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MOSTLY FAIR tonight, Wednesday. Local frost. Low tonight, 29; slightly warmer Wednesday, high 63.

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Group Named To Pass Upon New Building

Belton Chairman of Committee to Decide State Program

By JAMES D. OLSON
Senator Howard Belton of Clackamas was named chairman of a seven-man building committee to review requests of the state board of control and the board of higher education for appropriations for new building during the 1953-55 biennium.

The appointments, made by Co-Chairman Henry Semon, included Senators George Ulett of Coos and Curry counties; Angus Gibson of Lane county; and John C. F. Merrifield of Multnomah county and Representatives Orval Eaton, Clatsop county; Robert Root, Jackson county and Dave Baum of Union county.

Chairman Belton announced that the first meeting of the new committee will be held Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Two Programs Asked

The committee will review the building programs proposed by the board of control, totaling \$8,772,000 and the program of the board of higher education of approximately \$8,000,000.

In addition the board will probably consider the proposal for immediate construction of the domiciliary hospital near Portland, estimated to cost approximately \$3,000,000.

Senator Dean Walker, co-chairman of the joint ways and means committee said that Rep. Semon and himself had decided to enlarge the building committee beyond the customary number in order to give representation to all parts of the state.

\$10 Million Available

"If this session of the legislature is to close on the date we are talking about—April (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1)

Bill for Pelton Dam Killed by House 31-28

Senate Passes Simplified Tax Program for General Fund

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
The Oregon House of Representatives Tuesday killed 31 to 28 the Portland General Electric Company's bill to permit court appeals from decisions of the Hydroelectric Commission.

The bill, introduced for PGE, would have enabled the company to appeal from the commission's refusal to allow PGE to build Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River. It also would have taken away the Fish Commission's veto power over construction of power dams.

At the same time, the Senate voted unanimously for the House-approved main legislative tax program. It simplifies state taxes by putting income tax receipts, now used to reduce property taxes, into the state general fund.

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SOLEMN PROCESSION



Silent and solemn Londoners line the approach to Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall as the late Dowager Queen Mary's funeral procession makes its way to Westminster Hall, where the mother of kings laid in state until her burial today. Following the gun carriage are, left to right, the four royal dukes of Edingburg, Windsor, Gloucester and Kent. (UP Telephoto)

Queen Mary Buried in Windsor Castle Chapel

Windsor, England (AP)—The royalty of 13 nations and that prince of commoners, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, watched as the reigning Queen, almost 80 years junior to the dead queen grandmother, paid her homage by sprinkling the earth upon the coffin—just as she had done 13 months ago for Elizabeth's father, King George VI.

A moment later the eldest son, the Duke of Windsor—he who caused Mary so much joy and so much heartbreak—came forward. He stood for silent seconds reflecting beside the opening in the floor of the chapel into which the body of his mother had been lowered. Then he bowed deeply and walked out into the sunshine with shoulders stooped.

Queen Mary's body was borne 25 miles in the early dawn from London where it had lain in state in historic Westminster hall for two days while 120,000 mourners filed past.

As the brief service began, the dull tolling of the funeral bell atop the chapel told the people of ancient Windsor town that Queen Mary was nearing her final rest.

FCC Takes Time On Colored TV

Washington (AP)—Paul A. Walker, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, declared Tuesday that the agency is not going to be rushed into approval of an untested color television system.

He sharply rejected some industry suggestions that the "millennium" has arrived in color TV and said the industry has yet to prove it has a better system than the one FCC approved in 1950. That system was advanced by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Walker was the final witness at House Commerce Committee hearings which Chairman Wolverton (R., N.J.) said were called to determine if color TV for public consumption had deliberately been delayed.

Witnesses had urged the FCC to take swift action to settle the color TV issue. The government recently revoked orders banning use of critical materials in color TV manufacture.

Budget Committee Over Financial Hump

Addition of 180 new parking meters, ruling out the pennies and making all meters for nickels only, will be one way the city will raise necessary money during the next fiscal year.

Another way will be elimination of five men from the fire department by curtailing the first aid and the inspection services.

Those two items, the first estimated to yield up to \$30,000, and the second to deduct \$20,185 from city expenses are two of the main items where the city will make \$80,485 more money available in the 1953-54 budget calculations to increase salaries by \$50,000 and make an emergency fund of \$30,485.

Another big item entering into the calculation is \$22,000 by removing North 16th street extension project from the

Weak Atomic Blast Packed Strong Shock

Flash Less Brilliant Than 2 Previous Tests But No White Cloud

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—An atomic explosion, relatively weak as judged by veteran observers here but packing a strong wallop at the Atomic Energy Commission's proving ground 75 miles northwest, flared over the Nevada desert at 5 a.m. Tuesday.

The flash was less brilliant than either of the two preceding shots of the spring test series. The usual fast-rising white cloud from the blast, almost always seen here, was not visible. And no shock wave was felt here, also unusual.

But the AEC reported the device, touched off from a 300-foot tower gave observers at the Yucca Flat test site the most severe jolting they've had this year.

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Recover Safe, Arrest Trio

Portland (AP)—An all-night police stake-out of a southeast district house today brought the arrests of three burglary suspects and recovery of a safe stolen Sunday from a grocery store only two blocks away.

The safe, minus \$1900 in cash it originally contained, was discovered buried beneath the floor of the basement in the house where Douglas James D'Avolio, 31; his wife, Doris, 25, and Floyd W. Johnson, 27, were arrested.

The safe was identified as one taken from Akers grocery early Sunday.

Police said a customer at the grocery remarked that he had observed three or four individuals unloading a car in front of the nearby house shortly after the time of the burglary and had been suspicious of their actions.

Detectives kept the house under surveillance from 4 p.m. yesterday until a late night hour when they decided to search the premises.

Rail Oil Rates Hearing Held

Portland (AP)—Railroads operating in the Pacific Northwest began Monday telling an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing here why they should be allowed to lower their petroleum freight rates.

The railroads are asking permission to cut their rates 20 to 50 per cent to get back some of the petroleum hauling business they have lost to other carriers such as barges and trucks—and more recently to pipe lines. Barges and trucking interests are opposing the rate cut.

Sitting in at the hearing before ICC Examiner C. A. Rice are Joseph Starin, a member of the Washington Public Service Commission, and Clifford Ferguson, assistant superintendent of rail carriers for the Oregon Public Utilities Commission.

Starin and Ferguson, on the basis of testimony at the hearing, will make recommendations on requests which carriers have filed for freight rate adjustments in their states.

Soviet Slashes Prices of Food

Moscow (AP)—The Soviet government announced Tuesday night a significant price reduction covering major foodstuffs and consumer goods.

This was the first action to reduce living costs under the regime of the new Premier Georgi Malenkov.

It followed a decree last Saturday announcing a sweeping amnesty program for freeing all Soviet prisoners serving five year terms or less for crimes representing "no danger to the state."

The announcement on prices was made simultaneously over the Soviet's radio network and Moscow's loudspeaker system.

The price reductions go into effect Wednesday morning in all stores all over the country.

The decree affected some of the most important goods for Soviet consumers, including such principal items as bread, flour, meat, fats, and sugar. Liquor including vodka was on the list in addition to tea, cigarettes, textiles, clothing and footwear.

765 Liquor by Drink Places in Oregon

Portland (AP)—There will be 765 liquor-by-the-drink establishments in Oregon and more than 2,000 applications are now on file, Liquor Administrator William H. Baillie said Monday.

He said it would be about May 4 before the commission finished issuing licenses. No sales will be allowed until that program is about complete.

Seattle Trio Held for Slaying

Seattle (AP)—Murder charges were filed Tuesday against three young Tacoma accused of the holdup-slaying of a Riverton Heights market operator.

A charge of first degree murder was filed in Superior court against James Frazier, 22, now held by police in Lebanon, Ore. Second degree murder charges were filed in justice court against Billy Joe Snowden, 23, and John Lyle Wilson, 24, arrested in Tacoma.

Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll, who obtained signed confessions from two of the men Monday night in Tacoma, said Snowden and Wilson claimed Frazier fired the fatal shot.

Nunzio P. Salle, 61, was shot and killed during the attempted holdup of his market on March 6.

Red China's POW Offer Formally Delivered to UN General Assembly

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The Big Five powers, in a major East-West compromise, today agreed on a successor to United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie. He is said to be a Swedish diplomat by the name of Dag Hammarskjold.

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—Red China's offer to settle the Korean prisoner of war issue was delivered formally Tuesday to U. N. General President Lester B. Pearson.

The offer, contained in a message from Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai, arrived with a request that it be distributed among the U. N. delegation.

Pearson said at first glance the message appeared to be similar to Chou's broadcast from Peking Monday.

The request that the message be circulated to all delegations specifically exempted Nationalist China, but a U. N. spokesman said that it would be circulated promptly to all U. N. members. Thus it would be dispatched to Nationalist China in spite of Chou En-Lai's request.

A U. N. source said that the message probably would be dispatched to Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. N. commander, for his consideration and for his use in resumed talks at Panmunjom.

Earlier U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., conferred with chief British Delegate Sir Gladwyn Jebb and V. K. Krishna Menon, India, on the Communist Chinese move.

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Nationalists Hold Offer Smokescreen

Taipei, Formosa (AP)—A spokesman for Nationalist China said Tuesday communist proposals for ending the Korean fighting are merely a smokescreen to mask plans for further aggression.

Prof. Tao Hsi-Sheng, famed Chinese historian and a key adviser to President Chiang Kai-Shek, suggested that the west watch the middle East and Burma for possible new communist moves.

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Yawl off Course When Seized

Hong Kong (AP)—A British missionary said Tuesday a 42-foot yawl carrying two U. S. news correspondents and another American appeared to be off course shortly before it was seized by Chinese communists March 22.

The Rev. Clifford V. Cook said he was aboard the Macau ferry when the yawl Kert crossed the ferry's path and apparently headed for Lap Lap Mei, a Red-held island.

This was about five hours before the British Naval Observatory on Lantau Island saw the yacht being towed to Lap Lap Mei by a Red gunboat.

Aboard the yawl were Richard Appelgate of Medford, Ore., former United Press correspondent now with National Broadcasting Co., Donald Dixon of New York, International News Service correspondent, and Benjamin Krasser, Brooklyn, ship captain. Three Chinese boat boys also were reported aboard.

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Atomic Power Plants for Subs

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Only US Adventurers Fighting in Burma

Rangoon, Burma (AP)—Burma's ambassador to the United States says his government presumes Americans it claims are fighting alongside Chinese Nationalist guerrillas in Burma are unofficial "adventurers."

In an interview Monday night, the envoy, James Barrington, said captured documents proved conclusively that Americans have been helping to train the Nationalist guerrilla forces of Gen Li Mi.

The act, now due to expire June 12, permits the President to reduce tariffs on foreign goods coming into the United States. It calls for the tariff commission to fix "peril point" tariff levels below which American industry would be hurt by cheaper foreign competition.

Pentagon to Applaud McCarthy Trade Curb

Washington (AP)—A top Pentagon official told Sen. McCarthy R., Wis., Tuesday his efforts to curb Western trade with Red China "would meet with applause" from the military unless he undercut overall government policy.

This testimony by Frank C. Nash, assistant secretary of defense, came on the heels of a blast from Harold E. Stassen, mutual security director, who said Monday McCarthy's work was "undermining" the administration's effort to deal with the Red trade problem.

As Nash began his testimony before McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee, the senator announced he had arranged a meeting for Wednesday with Secretary of State Dulles to seek an amicable settlement of the controversy.

McCarthy said he's sure he will get President Eisenhower's backing if the President "is given the facts."

The Wisconsin senator got into a publicly-aired row Monday with Stassen over McCarthy's announcement that his subcommittee has obtained agreements from Greek owners of 242 ships to quit hauling goods to Red China, North Korea, or between Communist ports.

McCarthy said he is halting negotiations now in progress in London with the Greek owners of 150 or more other vessels, until after the talk with Dulles.

Nash told the subcommittee Tuesday that even one ship taken out of trade with the Reds is a help, and that "242 ships would be 242 times the amount of that help."

Clark Ready To Talk Truce In Good Faith

Reds Must Agree to Details of Exchange of POW in Advance

Munson (AP)—Gen. Mark Clark told the Communists Tuesday he is ready to resume Korean armistice negotiations once they agree to details of exchanging sick and wounded prisoners of war.

The U. N. Far East commander proposed that liaison groups from both sides, headed by a general or an admiral, meet at Panmunjom to make the trade arrangements.

Clark served notice that after nearly three years of war and two years of talking about peace, the Communists must show good faith before the U. N. will go back to the conference table.

Picks Liaison Groups

In a letter delivered at Panmunjom, he told the Reds he would instruct his liaison group to arrange resumption of armistice negotiations "as a second order of business."

Clark arrived in Korea from his Tokyo headquarters two hours before his letter was delivered at a meeting of liaison officers. There was no reference in the two-minute meeting to the new proposal by Red China's Premier, Chou En-Lai, to settle the truce-blocking issue of exchange of prisoners of war.

Clark, accompanied by Army Secretary Robert Stevens and Eighth Army Commander Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, conferred with South Korean President Syngman Rhee for 30 minutes at the presidential mansion.

Clark's letter was addressed to the top Communist commanders in Korea, Premier Kim Il Sung, commander of the North Korean forces, and Gen. Peng Teh-Hua, commander of the Chinese forces.

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Expect Replies To Red Proposal

Moscow (AP)—Western diplomats speculated here today that both Britain and the U.S. may soon offer diplomatic assurances of interest in recent conciliatory Soviet moves.

The feeling was sparked by British Ambassador Sir Alvir Gascoigne's hurried trip to London and the imminent arrival of the new American envoy, Charles E. Bohlen.

Observers here believe that Bohlen, expected in Moscow within the next 10 days, may be bringing a message from either Secretary of State Dulles or President Eisenhower.

The U. S. chief executive told a news conference March 19 that any Russian peace move would never be met less than half way by his administration. Other U. S. officials have said the Russians should back up their recent peace talk with concrete action.

Taft Defends His Labor Law

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) defended the Taft-Hartley law's national emergency provisions Tuesday in a Senate Labor Committee hearing at which several senators suggested it be changed.

Sen. Humphrey (D., Minn.), former member of the committee, appeared as a witness to propose the present T-H emergency strike procedures be repealed.

Sens. Ives (R., N.Y.) and Douglas (D., Ill.) indicated they felt the law should be changed. The present law provides for a 60-day court injunctions as "cooling off" periods to prevent labor troubles which threaten the nation's health or safety.

Humphrey contended the injunction operated more to the detriment of strike-threatening workers than to management, a point Taft vigorously disputed.

"I don't see how the injunction can be described as anti-labor by any manner or means," Taft insisted. "It prevents an employer lockout, closing down his plant, in a labor dispute, just as much as it stops workers from striking for the fixed period."