

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Sunday, little change in temperature. Low tonight, 34; high Sunday, 54.

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New School Bill Retains Local Control

Public Hearing on Reorganization Bill Set for March 31

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Placing the greater part of responsibility for school district re-organization on a local rather than state level is the purpose of a new school re-organization bill that will be the subject of a public hearing Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 321, State Capitol.

The senate education committee, of which Sen. Robert D. Holmes is chairman, has been working arduously throughout the session to draft a bill which would improve school district organization and at the same time avoid the pitfalls which led to defeat by the people by a narrow margin of the 1951 school re-organization law.

The 1951 law was based on a report and recommendations made by Dr. T. C. Holy, director of the bureau of educational research at Ohio State university.

1951 Law Defeated Even though the 1951 education committees of the legislature labored during the greater part of the session, holding hearings and attempting to placate opponents, the law was defeated at the polls, largely because of the feeling on the part of some groups throughout the state that control of local schools would be taken over by the state board of education, and that intimate ties of the schools with the communities would be largely lost.

Members of the senate education committee declare that the new bill will allow counties to work out their own plans to achieve sound school administrative units; will result in more advantages for all children; better administration for the school and better use of the school tax dollar.

The bills, they say, will not close up buildings, nor will it destroy local control, result in large plants, cause teachers to lose their jobs, destroy community life and will not make children ride long distances on buses, all of which were listed as objections by the opponents of the 1951 school district reorganization bill.

County Salary Bill Passed

Legislation to let county courts and commissions fix salaries of county officers was passed by the house Saturday and sent to the governor.

If the governor signs it, the bill would relieve the legislature of its task of fixing salaries for each county's officers at every session.

A bill to restrict the practice of chiropractors was passed by the senate Saturday with no opposition. It goes to the house.

Chiropractors now are allowed to practice "minor surgery," but that term is not defined in the present law.

The bill defines minor surgery as treatment of cuts and bruises, superficial lesions, and removal of foreign bodies.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Pat Lonergan, Portland, originally would have prevented chiropractors from practicing obstetrics and any surgery.

New Storm on Way to Oregon

The weatherman said a storm was moving toward Oregon coast from about 1200 miles out in the Pacific ocean today and possibly would bring heavy rains to the region early next week.

During the weekend, however, partly cloudy conditions with little change in temperature were expected, forecasters said. Some rain or showers were predicted for parts of the state.

Temperatures during a 24-hour period ended this morning were mild with a high of 68 reported at La Grande and Ontario.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 57; minimum today, 48. Total 24-hour precipitation: .07 for month; 6.71; normal, 2.81. Season precipitation, 36.39; normal, 22.11. River stage, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

2 Fast Trains Hit Wrecked Freight Cars

21 Killed, 60 in Hospitals in Triple Smash On New York Central

Conneaut, O. (AP)—Two New York Central passenger trains, thundering along at more than a mile a minute, smashed into a pile-up of derailed freight cars Friday night, and 21 persons were believed killed.

Eighteen bodies were recovered by noon Saturday, and Deputy Coroner Wallace C. Mulligan of Erie, Pa. county said he expected workmen to find three more under one car rammed deep into muddy ground.

More than 60 other passengers, among 400 on the two express trains, were in hospitals here and in Ashtabula and Erie, Pa. 27 miles west of the accident scene. Only one of these was described by the hospitals as seriously injured.

A "death train" arrived in Erie early Saturday morning with 16 bodies and more than two hours later giant wreck cranes, moving the jumble of criss-crossed cars, uncovered the body of a 16-year-old girl. More than an hour later a man's body was found under the same car where Mulligan believed three more victims were buried.

Caused by Piece of Pipe The freight and two express trains piled up between 10 and 10:30 o'clock (EST) Friday night. A piece of pipe rolled off (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Coquille Bill Voted by Senate

Closure of the Coquille river to commercial fishermen was approved 21 to 9 by the Senate Saturday. The bill goes to the House.

The bill, first on a list of 32 measures which the Senate had up for final consideration Saturday, consumed 90 minutes.

The Senate refused 17 to 13 to send it back to committee for removal of the emergency clause.

Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart, principal foe of the bill, charged that the emergency clause was put on the bill only to prevent the commercial fishermen from referring the bill to the people.

Sen. George A. Ulett, Coquille, the father of the bill, said "commercial fishermen are sweeping the river clean so that there aren't any fish left for the sportsmen."

Retirement Program Nearly Completed

The Legislature finished its work Saturday on the three bills to combine the state retirement program with the federal social security system.

The actual change over is expected to occur Monday.

Under the plan, some 39,000 employees of the state and local governments will get greater benefits at less cost than they now are paying under the state plan.

The House passed the third of the bills Saturday morning and sent it to the governor.

Legislative Analyst Must Be Independent

A legislative analyst, such as the joint ways and means committee of the legislature is considering for Oregon, must be backed by a strong legislative committee, must be independent and responsible only to the legislature, according to Alan L. Post, legislative analyst for the state of California.

Post, who appeared before a joint ways and means and judiciary committee Friday and was in conference with legislative leaders Saturday, said the main objective of the committee was to bring about efficiency in state government, economy in its operation, and above all else, gather such information and statistics as will reveal just how money appropriated by the legislature is expended.

In California, where the legislature meets annually, 30 days in one year for a budget session and a six months session in the following year for

SPRING WORKSHOP FOR PRESS WOMEN



Oregon press women met at the Senator today for their annual spring workshop conference. From left: Miss Rebecca Tarshis, Portland; Mrs. Mabel Schoenfeld, Corvallis; Mrs. Margaret Thompson Hill (standing) president of the group, Portland; Miss Claire Lyon, Portland and Mrs. Katherine Harris, Lebanon. (Story in society, Page 6)

Press Women In Workshop

Salem is the meeting place this week-end for women in Oregon who are members of Oregon group of the National Federation of Press Women.

The group started its workshop session Saturday morning at the Senator hotel and at noon had as their luncheon speaker Charles A. Sprague, who told of his experiences at the United Nations.

Heard at the workshop session in the morning were Genevieve Morgan who is in charge of public relations for the state department of agriculture and Venita Howard from the traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office.

Miss Morgan told of the publications of the agriculture department for which she is responsible, of the clipping service for her department that she has and the releases that she prepares for the department, including material for a radio program on radio station KOAC.

Noting that promotion of traffic safety was her division's job, Miss Howard commented that the purpose of her releases and programs was to change human attitudes. She briefly outlined the work done by the department and told in detail of their radio program featuring recordings of police officers making arrests and court proceedings, along with follow-ups of accidents.

In the afternoon session of the work shops there will be two speakers, Maj. Lane Carlson from the information section (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)

Adenauer Sees Unrest in Russia

Bonn, Germany, (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said Saturday Stalin's political heirs are "doubtless experiencing a period of internal unrest in Russia."

But he warned the free world not to count on this as a breathing space and interrupt its defense buildup.

Addressing the youth section of his Christian Democratic Party, Adenauer observed that the new Kremlin rulers had recently caused world-wide flutters with what sounded like tentative peace feelers.

"It is my opinion there is only one possible policy toward Russia," the chancellor declared.

Mau Mau Kill 50 More Natives

Nairobi, Kenya, (AP)—A gang of Mau Mau terrorists killed at least 12 pro-British native home guards in a night attack on an African village near Nyeri, it was announced Saturday.

The killings followed only about 24 hours from the massacre of at least 150 loyal natives near Nairobi.

Early reports from Nyeri, 60 miles south of Nairobi, said the gang of about 100 terrorists was armed with pistols and rifles. The attack was made in Chinga location in the South Nyeri Reserve.

It was the latest in the long series of murders and other violence by the Mau Mau, a secret native society whose members take a blood oath to drive the white man from Kenya. Hundreds of persons have been slaughtered by the terrorists and houses and other properties destroyed.

Bad Checks Passed, Two Men Put in Jail

Two Coos Bay men were jailed Friday after one of them passed two bad checks in town.

France and U.S. Warn On Reds Abuse of Truce

Washington (AP)—France and the United States warned Saturday there would be "the most serious consequences" on peace efforts if the Chinese communists used a truce in Korea to wage aggressive war anywhere else in the Far East.

The warning was given add point by the announced acceptance by the Chinese communists Saturday of the United Nations proposal for exchanging wounded war prisoners and also their suggestion for renewed truce talks.

The joint statement, issued after three days of talks between President Eisenhower, French Premier Rene Mayer and their top aides, said:

"It was the view of both governments . . . that should the Chinese Communist regime take advantage of such an armistice to pursue aggressive war elsewhere in the Far East, such action would have the most serious consequences for the efforts to bring about peace in the world and world conflict directly with the understanding on which any armistice in Korea would rest."

The reference to "elsewhere in the Far East" obviously meant Indochina where the French have been fighting Communists for seven years. There have been frequent reports of substantial aid from the Chinese to the Indochinese Reds.

The joint announcement said "plans are being developed with a view to achieving success in Indochina and are being given intensive study so as to determine how and to what extent the United States may be able to contribute material and financial support."

U.S. Endorses Lie's Red Drive

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The United States Saturday endorsed U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie's campaign to drive American communists out of the U. N. secretariats.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief U. S. delegate, opened a debate on U. N. personnel policies in the 60-nation General Assembly, with a promise that the United States will continue to investigate American citizens who are on the U. N. payroll and give Lie the information on which he can act to fire suspected subversives.

"We have no interest in knowing whether any American in the secretariat is republican or democrat or independent, so long as he meets the U. N. charter standards of efficiency, competence and integrity," Lodge told the Assembly.

Pope Warns Catholic Pastors

Vatican City (AP)—Pope Pius XII, in a Lenten address, warned Roman Catholic pastors and preachers of Rome to guard their flocks against the ravages of "the enemy."

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UN Diplomats Encouraged

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief U. S. delegate, and other top ranking U. N. diplomats Saturday described as encouraging the agreement by Red China to exchange sick and wounded prisoners of war in Korea.

The message intensified speculation in the U. N. that the Communists are about to come up with a new formula for settling the Korean War.

"It is very encouraging if it is bonafide and sincere," said Lodge.

Lester B. Pearson of Canada, president of the General Assembly, said:

"This is something we have been hoping would happen. So far as it goes it is encouraging."

George N. Zarubin, Soviet ambassador to Washington and a member of the Russian delegation here, said "In my opinion, it is very good news."

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POW Proposal 'Wonderful' Says Van Fleet

Ft. Benning, Ga. (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former commander of United Nations forces in Korea, said today he thought it was "wonderful" that the Communists have agreed to an exchange of sick and wounded war prisoners.

Van Fleet, commenting briefly on the development which may bring about a resumption of peace talks, said:

"I think it is wonderful. The prisoner exchange proposal has been advanced many times."

Jets Equipped to Carry A-Bomb

Seoul, Korea (AP)—A U. S. Air Force fighter-bomber wing in Korea has been equipped with modified F-86 Sabre jets presumed capable of carrying atomic bombs, it was announced today.

The Fifth Air Force said the 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing, which formerly flew only propeller-driven F-51 Mustangs and F-80 Shooting Star jets, has been using F-86s long enough to produce an ace.

The conversion to the Air Force's latest mass production jet aircraft was kept so secret that planes shot down by Sabres of the 18th Wing have been credited to the 4th Fighter-Inceptor Wing.

An Air Force spokesman said the main value of the modified Sabre was its ability to fly fighter-bomber missions without fighter escort.

The F-84 Thunder jet and F-80 Shooting Star fighter-bombers do not compare in speed or maneuverability with either the Red jets or the Sabres, he said.

Texan Plans to Drill Oil Wells

Midland, Tex. (AP)—J. D. (Jack) Bodkins, Midland independent oil operator, announced Saturday he will start wildcat wells in Washington and Oregon this year.

Bodkins acquired oil and gas leases on about a million acres in the two states last year. He said a 10,000-foot test well will be drilled in each state. The exact locations haven't been selected yet.

Bodkins said the wells will be drilled to the Mississippian line formation. The Mississippian is productive in the Williston Basin region and in Canada, and Bodkins thinks there are good possibilities it will carry petroleum in Oregon and Washington.

He said locations for the two wildcats will be selected as soon as field geological parties complete their work. He expects that to be done in about six months.

Bodkins' leases are in Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Harney and Malheur counties of Eastern Oregon and in Walla Walla, Whitman, Adams and Grant counties of Southeastern Washington.

French Officials In Final White House Meeting

Washington, (AP)—Top French officials concluded the main business of their visit to Washington Saturday with a White House conference at which Secretary of State Dulles said things went "all right."

It was reported the consultants had agreed generally on a stepped-up campaign against communists in Indochina.

At the same time informants said a dispute over disposition of the Saar area was left for future solution, along with details of the plan for Indochina.

"All right, all right," was the succinct description of the meeting with President Eisenhower which Dulles gave to newsmen as the party left the executive offices.

He said this morning's session was the last of that sort and the "full meeting" was over.

Resumption of Armistice Talks Also Favored

Tokyo, (AP)—The Communists agreed Saturday night to a U. N. offer to exchange sick and wounded prisoners before the end of the Korean War, and at the same time proposed immediate resumption of the suspended armistice talks.

The Reds said such an exchange could lead to "smooth settlement" of the entire POW question, which broke up the armistice talks at Panmunjom last Oct. 8.

The POW issue was the only one left unresolved.

A spokesman here said the U. N. command could begin an exchange of sick and wounded "within a matter of days."

Clark Studies Red Offer Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far East commander who made the exchange offer Feb. 23, said he would favor resumption of the talks if the Reds are sincere in their acceptance.

Clark told a reporter Saturday night:

"We are going to study this offer very closely. We want to be sure there isn't anything in it we don't understand."

The Red move covers only sick and wounded prisoners—a small percentage of the 135,000 Reds held in Allied camps.

There were no immediate figures on the number of Americans eligible for such an exchange.

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Prompt Action Hoped by Dulles

Washington (AP)—The U. S. government hopes an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in Korea "will occur promptly," Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today.

The State Department greeted the communist offer to exchange sick and wounded war prisoners as an "unconditional acceptance" of proposals made Feb. 23 by Gen. Mark W. Clark, United Nations supreme commander in the Far East.

The Red move was under close scrutiny not only by Dulles but by the joint chiefs of staff.

Whether the communist acceptance of Clark's proposal heralds early resumption of stalemated truce talks is yet to be determined.

Dulles said that the UN command has been seeking exchange of suffering prisoners "for some time in the past . . . as a humanitarian move." He said the long efforts had been "without result" until now.

Red Proposal May End War

London (AP)—The British government is planning urgent consultation with the U. S. State Department on the Communist offer to exchange sick and wounded prisoners in Korea, it was understood today.

From the British viewpoint, the Communist offer, if it proves to have been made in good faith, may end for good the dreaded prospect of an extension of the war in Asia.

To France, whose top leaders now are in Washington, it means the prospect that within a measurable time American aid in Asia might be concentrated on Indochina.

A foreign office spokesman said here that no official message had been received up to mid-afternoon on the Red offer. He added only that the offer will receive "the most careful study" when it is received officially.

Uranium Discovery in Philippines Disclosed

Manila, (AP)—President Elpidio Quirino disclosed for the first time today that uranium has been discovered in the Philippines.

Quirino gave no details as to the location or extent of the atomic bomb ingredient. His report caught local mining officials by surprise. They had heard no reports of uranium deposits in the country.