

# THE WEATHER

FEW SHOWERS with periods of clearing tonight; Tuesday, partly cloudy, widely scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 36; high Tuesday, 58.

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## House Returns Pelton Dam to Old Committee

By Vote of 31 to 26 Sends Bill Back to Study Issue

By JAMES D. OLSON

By a narrow margin of 31 to 26 the house Monday returned the Pelton dam bill back to the state and federal affairs committee for the purpose of studying a constitutional question raised during an hour's debate on the bill.

Rep. Charles A. Tom of Rufus, who opposed passage of the bill, said that on November 8, 1952, the people approved a bill in which the members of the state hydroelectric commission were subject to election by the people. The bill in question provides for appointment of the commission members by the governor.

### Constitutional Question

Rep. George Layman, attorney and member of the state and federal affairs committee, told the house that this constitutional question had not heretofore been raised. It was his opinion that the question should be studied by the committee and he therefore made the motion which was adopted by the extremely close vote of one member among those present.

Rep. Alva Goodrich, who opened the debate in favor of the bill said that the bill under consideration had little similarity with the original bill sent to the committee.

### State Requirements

He pointed out that applications for construction of dams under the present law could not be approved by the hydroelectric commission if the state commission disapproved.

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## 20 Major Bills Await Action

Oregon's legislators came back to work Monday to begin the 12th week of their long job with 20 big issues to dispose of in the estimated three weeks that remain.

Senate President Eugene E. Marsh and House Speaker Rudolph Wilhelm, Jr., believing the session will end by April 18, prepared a list of the main issues that they think should receive consideration.

Most of the committee work has been completed on many of these problems, so it will be mostly a matter of having either or both houses vote upon them.

The principal appropriation and tax bills, which usually are the last to come before a legislature, will be out of the way in another 10 days or so. After that time, there will be a strong urge to quit and go home.

## Winter-Deer Refuge Planned

The Dalles (P) — The State Game Commission is considering setting up a 17,000-acre winter deer refuge in southern Wasco County. The proposal met with generally favorable public reaction at a recent public meeting.

A deer-proof fence would be built along 20 miles of the refuge to keep the White River herd of deer from their usual winter feeding ground near cultivated farmland.

The refuge would be built under terms of the Pittman-Robertson act. The federal government would provide three-fourths of the required funds and the state the rest.

## Showers Back in Weather Picture

Showers were back in the weather news again for Salem and valley regions, Monday, the southern end of a new Pacific storm having moved in.

In the 24-hour period concluding at 10:30 a. m. Monday, 10 of an inch had been measured here.

Forecast is for some scattered showers, Tuesday. Temperatures remain about the same as they have been.

Generally, people are hoping the weather gets the showers out of its system early in the week and that the coming Easter week-end will be pleasant and spring-like.

## HUGE THROG DEDICATES STAYTON HOSPITAL



Top photo shows enthusiastic crowd gathered in front of new Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton during dedication ceremonies Sunday afternoon. Lower photo shows members of board of directors and others, standing on rostrum, who were active in financing and building institution. At microphone is master of ceremonies, Mr. Van Driesche.

## Azores Plane Crash Kills Six

Savannah, Ga., (P) — Six air men were killed and nine were injured in the crash of a Hunter Air Force Base plane in the Azores Sunday afternoon, the public information officer of the base, announced Monday.

The plane, a B-29 Air Force bomber, fell in flames on take-off from Lajes Field. Aboard were 11 crewmen and four passengers, all military personnel.

The four engine ship was returning to Hunter Base from a training mission in North Africa and was part of the 375th Bomber Squadron of the 308th Bomber Wing.

The dead included: First Lieut. W. R. Wallace, Portland, Ore.

## Crater Left By Meteorite

Prineville (P) — A crater found in a ranch field two miles west of Prineville may explain the blast heard through this part of Central Oregon March 3.

Paul H. Spillman, a rancher's son, found the crater, and theorized that a meteor had struck there. The crater was about 4 feet deep, 15 feet across. It was about 100 yards from highway 128.

Spillman said he saw the sage brush there had been torn up, stopped his car and walked over.

Persons travelling the highway the night the blast was heard reported a bright flash. A geologist and astronomer will examine the crater.

### SHIPS COLLIDE OFF S.F.

San Francisco (P) — Two ships which collided six miles outside San Francisco Bay were back in port today for minor repairs. The tanker Idaho Falls, en route to Longview, Wash., and the freighter F. E. Weyerhaeuser, sailing to San Pedro, Calif., collided in the early morning hours yesterday.

## Need Drastic Action To Balance City Budget

From the point of view of the public, which will be the lesser of two evils? More money from parking meters by eliminating pennies, or setting up a special election on millage tax measures?

That is a question for the city budget committee to decide as it goes into a crucial meeting at City hall tonight. It won't be the final meeting by any means, but one of the important ones going ahead of adoption of the 1953-54 budget.

Salary and wage increases for city officers and employees is the issue on which the whole budget hangs right now, and at the conclusion of a forenoon meeting Monday by the subcommittee on salaries it looked as if a way had been found to balance the budget and increase salaries a total of about \$50,000.

On the subcommittee are Mayor Al Loucks, chairman, Robert Powell and Tom Armstrong. Its report tonight will go in in the form of resolutions.

## Red Strike in Italy Failure

Rome (P) — A Communist call for a 16-hour nation-wide strike met with only scant success Monday as the Reds, already out-voted and out-slugged in a riotous week-end legislative session, sought to protest Premier Alcide de Gasperi's new election law.

The huge, Communist-dominated Italian Federation of Labor called the walk-out in "indignation" at Senate approval Sunday of the new election measure.

The bill cleared the upper house after a wild free-for-all in which senators were slugged, chairs and desks smashed and a woman senator slapped a male opponent.

The legislation, expected to swell De Gasperi's government majority after general elections next June, now goes to President Luigi Einaudi to be signed into law.

## To Prosecute Seattle Reds

Washington (P) — Attorney General Brownell Monday appointed Tracy E. Griffin, Seattle attorney, to direct the prosecution of seven alleged top leaders of the communist party in the Pacific Northwest.

The group, including six men and one woman, was indicted last September on charges of conspiracy to violate the Smith act by advocating violent overthrow of the United States government. Their trial is scheduled to open at Seattle, April 15.

Griffin, described by the Justice Department as a noted Washington state trial lawyer, was given the title of special assistant to the attorney general.

He will be assisted in the prosecution by special assistants William O'Donnell and Kevin T. Maroney of the Justice Department's criminal division.

## Hospital at Stayton Dedicated by Leaders

By MIKE FORBES

Stayton — Even Mother Nature smiled on the dedication of the new Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton Sunday, when 2700 residents of the valley gathered in front of the structure for the ceremonies.

Throughout the rites flashes of brilliant sunshine came from around sparse, light clouds, to brighten the rites that marked the end of years of labor and planning.

In the crowd of citizens gathered in front of the platform were representatives of Stayton, Sublimity, West Stayton, Aumsville, Scio, Marion, Lyons, Mehama, Detroit, and Idanha. In all, 2700 persons attended the ceremonies and inspected the new building which will be open for business Monday, April 6.

Louis Barr, who started the first fund for the institution, stated that the new hospital is a monument to cooperation by community groups in the canyon that is outstanding for its achievement. Barr came from Oakland to attend the rites.

J. C. Kimmel, Mill City, president of the board of directors succeeding Walter Bell original head of the group, expressed the hope that the new hospital would bring more doctors to the canyon providing the residents with better medical care.

Walter W. R. May, Portland, principal speaker, traced the history of the movement that produced the hospital and termed it an example of the result of wholehearted community effort.

Short talks also were given by L. L. Riggs, Dr. N. E. Irvine, and Dr. H. M. Erickson of the state board of health and Mrs. Lile Will, superintendent of the new hospital.

Staff doctors introduced during the ceremony were Dr. Burl Betzer, Stayton, chairman of the hospital medical staff; Dr. R. A. Anderson, Dr. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

## Find 31 Bodies In Wreckage

Conneaut, O., (P) — Officials believed today all bodies had been recovered from the one-in-a-million train wreck, which occurred near here Friday.

The toll stood at 21 dead and 49 persons still in hospitals. A crew of over 400 men worked last night to clear two of the four tracks of the New York Central Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Utility Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission will launch an investigation this week into the crash, but it was believed to be only routine.

A New York Central official described the accident as one-in-a-million because it involved three trains, passing within two minutes of each other on two separate tracks.

He said a warning system was ineffective because all three were inside the area of the warning signal blocks.

### JAP CROWN PRINCE SAILS

Tokyo (P) — Crown Prince Akihito of Japan sailed for the United States Monday aboard the American liner President Wilson.

## British to Attend Air Safety Meet

Berlin (P) — The British announced Monday that they will meet with the Russians in East Germany Tuesday night to discuss ways of preventing such air incidents as the recent shooting down of a British bomber by Soviet fighters over Germany.

The announcement said the conference will be held at the headquarters of the Soviet Control Commission at Karlshorst.

Indicating that further talks may follow, the British added that "the location of the next meeting may be in the British sector of Berlin."

Informed sources said the chief British representative would be Air Marshal Sir Robert Foster, commander of the Second Tactical Air Force in Germany.

## Britain Recalls Envoy to Russia

London (P) — Informed British sources said Monday Britain's ambassador to Moscow, Sir Elvay Gascoigne, was hurriedly summoned home to report on Russia's new "peace offensive."

Sir Alvary, the sources added, is expected to confer with Prime Minister Winston Churchill as well as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

In Moscow, an embassy spokesman said Sir Alvary would fly to the British capital Tuesday morning. He was expected to return to his Moscow post in "just a few days."

The embassy would not discuss the reason for this quick recall of the ambassador. Obviously, however, it must be very important, for only a few days ago the Foreign Office instructed Sir Alvary to cancel the leave he had planned for April 7 and remain on at his post.

### Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 67; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.0; for month: 4.84; normal, 4.55. Season precipitation, 14.50; normal, 12.25. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

## Cake to Refuse GOP Top Post

Portland (P) — Ralph Cake, former Oregon republican national committeeman, said today he would not consider accepting the post of republican national committeeman if it were offered him.

Cake was at his ranch near Sisters, Ore., when contacted but was too ill to go to the phone. His wife, however, said he told her he would refuse the position.

Cake was among several prominent party members mentioned for the national post following the resignation of C. Wesley Roberts of Kansas.

"He said he will not take it under any circumstances," Mrs. Cake said. "We had not heard here that he even was under consideration for the job."

Cake, a Portlander, was prominent in the election of President Eisenhower last November, but has repeatedly declined any official post with the new administration.

## Stassen Grills McCarthy for Interference

Told He's Undermining Administration's Effort to Halt Trade

Washington (P) — Harold E. Stassen told Sen. McCarthy, R. Wis., to his face that McCarthy is "undermining" the administration's efforts to halt trade between the West and Iron Curtain countries.

A biting edge to his words, the mutual security chief told McCarthy that he and his investigations subcommittee "are in effect undermining and are harmful to our objective."

Obviously nettled, McCarthy said angrily: "I frankly feel that we are helping you."

And shortly afterwards, when Stassen's chief deputy took the witness chair at the televised subcommittee hearing, McCarthy directed that he be put under oath.

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## Chinese Reds Propose End to Korean War

Offer Solution to Problems of Repatriating POW

Tokyo, (P) — Premier Chen En-Lai of Communist China Monday night offered a plan to end the war in Korea similar to the Indian proposal before the United Nations which Chou once coldly rejected.

It also resembled a plan advanced by Allied negotiators at Panmunjon last year.

Peiping broadcast a statement by the Red Premier—the second apparently conciliatory move by the Reds in four days—which proposed:

1. Let all prisoners of war go home who choose to return.
2. Turn over to a "neutral state"—Chou did not name the state—all prisoners who refuse to go home.
3. The neutral state would allow representatives of each side to explain to the prisoners what their decision would mean.

Like their agreement last week to exchange sick and wounded prisoners, this indicated a more conciliatory attitude. But Chou raised doubts as to whether the Communists ever would accept voluntary repatriation of prisoners the only issue blocking an armistice.

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## Ike Asks Study Of Taxation

Washington (P) — President Eisenhower, saying "it is time to relieve the people of the need to pay taxes on taxes," asked Congress Monday to set up a commission to find ways of achieving sounder relations between the federal, state and local governments.

In a special message to the lawmakers, the President said the commission should concentrate on a study of federal grants-in-aid to the states and the problems of finance and federal-state relations involved in such grants.

He added: "The commission should study and investigate all the activities in which federal aid is extended to state and local governments, whether there is justification for federal aid in all these fields, whether there is need for such aid in other fields."

"The whole question of federal control of activities to which the federal government contributes must be thoroughly examined."

## FBI Says Reds Underground

Washington (P) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has told congress communists have gone underground, broken up into small cells of five persons each and are running their own loyalty checks.

That makes his job harder, he said, and he needs more agents.

Members of a senate appropriations subcommittee, before which Hoover testified last Friday, said Monday the Eisenhower administration has approved without cuts the 77 1/2 million dollars allotted to the FBI in the budget submitted by former President Truman.

But these members, asking not to be named, predicted that Hoover will get an additional five millions about that amount, larger to hire new agents.

Hoover is reported to have told the committee that it has become much more difficult to keep tabs on the communists because they have gone underground.

## ROK Repulses Chinese Reds

Seoul (P) — South Korean troops threw back a Chinese Red drive on Christmas Eve on the Eastern Front in a driving snowfall Monday as U. S. marines dug in firmly on bloody outpost Vegas in the west.

Some 300 Reds jabbed 50 yards beyond Allied advance defense lines on a 350 yard front west of Christmas Hill, which is west of the Mundung valley. South Koreans drove them back, killing or wounding 100 Chinese.

Entrenched marines on smoldering Vegas had waded back the outpost at dawn Sunday after being knocked off three times in the Reds' bloody spring-feeder drive on the Western Front last week.

Grimy and weary, the Leathernecks smashed a three-pronged Red drive on Vegas late Sunday and broke up a Red force massing for another attack during the night with a thundering curtain of artillery fire.

## Officials Wary Of Reds' Offer

Washington (P) — The State Department said today top officials will take a long, hard look at Red China's offer to compromise on the sticky prisoner issue that ruptured Korean truce negotiations.

Until an official report of Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai's new "offer" is delivered here, spokesmen said, there will be no official comment.

The White House said President Eisenhower is "following" Far Eastern developments. The State Department press officer, Lincoln White, said he did not know whether Gen. Mark W. Clark, United Nations commander in the Far East, has been given any new instructions since he was told during the week-end to proceed with negotiations for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

Senate Republican Leader Robert A. Taft told newsmen "It looks as if the Chinese Communists are inclined to be more peaceful." But he said Chou's statement should be studied carefully.

## Army Officers Want To Get Closer to Bomb

Las Vegas, Nev. (P) — Two atomic age infantry officers want to sit out an atomic test blast from a distance of only 2,000 yards—500 yards closer than they were in last Tuesday's explosion.

Lt. Col. Don Davis, of Shell Beach, Calif., and Capt. Robert R. Collier, of Battle Creek, Mich., said yesterday they are "very anxious" to undergo more test blasts, possibly an air drop or an atomic artillery shell.

## Ike Plans Slash in Foreign Aid Funds

Washington (P) — President Eisenhower was reported by congressional leaders Monday to be planning a cut in foreign aid spending.

Senate Republican Leader Taft (Ohio) and House Speaker Martin (R., Mass.) said there has been no determination yet on the amount of the cut, but that there definitely will be a reduction from the 7 1/2 billion dollars proposed by the Truman administration for foreign aid in the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Taft and Martin held a news conference immediately after Eisenhower.

Taft said Mutual Security Director Harold E. Stassen is having a study made to find out whether 10 billion dollars in foreign aid carry-over funds can be cut.

Stassen sat in with the congressional leaders at their conference with Eisenhower.

Taft and Martin also announced:

1. The President would send to Congress later in the day a special message asking creation of a commission to study federal-state relations on such matters as taxes, grant in aid and social security. Eisenhower told his news conference last week it would be the job of the proposed commission to eliminate waste and duplication.
2. The President will sign later this week an executive order to strip civil service protection from several hundred federal government policymaking officials appointed by Democratic administrations.