with the 42-foot yawl Kert.

They were identified as Richard Applegate of Medford, Ore., a correspondent for the National Broadcasting Corp., and owner of the yacht; Donald Dixon of New York, International News Service Correspondent, and Benjamin Krasser, Brooklyn, a ship captain.

A Chinese trader who travels back and forth across the frontier was the source of the information at Macau. He said he saw the three Americans and three Chinese huddled together in the island's market place under military guard.

## War's Casualties Now Total 131,524

Washington (AP)—Announced American battle casualties in Korea now total 131,524, an increase of 280 in the past week, the Defense Department announced today.

The new total includes 23,298 dead, 95,454 wounded, 2,316 captured, 9,061 missing and 1,395 previously missing but returned to American military control.

The report covered casualties whose next of kin had been notified through last Friday.